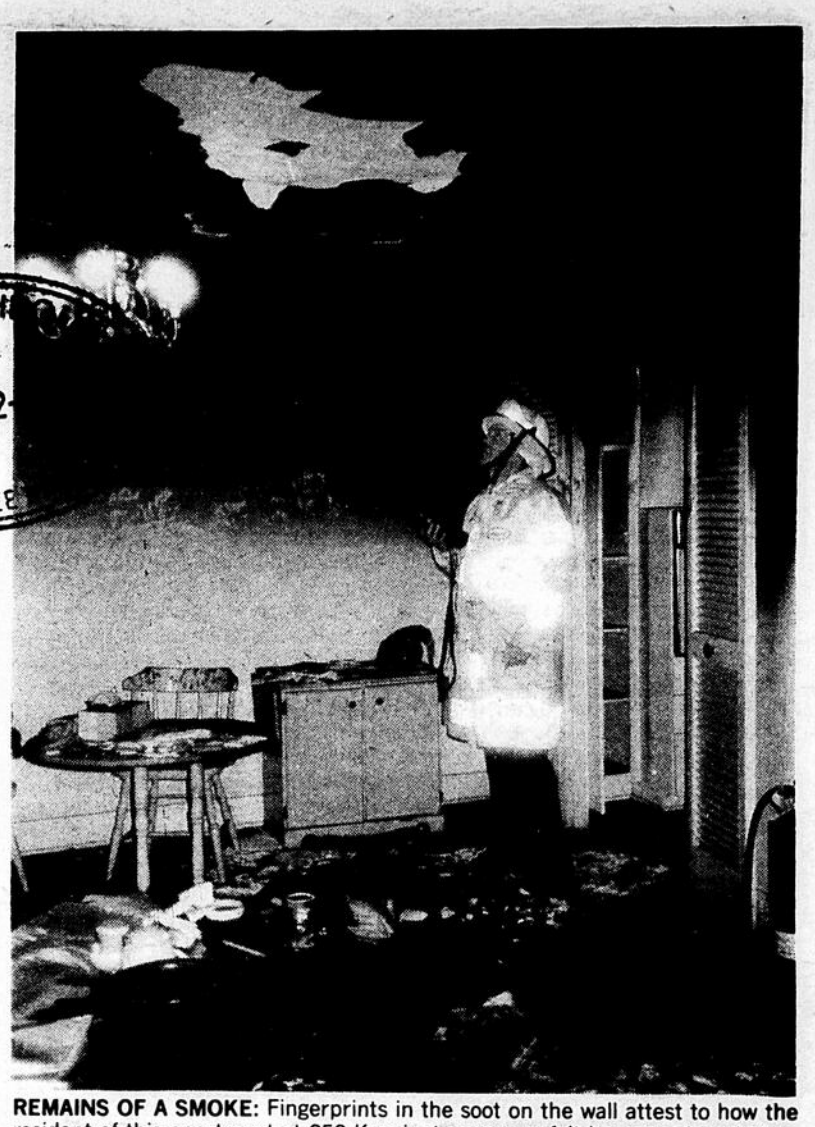
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REMAINS OF A SMOKE: Fingerprints in the soot on the wall attest to how the resident of this apartment at 250 Kensington avenue felt her way along before firefighters rescued her from the smoke-filled home early Thursday morning. It was the second time this year she was saved from a fire attributed to smoking. **Roger Laviolette**, assistant fire director, surveys damage, including smoke deposits starting only part way up the wall, evidence of why fire experts say the best way to move through a fire is by crawling along the floor. Stories are on page six.

Truth or hoax, the publicity's great:

Closet space for Imelda or sales for condo owners?

Whether it has its basis in truth or is merely an elaborate publicity stunt, rumor of Imelda Marcos buying a condominium in the Château Westmount Square has given the building a great deal more publicity than the owners could ever have paid for.

The hoopla began Tuesday after news was "leaked" that Mrs Marcos and her husband, Ferdinand, the deposed president of the Philippines, had purchased a two-storey penthouse in the building for over $2 million.

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Project developer Angelo Trimarchi has provided no evidence to prove Mrs Marcos has made the purchase. He has made only vague remarks that she could be involved with the company which is buying the condominium through an agent in Rome.

Mr Trimarchi told THE EXAMINER Tuesday he could neither confirm nor deny if Mrs Marcos did have a connection to the company in question. Yesterday, he said he was anxiously waiting for confirmation from Rome.

Mr Trimarchi was quick to agree that the attention is good for Château Westmount Square. "We closed four sales today from people who have been thinking about buying a condominium but hadn't yet signed," he said, adding that another penthouse apartment has been sold to a German man at a cost of $3.7 million.

Reporters' tour

A call to the condominium office earlier in the day was met with the following reply: "I'm sorry Mr Trimarchi can't come to the phone now. He's giving about a dozen reporters a tour of the building and more are on the way."

The Marcos news seems to have brought more reporters and more media attention to the building than an open invitation to the official project inauguration and ribbon-cutting June 22. By Tuesday night, Mr Trimarchi was being interviewed on national radio and asked to describe the features of his building.

Construction on Château Westmount Square began almost 2½ years ago. As recently as May, the sales agents predicted occupancy by the end of the year.

Mr Trimarchi said he now expects the first owners will be able to move in by June 1989, adding that "about 30 percent" of his building's 88 units have been sold to date.

He said he wasn't worried about his prospective tenants being a security risk, although he admitted some people who have already purchased in the building had called to express concern.

"I don't think the Marcos are going to move to Montreal permanently, even though we have the most secure building in Canada."

Mr and Mrs Marcos have been charged in the United States for plundering $103 million (U.S.) from the Philippines treasury and defrauding U.S. banks of another $165 million.

A spokesman for Employment and Immigration Canada, Gerry Maffre, told THE EXAMINER he could not comment on any individ-

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Murder weapon found, loaded and cocked

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The gun believed used to kill Wolodymer Malish in a car at Sunnyside and Upper Bellevue avenues Nov 27 was recovered Friday in bushes at 80 Sunnyside near Lexington avenue, police said Monday. The weapon was cocked.

The gun, described as a 9 mm Baretta, contained two bullets, according to Lieutenant Detective Claude Lachapelle of the MUC homicide squad.

It was found by a gardener near where a police patrol had been flagged down by a motorist on Lexington at Shorncliffe soon after the murder. The motorist reported a traffic accident at Sunnyside and Upper Bellevue.

The finder of the weapon picked up the gun and quickly dropped it on discovering it was real, police said.

The finder was spotted emerging from bushes at the side of the house about 7:20 am by Westmount parks superintendent Buddy Selby who was driving up to the lookout.

"I saw someone in the bushes. There's usually no one around at that hour. That's what took my eye," Mr Selby said. "Then I saw he had something in his hand. He came running to me and said he'd found what looked like a kid's gun."

Mr Selby said the two of them then went to look at the item.

"It looked brand new. I could see it was cocked and ready to fire so I told him not to touch it and I called for police."

The finder was reported by police to be a member of the roads crew, but Mr Selby stated he was not a city employee but a private gardening contractor. "I've seen him working there before."

No arrests had been made regarding the murder by yesterday morning but "we've got something good," Lieut Lachapelle said.

The 34-year-old victim was reported to have been shot twice in the head at close range about 2 am. The car he was driving came to a stop against the curb at a retaining wall.

Finances, traffic and tremors topics as city council meets

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A festive spirit characterized Monday night's city council session which was sparsely attended by both councillors and citizens. It followed a special ceremony to illuminate city hall (see photo, page three).

Both Councillors Paul Fortin and Joan Rothman were absent and only seven residents were present to hear a review of the city's financial position and pose questions after the formal session.

Citizens requested council to remove newly installed stop signs on Côte St Antoine road and asked what Westmounters should do in the event of an earthquake (see separate stories).

The mayor was asked why suburban mayors approved Quebec's proposed triennial valuation program and what was being done in the longstanding issue of noise during events held at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

The statutory December session opened with the introduction of the MUC's new police director at station 23, Pierre Vézina, and thanks from council for the efforts of departing officers Director Gilbert Coté and his captain (now a director), Robert Montanaro (see photo, page eight).

Council went on to approve a number of regular "housekeeping" items including collective agreements with both blue collar workers and public safety officers.

The installation of more parking meters was approved, along with several tenders and purchases including electrical conduit, smoke detectors and repairs to city hall's ventilation system.

Mayor May Cutler tabled the city's financial report for the years 1987, 1988 and 1989 and council announced a delay in the tabling the new year's budget until the end of January (see separate story).

A public session of council will be held Dec 19, she said, mainly to consider insurance for the coming year.

Members of council deposited statements of financial interests with the city clerk.

They concluded their committee business before the council meeting and did not retire to the customary *in camera* session at the end of the public session.

"We left on an upbeat note," said the mayor the next morning.

Coun Fortin was unable to attend the meeting as he was out of town. Coun Rothman was occupied with PSBGM business and a Roslyn School meeting.

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Police alert residents to knife-wielding man

RESIDENTS are being asked to keep an eye out for a knife-wielding man who ran after a woman and her dog in Westmount Park Tuesday, threatening to kill them.

MUC police have issued a description of the man as follows: white, aged about 50, six feet tall weighing 165 pounds wearing a long black jacket and tweed hat. He had the appearance of a vagabond, was carrying a plastic bag and picking things up from the park.

He apparently started to run after the woman, a 25-year-old resident of Sherbrooke street in Westmount, about 2 pm. He is not believed to be known to the woman.

Westmount's Public Security Unit has been advised of the incident and anyone sighting the man is requested to call 911.



"What ever happened, Ruth? You used to be a fun person!"

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THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT, DECEMBER 5, 1988

Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good evening.

Article 474.1 of the Cities and Towns Act requires that the Mayor report on the financial position of the City of Westmount at a session of the City Council held at least four (4) weeks prior to the tabling and adoption of the budget for the coming year. Therefore, in accordance with this law, I respectfully submit my report on the financial position of the City of Westmount.

I will deal with the 1987 financial statements and the auditors' report thereon, and our current program of capital expenditures. In addition, I will give you some preliminary information regarding our current financial operations, the general orientation of the 1989 operating budget and our capital expenditures for the next three years (1989-90-91), both of which are to be tabled before Council early in 1989.

1987 Financial Statements

On March 18, 1988, the auditors for the City of Westmount, Messrs Thorne, Ernst & Whinney, expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial position of the City of Westmount as at December 31, 1987, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

These financial statements, prepared by the Finance Department of the City, were presented in detail by the Commissioner of Finance at the Council meeting held on the 2nd day of May, 1988.

These statements disclosed revenues and expenditures analyzed as follows:

REVENUES	
1. Revenues from property and business taxes:	$29,166,060.
2. Compensation in lieu of taxes for government immoveables (hospitals and schools):	$ 1,692,090.
3. Other revenues from local sources:	$ 5,977,958.
4. Contribution from electricity network (net):	$ 513,240.
5. Appropriation of surplus:	$ 1,650,000.
TOTAL OF REVENUES:	**$38,999,348.**
EXPENDITURES	
1. General administration:	$ 3,367,696.
2. Public Security:	$ 4,851,676.
3. Transport and roads:	$ 4,871,594.
4. Environmental health:	$ 2,297,607.
5. Planning and regional development:	$ 582,715.
6. Recreational and cultural activities:	$ 3,714,417.
7. Montreal Urban Community:	$12,910,417.
8. Debt service and other expenditures:	$ 3,996,371.
TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES:	**$37,222,493.**
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES:	**$ 1,776,885.**

As explained by the Commissioner of Finance on May 2, 1988, the favorable results of last year were due to greater-than-anticipated tax revenues from buildings in the Greene/Atwater area ($500,000), additional transfer duties on sales of properties ($355,000), additional efforts in the issuance and collection of tickets ($474,000), and additional interest earned on City investments and tax arrears ($405,000). $1,500,000 of the 1987 surplus was appropriated to the 1988 revenues to alleviate 1988 taxes.

FIXED ASSETS

In 1987, capital expenditures totalled $3,355,908 and were financed as follows:

Loan by-laws	$1,700,563.
Working fund	$1,624,775.
Parks and playgrounds reserve fund	$ 30,570.
	$3,355,908.

The City of Westmount ended the year 1987 in a sound financial position as indicated by its level of liquidity and its low level of indebtedness.

- Long term debt, net of reserve, over taxable valuation: 2/3 of 1%.
- Long term debt, net of reserve, per capita: $437.
- Financing cost over total revenue from local sources: 7.2%.

1988 Forecast

An analysis of the budgetary operations for the current year enables us to predict that the year's operations should yield a surplus. A reduction of 2.25% of previously budgeted expenditures is forecast, as well as additional revenues to the extent of 1.25% over the previously budgeted revenues.

This 3.5% favorable result will permit us to pay off some of the City's older outstanding and unfinanced loan by-laws dating back to 1982 and 1983. These loan by-laws are cancelled as part of a five-year plan to self-finance capital works undertaken on previously authorized loan by-laws that have not been financed through the issue of debentures.

1989 Budget

Again this year, an Act to amend various legislation respecting the finances of municipalities and inter-municipal bodies was tabled in the National Assembly in mid-November. It is expected that this Bill 90 will become law by the end of December 1988.

Council is taking this opportunity to request a delay from the Ministère des Affaires municipales in the approval of the City's 1989 operating budget and the City's 1989-90-91 capital expenditure program. This delay should benefit both the property owners and the Council of the City of Westmount.

For property owners, it will mean not receiving real estate tax bills during the festive season and also a delay in the payment of the first instalment by at least thirty days.

For Council, it will mean having additional time to examine in detail the implications of Bill 90 in the preparation of the 1989 operating budget and 1989 capital budget.

For the 1989 expenditures budget, the guidelines provided by Council have been adhered to by the Administration.

These guidelines were:

1. There will be no increase over the 1988 budget, allowing for an inflation factor of 4.4% and collective agreements being negotiated.
2. All controllable expenses will be budgeted with a reduction.
3. There will be no increase in complement.

A preliminary review of the budget confirms that the 1989 expenditures will reflect a minimal overall increase, well below the annual inflation rate.

The capital expenditure program for the three years 1989 to 1991 is currently under review. These capital expenditures will be financed out of operating revenues, the working fund, the loan by-law funds, and from revenues derived from cadastral operations.

Foremost on the mind of Council when preparing the budget for 1989 is to maintain the high quality of life, at the least possible cost, to which the citizens of Westmount are accustomed.

Remuneration of Elected Municipal Representatives

A new requirement of the law concerning the remuneration of elected representatives stipulates that the Mayor has to report on the remuneration each Council Member receives from the City and from inter-municipal bodies.

The Mayor receives from the City of Westmount remuneration of $26,571, of which $8,857 is an expense allowance. She also receives from the Montreal Urban Community an amount of $4,948, of which $358 is an expense allowance. Each Councillor receives from the City of Westmount an amount of $8,857 of which $2,952 is an expense allowance.

It is expected that the 1989 budget and the 1989-90-91 capital expenditure program will be formally presented for approval at a Special Council Meeting to be held on January 23, 1989.

Thank you.

May E. Cutler
Mayor
City of Westmount

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RAPPORT DU MAIRE SUR LA SITUATION FINANCIÈRE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT, LE 5 DÉCEMBRE 1988

Mesdames et Messieurs du Conseil municipal, Mesdames et Messieurs, bonsoir.

En vertu de l'article 474.1 de la Loi sur les Cités et Villes, le Maire doit faire rapport sur la situation financière de la ville de Westmount au cours d'une séance du Conseil municipal ayant lieu au moins quatre (4) semaines avant le dépot et l'adoption du budget pour l'exercice suivant. Par conséquent, conformément à ladite loi, je soumets respectueusement mon rapport sur la situation financière de la Ville de Westmount.

Je traiterai des états financiers pour l'exercice 1987 et du rapport des vérificateurs à ce sujet, et de notre programme courant d'immobilisations. Je vous présenterai en outre des renseignements préliminaires relatifs à nos activités financières courantes, aux orientations générales de notre budget d'exploitation pour 1989 et à notre prochain programme triennal d'immobilisations (1989-90-91), ces deux derniers éléments devant être déposés devant le Conseil au début de 1989.

États financiers de 1987

Le 18 mars 1988, MM Thorne, Ernst & Whinney, vérificateurs de la Ville de Westmount, formulaient une opinion sans réserve de la situation financière de la Ville de Westmount au 31 décembre 1987 et de ses résultats d'exploitation selon des états financiers de fin d'exercise.

Ces états financiers, préparés par le service des Finances de la Ville, ont fait l'objet d'une présentation détaillée du Commissaire aux Finances à la séance du Conseil du 2 mai 1988.

Ces états indiquaient des revenus et des dépenses répartis comme suit:

REVENUS	
1. Revenus des taxes foncières et d'affaires:	29,166,060$
2. Compensation tenant lieu de taxes au titre d'immeubles gouvernementaux (hôpitaux et écoles):	1,692,090$
3. Autres revenus des sources locales:	5,977,958$
4. Contribution du réseau électrique (net):	513,240$
5. Affectation du surplus:	1,650,000$
TOTAL DES REVENUS:	**38,999,348$**
DEPENSES	
1. Administration générale:	3,367,696$
2. Sécurité publique:	4,851,676$
3. Transport et voiriers:	4,871,594$
4. Hygiène du milieu:	2,297,607$
5. Urbanisme et aménagement régional:	582,715$
6. Activités récréative et culturelles:	3,714,417$
7. Communauté Urbaine de Montréal:	12,910,417$
8. Service de la dette et autres dépenses:	3,996,371$
TOTAL DES DÉPENSES:	**37,222,493$**
EXCÉDENT DES REVENUS SUR LES DÉPENSES:	**1,776,885$**

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WESTMOUNT *Community Calendar*

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, Dec 8

☐ **Lecture**: Sponsored by Men's Association of Shaar Hashomayim at 8 pm in Metcalfe avenue hall. Author and political science professor at McGill Michael Brecher will speak on "Palestinian uprising, the Israeli election and the future." ●☺

☐ **Recreation registration**: For Westmount recreation department courses, including creative writing, tai chi and belly dancing, at the recreation offi[ce] between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, until D[ec] 16. ☺

☐ **Flu vaccinations**: Will be given free to those over 65, those with chronic illnesses or those who work with someone with a chronic illness by the Westmount branch of CLCS Métro. Make an appointment at 934-0354, local 247.

☐ **Gimp demonstration**: At 5 pm today and every Thursday until Christmas at the Bead Emporium, 364 Victoria avenue. The demonstration will be followed each week at 6 pm by a video on beading techniques. Coffee will be served. ☕

Saturday, Dec 10

☐ **Prints sale**: A Christmas exhibit from 1 to 7 pm today and tomorrow at Victoria Hall, Salon Prud'homme. Wide range of original prints for sale. 935-4721 before 1 pm for information. 🛒☎

☐ **Time out**: At the Chruch of the Advent, 4119 de Maisonneuve boulevard, from 4 pm to 6 pm with music, address from Neil McKinty and meditation. ☺

☐ **Book signing and sale**: Edgar Andrew Collard's *All Our Yesterdays* will be for sale at Dan Delaney's Artlenders Gallery. Illustrator John Collins will autograph copies from 2 to 4 pm at 318 Victoria avenue. 🛒☺

☐ **Raffle draw**: By RCAFA 306 Maple Wing for prizes from raffle tickets ($10 each) at 4450 Sherbrooke street at 10 pm. Tickets available at 931-9939 or 484-7473. ☺

☐ **Theatre**: Carol Shamy Adult Student Productions present *Two for the Seesaw* by William Gibson in one performance only at 8 pm at Westmount High School. $☕

Sunday, Dec 11

☐ **CAMMAC sight reading**: Of the *Magnificat* by Pergolese for all amateur vocalists and string players from 3 to 5 pm at St Matthias' Church, 12 Church Hill, under the direction of Gerald Wheeler. Recorder players will read separately under the direction of Lucie Laneville. Everyone welcome; there is no charge. A potluck supper follows and all are asked to bring a favorite dish. 486-5440. ☕☺

☐ **Nearly new sale**: By Na'amat (formerly Pioneer Women's Organization) Dorot Kanot group from 11 am to 3 pm at Victoria Hall. 🛒

Tuesday, Dec 13

☐ **Annual Ikebana bazaar**: At S[t] Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church from 1:30 pm. There will be jewelry, a silent auction, white elephant table, origami, handmade crafts, home-baked goods, katazome, stained glass and a raffle. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be available as will Japanese delicacies. 🛒☺

☐ **WHS open house**: From 8:30 am to 3 pm, and from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, Westmount High School welcomes anyone interested to visit the school and meet staff and students. ☺

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9:51 am: 1245 Greene, sprinkler alarm activated during repairs;
10:59 am: In front of 576 Côte St Antoine, truck leaking oil;
11:32 am: Sherbrooke and Claremont, first responder unit (see story);

Nov 30

9:44 am: 250 Kensington, first responder unit;
12:43 pm: 444 Clarke, smoke detector activated by plumber installing hot water tank;
2:25 pm: Front of 581 Lansdowne, exterior gas leak (see story);

Dec 1

6:29 am: 250 Kensington, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont committed, fire in apartment (see story);
6:36 am: 250 Kensington, first responder unit for fire victim (see above);
7:02 am: 250 Kensington, first responder unit for fire victim (see above);
11:51 am: 360 Selby, first responder unit for man with cut finger;
12:10 pm: Front of 3 Hillside, oil spot on street;
12:52 pm: 419 Victoria, service call, overheating hot water tank;
4:09 pm: Rear of 4142 St Catherine, car leaking gas;
5:03 pm: St Catherine and Abbott, first responder unit for bus accident (see story);
9:28 pm: Clarke and Anwoth, first responder unit for car accident (see story);
9:34 pm: Clarke and Anwoth, spilled flammable liquid (see above);

Dec 2

1:24 am: 4115 Sherbrooke, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 1:34 am, fire alarm activated when power shut off during electrical work;
7:58 am: 5760 Honoré de Balzac, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 8 am;
8:04 am: Roslyn and Westmount, for smell of gas, none found;
10:12 am: Greene and St Catherine, first responder unit, cancelled by Urgences Santé;
1:02 pm: Front of 29 York, exterior water leak;
4:35 pm: 111 Côte St Antoine, water leak, broken exterior faucet at front of home;
6:38 pm: 323 Prince Albert, water leak, exterior pipe broken;
11:09 pm: 4700 St Catherine, strange odor (see story);

