

Magnum Opus continues its tradition of shocking and offending passersby

By J. MARION FEINBERG

The window display at the Magnum Opus frame store has done it again.

Grosvenor resident Jane Fisk and NDG resident Caroline Maria says they are offended by the Sherbrooke Street window display that features a mermaid caught in a fish net with a thick rope over her mouth and lobster claws crushing her neck.

The store's other window has a monk reading the Kama Sutra, a Hindu erotic guide, while standing over a couch.

Lobster added in protest?

When owner Sid Menkes was asked by an EXAMINER reporter to comment on the window, he said he didn't want to discuss it and ushered her out the door.

This is not the first time Mr. Menkes' displays have upset people. Last October, a Mark Prent print depicting a naked man encased in a block of ice was removed after the store received several complaints.

"When I went in to complain that it was distasteful, violent and completely inappropriate, the man said he wasn't responsible," said Ms. Maria. "Then I went back to look and the lobster had been added."

The women were told by Mr. Menkes that a "display group" was responsible for the window and that he understood that they were offended.

"I asked why they didn't think of that before putting the rope around the mannequin's neck," said Ms. Fisk. "It seemed he was passing the buck."

Local smoked salmon supplier

Derryl Burke said he finds many of the Magnum Opus displays quite brutal.

"This one is sort of sado-masochistic," he said. "I think it's a statement against women. That's the feeling I get from it. I'm not against artistic freedom, but he's offending people."

Several complaints

Ms. Maria said she phoned city hall to complain and was referred to the mayor's office. She said the city employee told her they had received several complaints.

Director-general Bruce St. Louis said he went to the store to look at the display on Tuesday.

"I didn't see a breach of any city bylaws. The best I can do is refer it

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Break-in suspect fingered by resident

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A Carleton Avenue resident who became suspicious of a man asking for work last Thursday afternoon helped solve at least two thefts in the neighbourhood, police said.

The woman was reading a newspaper story about a burglary suspect seen behind homes on Belmont Avenue the week before when the man asked to wash her windows. Recognizing the description of the suspect, and having just read that he asked for work when confronted by neighbours, she refused and called public safety officers.

The PSU spotted the suspect and radioed police, who arrested a man matching the description at Forden and Montrose.

Two envelopes stolen from the letter box of a house on Westmount Avenue at Carleton were recovered as was a wallet from a home on Sydenham Avenue.

When Sgt.-Det Steve Abraham went to the house on Sydenham to check out whether or not the wallet was stolen, its owner refused to believe the uniformed officer was a detective until a police patrol was called to identify him.

The woman checked her purse

and found that her wallet had been stolen.

A 27-year-old Montreal man faces charges of theft and possession of stolen goods in connection with the two incidents.

Police said the arrest may help clear several other Westmount break-ins.

"All those with similar MOs will be investigated," said crime prevention officer Lise Bergeron.

The suspect's modus operandi, according to public safety officers, is to go from door to door looking for work either washing windows or painting while noting which houses seem unattended.

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City unwilling to tamper with traffic flow at Montrose

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

No experimental traffic tests were recommended for Montrose, Cedar and The Boulevard at a regular meeting of city council's operations and environment committee Wednesday last week, Mayor Peter Trent said Monday.

"Westmounters are fed up with tests," he said. "I believe we've done all we can do in that area. We don't want another year of neighbours against neighbours."

"I've already assured Thornhill residents who petitioned the city we would be very careful not to make any changes until we were certain they would not affect other streets," Mr. Trent said.

"I don't have any such assurances so far," he said.

The committee had asked the Citizens' Traffic Advisory Committee for proposals for the east-central area to be submitted before the partial reconstruction of Montrose begins in August.

Last week, when no consensus appeared forthcoming from the CTAC, Councillor Nicolas Matosian said time had run out.

The operations and environment committee will consider only proposals that have unanimous approval of CTAC members. Residents of The Boulevard east of Clarke Avenue withdrew their support from proposals saying a city report of the CTAC suggestions was too generalized.

Last week's operations and environment committee meeting was the last before the August council session.

Residents of Montrose have been pressing for action to reduce the volume of traffic on their street. One suggestion was to limit through traffic, a plan expected to divert cars back to The Boulevard and Cedar. If enacted, cars would be channelled into single travel lanes on The Boulevard and Cedar.



Helen Henderson was a lively, optimistic woman. This picture, provided by the family, was taken by Gordon Sheppard.

The Teddy Bear Lady started as an artist

Helen Henderson left a cuddly legacy

By J. MARION FEINBERG

SHE wanted to be famous for making teddy bears and she was.