Dec 3

12:06 am: 30 Stanton, first responder unit;
9:47 am: 4775 Sherbrooke, apt 8, child locked in (see story);
2:33 pm: Front of 4328 Montrose, exterior water leak;

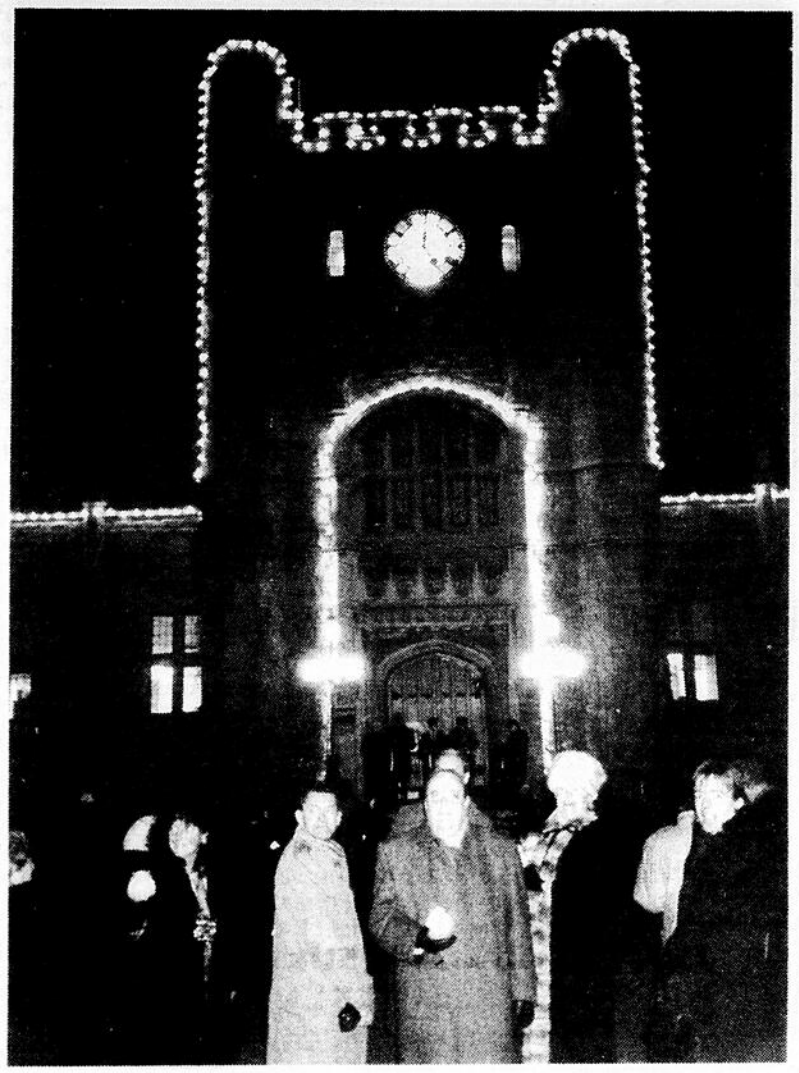
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11:48 am: 4574 Sherbrooke, Westmount Public Library, burglar alarm accidentally activated by personnel;
12:10 pm: 33 Holton, burglar alarm;
2:20 pm: 229 Clarke, burglar alarm;
3:08 pm: St Catherine between Lewis and Irvine, false alarm;
5:41 pm: 41 Bruce, small oven fire (see story);
9:03 pm: 2 Summit circle, smoke detector activated by burnt toast;

Dec 5

4:10 pm: 6000 Freud, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:15 pm;
10:23 am: 85 Holton, overheated hot water tank.

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Quick action leads to arrest

A fast-acting resident of Sunnyside avenue wasted no time in calling 911 when he found a burglar in his home early Sunday making possible a quick arrest, police officials report.

A 20-year-old man of no fixed address was charged with breaking and entering as a result.

Nothing was reported to have been taken from the house, which is located near the site of the murder Nov 27 (see separate story). The two incidents are not believed to be related.

The home was broken into through a side door leading to the kitchen about 3 am, police said. A resident was awakened and went downstairs to find someone inside. He asked the stranger what he was doing in the home.

The intruder replied he was looking for a place to sleep. He then beat a hasty retreat. He was described as appearing to be under the influence of either drugs or alcohol.

A full description was relayed to police cars and a suspect was picked up at The Boulevard and Grosvenor avenue.

Break-in

A video, passport and traveller's cheques were among articles stolen from a house broken into on Lansdowne avenue over the weekend of Nov 25-28, police said. The amount of theft was estimated at $2,000. The home, located south of Sherbrooke street, was entered by breaking a window in the basement door.

Backward roll on hill puts driver in hospital

A 79-year-old woman was taken to hospital last Thursday when the car she was driving rolled backward down Clarke avenue from Montrose and crashed into a house at the corner of Anwoth road, officials report.

The victim was identified as a Grey Nun from St Laurent.

The accident occurred about 9:25 pm when the car stalled at the stop sign at Montrose, public safety officers said.

It backed up a distance of some 500 feet, according to police, gaining speed on the hill until hitting the house, home of former Westmount mayor Peter McEntyre.

No damage was reported to the building though grounds sustained over $500 damage, as did the car, a 1980 Oldsmobile. The driver's seat collapsed in the impact.

The woman suffered a possible concussion as well as injuries to the right hand and thighs, police said.

She was treated by the fire department's first responder crew before being transported to the Royal Victoria Hospital by Urgences Santé. Firefighters also cleaned up spilled fuel from the car.

Grilled grease

Grease on a broiling pan ignited Sunday at 41 Bruce avenue when a gas oven was turned on, fire officials said. The incident occurred about 5:41 pm. No damage was recorded.

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We Say

Courage, Robert

DESPITE ourselves, we feel affected here in Westmount by two Manitoba provincial politicians, Ms Sharon Carstairs of the Liberals and Mr Gary Doer, an NDPer.

To a lesser degree, despite his greater potential clout, Premier Frank McKenna of New Brunswick has troubled us, too.

When the Meech Lake constitutional accord was signed, we had blessed unanimity of the 11 governments, one federal and 10 provincial, plus the rare concurrence of the two federal opposition leaders.

We cheered. All appeared clear sailing. The likelihood of anything going wrong with the necessary 11 legislative confirmations seemed remote, considering the weight of the coast to coast leaders' sponsorship and the crucial nature of the pact to national unity and purpose.

We failed to reckon on changes of government before the process was complete. We are stuck, therefore, with a minority government to the west dependent on an opposition, opposed to Meech Lake, for survival and, on the other hand, to the east with a feisty young premier with no opposition at all who has yet to be convinced that he should give Meech his province's blessing.

As Quebecers we felt, and still do, that anything that will bring our province firmly back into the Confederation fold is to be favored. Even the adamant and honorable dissent and fears of our own respected then-member of Parliament, Hon Donald Johnston, have not dissuaded us. Nor have the subsequent Carstairs, Doer and McKenna demands for reopening and changes before assent given us cause to pause.

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THE arguments of Prime Minister Mulroney and Premier Bourassa against any attempts now to tinker with the tenuously won accord make sense. The chances of winning changes in a second, post-adoption round of negotiation appear far greater than achieving a reopening now without collapse of the whole edifice — and constitutional limbo once more for Quebec, with all the risks for all which that could entail.

The three holdouts, then, earn little sympathy from us and probably not across the nation. Their concerns may be genuine but the demands they make for reopening are impractical, inconsiderate and, we say, presumptuous.

Many Canadians probably never paid much heed to Ms Carstairs or Mr Doer before their outrageous blackmail of the Manitoba minority government and, indeed, of the entire country. That they should think their judgment should outweigh that of the 11 Meech Lake participants is ludicrous — but potentially tragic for Canada.

Premier McKenna's position is different. In some respects he is to be admired for refusing to be rushed. However, knowing New Brunswick and its dependence upon Ottawa, and with the feds enjoying a renewed, clear mandate, it is unlikely that N.B. will behave like a skunk at the Confederation picnic and default on the June 1990 ratification deadline.

The Manitoba rebels are something else. There could be various ways of dealing with them, specially if a majority of Manitobans should come to believe that they are an embarrassment to them in a vital national issue. A provincial election at the right moment could end that debacle.

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HOWEVER, should it appear that the recalcitrants can prevail over the national will, the way will be open for non-francophone Quebec to raise its own demurrers.

Clearly, since the Meech deal was struck, there has been cause for anglophones and others of the non-French persuasion to be concerned over the truculent attitude of many Quebec figures, from Premier Bourassa on down, having won for Quebec the description of "a distinct society."

Unfortunately, perhaps by design, nobody at Meech Lake thought to define further that designation. We took it, perhaps naively but reasonably, to mean that it was distinct by its unique composition. Public utterances from leaders of the majority element would try to have us believe that it is distinct only because it is predominantly francophone, that its other constituent parts are of no account.

Now is the time, a week before the Supreme Court of Canada is to rule on Quebec's discriminatory law re the language of public signs, to tax Mr Bourassa on this.

If the Quebec government is prepared, as reported, instantly to slap down new controls on signs when, as expected, the court rules against Law 101 on this score, this week is appropriate to give notice to the premier and his colleagues that this will not be the way to preserve what he so naively calls "the social peace," that the distinct society is not exclusively French speaking.

Quebec anglophones will have every reason to signal to the Carstairses, the Doers and the McKennas of the country that maybe Meech Lake also is not so great for the country because it is not great, after all, for Quebec if a significant portion of its citizens are to be denied equal participation in its "distinct society."

Indeed, the Quebec minority's objections to Meech Lake even now are more valid than those being heard from N.B. and Manitoba.

Premier Bourassa well may end up in a box of his own making, the material being procrastination and failure to follow through on one of the key promises upon which he was re-elected in 1985 — moderation of the language law where it grossly exceeds its positive provisions for the French language by suppressing and discriminating against other tongues, notably English.

Law 101 is an illiberal law. If next Thursday he attempts to circumvent any adverse Supreme Court judgment upon it, whether by substitute regulations or denying citizens' rights by a "notwithstanding" strategem, he also will go down in the history books as the man who sabotaged his own nation-building plans laid down at Meech Lake.

We hope he is made of sterner, more resolute, more visionary, more courageous stuff than that.



our M.P. David Berger says...

Taking the bus home

"HERE'S my home!" I exclaimed as a busload of supporters arrived on Tuesday at the Parliament Buildings for my swearing-in as the MP for St Henri-Westmount. With one hand on the Bible held by House of Commons Clerk Robert Marleau, I repeated the oath of allegiance in English and in French. "I, David Berger, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second."

In the 50 or so persons who travelled to Ottawa were my wife, Monica, my father and mother, members of the board of the Liberal association, residents of Westmount and St Henri, and a half-dozen students from Concordia's school of community and public affairs.

It was a way of thanking some of the hundreds of volunteers who had worked tirelessly in the election campaign. Having them at the ceremony made it more meaningful for me.

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Editorial Notes

IT would seem elementary that the first job of a newspaper is to inform and enlighten. When is that role exceeded? We got a lesson on this last Friday from three callers, all of whom asked the relevancy in our report of the murder in his car at Sunnyside and Upper Bellevue avenues the previous Sunday morning of one Wolodymer Malish, 34, of Coloniale avenue, Montreal. All three asked, complainingly, the relevancy in last week's EXAMINER of our front-page story's fifth paragraph: "Although the victim was of Ukrainian descent, 'he had lived in Canada a long time'," according to the police. We agree that the man's origin in itself is not very relevant; it should be sufficient that he was a human being. However, in the first reporting by other media, both broadcast and print, the victim had been variously described as Iranian, Ukrainian, Arab and even "of foreign origin" — this even before his name became known. We believe that the community weekly serving the area chiefly concerned has, given the necessary time, the duty to get the facts and, in particular, to correct or clarify anything which was not right in earlier, first-flush, rushed reporting elsewhere. (Police refusal to give out identities certainly contributes to speculation and confusion — one newspaper unwittingly linked this story with a near-concurrent drug bust involving Iranians, which would appear not to be so.) Finally, we believe that in an unsolved homicide, facts which ordinarily might be irrelevant could prove to be highly significant in prompting other information to assist the investigation. Other folks of Ukrainian origin should feel no singling-out or offence in such circumstances. . . .

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HON Donald Johnston's departure (not forever, we're sure) from Parliament Hill Friday was noted in last Saturday's Globe and Mail *with the intelligence that our ex-MP left behind "only his piano and an eight-metre-long golden shovel," the latter a memento of his sod-turning ceremony when he was minister of science and technology for the biotechnical centre adjoining Town of Mt Royal in the City of Montreal. Though he had asked if he could keep the shovel, the note says, he found later that it was too tall even to stand in his office. It and the piano proved too large to be moved with his other things.* The Globe *says he asked, "Does anybody know what I can do with this?" during his farewell news conference at which, the paper adds, that "he made one final pitch against the Meech Lake constitutional accord." . . .*

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WESTMOUNTERS and others in these parts who like to head for the Caribbean for mid-winter breaks report that the airlines, notably Air Canada which is the dominant player from here to those parts, have made it increasingly difficult for their otherwise loyal customers. Most of the problems would appear to stem from deregulation and the competitive imperative to cut costs at the price of decent service. If the islands of the eastern Caribbean are your favorite destination, their hub, Antigua, used to be conveniently accessible from Montreal. For several years now, one has had to go to Toronto in the early hours before daylight for a connecting flight, which in turn too frequently arrived in Antigua too late to fly on to the various adjoining islands. This season the people's airline planners have reduced holiday flights to one a week, where there used to be two or three, and relegated that one to Mondays! — wasteful of time to one- or two-week vacationers. The coup de grâce *to encouraging Montreal-area residents to fly Air Canada is that the Monday-night return from Antigua to Toronto fails to connect for this metropolis — the late evening Rapidair flight from Pearson to Dorval has been chopped, necessitating an overnight stay in the Ontario capital. Wanna buy Air Canada shares, anyone? . . .*

I Say!

LITTLE minds are interested in the extraordinary; great minds in the commonplace.
—Elbert Hubbard


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Forty-five Years Ago
December 9, 1943

From an editorial: "Something new in the field of advertising is currently provided by O'Keefe's Brewing Company Limited. The series now being published by this firm relates to the war effort of various parts of this country 'that neighbors may know each other's contributions' to the common cause. A typical example is that dealing with Quebec City — cargo ships and corvettes, tank and airplane parts, guns and ammunition, medical supplies, precision machine tools, uniforms, footwear, textiles of all kinds, etc. Many parts of Canada will learn, with surprise, and perhaps for the first time, of the tremendous efforts being made by some of their fellow citizens. This is goodwill advertising of the very best."

Thirty-five Years Ago
December 11, 1953

"Annexation as a solution to metropolitan difficulties is out of date, J.O. Asselin, chairman of the Montreal Metropolitan Committee and chairman of the executive committee of the city of Montreal, told members of the Westmount Municipal Association. ... He gave two reasons for the rejection of what for generations has been considered a simple expedient when the city-suburb shoe began to pinch. (a) In most cases annexation imposes an unfair additional cost on the taxpayer of the larger city. (b) It weakens and breaks down local community interest and responsibility for local municipal affairs."

Twenty-five Years Ago
December 13, 1963

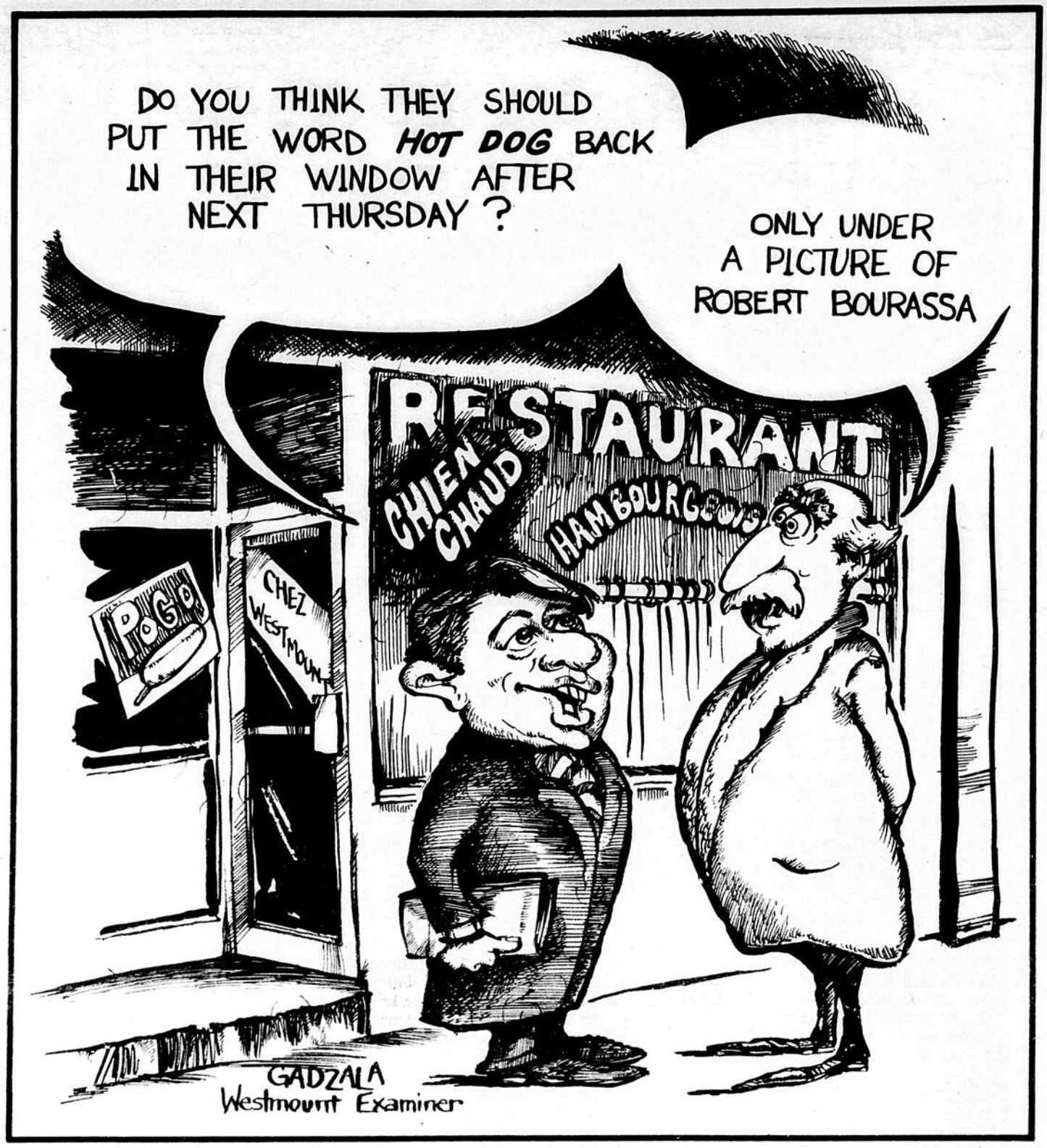
"Residents both for and against the planned Wood-Elm skyscraper complex have strongly condemned the behavior of many at the Westmount Municipal Association fall meeting in Victoria Hall... calling it 'shocking and completely ill-mannered.' Over 500 citizens packed the hall... and prevented the WMA from proceeding fully with its normal business. Superintendent of Recreation B.A. Rothwell was obliged to take 23 minutes to deliver a '13 minute' outline of park facilities and recreation opportunities because of the shouts and rhythmic clapping of many who were apparently 'anxious' to get on to the discussion of the controversial development."

Fifteen Years Ago
December 13, 1973

"The president of the Westmount Municipal Association agreed with his advisory council to ask 'officialdom at city hall' its intentions with regard to the marking of the incorporation 100 years ago next year of the Village of Notre Dame de Grâce. The event, in 1874, was the beginning under another name of what is now the City of Westmount — chartered in 1908. ... The community probably began, said Arthur Dirkman, at the foot of Abbott avenue where the CPR's Westmount station originally was located."

Five Years Ago
December 15, 1983

"A well-known City of Westmount employee has been honored by the city for 'bravery, courage and dedication to duty' for guiding a runaway asphalt roller June 14 down Roslyn avenue until he ultimately was thrown from the vehicle. Victor Tyler, better known as 'Tiny,' had stuck with the machine, attempting to steer it away from children outside Roslyn School. He was finally thrown off trying to get the roller into a driveway. 'I'd never have forgiven myself if I had hurt a child,' he said."



You Say

Try planting evergreen to mark holiday season

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

Mayor May Cutler
City of Westmount
Dear Mayor Cutler:

As our daylight hours become shorter with each passing day, we are approaching our annual winter solstice. In early times, mankind celebrated as they looked forward to the longer days of spring.

If we are unable to reverse the damage to the atmosphere, the next generation may not be able to enjoy those longer sunny days. Let us hope that we can unite to prevent this occurrence.

Planting trees is one of the most beneficial ways to combat pollution. With this in mind, we would like to see the City of Westmount plant an evergreen tree for its annual holiday celebration in front of city hall.

This "small is beautiful" symbolic act could be repeated each holiday season and would show Westmount's determination to help restore harmony and balance in nature. Our city hall can look so bleak during the winter months: evergreens would bring warmth and color to this beautiful building.

May we recommend that "our" evergreen tree be decorated with miniature lights to show our concern for energy conservation.

Molly Keith-Anderson
48 Academy road

Jean Borntraeger
469 Lansdowne avenue

on behalf of WEACT
(Westmount Environmental Advisory Committee Team)

Prompt action needed on fate of Unity building

Sir: The Unity Boys' and Girls' Club is at the most important crossroads in its history. Located on Greene avenue below Dorchester, the club has been for many years a fine example of how community energy and purpose produce something worthwhile. Built in the late 1940s, the building includes a usable basement, two floors and a gym.

Now the club has to face new realities: its current location no longer allows it to fulfill its mandate. The club, part of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada, must try to find some other way to fulfill that mandate.

Meanwhile, their solid structure on Greene must find a new heart and soul. Local citizens have realized, albeit belatedly, that Unity has lost its clientele and its Centraide funding at this location and they are concerned that the building should continue to have a community role.

An informal group has worked hard to put together an assessment of the building's potential and a variety of possible uses. Unfortunately, this assessment contains a major error, which is reflected in the resulting majority view of a recent citizens' meeting.

The citizens' group are virtually assuming that Unity will be prepared to let them use the building rent-free for whatever community-related purposes the citizens are able to draw together — without funding from a financially strapped city hall. Otherwise, some believe the building should be torn down.

I cannot believe that the Unity board (or the Rotary Club that initially raised the money for the building) would be prepared

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

Signs ruling coming

SO THE great language crisis is finally to break on Dec 15 when the Supreme Court will announce its decision on the Singer (unilingual English signs) and McKenna (bilingual signs on a store with more than four employees) cases.

The Liberal Party of Quebec's platform specifies priority for French on commercial signage, without prohibition of other languages. The Supreme Court will determine whether or not the prohibition on second languages currently in the law is compatible with the Quebec and Canadian Charter of Rights provisions with respect to freedom of expression. The government of Quebec will then have to determine its policy in light of the Supreme Court decision and the party policy.

When the Constitution was repatriated in 1982, Mr Trudeau was forced to add an escape hatch to the Charter of Rights in order to obtain sufficient provincial support. This escape hatch, the "notwithstanding" clause, permits provinces to remove certain of their laws from the application of certain parts of the Charter of Rights. In practice, therefore, the National Assembly could vote not to recognize the Supreme Court decision by legislating otherwise and invoking the notwithstanding clause.

An appropriate solution to the signage question ought to be clear and simple, it ought to be founded on principle, and it

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Second time and still lucky:

Resident repeats fire drama in smoke-filled apartment

A 65-year-old woman was rescued by firefighters early last Thursday from her smoke-filled apartment at 250 Kensington avenue after a cigarette reportedly ignited a chair while she slept.

It was amazing she survived, investigators said.

Nine months ago, on Feb 17, the same woman was led dazed but uninjured from a similar fire in an apartment at 10 Rosemount where she then lived, they confirmed. Both fires were recorded as accidental.

This time, the victim suffered

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

smoke inhalation and was listed initially as being in serious condition in Hôtel Dieu hospital. She was expected to be released later this week.

At the scene of the Rosemount fire, the victim told THE EXAMINER she wanted to publicize the hazards of smoking in the hopes that others would profit from her experience (see story Feb 25).

She claimed to have smoked her last cigarette.

In last Thursday's fire, the woman was led from her smoke-blackened living room. She had been awakened by the smoke and had tried to feel her way along the walls to safety (see separate story).

Although firefighters were called at 6:29 am, a tenant on the floor above claimed to have smelled smoke as early as 5:10 am but did not report it to the janitor until 6 am, said fire investigator Lieutenant Barry Coates.

A battery was found missing from the smoke detector in the burning apartment, he said.

Both factors, he said, played a significant role in allowing the fire to generate intense heat and heavy smoke throughout the 4½-room unit.

It consumed an antique-type upholstered chair leaving only spring coils.

A lack of oxygen was believed to have allowed the fire to burn itself out and a water extinguisher was all that was needed to finish the job.

Damage to the fifth-floor apartment was estimated by fire officials at $8,000. Police reported the total amount of damage in the building, mainly from smoke, at about $50,000.

A second elderly woman among those evacuated was hospitalized for a suspected heart problem. She was released from the Royal Victoria Hospital soon after.

Heat from the fire had been so intense that plaster on the ceiling above it had started to peel and other furnishings around were distorted and melted.

Blackening of the upper half of walls and the ceiling demonstrate how important it is to crawl when caught in a fire, officials pointed out. The lower part of the walls were hardly blackened at all.

When police and firemen arrived at the 72-unit building, fire officers found the building's alarm had not been pulled and ordered it activated. They quickly traced the source of the fire to apartment 516.

Mutual aid firefighters from Côte St Luc and Outremont helped evacuate residents to the lobby.

Residents were able to return to the apartments at 7:30 am and firemen returned to the station at 8:31 am.

Fire victim fortunate to have survived

Last Thursday's fire at 250 Kensington has left firefighters wondering how the occupant could have withstood smoke so dense that the upper half of the walls and ceiling of her apartment were blackened.

"She was right in the thick of it," said Assistant Director Roger Laviolette.

"She shouldn't be alive," said Lieutenant Tony Testa, in describing the condition in which the smoke-filled apartment was found.

The 65-year-old victim was rescued by firefighters as she stood in a corner of the living room on boxes and luggage after a cigarette had ignited a chair more than an hour earlier, fire officials told THE EXAMINER.

Long white streaks and fingermarks along the walls indicated to investigators that she had groped her way blindly from the bedroom along a hallway, past the front door and through the living room in efforts to get out.

She was described as confused and disoriented when found.

Removed to safety, she was given oxygen and taken to Hotel Dieu hospital by Urgences Santé.

Her smoke inhalation was considered to be so serious that she was visited Monday by Sergeant Detective Marcel Dubé of the MUC arson squad in the event she might not survive. This is a procedure followed when a coroner's inquest is anticipated, he explained.

"The woman told me she had been smoking in the chair before going into her bedroom to go to sleep. The smoke woke her up and she tried to find her way out feeling her away around the walls."

Westmount fire investigator Barry Coates said he believed the fi[illegible] had almost burnt itself out by t[illegible] time she was awakened since she was able to walk around the burning chair.

He attributed the long delay in detecting the fire to a non-functioning smoke detector and delays in calling the fire department after smoke was noticed by others in the building.

Unhinged

An 18-month-old boy locked himself in the bathroom of an apartment at 4775 Sherbrooke street Saturday morning, police report. He was released by firefighters who removed the door hinges on arrival shortly after 9:47 pm.

Bus rearends braking truck

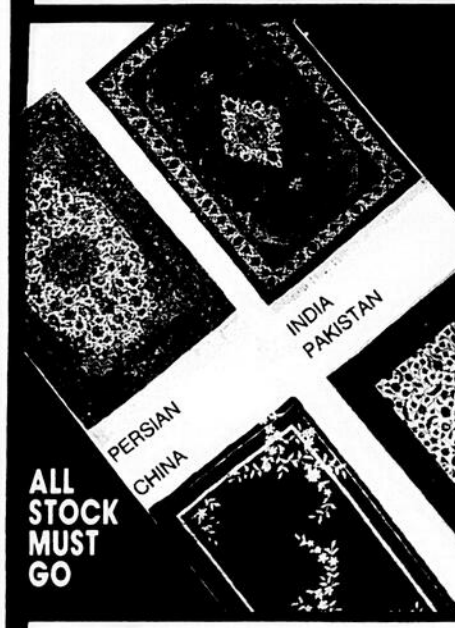
A bus and a truck collided in a rearend accident last Thursday on St Catherine street at Abbott avenue, police report. The truck sustained over $500 damage to the back. The mishap occurred about 3:45 pm as both were driving east and the truck braked suddenly.

No injuries were reported initially but Urgences Santé and the fire department were called to the scene at 5:03 pm when the bus driver was reported to be complaining of a sore back.

Fire officials said the 39-year-old man was taken to the Montreal General Hospital.

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HE'S OFFICIAL: A group of about 50 St Henri-Westmount Liberal riding association members and volunteers were on hand Tuesday morning to see their new MP sworn in. The ceremony took place at about 11:45 am in the centre block of the Houses of Parliament in Ottawa. In on the signing were, from left, **Robert Marleau**, clerk of the House of Commons; **Sam Berger**, the new MP's father; **Monica** and **David Berger**; and **Ilse Berger**, David's mother.

Holdup and grab in plaza Friday

Two boys were held up by two other youths Friday afternoon in Place Alexis Nihon only five minutes after a woman had her wallet stolen from her purse in the shopping mall, police report.

The young robbery victims, aged 12 and 13, were on the third level about 12:45 pm when they were approached by two others who scared them into handing over their money. They lost a total of $50.

The wallet theft was reported as occurring at 12:40 pm when a woman was waiting in line at the Loto-Québec kiosk in Place Alexis Nihon. The 59-year-old woman felt her purse being pulled and when she turned around, the wallet was gone. It contained $23.

Wove too far

A 48-year-old Montreal man has been charged with impaired driving after being stopped last Thursday at 4:10 am at Atwater avenue and Dorchester boulevard, police report. He had been followed by police, who described the car as weaving from side to side.

Untidy hardware clutters walks

Dismantled scaffolding and metal pipes were found cluttering the street and pedestrian walkway outside the construction site at 4160 Sherbrooke street last Thursday at 2:31 am, public safety officers report.

A portion of hoarding was also noticed to have been removed from around the condominium project east of Greene avenue.

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Loose litter

Uncontained garage was spotted at the rear of seven commercial establishments Sunday on the south side of St Catherine street between Greene and Atwater avenues, public safety officers report. The garbage had been piled in the back lane. The matter was to be referred to city hall.

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HAPPY BRASS: These three MUC police directors, all from station 23, were honored by Westmount city council at its meeting Monday night. **Dir Pierre Vézina**, left, was welcomed as the post's new commanding officer replacing **Dir Gilbert Côté**, right. Dir Vézina was formerly public relations chief for the MUC force. The station's captain, **Dir Robert Montanaro**, centre, leaves soon for a new post following his recent promotion.

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In the event of a major earthquake:

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What emergency measures would be taken by Westmount if a major earthquake should hit? Are there emergency shelters?

The subject was raised at Monday night's city council meeting by citizen Gerald Glass, 181 Metcalfe avenue.

Council members called on Fire Director William Timmons, "our EMO (emergency measures organization) expert," to reply before all added their personal comments.

In such a situation, he said, the fire officer on duty would implement the city's emergency plan, which provides a number of buildings that could be used for shelter as well as other contingencies. Evacuation, if necessary, would be organized through MUC police.

The plan is flexible and would be adjusted to needs by emergency workers calling on their own expertise, he said.

"In other words, do our best," Mayor May Cutler said.

Councillor Stuart Robertson noted that services on the entire Montreal Island would probably all be stretched "beyond the breaking point." The city's disaster guidelines, he noted, would help provide a structure in the midst of the turmoil.

"One comfort to all of us here," said Mayor Cutler, "is knowing that our houses are not made of cement blocks which collapse quickly as in Peru."

Flasher

An emergency flasher was found knocked off the top of an Environment Quebec car Saturday at Academy road and de Maisonneuve boulevard, public safety officers report. Damage to the yellow vehicle was discovered at 1:15 am. The flasher was taken to local MUC police station 23. It was not known how the damage occurred.

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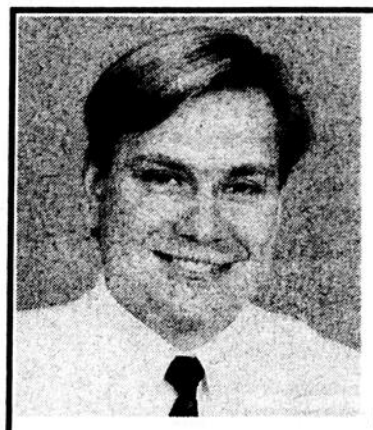
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Small increase in expenses projected for city in 1989

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount citizens were given a hint of what they might expect in the city's 1989 budget during Monday night's city council meeting.

"A preliminary review of the budget confirms that the 1989 expenditures will reflect a minimal overall increase, well below the inflation rate," Mayor May Cutler said.

Controllable expenses will be budgeted with a reduction and no increase over the 1988 budget is contemplated, allowing for an inflation factor of 4.4 percent and negotiation of collective agreements.

The city is expected to end the 1988 financial year Dec 31 with a surplus, she stated. Actual expenditures are forecast at 2.25 percent below budget while revenues will be up some 1.25 percent.

This favorable result will help the city repay older outstanding and unfinanced loans, the mayor said.

The 1989 budget is not expected to be presented until after mid-January to allow for extra preparation time and possible valuation changes tied in with Quebec's Bill 90, which is before the National Assembly.

Council members adopted a resolution at the December meeting seeking an extension from Quebec in tabling the 1989 budget and capital expenditures program from the end of December to Jan 31.

This would delay the due date of tax bills to Feb 28 (see story last week).

A review and forecast of the city's financial status was outlined in a three-year financial report presented by mayor at the meeting covering the years 1987, 1988 and 1989.

A full text of the mayor's financial report can be found in the "Official Notice Board," beginning on page two.

"I'm so pleased the budget is being kept down," Mayor Cutler told THE EXAMINER following the council session.

Her Worship has led a cost-cutting drive, comparing Westmount's expenditures with those in other municipalities.

Receipts removed

A bank deposit bag was stolen from a shop in Place Alexis Nihon Saturday after being left under the counter, police report. It contained receipts totalling $1,540.

Resident appeals to council to stop stop sign propagation

CITY council was asked at its Monday night meeting to stop the proliferation of stop signs on Côte St Antoine road and to remove newly installed ones.

"The City of Westmount has a fetish for stop signs," stated local architect Michael Ellwood.

He told council he walked along Côte St Antoine four times a day and rarely witnessed sufficient traffic flow to warrant the need for the stop signs. "What does bother me is when I do drive."

The new stop at Mount Stephen avenue is only 60 feet from one on Murray avenue, he said, and "is the ultimate in ridiculousness."

"We're working toward a stop sign at every corner," quipped the mayor.

Councillor Peter Duffield said that the new stops had been added in response to a petition from residents of the street.

Mr Ellwood was told he could voice his concern when a public consultation meeting is held next year regarding the possible closure of Clarke avenue at Côte St Antoine.

Bus shelters to appear soon in two locations

Here's good news for Westmount residents fearing another winter of standing in the windy cold while waiting for their bus.

Two of the four bus shelters approved by city council last February will be in place by Christmas, city engineer Fred Caluori said yesterday.

The Montreal Urban Community Transit Commission has told the city the shelters at the northeast corner of Sherbrooke and Metcalfe and at the southwest corner of Sherbrooke and Wood will be installed in the coming days.

The MUCTC has turned down the proposal for a shelter at the northeast corner of Claremont and Westmount avenues, Mr Caluori said, since it deemed traffic at the corner insufficient to warrant the expense.

Plans for the fourth one, at the southwest corner of St Catherine street at Metcalfe, are still being worked out.

The transit commission must approve the sites after the city gives its approval, and then there's usually a delay before the MUCTC installs the shelters.

At its meeting Monday evening, city council passed a resolution that it would refrain from participating in the agreement between the MUCTC and Mediacom that gives the company exclusive rights to put up advertising in the new-style bus shelters.

As a result, Westmount will continue to use the older bus shelters which are commercial free.



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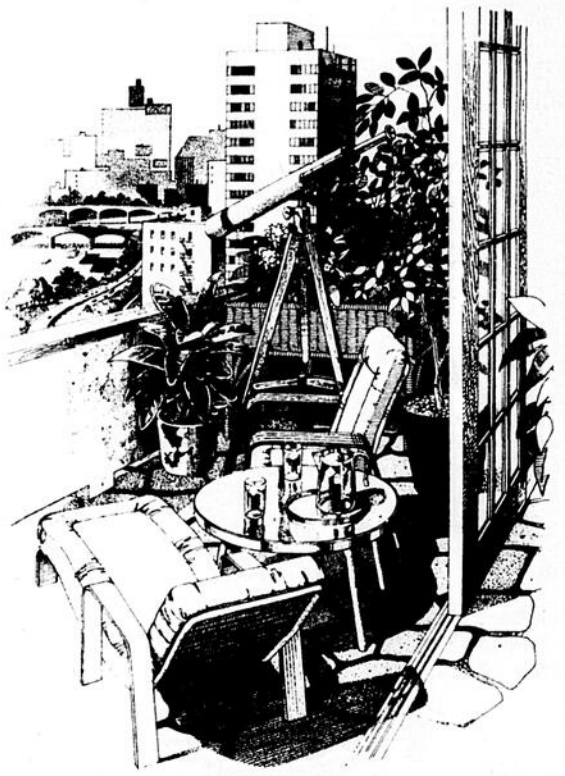
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Square Cinema closes down — it's for real this time

Cinema Westmount Square has shown its last film and closed its doors to make way for major renovations in the shopping plaza... again.

But this time, Famous Players officials say it's for good.

The cinema closed March 24 of this year when the contract between the Famous Players movie theatre chain and the Square owners expired. The cinema quickly reopened when it was able to make a last-minute arrangement to remain there as a tenant on a month-by-month contract.

"They seem to be ready to go ahead with their work now," Famous Players spokesman John Xinos said.

Westmount Square is in the midst of undergoing several separate renovation projects totalling $20 million. Earlier this year, the parking garage and the building foundation were repaired.

Work on the white stone exterior, which is being replaced at a cost of $4 million, began several weeks ago and will continue until next summer. Changes are taking place inside the shopping mall as well, including the closing of some stores and the relocation of others.

No city permit has yet been issued for the biggest part of the project, changes to the shopping entrances on Greene avenue, St Catherine street and Wood avenue, and tunnels joining the mall to Château Westmount Square and Number One Wood condominiums.

Something fishy at local condo

Ventilation problems at Westmount Park Towers continue to mean calls for firefighters, according to fire department reports.

The city's smoke-eaters were called out Friday night for the second consecutive week to the same condominium apartment unit on the third floor to check out a "fishy smell." Occupants were told to have the matter checked out by building management.

Other ventilation problems have been reported by the fire department on other floors.

Gas line broken during digging

A plastic gas entry line was ruptured Wednesday last week in front of 581 Lansdowne avenue during excavation work, fire officials said. Homes in the area were checked by firefighters and two 1¼-inch lines were laid as a precaution.

The work was reported to have been undertaken by Montreal public works crews about 2:25 pm when the break occurred.

WESTMOUNT'S Heritage Houses

A series on the private residences designated 1A in Westmount's architectural heritage study



No 9: 5 Rosemount avenue

THE house at 5 Rosemount avenue, with its brick façade painted white and contrasted by a dark green trim, was built in 1863. The heritage study provides the following description:

"In 1861, Robert James Reekie bought from John Young a huge lot where the 'Rosemount' villa was built. Shortly after this purchase, the lot was subdivided and R.J. Reekie gave the architect Thomas S. Scott a mandate to build two villas on the east side of Rosemount avenue.

"Several original architectonic elements of this residence remain. It rises three storeys, one storey being behind the mansard; a belt course divides the ground floor from the first floor. The mansard has dormers with triangular pediment and the cornice is supported by corbelling. The openings are capped with elliptical pediments with a return supported by pilasters.

"This house stands out as one of the most interesting examples of Westmount houses built before 1865, even though its mansard is the result of an adaptation subsequent to the original construction."

A belt course is the term for the strip which wraps around a building and is made of either a different material or the same material in a contrasting pattern.

Looked-at lockers

Four lockers were broken into Monday last week in the apartment building at 250 Lansdowne avenue, police said. They appeared to have been searched but nothing was reported stolen. Damage was estimated at about $100. The break-in occurred between 2 and 6:10 pm.

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Annual event scheduled for last evening:

Nine to have received watches at Quarter Century Club banquet

Seven of the city's nine workers honored for 25 years service this year are Westmount firefighters.

All were to have received gold watches at the city's annual Quarter Century Club banquet scheduled for Victoria Hall last night.

Another 34 workers from many different city departments also were recognized for long-service awards for 15, 20, 30, 35 and 40 years of service.

The Quarter Century Club consists of all city workers and retired employees who have fulfilled 25 years with the city. Membership is also open to members of the MUC police force who were members of the Westmount police department before integration and have remained at the local station.

Those being specially honored for their quarter century of service are:

Constable James Coleman, MUC police; Antonio Grillone, public works janitor; Fire Captain James Adams; Fire Lieutenants Réal Desureault and Francis MacDougall; Fire Assistant Director Roger Laviolette; and firemen Robert Mills, Gary Rivard and Ralph Svendsen.

Others to be honored are:

For 40 years service: Ross Sheppard, public safety administrative officer; and Douglas Selby, parks superintendent.

For 35 years service: Robert Tilley, light and power class A meter maintenance man; Milton Bond, class A cable splicer and Raymond Beausoleil, superintendent of light and power department.

For 30 years service: Rodney Wilson and James Williamson, firefighters; Pierre Joly, finance department senior clerk; Gilles Bonin, public works garage foreman; Jean-Marie Geoffroy and Umberto Iuso, chauffeurs; Réal Lemieux, public works service man; Aimé Picard, carpenter foreman.

For 20 years service: James Lothian, artificial ice rink attendant; Jacques Belisle, public works laborer/spare chauffeur; Jean Paul Langlais, public works chauffeur; John Davies, purchasing office procurer; Florent Guérin, central stores fuel pump operator/maintenance man; Gérard Chatigny, light and power class C cable splicer; Rafael Zwittnig, parks class A maintenance man; and Marcel Lefebvre, parks chauffeur.

For 15 years service: J. Kurt Braun, power substation maintenance superviser; Pasquale D'Adamo, Pierre Pilon and Robert Roussel, public works laborers/spare chauffeurs; Mario Mattei, Francesco Racanelli, Gustave Urpesz and Giovanni Sabatini, public works laborers; William Burton, class A mechanic; Giancarlo Bergomi, class A painter; Jean-Claude Michaud, night watchman; Pietro DeLuca, artificial ice rink attendant; and Fire Captain Graham F. Morrison.

Chandelier wanted for city hall

Westmount's mayor is looking for another donation for city hall.

This time it's a chandelier for the main entrance.

The present light fixture does not appear appropriate now that the two large Marian Scott paintings are to hang either side of the foyer after Christmas, says Mayor May Cutler. One was installed there last week.

Anyone wishing to donate a chandelier can contact the mayor's secretary at city hall.

Paintings on loan by Westmount artists have been changed for the new year, bringing a completely new look to the main municipal building.

Box boxer arrested

A man who was spotted knocking over mail and newspaper boxes on Sherbrooke street early last Thursday was arrested west of Claremont avenue by police, public safety officers said.

The man's vandalism spree was reported to have been monitored at 1:57 am by Public Security Sergeant John Everatt and PSO Louis Leger who called MUC police.

The officers then proceeded to right more than 20 boxes found to have been overturned on the south side of Sherbrooke street between Clarke and Claremont.

The suspect was reported to have been taken to police station 15 in N.D.G.

Keys found

Keys fastened to a yellow tag were found Monday last week at 351 Victoria avenue, according to public safety officers. A single was also picked up the next day on Springfield avenue. All were turned in to police at local MUC station 23.



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

Nov 28

449 Stratheona: for Randa Marquis by Bracken Plumbing Specialist, plumbing, seven fixtures, $6,000;
438 Mount Stephen: for Les Immeubles Stephen by Plomberie A.C. Enrg, plumbing, four fixtures, $2,500;
4913-17 Sherbrooke: for U. Salice by self, alterations, $10,000;

Nov 29

51 Delavigne: for N. Matossian by self, bathroom, $8,000;
414 Mount Stephen: for May Cutler by Le Groupe Centco Inc, plumbing, one fixture, $500;

Nov 30

317 Grosvenor: for Dave Smith by D. Panfili, water entrance, $800;
515 Roslyn: for Nick Westeinde by Les Constructions J.C.B. Inc, alterations, $66,000;
467 Mount Stephen: for M.V. Loewy by self, alterations, $60,000;

Dec 1

58 Sunnyside: for F. Lalonde by self, repairs, $5,000;
445 Prince Albert: for A. Anson by Le Groupe Centro Inc, plumbing, 14 fixtures, $5,000;
515 Roslyn: for Nick Westeinde by Plomberie St Michel Inc, plumbing, nine fixtures, $11,000;
78 Summit crescent: for Robert Miller by self, accessory building, $100,000 (see story);
4650 St Catherine: for Ron Pickering by self, windows, $3,800;
319 Redfern: for G. Vanier and A. Vincent by self, solarium, $8,000;
323 Redfern: for M. Rasminsky by self, solarium, $8,000;

Dec 2

4556 St Catherine: for Mr Zibber by self, fence, $150;
654 Belmont: for Eli Share by self, driveway, $7,000;
254 Olivier: for Larry Sakow by Westmount Plumbing and Heating, plumbing, nine fixtures, $4,000;
87 Arlington: for J.K. Pound by self, renovations, $25,000.

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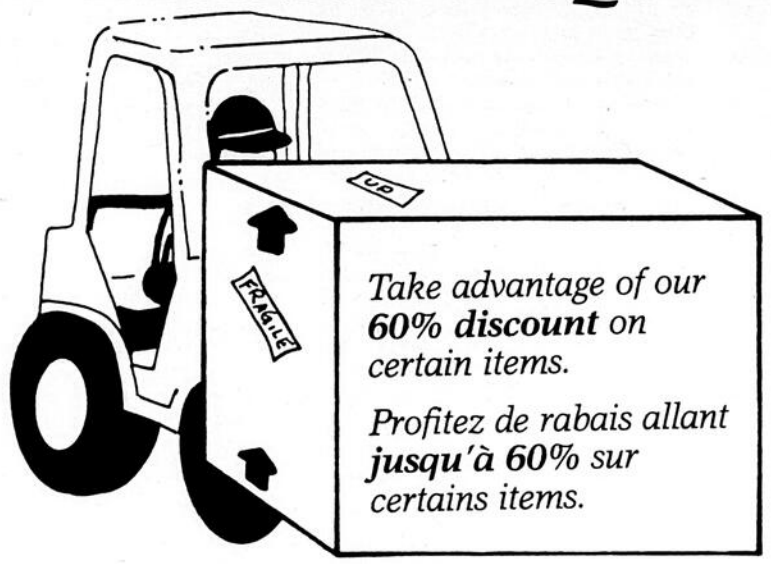
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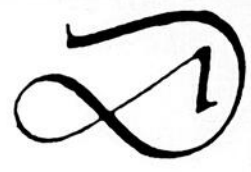
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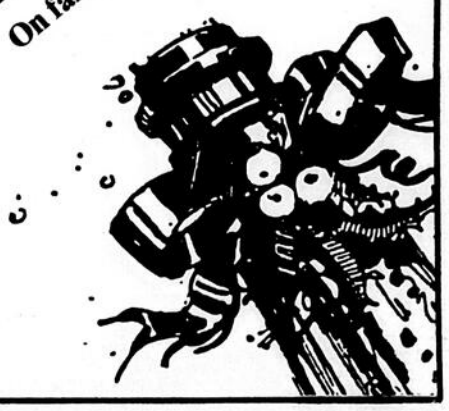
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***Lakers: ghost ships of the Great Lakes*, by Peter David Altobello. 128 pp. Illustrated. Hardcover. $29.95.**

Eden Press, a publishing company formerly based in Westmount and now in Montreal West, has released three new titles in time for the Christmas gift-giving season.

Anglo 2 tries to take up where *The Anglo guide to survival in Quebec* left off. It is a collection of essays, cartoons, photos and bons mots by assorted media persons from *la belle province* and (shudder) Toronto, on "the language issue" and all that that entails.

In general, it fails to be as amusing as its forerunner. This is hardly surprising. There is only so much humor one can milk from Cuvée de Dépanneur, Westmount and poutine.



The book is balanced in its cynicism, treating anglos and francos with equal doses of snideries and asideries, and with contributions from writers of the two linguistic persuasions.

Reading *Anglo 2*, one may get the feeling the book is the result of an evening get-together of clever, funny friends. The Habs were losing in the second period so the TV volume was lowered and everyone started making jokes about every anglo's favorite topic. As the evening wore on, someone decided the material was droll enough to make a book.

Sometimes it is.

"A Voyage West," Mike Boone's guided tour of the West Island for the uninitiated francophone has some wonderful moments. The Université de Québec à Kirkland — UQAK? — being one.

The lyrics of Bowser and Blue should be heard and not seen.

There is a letter from something called Le Doyen de la Communication, in a segment titled "Never give a traducteur an even break," which is worth the price of the book.

Leonard Knott has written "How to be a happy anglo senior in Quebec" which includes an interesting defence of French-only signs. Dwight Pichette, author and convicted bank robber, has contributed a whimsical piece on anglo survival behind bars.

There are many moments that are very funny, and many that miss the mark. Still, the book is good for some laughs, avoids being blatantly tasteless and will make a fine Christmas gift.

Just don't send it outside Quebec — "they" wouldn't understand it.

Cartoon collection

More successful is *1988 Portfoolio*, a collection of caricatures by editorial cartoonists from across Canada. For anyone who enjoys the genre, or for those wanting a less-than-reverential aide memoire to the events of the year, this book is just the ticket.

It should be noted that the book's title is something of a misnomer. Should you purchase this volume in hopes of seeing Ben Johnson do steroids in living pencil, or of seeing our national leaders on the campaign trail, you will be disappointed. What is meant by "1988" seems to be the fiscal (or perhaps school) year 1987-88. Putting together a book like this takes time and to actually "do" 1988 would mean having the book appear sometime next summer.

While the Olympics and the election don't make it, there's still lots to remember fondly. This volume allows us to relive among other events: Canadian-French fishing disputes, the economic summit in Toronto, voting the Haitian way, Black Monday, the death of René Lévesque, free trade negotiations and drought on the Prairies.

According to the book's opening page, the contributing artists gathered to select each other's best



works. The chosen cartoons were then given a textual framework by Charles Gordon.

There are several sections to the book, including "World affairs," "External affairs," "Provincial affairs," through to "Family affairs" and "Miscellaneous affairs." Given the spread of subjects covered, it is a rational way to deal with the material, and it works.

Contributing artists include Westmount resident Aislin (Terry Mosher) of *The Gazette*, Roy Peterson, Duncan Macpherson, Jean-Pierre Girerd, Ben and Vincent Wicks, Susan Dewar, Malcolm Mayes, BADO (Guy Badeaux)... a who's who of Canadian political cartooning. The Atlantic provinces, central Canada, western Canada and the Pacific are all represented, topically and artistically.

It seems pointless to go through this volume picking out particular works for particular praise. There is more than something for everyone; there is a lot for all. There are cartoons that poke fun, there are others that irritate, yet others that touch or move us. None of them are utterly tasteless or offensive — unless, of course, you're Mulroney, Turner, Reagan, Parizeau, Clark, McTeer, Vander Zalm, Broadbent, Hatfield, Crosbie, Carney...

Lakers

The third recent Eden Press release is a complete change of pace from the foregoing.

Lakers: ghost ships of the Great Lakes is one man's attempt to preserve an almost-vanished piece of Canadian heritage — the great steel freighters of the inland waters.

The lakers were more than mere cargo ships. "Built with pride and craftsmanship," their massive steel hulls encased dining rooms, staterooms, cabins and companionways panelled in rich oak, walnut and mahogany. Their red brass fittings and fine woodworking combined to make these ships more than mere hewers of wood and drawers of water. Their serviceable hulls hid hearts of great beauty.

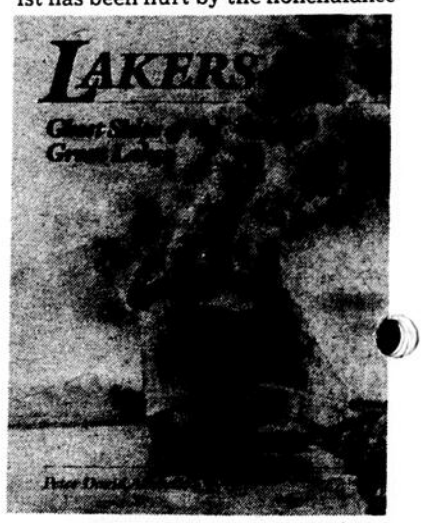
Within the last five years, 23 of these ships have been scrapped, including the last two Canadian-made lakers built before 1930. Only one laker flying the Canadian flag remains on the water today.

Artist Peter David Altobello worked as a deckhand on three of these ships during their last years. Recognizing that something of beauty was disappearing forever, he set about preserving these ships on paper. This book of 64 of his pencil sketches and drawings with comments, notes and log book excerpts, is the culmination of his labors.

Most of the drawings were done in and around the ships on which the artist worked. Some were done, by flashlight, in the scrapyards where the ships ended their days.

Mr Altobello has managed to capture the play of light in the ships' interiors, the functional confusion of the engine room levels, the emptiness of the abandoned cabins.

The comments accompanying the pictures are often poignant. The artist has been hurt by the nonchalance



with which these vessels have been discarded. The drawing on the cover of the book and on page 92 shows the *SS Outarde* (originally the *SS Hobson*) with smoke pouring from her forward portholes:

"September 10, 1985. They set her afire to burn out that beautiful wood, it was too costly to salvage. I could never have imagined it. Goodbye *SS Hobson*, you were a good ship."

Not for everyone, this book will appeal to those who have known and loved boats, maritime historians and anyone who regrets the passing of heritage into oblivion.

— KMH

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At Elysée Theatre:

New Westmount company starts well with Eleemosynary

Westmounter Ilana Linden founded Bulldog Productions, a new Montreal theatre company she vows "will stay alive as long as I do."

Choosing to make her professional directorial debut in a co-production with the Association of Producing Artists, she selected Lee Blessing's feminist, funny and word-loaded (though not wordy) *Eleemosynary* as the fledgling company's first play.

She then cast three excellent actors in the roles, and set about creating an exciting evening of theatre.

She made wise choices, and the production is delightful. But the Montreal theatre community, while complaining about lack of choice and variety in theatre, frequently hesitates to support a new theatre until it's too late — one reason new companies seem to fold almost as frequently as they are founded.

Bulldog's first production deserves larger audiences, and needs those audiences to tell others about the production.

The play tells the story of three generations — a grandmother has had a heart attack, her granddaughter Echo visits her and imagines she knows what her grandmother wants to say. She's in a good position to guess, since her grandmother has talked and talked to her since she started teaching her the Greek alphabet before baby Echo could sit up.

The mother is left in the middle. She has fled her eccentric yet capable mother and avoided the love of her child, whom she named Barbara. "But that was before I came," chides grandmother Dorothea.

We watch and learn about these three women through a series of flashbacks and the progression of time. In the present, Dorothea dies, Artie sends her daughter away again, and Echo determines to win her mother back.

The title of the play is Echo's favorite word. She loves words and, at her mother's suggestion, becomes a spelling bee champion. "I didn't know there was no adult division," she muses. You will learn lots of new words at this play and, in case you want to take the easy way to remember them, the program contains a useful word list. But you may be inspired to browse the dictionary on your own.



Barbara Campbell-Brown, top, and **Geraldine Farrell** at war in *Eleemosynary*.

That's just an amusing by-product of the play, however. Its real content is the struggle that these three exceptional women have and how they deal with it and with each other.

The grandmother was married off straight out of high school and plunged into motherhood instead of college. She takes refuge in eccentricity.

The mother, victim of Dorothea's mad whims, flees; she flees again to Europe and top research jobs when her adored husband dies.

The daughter has her own ways of coping — shaped as she is by these two strong, if distorted, personalities.

Jennifer Morehouse charms us in the role of the youngest of the trio right from the opening moments. We never doubt that she will achieve her desire to win her mother back. Heck, we're ready to take her home and adopt her ourselves should she fail. This young woman (a 1987 grad of the professional theatre program at John Abbott College) is someone to watch; she has a special spark.

Geraldine Farrell plays Artie with a kind of harrassed martyrdom when she is with her mother, and with long-distance longing when she is not. Barbara Campbell-Brown is the grandmother, and while she is wacky, you never forget that she is doing every bit of it on purpose. You might be afraid to leave a young child with your average eccentric. With Dorothea the child may have strange experiences, but nothing more dreadful than a too lively imagination could result.

Adding to the good work by the three actors is a nearly bare set draped by Judy Jonker in white canvas that gives the piece a dreamlike, soft atmosphere. The lighting by Norbert Muncs, one of Montreal's really good designers, enables one role at a time to be featured or suffuses the whole set in a warm wash of softness. It adds to the mood of the play.

Ms Linden's restrained first attempt at professional directing is to be commended.

***Eleemosynary* is at Elysée Theatre, 35 Milton street (near Sherbrooke and St Lawrence) at 8:30 pm Tuesday to Sunday until Dec 18. Box office: 843-6376.**

— Janet Coutts

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Personalized books aren't new, but their quality is improving with better printing technology.

Jane Hutton Williams has a Create-a-Book franchise for Westmount and other west-end municipalities. She has been making and selling her books out of the Haute Tech computer store in the new Village Greene mini shopping mall.

On occasion, Ms Williams lugs her equipment to the lobbies of the Jewish General, Montreal General and Montreal Children's hospitals, with 30 percent of the gross take going to the hospital.

The book titles include *My Christmas Wish*, *Birthday Surprise*, *My Space Adventure*, *My Beach Adventure* and *My Dinosaur Adventure*.

There's also a baby book which can take even more personal information, including the time and place of birth, the baby's pertinent dimensions and the doctor's name.

Ms Williams said she will be selling the baby book at the Royal Victoria Hospital maternity ward through the hospital auxiliary.

Each book has 18 pages of color illustrations, 18 pages of text and a special photograph sticker to make it even more personal when a photograph is slipped inside. There are French editions as well.

Besides the books, Ms Williams sells personalized letters from Santa Claus. They come in two different children's versions and one adult version. The latter is cheekier than the former, but not distasteful.

Gibson comedy at WHS theatre

Two for the Seesaw by William Gibson is the final in a trilogy of plays being performed by Carol Shamy Adult Student Productions.

The play, a romantic comedy, will be presented on Saturday, Dec 10, at 8 pm in the Westmount High School theatre, 4350 St Catherine street. Tickets are $7.50.

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MEET THE AUTHOR: Double Hook Canadian Books on Greene avenue was the site of a book launching last Friday evening. Westmount resident **Dale Thompson**, left, signed copies of his new book *Vivre le Québec libre*. Among those to take advantage of the event were **Maurice** and **Margaret McGregor**.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

Eat Hearty teaches health can be tasty

***Eat Hearty* by Jacqueline Margolese. Ring-binder with dividers. 324 pp. $25.**

Everybody knows, or should know by now, that heart disease is the number one killer in North America. It has car accidents and cancer beaten by a country mile.

And most people know what can be done to decrease the risk of heart disease — no smoking, regular exercise and a healthy diet being paramount.

That healthy diet part gives many of us pause.

Cholesterol is the nemesis. It clogs the blood vessels and causes coronary overwork. Even if we're not eating it straight, our own livers are madly manufacturing it from many of the fats we consume in too-great quantity.

So the answer should be simple. Reduce the fats, in particular those nasty saturated fats, and we're off to a brighter healthier future.

Ah! But what fats! Egg yolks, butter, mayonnaise, cream, chicken skin, sour cream, whole milk, cheddar cheese, bacon. What is life without these? We know: flavorless, dull, bland.

Not so, says Westmount resident Jacqueline Margolese, and with her *Eat Hearty* cookbook she goes on to prove her point.

The book is a revamping of one released in 1974 by Mrs Margolese's husband, Dr Richard Margolese. The latest version is, says Mrs Margolese, "completely new and revised. There are 200 new recipes and 200 that have been updated and changed."



Jacqueline Margolese

General information

The first 19 pages of the book give general information on heart disease, fats, cholesterol and dietary substitutes for "problem" foods. There is no mention in this section of salt, sugar or fibre as elements in a heart-healthy diet. Salt receives a passing mention in the introductory notes for the "soups" chapter.

Mrs Margolese explains: "Every recipe has less salt than a comparable recipe in another cookbook." Sugar too, she says, has been routinely reduced.

She says cholesterol is absolutely the single most important factor in heart disease. For this reason, the book deals specifically with fats and is a low-fat cookbook. Sugar and salt are reduced without attention being called to the fact.

Now about those flavorless, dull, bland foods that are going to appear on the table after we've weeded out the "bad" fats. Do not look to this cookbook to guide you in their preparation. Of the recipes tested by this reviewer, all were judged delicious. Some fairly picky eaters in the under-10 set concurred.

"You can't diet if the food isn't good," Mrs Margolese says. Somehow this doesn't taste like a diet.

The recipes are given in standard cookbook sections such as "soups," "vegetables," "cookies & squares" and "pies & desserts." The sections are easy to find as they are separated by divider pages with extending tabs bearing the title of each section. (The owner of a brand-new *Eat Hearty* must install these in the appropriate spots.)

The sections all begin with a one-page list of handy pointers such as, "When a cake recipe contains 3-4 eggs, omit at least one yolk. The cake will be just as light as those made with the greater number of yolks."

Time, yield, freeze

Each recipe is accompanied by four pieces of information given in italics at its end: preparation time, cooking time, yield and whether or not it freezes. (Mrs Margolese says she tested every recipe over several months and suffered not so much from the groaning board as from the groaning freezer.)

Preparation times are usually short — often less than half an hour.

Some recipes have been adapted for microwave cooking and are so indicated with a little design by their title. It's not particularly visible until you know what you're looking for.

There is a good index in the back which is well cross-referenced so one can find a recipe by name, ingredients or cooking style. For example, Egyptian chicken kabobs are found under barbeque, chicken, Egyptian and kabob.

And all the recipes use ingredients which will help reduce a body's cholesterol: yoghurt for sour cream, skim milk for whole milk, margarine for butter. And, for all that, they taste good.

Using the recipes in this book and the information in the introduction should allow cooks to feed well while learning how to adapt their own recipes to a more fat-sensible way of cooking. And that, says the author, is the point.

"The shift will be made automatically," she says.

The book illustrates ingredient changes that can be made to create a healthier diet. As a sort of incidental bonus, there are lots of good things to eat tucked into its pages.

Eat Hearty is available in Westmount at the Double Hook, Avenue Bookshop and Le Galet.

—K.M.H.

Give generously to Centraide during its fund-raising campaign.

Artlenders to host book-signing party

A book-signing and sale of former longtime Westmount resident Edgar Andrew Collard's *All our yesterdays* will be held at Dan Delaney's Artlenders Gallery, 318 Victoria avenue, on Saturday, Dec 10, from 2 to 4 pm.

John Collins illustrated the book and its cover. He will be present to sign copies. The annual exhibition of his watercolors at the gallery has been held over until Dec 21.

The book is filled with characters, places and events from Montreal's past, all selected from Mr Collard's favorite historical articles from *The Gazette*. The hardcover volume sells for $16.95.

For more information, call 484-4691.

Blue Penguin at Centaur for children

The Saturday morning children's series at Centaur Theatre, sponsored by Ben and Jerry's ice cream, will continue next week, Dec 10, with a presentation of *The Blue Penguin Saga*.

The Creations Etc... company will perform this fairy tale written by 15-year-old Robin Hand. Showtime is 10:30 am and the play is recommended for children three to five years old.

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

By KARL JAROSIEWICZ

Babylon revisited

The International Opera Festival of Montreal, which last summer brought us Verdi's *Aïda*, is planning another grandiose production of a Verdi opera, this time *Nabucco*. Montrealers who can't seem to get enough of these huge stadium-sized extravaganzas will be able to witness the cities of Jerusalem and Babylon come to life on the lavish 40,000 square foot stage, with a cast of 1,000 extras and a host of internationally celebrated singers, on June 1 and 3, 1989. This production features soprano Ghena Dimitrova and baritone Piero Cappuccilli. The chorus, orchestra and ballet troupe of the IOF will perform under the direction of Maestro Guiseppe Raffa. Although this concert isn't until next June, the announcement really isn't premature. From now until Dec 31, opera fans and others may take advantage of a special Christmas offer and receive a gift with their purchase of a ticket to the show. A ticket of $30, $50, or $75 permits you to receive an official program of *Nabucco*; a ticket of $100 or $150 will get you an official souvenir shirt of the event. Both these gifts are to be picked up at the show. The concert will be held (where else?) at the Olympic Stadium. Tickets are available at all Ticketron outlets or through Teletron at 288-2525. For more information, call 845-7757.

Christmas cantatas

Le Studio de musique ancienne de Montréal presents, as its first choir and orchestra concert of the season, its traditional Christmas concert devoted to J.S. Bach. Directed by Christopher Jackson, the choir and orchestra will perform not only the *Christmas Oratorio*, but also the rarely performed *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen*, with soprano Suzie LeBlanc and baroque trumpet player John Thiessen, and the cantata *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, with tenor Alain Duguay and baritone Michel Ducharme joining Ms LeBlanc. The concert will be performed on Sunday at 8 pm in Notre Dame du Très Saint Sacrement church, 500 Mont Royal street east. Tickets are $15, $8 for students, and are on sale at Archambault Musique, 500 St Catherine street east, and Lettre Son, 5054 Park avenue. For information or reservations, call 843-4007.

Christmas spirit

This Saturday, Tudor Hall on the fifth floor at Ogilvy's will be the place to hear singer Barbara Lewis and her show *The Spirit of Christmas*. Tickets are $15 and the show starts at 8 pm. Also at Ogilvy's, children can see the puppet shows *Le Noël des Lajoie* and *The Smith's Christmas* which will be performed this Friday and Saturday, the French performance at 11 am and 1 pm, and the English version at 12 pm and 2 pm. More shows will be given on Dec 15 to 17, and Dec 22 and 23. Juice and biscuits will be served. When visiting Tudor Hall, bring along a gift for a hospitalized veteran and put it under the Legion Christmas tree installed in the hall.

Winter jazz

Le Grand Hotel's Chez Antoine presents jazz musician Dave McKenna on Friday and Saturday from 9 pm to 1 am. McKenna's repertoire includes Broadway show tunes, standard numbers and jazz classics. This is part of Len Dobbin's Winter Jazz Festival which continues every weekend until March 25.

Viva live

L'ensemble vocal Musica Viva will perform a Christmas concert with works by Malcolm, Praetorius, Cable and Sweelinck at Erskine and American United Church, corner of Sherbrooke street and du Musée avenue, on Sunday at 8 pm. Playing under the direction of Geneviève Boulanger, Musica Viva will be accompanied by a brass quintet. Tickets are $10, $8 for students and seniors. For more information, call 389-9426.

Organ donors invited

Thomas Annand will perform Christmas music on the organ at Christ Church Cathedral, on Wednesday at 12:30 pm. This organ recital will include works by J.S. Bach and *Noëls* by Louis Daquin. Contributions will be welcomed. The cathedral is located at 1444 Union avenue. Call 843-6577.

Intimate music

The Concert Intime series of Canadian Amateur Musicians of Montreal presents a free concert on Sunday at 8 pm. The program, to be performed by members of the association, will include music by Mozart, Bizet and Beethoven. Following the concert, refreshments will be provided and the audience will be able to meet the musicians. This event will be held in the auditorium of the Ahuntsic CEGEP, 9155 St Hubert street. Call 681-6950 for more details.

Band's holiday concert

On Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm, the West Hill High School concert band will present a concert and singalong for the holiday season. The show will be given in West Hill High School's auditorium, 5851 Somerled avenue. Admission is $3, $2 for students and seniors, and tickets will be available at the door. All are welcome.

Teenage angst

Théâtre Allegro presents Sue Townsend's *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole*, continuing tonight through Saturday at 7:30 pm in Montreal West Town Hall, 50 Westminster avenue south. Adrian Mole is the bewildered young hero trying in vain to make sense of the adult world and his own confusing adolescent emotions. This story, which began in novel form, was adapted for the stage. This production stars Richard Anderson as Adrian, and is **directed by Christine Stewart Kierans and John Tomasino. Tickets are $8, $5 for students and $3 for seniors** and children under 15. A portion of the proceeds are to be donated to the Montreal Association for the Blind. For reservations and/or information, call 488-4005.

Playing doubles

Mink Communications presents Trevor Rhone's comedy-drama *Two Can Play*, tonight and Saturday at 8 pm, and Sunday at 3 pm. Mr Rhone co-wrote the award-winning film *The Harder They Come*. This play is the story of a West Indian family, their struggle to survive in adverse conditions and their plans to emigrate to North America. *Two Can Play* will be performed by the New Day Repertory Company of New York and directed by Rodney K. Douglas at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte St Catherine road. Proceeds will go to the "Hurricane Gilbert" relief fund. For information, call 484-4971.

Fall of man

The third-year students of John Abbott College's professional theatre program present Lillian Hellman's *The Autumn Garden*. This play, which opened on Tuesday, will run until Saturday, and all performances are at 8 pm with one matinée tomorrow. It's on at Casgrain Theatre on the John Abbott campus in Ste Anne de Bellevue. Tickets are available in advance for $3, $2 for students and seniors, or at the door for a dollar more. Call 457-6610 ext 425 for details.

Dark powers

Leo Tolstoy's *The Power of Darkness*, directed and adapted by Alexandre Hausvater, will be staged at the D.B. Clarke Theatre, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west. The play continues until Sunday, with performances at 8 pm tonight through Saturday and at 2 pm on Sunday. Tickets are $5, $3 for students and seniors. There is no charge for Sunday's matinée performance. For reservations, call 848-4742.

Exhibitions around town

The first major exhibition of Itzik Benshalom's sculptural work is being shown at Galerie d'Arts Contemporains de Montréal, 2165 Crescent street, until Dec 17, from 2 to 5 pm. Call 844-6711. . . . Concordia Art Gallery presents "Printshops of Canada: printmaking south of sixty," until Dec 22. Gallery hours are: Mondays to Fridays, 10 am to 8 pm; Saturdays, 10 am to 5 pm. The gallery is at 1455 de Maisonneuve west. Call 848-4750. . . . "On an angel's wings" is an exhibition of art and folk-tradition works using angels as their common theme. The exhibit continues until Jan 15 at the N.D.G. House of Culture, 3755 Botrel street.

12-speed left

An 12-speed Velosport bicycle was found abandoned at Victoria Hall Sunday, according to public safety officers. It was taken to local MUC police station 23.

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SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY: Mayor May Cutler unveiled a plaque Sunday afternoon commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Westmount Seventh Day Adventist Church building, formerly the Stanley Presbyterian Church (see story last week), while five former church pastors look on. Members of the congregation and the Westmount community attended the annniversary service, which included prayers, singing and a tour of the building.

Music, travel and friends for St Matthias' choirboys

The head chorister calls the "all in," and a dozen or so boys put away their hockey sticks and file into place around choirmaster Graham Knott.

It's another practice for the boys of the St Matthias' Men and Boys Choir. They begin by talking about Remembrance Day and soon are ready to try Healey's music for *In Flanders Fields*. Later they practice liturgical choral responses. They finish with a Victorian hymn.

The selections are representative of the kind of music the boys sing through the year. The choir's repertoire ranges from Gregorian chant through the rich works of 16th century English sacred music for men's and boys' voices, up to modern liturgical settings and anthems.

"How can little boys manage to sing all that stuff?" one amazed new choir parent wonders. "I'm surprised they can even read the words."

With help and explanations from the choirmaster and from the men of the choir, and with lots of practice, the boys do manage both words and music impressively well. What's more, they seem to enjoy the experience. They commit themselves to a demanding September-to-June schedule of three weekly practices, a morning service every Sunday and once-a-month choral evensong.

Only a few of the boys come from St Matthias' congregation families. Most were drawn into the choir through friends or recruitment ads. Once in the group, most stay.

What attracts boys to the rather unusual activity of singing in a church choir? The boys themselves supply several answers.

"I like the songs. We learn a lot," says one 10-year-old. "And we get paid."

"Yes, but not much on a per-hour basis," puts in a friend. "What is fun, though," he adds, "is when we go on trips. Last year we went to Florida. The year before we went to England."

"I like the parties we have," says another, "and the snacks on Sunday morning. Oh, and the ball hockey games."

"I like the Christmas service," puts in yet another. "I always think I don't want to go — I'd rather stay home and open presents and play with my new stuff — but when I get here, there's an orchestra and we have the nicest music of the year. It's fun."

Parents enthusiastic

Parents, too, are enthusiastic about what their boys are learning through the choir. They realize their sons are getting an incomparable musical education by singing in a choir where standards are high and perfection insistently sought after. Moreover, the boys are acquiring some understanding of history, literature and Christian theology. All this is happening in an atmosphere of camaraderie and through the pleasure of working and singing together.

Inevitably, though, the going sometimes gets tough.

"My legs ache after Thursday practice — that's the long one," one child complains.

"On evensong Sundays you don't get any time to play," bemoans another.

Recognizing that the heavy rehearsal schedule together with equally important demands on time such as homework and sports or family activities were discouraging some boys, the choirmaster last year helpfully initiated a homework supervision program so that the boys can cope with their homework efficiently before the choir practice begins.

As a boy can sing in the treble section for only four or five years, the choir is always looking for new recruits of eight to 11 years old.

Any parents who may be interested in the choir experience for their boy should call the choirmaster, Graham Knott, at 933-4295 or drop by the choir room at St Matthias' Church, 10 Church Hill, on any Tuesday afternoon between 5:30 and 6 pm.

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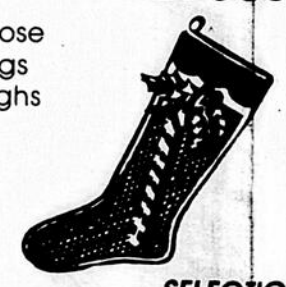
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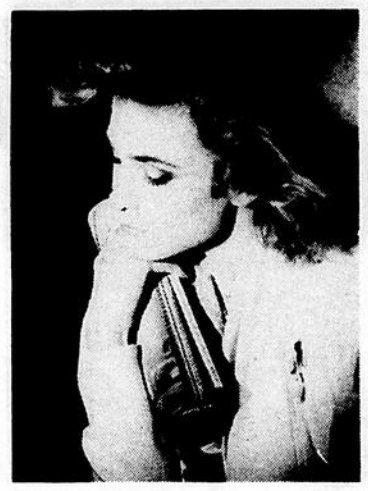
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CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS' LUNCHEON

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It's always a good feeling to know that you're not alone in a struggle. So it was with a real sense of pride that I joined a small group of people who went to see our minister of health and social services, Thérèse Lavoie-Roux.

We were representing the Coalition of Quebec Seniors, a group of Quebec organizations and associations, such as the Golden Age Association, N.D.G. Senior Citizens' Association, Seniors' Westmount Action Group, Senior Citizens' Forum, Concertation des associations de retraités du Québec, West Island Seniors and l'Association québécoise pour la défense des droits des retraités et pré-retraités. We were supported by some 25 other organizations like the Good Shepherd Community Centre, Bell Telephone Pioneers and Conseil régional âge d'or Estrie, representing some 83,000 seniors!

We didn't go to see the minister in a belligerent frame of mind. Rather, we wanted to impress on her the very grave concern seniors across the province are feeling about the state of home care services that are available to older people. And we wanted to express the need to include seniors in her planning of these crucial services.

We reminded the minister that very often home care services, such as help with a bath, or shopping and food preparation, can make the difference between staying at home or having to move into an institution, a decision most older people dread.

Voluntary organizations across the province, like Meals-on-Wheels, Daily Phone Contacts, Recreation and Education Programs, Friendly Visits etc, do a lot to provide essential and often preventive services. But nobody should expect these organizations to assume the major responsibility for keeping seniors in the community. This must be the minister's responsibility.

The group felt that it had had an impact on Mme Lavoie-Roux. She was interested as well in our recommendations:

- That adequate funding be given to CLSCs to provide basic essential services to help seniors remain at home.
- That adequate funding be given to voluntary organizations to help expand and improve preventive services.
- That seniors be part of the consultative process in all matters that affect them.

The minister has promised to get back to the coalition by January.

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A message for seniors who enjoy getting back to the classroom — take note that Concordia's Over 60 Senior Audit Program has their information and admissions for *new students* on Dec 9 and 14 at 10 am and 2 pm. This takes place in the Centre for Mature Students, room H462-11, 4th floor, Hall building, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west. Phone for an appointment in advance at 848-3890 from 10 am to noon and from 2 to 4 pm. You'll need proof of Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant status. And a one-term course costs only $16.50.



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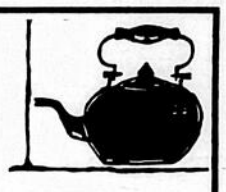
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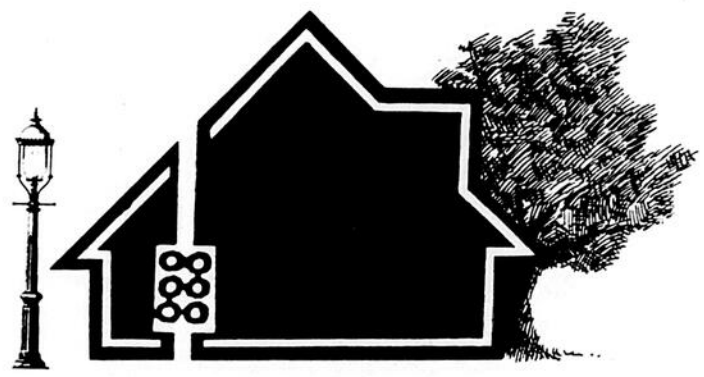
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Negev board elects 'refusenik' as member

Moscow physicist Dr Vladimir Kislik was unanimously elected a member of the board of directors of the Montreal Branch of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He was also named a member of the academic liaison committee of the board.

Dr Kislik is a world-renowned scientist and famous "refusenik." His repeated requests for permission to emigrate to Israel have been refused by Soviet authorities for the past 17 years.

The election resolution states, in part, "We therefore view with great regret the restrictions placed on the well-known Moscow physicist Dr Vladimir Kislik and see these as restricitions upon the progress of science and the advancement of mankind...."

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Ville Marie Foundation starts Christmas drive

The Ville Marie Foundation is holding its annual Christmas campaign until Dec 16. This year's objective is $100,000.

Donated money will be used to assist clients of Ville Marie Social Service Centre at Christmas and for emergencies throughout the year. To encourage money donations, all donors' names are being automatically entered in a draw for a trip for two to Florida (or the equivalent amount of travel). Cheques should be made payable to The Ville Marie Foundation, at 2155 Guy street, suite 1010, Montreal H3H 2R9. Tax receipts will be issued in January 1989.

Those wishing to donate non-perishable food or toys may do so at one of several drop-off points. The nearest for Westmount residents is at the Royal Bank in Westmount Square.

The Ville Marie Foundation was created to respond to the special needs of the clients of Ville Marie Social Service Centre. These clients include shut-ins, single parents, physically and intellectually handicapped people, former psychiatric patients, families in crisis, the unemployed, the sick and the disabled.

Donations to the foundation help pay for food vouchers at Christmas and throughout the year, medications, medical equipment, transportation, educational programs, camps and provide survival funds.

Ninety percent of the foundation's income is used to provide direct help to Ville Marie clients. Every effort is made to keep administrative costs to a minimum.

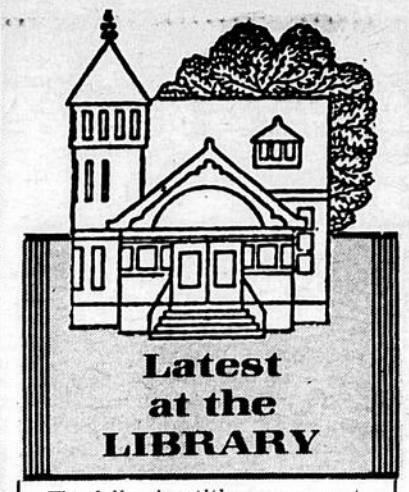
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WCC to hold Christmas lunch

The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal will hold its Christmas luncheon on Monday, Dec 12, at the Château Champlain. Guest entertainers will be the Octet Plus madrigal singers.

Luncheon is at 12:30 pm. Guests are welcome.

For tickets, call Mrs Allison at 933-2139 or Mrs Macklem at 933-8202.



The following titles are new at the Westmount Public Library:

English non-fiction

Roger Angell, *Season ticket*; Joyce Brothers, *The successful woman*; Edward Hoffman, *The right to be human*; Adam Hopkins, *Holland*; Fiona McCall, *All in the same boat*; Nigel Nicolson, *Kent*; David Roberts, *Jean Stafford*; Erich Segal, *Doctors*; Bettina Selby, *Riding the desert trail*; Martin Tolchin, *Buying into America*; *Tyendinga tales* (Mohawk folklore); Alice Walker, *Living by the word*; Andrew Wilson, *Tolstoy*.

French non-fiction

Jean-Luc Aubarbier, *Aimer le Perigord*; Jeanne Louise Campan, *Memoires...*; Daniel Gagnon, *Riopelle, grandeur nature*; Françoise Giroud, *Alma Mahler*; *Le livre du manager*; Musée des beaux arts du Canada, *Guide*; Herbert von Karajan, *Histoire de ma vie*.

English fiction

Heinrich Boll, *Women in a river landscape*; Arthur Clarke, *Cradle*; Anthony Grey, *Peking*; Lynda La Plante, *The legacy*; John Malcolm, *Mortal ruin*; Peggy Payne, *Revelation*; Georges Simenon, *Maigret on the Riviera*; Dorothy Simpson, *Suspicious death*; Violet Trefusis, *Echo*; Elie Wiesel, *Twilight*; David Williams, *Divided treasure*; Hilda Wolitzer, *Silver*; Richard Woodman, *In distant waters*; Hazel Wynn Jones, *Death and the trumpets of Tuscany*.

French fiction

Geneviève Bon, *La saison des bals*; Roch Carrier, *Prières d'un enfant*; Bernard-Henri Levy, *Les derniers jours de Charles Baudelaire*; Christopher Nolan, *Sous l'oeil de l'horloge*; Jacques Savoie, *Une histoire de coeur*.

Children's books

English: Jim Aylesworth, *Two terrible frights*; Eve Bunting, *Ghost's hour, spook's hour*; James Howe, *There's a monster under my bed*; Mercer Mayer, *Terrible troll*.

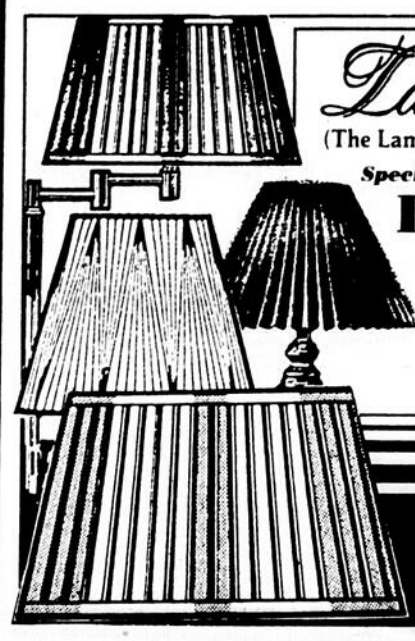
French: L. Dennis, *On joue à chat?*; David McKee, *Il était une fois deux monstres...*; Judy Tatchell et Dilys Wells, *Apprends à te nourrir: quelques principes de diététique*; Nadine Saunier, *Animaux copains: le chat*.

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Pentecostal musicale with singing tree

The music department of the Evangel Pentecostal Church, 1235 Lambert Closse street, is holding its annual Christmas musicale on Dec 10, 11 and 12.

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Chorale d'enfants pour la messe de Noël: les enfants et les jeunes qui veulent faire partie de la chorale avec Denis Jean pour la messe familiale de 20h le soir du 24 décembre, doivent être présents aux deux répétitions les 11 et 18 décembre à 11h à la salle St-Léon.

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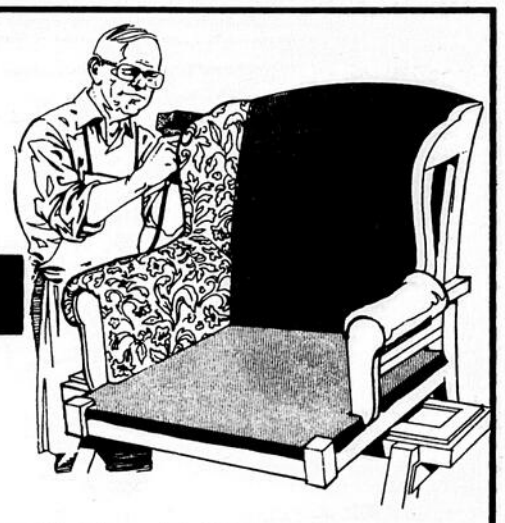
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La semaine dernière, Monsieur le Cardinal Grégoire lui demandait de prendre la responsabilité de la paroisse St-Maxime de Laval. Il quitte donc St-Léon dans les prochains jours.

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Novel gifts at Native craft fair

The Native Friendship Centre of Montreal is holding its first Native Christmas arts, crafts and bake sale Friday and Saturday, Dec 9 and 10, at 3730 Côte des Neiges across from Montreal General Hospital.

The sale will be open noon to 6 pm daily.

Items for sale will include hand-tanned moose-, caribou- and deer-hide crafts such as moccasins, mittens and mukluks; earrings and necklaces of porcupine quills and beads; locally handmade silver-and-turquoise jewelry; Inuit sculptures; beaded belts, head and wrist bands; and other handmade woven and sewn goods.

Members and friends of the Native Friendship Centre of Montreal will be baking and donating cakes, cookies, pastries and Indian bread for sale. Complimentary tea and coffee will be offered.

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Common birthing surgery examined:

Dr Michael Klein heads study on use, effectiveness of episiotomy

By JOANN ISSENMAN

Episiotomy is the most common surgical procedure performed on women in Canada today. In Quebec, more than 80 percent of women giving birth for the first time undergo episiotomies.

Yet, according to Dr Michael Klein, this almost routine surgery has never been studied in a scientific way.

Dr Klein, a Westmounter, is the head of a team that has received a $213,000 grant from Health and Welfare Canada to study the use of episiotomy. He is the chief of the department of family medicine and the Hertzl Family Practice Centre at the Jewish General Hospital as well as a professor of family medicine at McGill University.

Dr Jim Robbins, a medical sociologist, also a Westmount resident, is one of the principal collaborators on the study team.

Episiotomy is an incision that widens the birth canal during childbirth. It is used both to facilitate childbirth and to prevent tears in the region. The procedure came widely into use in the 1950s. Generations of doctors and accoucheurs have been taught that doing an episiotomy has several benefits for both baby and mother.

Clinical lore and medical textbooks have taught that the episiotomy, in shortening the second stage of labor, prevents the stretching of the pelvic floor and associated problems like bladder incontinence and prevents trauma to the baby's head. Furthermore, doctors are taught that a surgical incision is less painful than a tear and will heal faster.

Dr Klein's team will study the traditional teaching and what impact a restrictive use of the procedure might have on the mother's health. In effect, this is a study about the way doctors think about episiotomy and come to their decision to use or not to use the procedure.

Dr Klein estimates that the study will take two years to complete. Four Montreal area hospitals will participate: Jewish General Hospital, St Mary's Hospital, Hôpital Ste-Justine and LaSalle General Hospital.

The randomized controlled trial will study 1,000 women whose births appear to be without complications. A major study question will be whether episiotomy is tied to better pelvic floor health. Dr Klein points out that improvements in nutrition, obstetrical care and the fact that women are having fewer babies could, in fact, be major factors in the decrease of pelvic floor problems since the early 1900s.

Dr Klein's team will also study the degree of pain women experience in episiotomies and small vaginal tears versus remaining intact. They will also consider post-partum recoveries from the two approaches.

The study will examine two types of birth management. Some births will be randomized for a restrictive approach, that is, the doctors will be asked to try to avoid episiotomy. Doctors performing births randomized for a liberal approach will be advised to simply avoid a tear. Those following the restrictive approach will perform episiotomies under specific conditions that warrant the procedure.

Episiotomies are not easy to study, says Dr Klein, as all variables must be controlled. The methodology for randomized controlled trials was developed only in the late '50s and '60s.

"Before that," Dr Klein says, "it was clinical judgment, a matter of one's own personal experience which can vary or might be wrong."

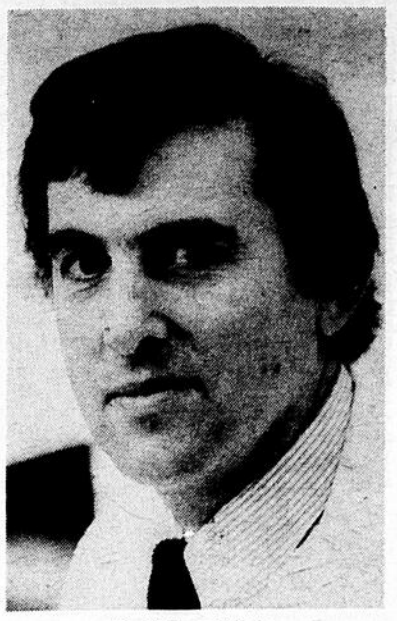
Episiotomy rates in first births vary greatly from country to country, from hospital to hospital and among practitioners. "Obviously with that kind of range in rates, all you can say is that there is a lack of consensus."

More critical

Dr Klein believes that doctors have, however, become more critical about the technique. He says that both the consumer, the woman patient, and nurses have also begun to question the liberal use of episiotomy.

He recognizes that nurses have played an important role in changing the thinking about birth management. It is the nurses who have pointed out that the atmosphere in the birthing rooms was conducive to lowering episiotomy rates and reducing the tension and medicalization surrounding births in the high-tech atmosphere of the standard delivery room. Evidence from studies on birthing rooms published earlier by Dr Klein indicates that episiotomy rates could be lowered.

He notes that episiotomy rates have already started to drop in the four Montreal-area hospitals that are participating in the study. Dr Klein makes it clear that he does not know what the correct episiotomy rate should be, and that alone is one good reason why the procedure should be studied.



Dr Michael Klein

A sabbatical year Dr Klein spent at a hospital in England gave rise to questions about the episiotomy rates in North America. The English hospital had a considerably lower episiotomy rate than Dr Klein was used to seeing and no increase in problems.

"My experience in several places made me question what I was doing, however, I knew that those experiences could not be transplanted, *ipso facto*, to North American experience. There are enough differences that make the situations not comparable."

But the lower episiotomy rates do indicate that a more restrictive approach to the use of the procedure does result in less work for the medical team and apparently less trauma for the mother.

Came from U.S.

Dr Klein was raised in California and New Jersey. He received his undergraduate degree from Oberlin College in Ohio and his medical degree at Stanford University in California.

He says quite frankly that he, like so many other young Americans, came to Canada to avoid participation in the Vietnam War. He was hired by Dr Allan Ross at the Montreal Children's Hospital as senior resident and then chief resident.

He settled with his wife Bonnie in Montreal in 1967. They are residents of Roslyn avenue.

The Kleins have three children. Misha, 25, is a doctoral candidate in medical anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley. Seth, 20, is a second-year student of political science at University of Toronto. Naomi, 18, is a student at Dawson College.

Bonnie Klein is a director at the National Film Board. She directed the widely acclaimed film about pornography, *Not a Love Story*. Her latest film, *Mile "O"*, premiered in Montreal last Sunday (see separate story).

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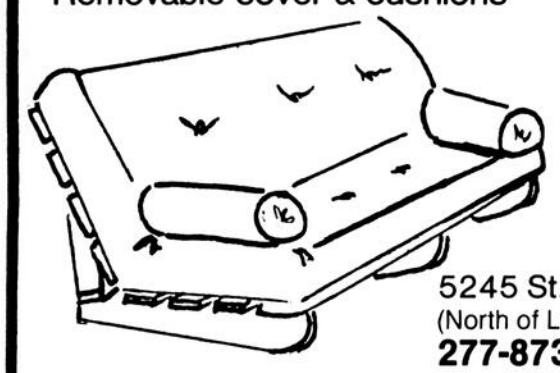
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The annual crackdown on impaired driving was launched last Thursday in Westmount by local MUC police station 23 and continues through Jan 7.

Drunk driving is a crime, says local crime prevention officer Constable Michel Caza.

As a result, he adds, anyone convicted of driving under the influence will have their driver's permit suspended and may have to serve up to 14 years in prison depending on the gravity of the situation.

The start of the police campaign coincides with 33rd annual National Safe Driving Week, which also appeals to motorists not to drive after drinking. Cst Caza will man a booth with safe driving information this week at Place Alexis Nihon.

Impaired driving is the greatest single contributing factor in motor vehicle collisions, causing 50 percent of fatalities, according to the Canada Safety Council.

Each year, some 4,000 persons die in traffic accidents, 2,000 of which are estimated to have involved alcohol, the council states. Statistically, the highest number of traffic fatalities occur in the month of December.

More than 60 percent of all motorcycle drivers killed in 1986 had alcohol in their bloodstream.

The following reminders are provided by the council for safe driving:

- If you have been drinking, call a cab or a friend, take a bus or stay overnight.
- Persuade someone who has been drinking not to drive.
- Do not ride with a drinking driver.
- Buckle up all seat belts since unrestrained occupants are almost twice as likely to be killed in a motor vehicle collision than their restrained counterparts.
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The Red Nose program is in its third year of operation supported by the Régie de l'assurance du Québec and Groupe Desjardins. Participants include CEGEPs of Rosemount, de Maisonneuve, St Laurent and Vieux Montréal as well as the Laval and Longueuil swimming clubs.

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Doré and Cutler confer over 'mountain' entente

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor May Cutler and Montreal Mayor Jean Doré met Tuesday afternoon to talk about the possibility of Westmount's signing an entente to protect "the mountain."

The mayoral meeting at Montreal city hall was also attended by Westmount councillors Rhoda Vineberg and Stuart Robertson and assistant director general Marc Beaulieu.

It stemmed from recent meetings between Westmount city officials and representatives of Montreal's Mount Royal Group (see story last week).

Mayor Doré explained that he would like to have Westmount participate in a Montreal plan to develop and protect "the mountain" area of Mount Royal, Westmount and Outremont summits, said Mr Robertson.

"Doré's point is that for 50 years Mount Royal Park has existed on its laurels so he says they want careful planning of careful development on the whole mountain."

Outremont already has signed the entente, he said.

"Mayor Cutler made the very strong point that Westmount's summit is a bird sanctuary and forested area and is very small and very fragile. Unlike the other two summits, it is surrounded by a residential area."

She expressed Westmount's concern, he said, that promotion of Mount Royal for educational, touristic and recreational uses would be bound to spill over onto the Westmount summit.

"Mayor Doré told us that in our place he would be equally concerned," Mr Robertson said. "I get the feeling he wants to avoid imposing anything on anybody but does want our cooperation."

The entente, Mr Robertson added, is a basically a motherhood-type of issue just stating that the municipalities will work together to protect the mountain.

"Notwithstanding our concerns," he said, "we still are of the feeling that we're better off sitting at the table with the others, than falling by the wayside. So we'll probably sign the entente."

A signing date in January was suggested by Mayor Doré, he said.

The Mount Royal Group, Mr Robertson said, also hopes to get together with other landowners on the mountain such as the Université de Montréal, the Royal Victoria Hospital and the cemeteries for possible opening of their lands for walking circuits.

Residents, merchants can help prevent being victims

Since the month of December traditionally brings with it an increased number of armed holdups, police are asking seniors, lone persons and merchants of small enterprises to take special care.

"These are the groups seen as the most vulnerable to robbery during the holiday season," says Constable Michel Caza, crime prevention officer of local MUC police station 23.

In an effort to reduce the likelihood of being held up, Cst Caza advises Westmount residents not to flaunt valuable jewelry or furs and to carry around only small sums of money.

Drivers are cautioned to keep car doors locked and never to stop for anyone, even a motorist in need. Instead, call for help from a public phone.

When using public transit, he suggests, avoid isolated bus stops or lonely Métro platforms. On buses, remain close to the driver. Hold tightly to purses.

Merchants are reminded to position cash counters so cashiers can be seen from outside and to keep only small bills in the cash drawer.

In case of theft, do not resist. Follow the robber's instructions and pay close attention to identifying features.

Door disappears

A wooden door placed outside at the rear of 1117 Greene avenue was reported stolen Tuesday last week, according to police reports. The door contained six windows and was valued at $150. This was the same location where a screen and plastic containers disappeared the previous week.



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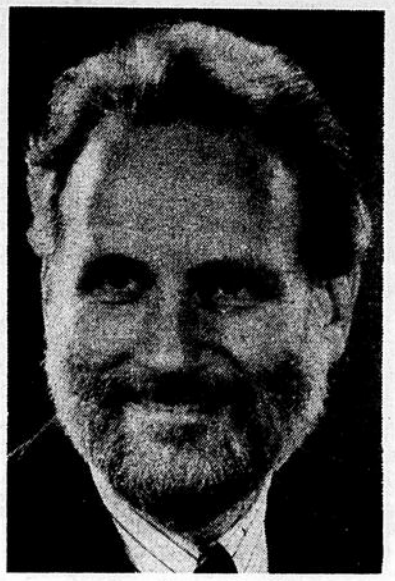
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Meakins family tradition runs strong at Royal Vic

When Clandeboye avenue resident Dr Jonathan L. Meakins became surgeon-in-chief of Royal Victoria Hospital on Nov 1, many said that he was following in the family tradition.

Sixty-four years earlier, in September 1924, his grandfather Dr Jonathan C. Meakins, who lived on Rosemount avenue for many years, was named physician-in-chief at the Royal Vic.

Already a researcher of some repute, the senior Dr Meakins went on to become one of the great names in Canadian medicine. His portrait dominates the hospital's medical pavilion lobby and that of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Ottawa. He was particularly respected for his work in the field of respiratory medicine and the hospital's internationally recognized Meakins-Christie Laboratories are named in his honor.



Dr Jonathan L. Meakins

Jonathan L. Meakins completed his internship and residency at Royal Victoria Hospital and became a member of the staff of the department of surgery in 1974. In addition to an MD, he has a DSc from the University of Cincinnati.

He has been director of one of the department's general surgery services since 1982 and is professor of surgery and microbiology at McGill University. The author of three books and over 200 articles and abstracts, Dr Meakins' research interests include shock and surgical infection, especially the surgical care of the elderly as well as immunobiology and critical care.

His wife, Dr Jacqueline McClaran, is a physician at Montreal General Hospital and is also involved in care of the geriatric patient. They have just returned from a sabbatical year in Paris.

The RVH link did not skip a generation. Dr Jonathan F. Meakins, the father of Jonathan L. and the son of Jonathan C., is the hospital's registrar-in-chief. He lives on Clarke avenue and was a professor of medicine at McGill, a physician at the hospital from 1939 to 1977 and the head of a medical service from 1957 to 1977, when he retired from the active staff.

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SANTA TAKES MÉTRO TO ALEXIS NIHON: Santa Claus, complete with genuine white beard, has taken up his annual residence at Place Alexis Nihon, his only installation in Westmount for receiving the Christmas requests of youngsters. Saint Nick picked a novel way to enter Westmount — he took the Métro! The ride from Angrignon Park to Atwater give him a chance to start his list-hearing even before arriving here. The MUCTC says this is the first time they have delivered Santa to a posting by Métro; it was not clear if the reindeer union had protested. At Place Alexis Nihon Santa is installed in regal splendor; the season's custom-designed decor on a "Renaissance" theme cost $250,000 (U.S.) and is highlighted by a 32-foot music box. The decor collection will be added to each year, building what plaza officials hope will be a new Montreal Christmas tradition.

SAGE tour film gets lively response

The Montreal première of *Mile "O": The SAGE tour* last Sunday at Concordia University, proved to be more than the launch of a thought-provoking film dealing with the controversial issue of nuclear disarmament.

The film succeeded in provoking a spirited response from the approximately 500 people (including children) who attended. They were encouraged to speak out afterwards during a question-and-answer session. One 12-year-old boy approached the microphone and enquired what he could do to help the cause.

Mile "O" goes beyond the documentation of a cross-Canada tour of four Montreal high school students to inform and educate their peers about the growing proliferation of nuclear weapons.

In it the SAGE group (Students Against Global Extermination) reminds us of the grim facts of the arms race. This film is equally illuminating in its account of the discussions, revelations and fears of a class of powerless adults: teenagers under 18.

The SAGE tour members, Alison Carpenter, Maxime Faille, Seth Klein, and Désirée McGraw took a year off their studies, in 1986, after completing high school. They went to discuss the arms issue with other students and to try to convince them that, although they could not yet vote, there were things they could do to effect change. The group enlightened the students to the important effect letter writing has on members of parliament. It urged them to arm themselves with facts and express their concern to their MPs. The group also stressed that discussing these issues with others would help in achieving nuclear disarmament. Discussion may not solve the problem, but it's a step in the right direction.



Désirée McGraw and **Seth Klein**, two of the four-member SAGE (Students Against Global Extermination) tour during a phone-in talk show at CJSB radio in Ottawa.

In total, the SAGE tour visited over 350 schools and spoke with more than 120,000 students, as well as making a stop in Ottawa to meet with MPs from the three main parties. *Mile "O"* records their cross-Canada tour, sharing the members' personal experiences both public and private. Their satisfaction is felt when reaching out to students, and occasional frustration, on encountering a sceptical or hostile reaction, or with a non-complying old stationwagon (their transportation).

The most inspiring notion of the film is simple, yet often dismissed or forgotten is the idea that our democratic right to free speech requires the exercise of that right in those areas about which we feel strongly. The underlying message of Alison, Maxime, Seth and Désirée is, whatever your concern, get informed and get active. One might say they are naively idealistic, yet they are intelligent, concerned and sensitive and, after all, pragmatic.

Judging by the groundswell of support they received during the tour, after the screenings of *Mile "O"* in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal, and through the formation of new SAGE groups, it would seem that going on the road may have been the right path to beginning world peace.

After their tour in Canada, the SAGE members travelled to the United States and the Soviet Union to spread their message.

A NFB/DLI co-production, *Mile "O"* was directed by Bonnie Sherr Klein, edited by Sidonie Kerr (both Westmount residents) and produced by Irene Angelica.

An entertaining and moving film, *Mile "O"* is a film everyone will benefit from seeing. It can be rented or purchased from the National Film Board on film or video. For further information, contact the NFB at Place Guy Favreau, 283-4823. To find out more about youth peace groups in Montreal and elsewhere, get in touch with National Youth Peace Network, 555 Bloor street west, suite 5, Toronto, ON M5S 1X6, (416) 588-5555.

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Pedestrian hit by car hurt badly

A St Laurent woman was taken to hospital in serious condition Tuesday last week after being struck by a car outside 5041 Sherbrooke street, fire officials said.

The mishap occurred about 11:31 am just west of the Westmount city limits. Westmount's first responder unit was called to the scene, however, and its crew rode with the woman to hospital in an Urgences Santé ambulance.

The victim was described by police as suffering a severe head injury. She underwent surgery the following day.

Police attributed the cause of the accident to "negligence of the pedestrian."

The woman was reported to have been crossing from the north side between two parked cars when struck by a westbound car driven by a 21-year-old man from St Eustache.

Public works vehicles draw few tenders

The tenders were few and far between for the purchase of public works vehicles which city council approved at its Nov 7 meeting.

Only one bidder made an eligible tender for the supply of a leaf vacuum. Tarrant Manufacturing submitted a price of $20,650, while a bid by Turfco Inc didn't meet the specifications.

Councillor Peter Duffield, the commissioner of public works, said the Tarrant bid was accepted since it "certainly falls well within what we thought it should cost." He estimated the leaf vacuum would save the city $40,000 annually by cutting down on the manpower required to collect leaves.

For the supply of a new fire truck body, only one company submitted a tender. Tibotrac Inc tendered a price of $83,458.

"There's an interesting story in this, an example of how the city is reducing costs," Mr Duffield said. The truck, fire pumper No 22, is being made from the chassis of an old city garbage truck. He estimated the cost of a new truck would be far more expensive at between $125,000 and $150,000.

Two companies submitted bids for the supply of a sidewalk plow for snow clearing. The low bid of $38,000 by Universal Go-Tract was accepted. Equipement Interprovincial bid $45,935.

For the rental of self-propelled snowblower for the coming winter season, again only two companies tendered. Lito Excavation was the lower at a rate of $110 per hour. Victoria Excavation wanted to charge $155 per hour.

No charges laid after car kicked

A 39-year-old Westmount man was arrested at the arena Saturday soon after the door of a car had been kicked at Abbott avenue and St Catherine street, police report.

The suspect was released unconditionally when the car's owner decided not to press charges.

The incident occurred about 11:20 am when a 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass was stopped at a stop sign. The driver heard a bang on the car and followed a suspect to the arena. Damage was listed at $200.

The victim is a local resident living on Dorchester boulevard. The suspect was identified as living on Lansdowne avenue.

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Comme l'expliquait le Commissaire aux Finances le 2 mai, les résultats favorables de l'exercice précédent étaient attribuables à des revenus de taxes plus éléves que prévus au titre des bâtiments situé dans le secteur Greene/Atwater ($500,000à des droits de mutation additionnels sur la vente de propriétés (355,000$, à la effort accrû au niveau de l'émission et de la perception de contraventions (474,000$), et aux intérêts additionnels produits par les investissements et les arrières de taxes ($405,000). Un montant de 1,500,000$ de l'excédent de 1987 a été affecté aux revenus.

ACTIF IMMOBILISE

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	3,355,908$

La Ville de Westmount a terminé l'exercise 1987 en bonne position financière comme l'indiquent son niveau élevé de liquidités et son bas niveau d'endettement.

- Dette à long terme, nette de la réserve, en fonction de l'évaluation imposable: 2/3 de 1%.
- Dette à long terme, nette de la réserve, par habitant: 437$
- Coût du financement en fonction du revenu total de sources locales: 7.2%.

Prévisions pour 1988

Sur la foi de l'analyse des activités budgétaires de l'exercice courant, nous sommes en mesure de prévoir un excédent à la clôture du présent exercice fiscal. Une réduction de 2,25% des dépenses précédemment inscrites au budget est prévue de même que l'apport de revenus additionnels supérieurs de 1,25% aux prévisions budgétaires précédentes au chapitre des revenus.

Ce résultat favorable de 3,5% nous permettra de rembourser certains règlements d'emprunt plus anciens, impayés et non provisionnés, remontant à 1982 et 1983. Ces règlements d'emprunt sont annulés dans le cadre d'un plan quinquennal d'autofinancement de travaux d'immobilisations effectués en vertu de règlements d'emprunt autorisés précédemment qui n'ont pas été financés par une émission obligatoire.

Budget de 1989

Une fois encore cette année, un Loi visant à modifier diverses lois régissant les finances des municipalités et des organismes intermunicipaux a été déposée à l'Assemblée nationale à la mi-novembre. On prévoit que ce projet de loi 90 entrera en vigueur à la fin de décembre 1988.

Le Conseil profite de cette occasion pour demander au ministère des Affaires municipales de lui accorder un délai pour l'adoption du budget d'exploitation 1989 et du programme d'immobilisations 1989-90-91 de la Ville. Ce délai sera à l'avantage à la fois des propriétaires et du Conseil de la Ville de Westmount.

Les propriétaires seront avantagés du fait qu'ils ne recevront pas de facture de taxes foncières pendant la période des Fêtes et bénéficieront d'un délai d'au moins trente jours pour effectuer le paiement du premier versement.

Le Conseil sera avantagé car il disposera ainsi de plus de temps pour étudier l'effet complet du projet de loi 90 sur la préparation du budget d'exploitation et du budget des immobilisations de 1989.

Au chapitre des dépenses prévues au budget de 1989, l'Administration a respecté les directives émises par le Conseil.

Ces directives étaient les suivantes:

1. Il ne devait y avoir aucune augmentation par rapport au budget de 1988, compte tenu d'un facteur d'inflation de 4,4% et des conventions collectives à négocier.
2. Toutes les dépenses contrôlables inscrites au budget devaient comporter une réduction.
3. Il ne devait y avoir aucune augmentation des effectifs en ressources humaines.

Un examen préliminaire du budget confirme qu'en 1989 les dépenses traduiront une augmentation générale minime, bien inférieure au taux annuel d'inflation.

Le programme triennal d'immobilisations pour les exercices 1989 à 1991 fait présentement l'objet d'un examen. Ces immobilisations seront financées à même les revenus d'exploitation, les fonds de roulement, les fonds des règlements d'emprunt et les revenus produits par les opérations cadastrales.

Lors de l'élaboration du budget pour l'exercise 1989, le Conseil a eu surtout à l'esprit le désir de maintenir, au meilleur coût possible, le niveau élevé de la qualité de vie à laquelle les citoyens de Westmount sont habitués.

Rémunération des représentants municipaux élus

Une nouvelle disposition de la loi régissant la rémunération des représentants élus stipule que le Maire fasse rapport sur la rémunération que chaque membre du Conseil reçoit de la Ville et d'autres organismes inter-municipaux.

La Ville de Westmount verse au Maire une rémunération de 26,571$, dont 8,857$ à titre d'allocation de dépenses. La Communauté urbaine de Montréal lui verse aussi un montant de 4,948$ dont 358$ à titre d'allocation de dépenses. Chaque conseiller reçoit de la Ville de Westmount un montant de 8,857$ dont 2,952$ à titre d'allocation de dépenses.

Nous prévoyons que le budget de l'exercise 1989 et le programme d'immobilisations pour 1989-90-91 seront officiellement soumis en vue de leur approbation à une séance spécial du Conseil qui aura lieu le 23 janvier 1989.

Je vous remercie.

May E. Cutler
Maire de la Ville de Westmount

WESTMOUNT
BY-LAW 1014

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 685 CONCERNING PARKING METERS" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a general sitting held at the City Hall on 5th December, 1988.

The object and purpose of the said By-law is to provide for installation of parking meters in the four following areas in the City:

1) **Sherbrooke Street** – both sides, Wood to eastern City limits; and
2) **Hillside Lane** – east side throughout; at a rate of $0.25 for 60 minutes, prorated, from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday to Saturday both inclusive (except statutory holidays);
3) **St. Catherine Street** – north side, Clarke to Redfern; at a rate of $0.75 for 60 minutes, prorated, from 9 am to 4:30 pm from Monday to Friday inclusive and 9 am to 6 pm on Saturday (excluding statutory holidays); and
4) **Wood Avenue** – east side, de Maisonneuve to Sherbrooke; at a rate of $0.75 for 60 minutes, prorated, from Monday to Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm, both inclusive (except statutory holidays).

Details relating to the said by-law are fully set out in By-law 1014, which is open for inspection by all persons interested at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Westmount.

GIVEN at Westmount, PQ, this 6th day of December 1988.

Robert C. Wilkins
City Clerk

WESTMOUNT
RÈGLEMENT 1014

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le "RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 685 CONCERNANT LES PARCOMÈTRES" était adopté par le conseil municipal de la ville de Westmount, lors d'une assemblée générale tenue à l'Hôtel de ville le 5 décembre 1988.

L'objet et le but de ce règlement est de prévoir l'installation de parcomètres dans les quatre endroits suivants dans la ville:

1) **Rue Sherbrooke** – les deux côtés, de l'avenue Wood aux limites est de la ville; et
2) **Hillside Lane** – le côté est sur toute sa longueur; à un taux de $0,25 pour 60 minutes, au prorata, de 9h à 18h, du lundi au samedi inclusivement (sauf pour les jour fériés); et
3) **Rue Ste-Catherine** – le côté nord, de l'avenue Clarke à l'avenue Redfern; à un taux de $0,75 pour 60 minutes, au prorata, de 9h à 16h30, du lundi au vendredi inclusivement et de 9h à 18h les samedis (sauf les jours fériés); et
4) **Avenue Wood** – le côté est, du boulevard de Maisonneuve à Sherbrooke; à un taux de $0,75 pour 60 minutes, au prorata, du lundi au samedi, de 9h à 18h inclusivement (sauf pour les jours fériés).

Les détails se rapportant audit règlement sont contenus au complet dans le Règlement 1014, lequel est ouvert pour vérification par toutes les personnes intéressées, au bureau du greffier de la ville, Hôtel de ville, Westmount.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 6ième jour de décembre 1988.

Robert C. Wilkins
Greffier de la Ville

WESTMOUNT

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned City Clerk of the City, that at a general sitting held on 5th December 1988, the Council of the City of Westmount, according to Section 81 of the Act respecting land use planning and development (R.S.Q., chapter A-19.1), has adopted a resolution in order to undertake to prepare a planning programme within the meaning of the said Act and in conformity with the development plan of the Montreal Urban Community, the said planning programme to be adopted by the said Municipal Council on or before 31st December 1989.

GIVEN under my hand, this 6th December 1988.

Robert C. Wilkins
City Clerk

WESTMOUNT

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la ville, que lors d'une séance générale tenue le 5 décembre 1988, le conseil de la ville de Westmount, conformément à l'article 81 de la Loi sur l'Aménagement et l'Urbanisme (L.R.Q., chapitre A-19.1), a adopté une résolution à l'effet d'entreprendre l'élaboration d'un plan d'urbanisme au sens de ladite Loi et en conformité avec le schéma d'aménagement de la Communauté urbaine de Montréal, ledit plan d'urbanisme devant être adopté le ou avant le 31 décembre 1989.

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Robert C. Wilkins
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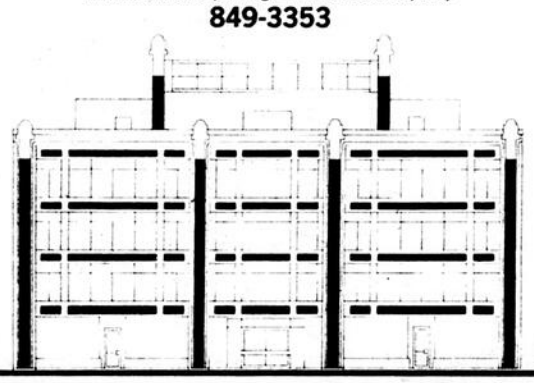
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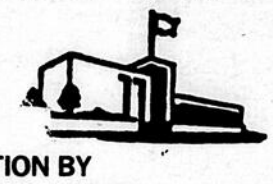
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OUR MP . . .

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Next Monday, we get down to brass tacks with the election of the speaker and the opening session of the 34th Parliament.

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OUR MNA . . .

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ought to provide some hope of a durable settlement. It ought not to be obscure, complex nor legalistically calculated, nor ought it to invite further court challenges. Quebec needs to put the signage controversy behind it.

I continue to believe that the party policy of priority and promotion for French without prohibition for other languages constitutes the most appropriate response for the majority of Quebecers.

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YOU SAY . . .

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to toss away the one remaining tangible asset they continue to hold after doing their job for so many years.

They need to sell the building, or possibly rent it at market rates, and use those funds to renew their purpose where it is still required. Otherwise, Unity would be letting its mandate disappear, and the citizens would be getting something (for nothing) which they might or might not be able to care for over time. Or worse still, in some bizarre example of dog-in-the-mangerism, the building would be destroyed and replaced with a half-dozen row houses, adjacent to the railway tracks.

The citizens' group should certainly be interested in the building and their assessment document contains a good way out of this dilemma: they should foster the arrival of some community-oriented new owner who will provide the necessary funding to pay the value of Unity's financial asset and to secure the stable future of a rare facility in lower Westmount.

The right community-oriented owner would be able to make some of the building space available for community services and keep the building in good shape on an ongoing basis.

It appears that just such a prospective buyer is in the wings, but is sure to evaporate if this matter is not resolved promptly.

If zoning changes are required, the city should be happy to make them fast rather than see the building be derelict or torn down. The neighboring citizens should recognize this is their best chance to preserve some form of community structure and purpose where land and facilities are scarce and money scarcer.

M.D. Apedaile

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Council must be careful in budget considerations

Sir: Since city council has delayed its budget for another month, now is the time to make some suggestions on what it should contain.

As all of us know, the 1988 valuation roll was — categorically — the worst to be presented in my experience with Westmount over the past 16 years. A mere fraction of the objections have been heard (no less ruled upon) to date, and another fraction have had hearings scheduled for the first three months of 1989. It will take a long time to rectify this roll.

In the meantime, those taxpayers who are objecting have to suffer another year of voluminous tax bills which are unjustified by any decent yardstick. Many citizens simply will be unable to pay. On top of this last year's tax bill was higher than it had to be in order to provide funding for a "heritage grant" which would be returned to any taxpayer who applied for it (and most did) in the form of a relatively minor cash payment.

My first suggestion, therefore, is to leave out the "heritage grant." While it may have helped some taxpayers who had refunds equal to the amount of the increase, there were many for whom it helped *reduce* their overall tax bill, and many more for whom it made little difference: a $600 or $800 refund compared to a $3,000 increase hardly made a dent.

Secondly, I hope Westmount can take advantage of its privilege of spacing out payments for the taxes — as it did under duress last year. Those who must pay out of their earnings cannot come up with thousands of dollars in one shot. While a provincial proposal last year would have allowed senior citizens to delay payment until such time as they died or sold their houses, they are not the only ones who would thus be mortgaging their houses to pay the taxes — many others either did or at least considered taking out such mortgages.

Third, I would suggest that city council consider refusing its right to freeze the 1989 valuation roll for a three-year period (if, indeed, it can do so as a member of the Montreal Urban Community). The new roll is, for the most part, an uncorrected projection of the 1988 roll and contains the same mistakes.

At the same time, Westmount should make it clear to Quebec City that Bill 90 is inadequate. The new proposals being prepared have essentially closed the barn door once the horses have left: it allows municipalities to soften any increases between 1988 and 1989 by bringing them forward in stages over three years. Only eight of a sample of 200 properties I have examined have increases of more than 30 percent — this compared to last year, when the *average* increase was 40 percent, and some 600 properties were over 100 percent.

Furthermore, Bill 90 requires that all contestations for the 1989 valuation must be filed before May 1, 1989, or else the ratepayer is condemned to pay taxes on that valuation for three years. Even a new purchaser is required to live with the taxes his predecessor has accepted, no matter what he (she) pays for a property.

I have been told that the reason for council's delay of the 1989 budget is to consider all these matters more carefully. I am sorry they will have to do this through the holiday season, but I hope they will be very, very careful as they do so.

Andy Dodge

331 Lansdowne avenue
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'Typical' rear-ender ends with surprise twist

A WOMAN was driving west along Sherbrooke street at Strathcona avenue Friday when she hit the car in front. It appeared to be a typical rear-end collision.

The victim, however, failed to stop, and for good reason: the car turned out to have been stolen, police said.

The story began to unfold as the woman reported the accident and licence plate number. Police traced it to a 1987 Mazda that had been stolen in St Lambert.

The car was later recovered on Strathcona where it appeared to have been abandoned. The woman stated it had contained two or three occupants.

Her own car, a 1987 Toyota, sustained over $500 damage to the front end. The woman lived in St Louis de Terrebonne.

MARCOS . . .

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ual immigration cases.

Mr Maffre said any Filipinos who want to come to Canada must apply for a visa before they can come, and that criminal conviction would be reason enough to keep someone out.

"We're under no obligation to give a visa in a certain time frame," he said, adding that any pending court action would probably result in the visa officer's delaying a decision on an application.

Visitor's visas can be issued the day they are applied for, while a permanent resident's visa usually takes seven or eight months to process.

Mayor May Cutler said Tuesday that Ruth Archibald, chief of staff for Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall, has assured her that neither Ferdinand nor Imelda Marcos have applied to enter Canada either as visitor or immigrant.

"So Westmount, it appears, does not have to worry about any new visitors," she said.

Mayor Cutler said she had contacted the Canadian immigration department after hearing the news

"There is no record for either Marcos applying as either immigrants or visitors," she said.

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Wallet snagged

Someone stole a wallet from the purse of a woman working in a boutique at Westmount Square Friday, police report. The wallet contained $130 and credit cards. There were no suspects. The theft occurred between 9:30 am and 2 pm.



ROTARY DONATION: The Rotary Club of Westmount recently gave a $4,500 cheque to the Fondation Paul Gerin-Lajoie for a project to provide to food to high school students in Senegal. **Ameth Hall**, left, receives the cheque on behalf of his community in Senegal. Looking on are, from left, **Paul Gerin-Lajoie**, foundation president, **François Gerin-Lajoie**, Rotary member and son of Paul, and **James Griffin**, Rotary Club president. A further $13,500 has been donated by the Canadian International Development Agency, and $500 from the Dakar Rotary Club in Senegal.

Council approves lot changes, extensions

Westmount city council approved a series of cadastral operations and approvals for building over the building line at its Nov 7 public meeting.

Cadastral operations, which amalgamate the lot numbers of the land a building is on and replace them with a single new lot number, are required before changes may be made to the building.

Council approved cadastral operations at 809 Upper Belmont avenue, 218 Edgehill road and 1245-71 Greene avenue so that extensions could be made to each; at 351-53 Victoria avenue to convert the building into office condominium space; and at 329-331 Grosvenor avenue to convert into residential condominiums.

The Grosvenor conversion, which divides the duplex into two separately owned living spaces, was authorized by the Quebec rental board since it complies with provincial legislation regarding divided co-ownership.

Approval was given to two commercial and two residential property owners to build over the building line. Steps, a ramp and a bench will be built eight feet in front of the 10-foot building line outside the doors to the office at 4100 St Catherine. A free-standing commercial sign will be erected five feet in front of the 10-foot building line outside Club Copie printers at 326 Victoria.

Permission was given to the owner of the house under construction on the corner lot at 2 Ramezay road to put entrance stairs 10 feet in front of the 10-foot building line on both Ramezay and St Sulpice.

The owner of another new house, at 521 Lansdowne avenue, will also be allowed to build steps 10 feet over the 10-foot building line to conform with the other houses on the street.

What a feeling!

A 1988 Toyota was scratched along the passenger side last Thursday while parked outside 60 Somerville avenue, police report. The amount of damage was not known. The car belonged to a local resident who discovered the vandalism at 3:15 pm.

Refurbished Westmount Florist a going Pickrell family concern

By CARA MACNAUGHTON

When George Pickrell enlisted in the navy during World War II, he was not surprised to be assigned to a ship named the HMCS *Trillium*. The 17-year-old able-bodied seaman was already dreaming that when the war was over, he would become a florist.

"I'd always been interested in agriculture and botany, and towards the end of the war I wrote to several Montreal florists and asked them what courses I could take to study the florist industry," Mr Pickrell says. There were no courses at that time, but by December 1945 the young ex-seaman was hard at work as a florist's apprentice.

Today, at 63, Mr Pickrell is the proud patriarch of a nine-member family clan that owns, staffs and operates Westmount Florist Inc. The business includes well-established floral shops in Westmount and Pointe Claire as well as several real-estate holdings.

The clan includes Dora Pickrell, a former British Army WAC whom Mr Pickrell met while she was holidaying in Quebec in 1947, sons Peter, David and Stephen Pickrell, daughter Christine Pickrell, daughter-in-law Marie Pickrell, son-in-law Michael Schultz and nephew Danny Laurenço.

The Westmount shop at 360 Victoria avenue has just undergone a major renovation that has quadrupled its size. A spacious glass-walled display area, flooded with natural light and banked with pink poinsettias, azaleas and pine cones surrounding a Christmas tree, suggests a gleaming conservatory decorated for the festive season.

Masses of scarlet poinsettias flank an antique pine armoire whose shelves are lined with brass floral containers. Other old pine furnishings offer collections of crystal and stuffed teddy bears. The antique pieces, which the Pickrell family brings in from the Quebec countryside, are also for sale.

Proud though he is of his elegant new shop with its Victorian-style oak wainscotting and pastel floral wallpaper, Mr Pickrell seems proudest of his family. All four of his children have joined the family business. The two youngest, Stephen and Christine, gave up outside careers and took large cuts in salary when they came aboard.

"We've always worked together. The kids grew up listening to their mother and myself talking about the business. They've all seen it grow. Peter and David, my two oldest, always worked here as youngsters, coming in and making up boxes of flowers after school and on weekends," Mr Pickrell says.

"It was ideal in the old days when my children were young, before seat belts and infant car seats were required. Dora and I used to pack all four kids in the grower's box, put it in the back of the truck, and make our deliveries on the way home at night."

The four young Pickrell adults, who function as a harmonious crew with a minimum of sibling scraps, will take over Westmount Florist and its related businesses when he and his wife retire, Mr Pickrell says. Each family member already owns common voting shares in the corporation.

"I've had a lot of luck raising my children, and most of the success is due to my wife," Mr Pickrell says. Dora Pickrell adds that "the children work very hard. They never drag their feet and they really enjoy their work."

The key to his firm's 26 years of successful growth is indeed hard work, maintains the *pater familias*. "We enjoy what we're doing and we enjoy the people we serve. It's a highly personal business. For example, there are countless customers who call at 3 pm needing a birthday or an anniversary bouquet by 6 pm that day, and we always get it to them."

Tastes have changed in the flower business, Mr Pickrell says. "The trend for the past 10 years is towards exotic blooms, flowers like birds of paradise, lilies, alstromeria and African daisies."

Nearly all of these flowers are grown outside Canada, most of them in Holland, although "flowers are arriving by air daily in Montreal from Israel, South America and the United States."



George, Dora, Christine, Stephen and David Pickrell. *Photo by VALERIE TETLEY*

The Pickrells buy blooms at the gigantic Aalsmeer daily auction in the Netherlands, using either agents at the auction site or wholesalers in Montreal who work from their requisition sheets.

The blossoms are costly, about $2.50-$9 each. These days they are sold individually rather than by the dozen or half-dozen as in the past.

"But we find that people are spending more money on flowers than they ever did. People today want those expensive blooms and they won't take no for an answer," Mr Pickrell says.

Downstairs in the floral design room an atmosphere of cheerful pandemonium prevails as David, Christine, Danny and several members of their staff work on an exceptionally large order. Within a few hours, thousands of blossoms will be artfully coaxed into 50 different floral arrangements to decorate the Windsor for a professional association's gala ladies' night.

David, who is the company's chief designer and buyer, has chosen a tawny color scheme for this job. He works surrounded by pails of fragrant orange sabrina roses, freckled appledoorn lilies, vivid russet-hued gerbera, yellow chrysanthemums and branches of bittersweet.

Across the table, Christine is arranging two massive bouquets in oriental vases that will be displayed in niches at the gala. Her arrangements are airy and uncluttered, slightly Japanese in appearance.

"David taught me to arrange flowers," Christine says. "He's the artistic one. But you also learn by keeping your eyes open. The floral industry is just like the clothing industry — all the styles keep coming back."

"After you've been doing this for 14 years it comes easily, but originally I learned floral design from my father," David says. "I also keep in touch with friends in the industry and when I travel I always check out the flower shops."

Christine, who was a bride herself two years ago, is the firm's wedding consultant. Westmount Florist does about 115 weddings a year, mostly during the spring, summer and fall seasons.

"I like doing bridal bouquets and all kinds of dainty things. The guys prefer to do the big pieces like church displays," says the family's youngest child. She is their only daughter and bears a striking resemblance to her mother Dora.

"We're a close family in other ways, outside the business. We all see each other on weekends," Christine continues. "And our staff is like family too. I used to work for a large corporation and the situation was very different."

Stephen, the company comptroller, is upstairs working on the computer. Michael is out supervising the five-vehicle fleet of delivery trucks. Peter is not on hand in the Westmount head office because he manages the Pointe Claire branch, where he successfully introduced a line of antique Quebec pine furniture a few years ago.

Westmount Florist opened in 1962 on St Catherine street near Greene avenue. The firm moved to 360 Victoria avenue in 1972 when Mr Pickrell purchased the four-storey office building.

Robber let the meter run while he stole cigarettes

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A robber who kept a taxi waiting while he stole cigarettes from two local merchants managed to escape pursuers Saturday afternoon, police report. He had run up a cab fare of $14 when he took off.

The incident occurred about 3:30 pm at St Catherine street and Metcalfe avenue after the man had picked up the taxi in front of 5730 St Lawrence boulevard.

Telling the cabbie he had errands to do, he directed him to stop first outside the Metcalfe Pharmacy. In relating the incident, police said the man asked the cashier for information on batteries, then for cigarettes. When he was asked to wait his turn in line, the man reached over the counter and helped himself to three cartons of cigarettes.

Armed with the loot, he returned to the taxi where he dumped the cigarettes on the floor and went next to the Perrette store nearby. There he was reported to have helped himself to another three cartons.

When the manager tried to stop him, the thief pushed him to the floor, dropping two of the cartons, and fled to the taxi. The driver refused to drive on and the thief took off by foot.

Meanwhile, Allan Cameron, the city's animal control officer, spotted the Perrette man chasing someone who jumped into a taxi, public safety officers said. Mr Cameron parked his van to block the taxi and then began to chase the suspect when he got out of the cab.

The robber fled north on Metcalfe, west in the lane behind the stores to the dead end at Ingleside. There, he scaled two fences and looped back east to Metcalfe, ending up in the lane heading east to Kensington avenue where he disappeared.

MUC police arrived and took statements from victims and pursuers.

The robber was described as a white man, speaking English with a French accent. Aged about 25, he was very slim and had a small moustache, brown hair and "very red eyes."

Sic transit Gloria clothing

Someone broke the display window of the Gloria boutique on Sherbrooke street near Prince Albert avenue early Friday and snatched $12,000 worth of leather and suede clothing, police said.

The alarm system was triggered summoning police at 4:30 am but no sign of the burglars could be found.

A witness was reported to have seen three persons entering and leaving the premises.

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PAGEANT PRACTICE: The Study's junior school Christmas concert will take place this Friday, Dec 9. Preparing for their roles in the performance are, in front from left, toy soldier **Shannon Smith**; Rudolph, alias **Marie Khediguian**; and **Rebecca Lovell** as Mrs Claus. In the back row, from left, are Jumping Jacks **Andrea Batsis** and **Kimberly Lallouz**, and **Pinar Buyukkurt** as the Fairy Doll.

Set for Tuesday:

Students, staff prepare for WHS gala open house

By SARAH STAR

Westmount High School will be having an all-day open house on Tuesday, Dec 13. Although it is aimed mainly at students and potential students, any member of the community is welcome to come and experience the new spirit at WHS.

The public will be able to come and see the school in action from 8:20 am to 2:48 pm. In the evening, from 7:30 to 9:30, visitors will be able to speak with the teachers and administration. There will be special displays in most classrooms.

One purpose of the open house is to emphasize the multiculturalism in the school. WHS is proud of the diversity of its student body and wants to show that it attracts all kinds of people from all kinds of backgrounds.

John Guinty, an English teacher at WHS and one of the open house coordinators, said, "Many schools seem very successful because most of their students are from only one background. In my opinion, one of the great features of life at WHS is that our students are from many backgrounds, cultures and religions. In today's world, I think that is one of the most valuable assets a school can give its students."

The open house is also being presented so potential students and their parents may see what the school is like on a typical school day.

During the open house, the public will be invited to go from room to room looking at various displays.

Programs sharing the building with WHS, such as Anita Dunn's office-specialist program and Tina O'Flaherty's medical-training program, will be presenting exhibits. Some after-school activity groups will be giving demonstrations. The new WHS choir will be singing Christmas carols around the school in good old-fashioned wassail style. One of the WHS guidance counsel-

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lors, Joyce Morrison, will be giving a workshop on "Preventing a crisis." The home economics students are planning to serve snacks they have made to visitors.

The open house should offer the public an opportunity to see how things are done at WHS.

Registration now for '89 Y courses

The Westmount YMCA is offering courses in fitness and dance starting Jan 9. By registering now, places in the classes can be guaranteed.

Preschool classes will also be starting on Jan 9.

To register, visit the offices of the YMCA at 245 Victoria avenue, suite 220. For information, call 931-8046.

Seasonal special at Museum gallery

The Art Sales and Rental Gallery of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts is presenting "Collector's Christmas" from Dec 8 to Jan 8.

The selection is designed to appeal to Christmas shoppers: works of varying sizes and media, something to please everyone, and all under $500.

"Collector's Christmas" is at 1379 Sherbrooke street west, street level, and is open Tuesday to Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm. Admission is free.

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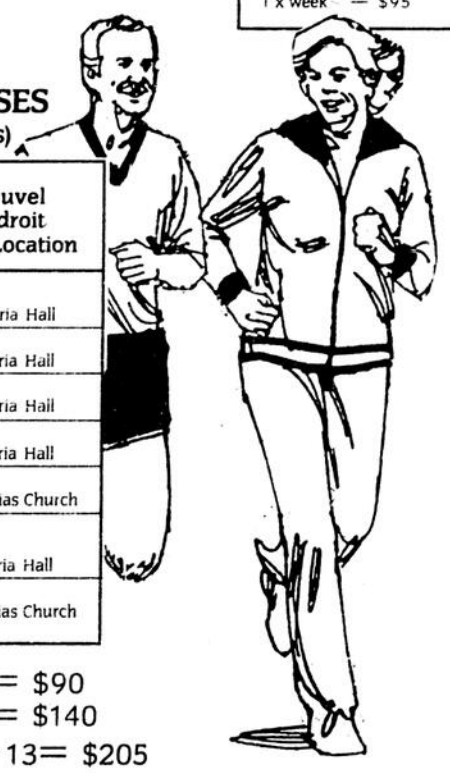
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Souplesse & Vigueur Stretch & Strength		9:00-9:45		9:00-9:45		Victoria Hall
Aérobiques à la faible Low Impact Aerobics	9:15-10:15		9:15-10:15		9:15-10:15	Victoria Hall
Entraînement Lève-tôt Early Bird Fitness	7:00-8:00	7:00-8:00	7:00-8:00	7:00-8:00	7:00-8:00	Victoria Hall
Entraînement avant-midi A.M. Fitness	8:15-9:15		8:15-9:15		8:15-9:15	Victoria Hall
Entraînement matinale Mid-Morning Fitness	9:15-10:15	9:15-10:15	9:15-10:15	9:15-10:15	9:15-10:15	St. Matthias Church
Entraînement du midi Noon Hour (lunchtime) Fitness		12:50-1:50		12:50-1:50		Victoria Hall
Entraînement de soir Evening Fitness	18:10-19:10	18:30-19:30	18:10-19:10	18:10-19:10	18:10-19:10	St. Matthias Church

DANCE/DANSE
Programme d'Hiver (11 semaines) —Winter Program (11 weeks)

Cours/Course (11 weeks)	Lun. Mon.	Mar. Tues.	Mer. Wed.	Jeudi Thurs.	Ven. Fri.	Nouvel Endroit New Location
Instructor: Sheila Lawrence			ADULT			
BALLET JAZZ: INT./ADV. 1 x week = $95	10:30-12:00		10:30-12:00			
2 x week = $160	18:00-19:30		18:00-19:30			Victoria Hall
3 x week = $240						
BEGINNERS 1 x week = $90	19:30-20:45					
2 x week = $155				11:30-12:45		
Instructor: Carol Lanctôt						
BALLET: BEGINNERS 1 x week = $90		10:00-11:15		10:00--11:15		Victoria Hall
2 x week = $155						
BALLET: INTERMEDIATE 1 x week = $95		11:15 -12:45				



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Six young Vietnamese refugees learn to live in West

By CHARLES MAPPIN

A year after moving in with their Westmount foster families, six teenage Vietnamese refugees are slowly adjusting to their new way of life.

They have begun to blend into the community and to overcome the problems associated with extreme cultural differences and the trauma they went through to get here.

Five of them are attending grades 10 and 11 at Westmount High School this year after many months of intense English language tutoring.

The six arrived in Montreal Dec 2 of last year — together with a seventh teenager who now lives in St Bruno — after escaping from Vietnam to the Palawan refugee camp in the Philippines.

They found homes in Westmount thanks to efforts during the summer of 1987 by local refugee advocate Ann Robson in co-operation with the provincial government's unaccompanied minors refugee program, the Church of the Advent, and Terre Des Hommes Canada, a non-profit organization for international co-operation.

Last Friday night, exactly one year after their arrival at Dorval airport, the teenagers went out for a celebratory dinner in Chinatown with Miss Robson and some of their new parents.

A model teenager

Nguyen Yung Thien, now 18, lives with the Macnamara family on Winchester avenue. Joyce and John Macnamara, together with their 12-year-old son Kieran, are pleased with how things turned out.

"He's a model," Mr Macnamara says of Yung. "I think we all ought to take our kids over to Vietnam and have them brought up properly. I don't think you could expect a better person living in your home."

Mr Macnamara says Yung has become a big brother to Kieran and the two sometimes do things together such as going to the movies.

Yung is in grade 11 at Westmount High. He works at the National Food Shops after school and on Saturdays.

He's not at all anxious to finish at high school. He says he still has a lot of studying and learning to do, particularly in biology and literature. He plans to attend CEGEP and then McGill University.

He points out many differences he has noticed between life in Westmount and life in Vietnam. He finds Westmounters very quiet and private, and explains that the Vietnamese are friendlier to their neighbors.

Mr Macnamara seems pleased with the prospect that Yung will remain with his family for some time to come.

A tougher time

Pham Hiep Cong and Pham Thu Ahn Viet, 17-year-old cousins, live with Michael and Tatsuko Cooper and their two children on Arlington avenue. Mr Cooper says his family has had a tougher time with its two newest members.

"I didn't realize the difficulties we would have," he says, adding he now realizes it might have been better to split the two boys up. He says they keep to themselves a lot and are reluctant to become part of the family.

"I attribute it all to the cultural differences. We know so little about their culture, it's like night and day," Mr Cooper says. "It was a hard thing these kids went through and they still show the scars."

Hiep and Thu went through months of English lessons last year. During the summer, they spent a month at Camp Nominigue and then a second month working on an English farm in the Laurentians. They are now in grade 10 at Westmount High.

"They have incredible problems with the language. There are tremendous differences in how they conceptualize the world from the way we do," Mr Cooper says.

Despite his frustrations, Mr Cooper remains optimistic. "A lot of good things have happened. We have offered them our home and we're looking after them. They're adapting fairly well at school and their English is getting better."

Hiep and Thu are shy of talking about their life, but are quick to say the Coopers "have been very nice to us."

Hiep says he is doing alright in math, but finds he has a lot of studying to do. He writes to his family in Vietnam regularly, but has little idea of what he'll do in the future.

"I visit God every Sunday to go to heaven," Hiep says. Like many of the other teenagers he attends Montreal's Vietnamese Catholic church.

Problem with English

Ngoc Hoang Huong Thei, a 16-year-old girl, is with Sheila McDonough and her two children on Claremont avenue. She is also in Grade 10 and says she has a real problem with English.

When asked if she speaks a lot of Vietnamese with her friends outside the classroom, she replies, "and during class also."

Eighteen-year-old Vu Chinh So Pa lives with Concordia University professor William Raso on Clarke avenue. He's in grade 10 and works at the Victoria avenue Steinberg's on Saturdays.

Chinh says he found the snow a strange sight when he arrived last year after spending 20 months in the refugee camp. At first he just stayed inside his new home, but soon ventured out and began to discover the city.

Tran Chuong Van moved in with Paul and Sandralee Gauthier and their six children on Cedar avenue. He has since found an apartment with a friend of his and now works in a Vietnamese restaurant.

Huynh Thi Bich Hai lives with a family in St Bruno. She is now studying at Dawson College and plans to go into health sciences at Champlain College in January.

At Friday's dinner, Ann Robson looked over the group of teenagers with loving eyes. Several years ago, she sponsored three refugees, two of whom still live with her.

As Miss Robson snapped off photos of them all, the teenagers expressed admiration and thanks to the lady who is greatly responsible for the lives they lead today.



At the first anniversary dinner of their arrival in Montreal are, left to right, Vietnamese refugees **Ncog Hoang Huong Thei, Huynh Thi Bich Hai, Vu Chinh So Pa, Nguyen Yung Thien,** refugee worker **Ann Robson, Pham Thu Ahn Viet** and **Pham Hiep Cong.**

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LADIES TENNIS: The Quebec Senior Ladies Tennis Association recently elected its executive committee for 1989. On it are, from left, Westmounters **Maggie Jacobs**, president; **Chloë Price**, vice-president; and **Linda Spilfogel**, secretary. Also on the executive are Otti Dalhai, treasurer, and Maidie Teitelbaum, member-at-large. The first event planned for 1989 is the second annual round robin to be held Monday, Jan 23. It is open to all players 40 years and older.

Sports supervisor 'D.J.' set to leave Westmount

A familiar face around the Westmount recreation department will be noticeably absent after Jan 6.

Daniel John Reynolds — "D.J." or "Dano" as he is better known to most people around Westmount — will be leaving the city after eight years on staff as a sports supervisor and activities co-ordinator.

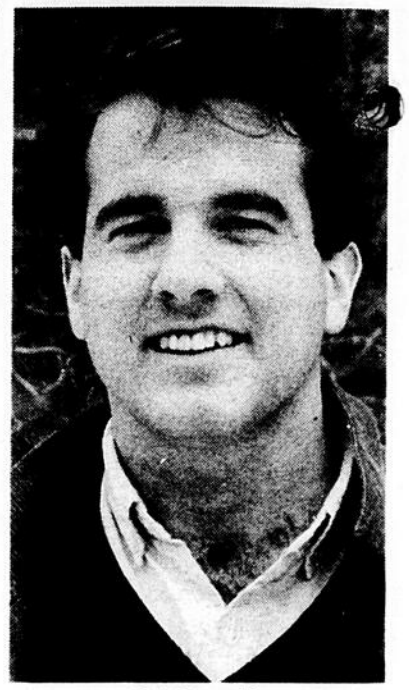
During that time, Mr Reynolds has been involved in almost every program at the recreation department, from organizing teams and special events to developing new programs. Before joining the staff, he spent many years as a volunteer coach and referee.

"I'll miss it here a great deal," Mr Reynolds says. "I've enjoyed great times with a lot of fantastic people, both city workers and the public. I'll especially miss the kids."

Early in the new year, he will head off down the 401 to greener pastures in Toronto.

Westmount recreation director Bob Aiken says the city will miss Mr Reynolds. "He's been extremely popular with the youngsters and their parents. He's definitely going to be missed."

Mr Aiken says the city has begun to look for a replacement, but no one has been found yet.



D.J. Reynolds

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey leagues as of Monday Dec 6:

	GS	GP	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
NOVICE								
Bears	22	9	6	3	0	32	13	12
Guards	22	8	5	2	1	18	14	11
Dragons	22	8	3	4	1	15	22	7
Canadiens	22	9	1	6	2	10	26	4
ATOM								
Penguins	22	9	7	2	0	58	33	14
Canadiens	22	9	4	4	1	41	43	9
Canucks	22	9	4	5	0	31	31	8
Nordiques	22	9	2	6	1	23	46	5
PEEWEE								
Canadiens	21	5	4	1	0	20	13	8
Seals	21	9	3	5	1	36	39	7
Capitals	21	6	2	3	1	35	39	5
ALL STAR								
Novice	18	7	6	0	1	60	13	13
Atom	-	12	5	6	1	45	45	11
Peewee	-	8	4	2	2	34	26	10
SENIOR B								
Hawks	25	10	7	1	2	45	28	16
Fathers	25	9	5	1	3	37	20	13
Devils	25	8	3	4	1	30	30	7
Oilers	25	7	3	4	0	31	26	6
Aces	25	9	2	6	1	27	48	5
Flyers	25	7	1	5	1	18	36	3
SENIOR A								
Wanderers	28	11	9	2	0	42	12	18
Flames	28	10	6	4	0	41	32	12
Stars	28	11	5	6	0	36	40	10
Sabres	28	11	4	6	1	34	42	9
Bruins	28	11	2	8	1	33	60	5

City offers four new courses

Registration is currently under way for four new recreation programs organized by the city and set to begin in the new year.

Ten-week courses in creative writing, two levels of tai chi and belly dancing are offered at a cost of between $25 and $45. Registration continues at the recreation office in the arena weekdays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm until Friday, Dec 16.

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OUTFOXING THE COMPETITION: Lower Canada College took part in the recent Terry Fox Run. The school, with $15,049, raised more money than any other participating Quebec school. Westmount resident **Peder Jacobsen**, left, is seen presenting a cheque to **Stéphane Bordeleau**, a representative of the Terry Fox Run. LCC participation in the event was organized by grade 12 students as part of their community service program.

Recreation performers strut stuff

Westmount's young singers, actors, tap dancers, majorettes, drum majors and musicians will have an opportunity to show off their talents next Thursday night.

A spectacular evening of performances will be put on by those youngsters who have been participating in the city's various recreational programs since September.

The show takes place in Victoria Hall on Thursday, Dec 15, beginning at 7 pm. Parents and members of the general public are welcome to attend.

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Westmount YMCA News



Hope Korytko
Executive director

No doubt about it — Christmas is just around the corner and if you are like most of us, you are scurrying around looking for that "perfect" gift. If that gift is for the fitness fanatic in your family, I've come up with a list of possibilities you may want to consider.

The problem with "fitness-gift giving" is making the right choice and buying a useful gift of fairly decent quality — not a trendy item. There are countless models of various types of sports equipment to choose from and the trick is to shop around a bit for both the best price and best selection. Certain items, however, should not be bought without some input from the person you are buying for.

Take, for example, sports shoes — the fit and comfort can be determined only by the person who will be using them. The same thing goes for ski boots, racquets and bicycles. But there are many useful fitness aids out there for just about every sport imaginable — running, walking, swimming, tennis aerobics and on and on.

If your family member is into swimming as a way to keep in shape, a good pair of goggles is always appreciated. Choose the anti-fog and double-strap variety. If the person in question swims outdoors, the tinted lenses help cut the sun glare. Prices range from $6 to $15. You can also get prescription insert-lenses for the person who wears glasses.

Another novel gift idea are Swimmits, webbed swimming gloves shaped like ducks' feet. These add resistance when the swimmer pulls underwater and retail for about $10.

For the walkers on your Christmas list, you may want to purchase Walkmans with a couple of walking tapes to help motivate them in their program. Two recommended ones are Jane Fonda's and Gilda Marx's tapes, which provide not only inspiration but tips and instructions on techniques and safety. Retail price is about $15.

For the runner or walker, a pedometer is always a handy gift to help calculate distance covered. There are many models available. Some attach to the waist, others to the shoes and prices range from $15 to $75.

Another handy gift is a backpack or waistpack in which house keys, mittens and Walkman can be placed while the person is walking or running. It will help keep these items close to the body and guard against vibration and impact. These cost about $20 and can be found in any sports department.

If you are considering giving a piece of home exercise equipment, you would be well warned to ensure that this is something that will be used. I've seen too many exercise bikes and rowing machines gather dust in garages and basements because of a lack of interest and personal motivation.

Today you can purchase anything from rowing machines, Nordic tracks, weight training systems, stair climbers and exercise bicycles.

This is an area where the old adage "you get what you pay for" is particularly true. The more you spend, the better and more durable piece of equipment you will end up with.

One last option would be a gift certificate or course at the Westmount YMCA. You may want to consider giving a dance program which begins on Jan 9. Jazz ballet classes at beginner and intermediate/advanced levels will be given by well-known dancer and choreographer Sheila Lawrence. Classical ballet classes at beginner and intermediate levels are given by Carol Lanctôt, a professional dancer. Call Trudie Ogden at 931-8046 for more information.

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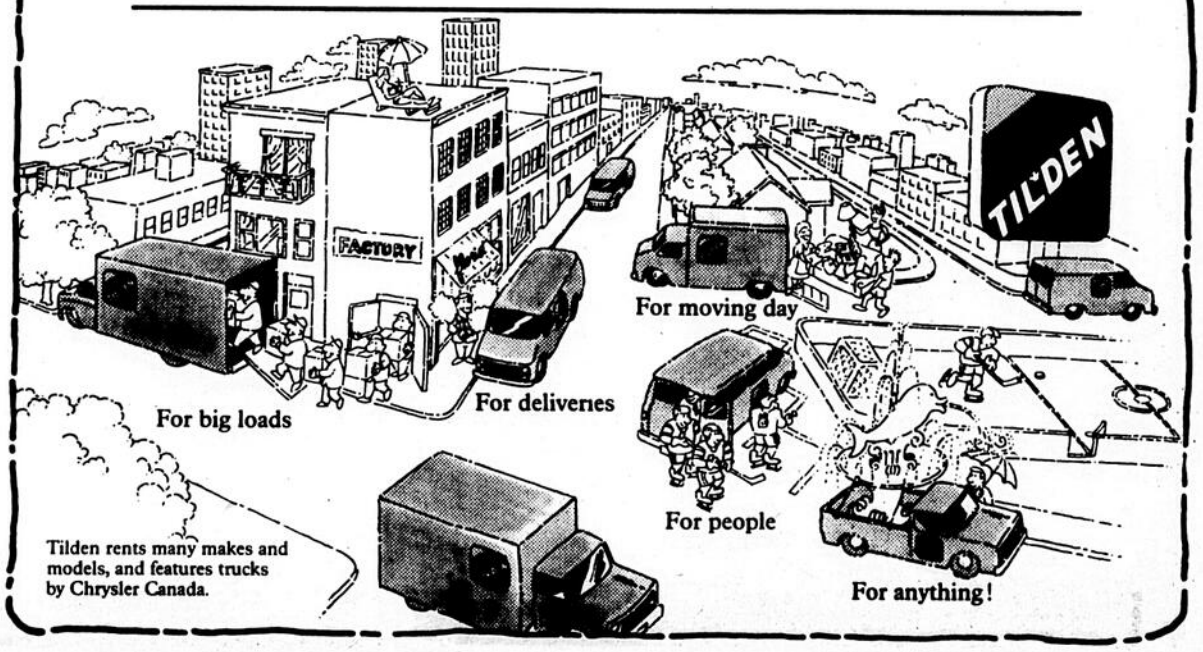
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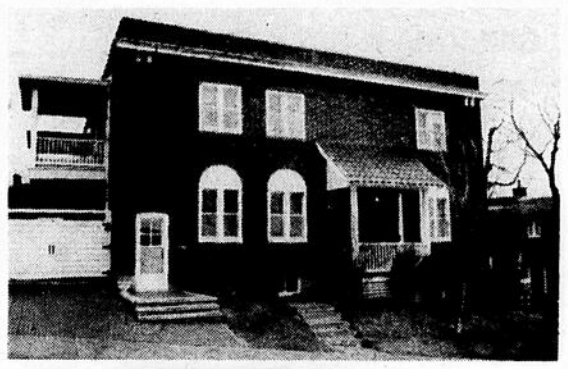
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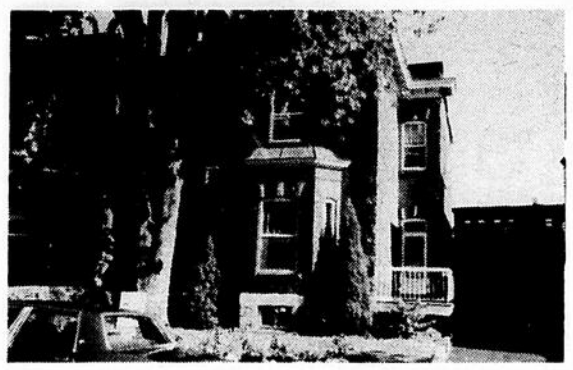
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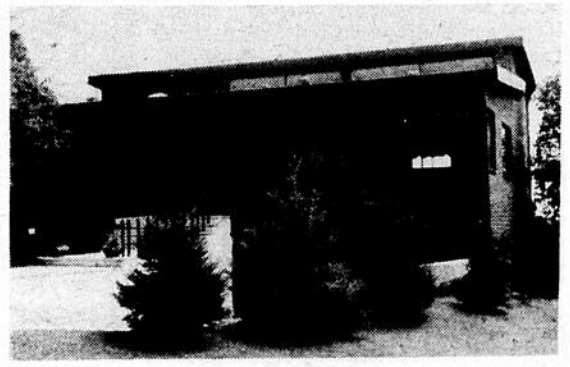
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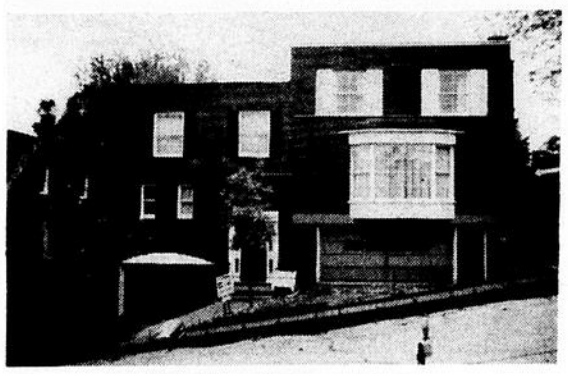
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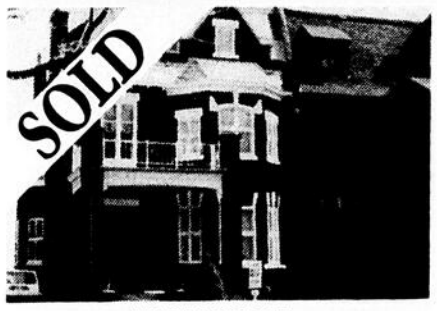
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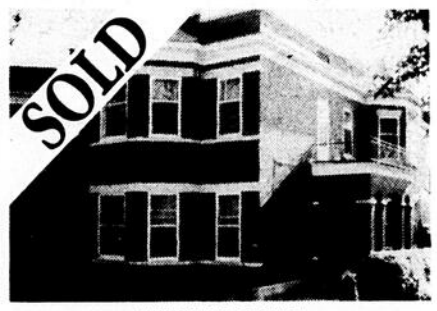


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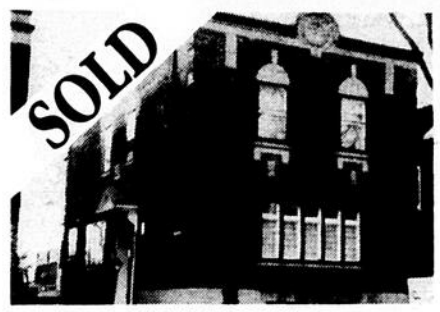
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