Helen Elizabeth Henderson lived on St. Sulpice Road on the border of Westmount for over 60 years and was well known in the community as the Teddy Bear Lady. Funeral services were held yesterday at the Christ Church Cathedral. She was 91.

Mrs. Henderson was born in 1902 to Arthur and Elisabeth

Drummond. She attended Trafalgar School and Bentley Priory, finishing school in England before graduating in 1927 from McGill University with a physical education degree. Mrs. Henderson taught English country dancing and then married Dr. Arthur Henderson in 1929.

Extroverted, active and very warm-hearted, she had a passion for the outdoors and wildlife, according to her son John. He remembers being taught the

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Man followed as he broke into home

A man was reportedly being followed by undercover police from the Côte des Neiges district when he entered an apartment in Westmount Monday last week about 3:10 p.m.

After he left, he was arrested on Somerville Avenue carrying a VCR, police said. A check of the building revealed the machine came from an apartment broken into with a lock pick.

A 31-year-old resident of Queen Mary Road was charged with break and entry, possession of stolen goods, possession of burglary tools and breach of conditions concerning a previous case forbidding him to carry burglary tools, police said.

According to Sgt.-Det. Ken Bertrand, the arrest is believed to have solved several other break-ins in Westmount but charges have not been laid to date.



NDG resident Caroline Maria in front of the Magnum Opus store window display that she said she finds inappropriate for the area.

Shop owner 'has the right to express himself'

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to other agencies," he said. "I guess it comes down to a question of artistic taste."

The display is simply not appropriate in a residential neighbourhood, said Ms. Maria. "I don't know if he gets a kick out of shocking people but there is a fine line between creativity and

bad taste," she said.

"It's subtle. Unless you stop and really look it's not obvious," said Ms. Fisk, "but with the rope wound around her neck, it's violence."

Longtime local merchant, Rita Stafford of Coffee Gourmet, said she feels the whole issue is a matter of the right to free expression.

"I've looked at the window

recently and it doesn't bother me," she said. "The owner has the right to express himself, just as people have the right to complain if they are offended."

She said it is the city's responsibility to do something about it.

"If the city hasn't done anything in the past, what else can be done?" she asked.



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Westmount Community Calendar

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, July 22

For kids: Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents the Mystery/Dinosaur Club at 10:30 a.m. The aim is to encourage children to read during the summer.
Registration for Shaar Hashomayim Foundation Pre-School, 450 Kensington Ave., until July 28. 937-9475.

Saturday, July 24

Theatre: Repercussion Theatre presents *Romeo and Juliet* at 8:30 p.m. in Westmount Park. Bring your own lawnchair and mosquito repellent. Free, but donation requested.

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Sunday, July 25

Sunday in the Park concert at the Westmount Park lagoon from 2 to 4 p.m. with Quintette de cuivres Haendel. Light classical and popular music.
For seniors: Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim's lunch at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker is consultant Frank Reiss on "How to Stay Motivated in the Third Age." \$3 members; \$3.50 others. 937-9471.

Monday, July 26

For kids: Yabba Dabba and You children's theatre presents *Once Upon a Unicorn* and *An Ogre in the Neighbourhood* at 7 p.m. in Westmount Park near the duckpond. Free.
Westmount Walking Club meets in front of Victoria Hall at 6:30 p.m. 935-8531, ext. 212.

Tuesday, July 27

For kids: Westmount Library's children's department presents filmstrips at 3 p.m. Children under eight must be accompanied.
For kids: Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents stories for children of all ages at 10:30 a.m.
Bridge: Regular weekly game to benefit Meals On Wheels at Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave. at 12:30 p.m. Lunch included. \$6.

Wednesday, July 28

Concert: The Chapel Choir and Handbell choir of University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, will perform at Westmount Baptist Church, 411 Roslyn at Sherbrooke, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone invited.
For kids: Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents videos for school-aged children at 2 p.m.


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Neighbours pitch in for prize-winning posies

Their combined efforts caused judges to create new Maisons Fleuries category

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Flora-Lee Wagner and her neighbours appear to be on a winning wavelength when it comes to gardening.

The residents of two adjoining triplex buildings at 430, 432, 434, 436, 438 and 440 Claremont Ave. planted their window boxes, back balconies and garden plots to their own individual tastes.

Together, the courtyard they created ended up winning a special Neighbourhood Cooperation Prize in Westmount's 1993 *Maisons Fleuries* competition.

"We had so much fun doing it," said Ms. Wagner, the spark behind the project. "We talked about it and went to buy our plants together but the colour just happened. Every night we have our candles on and lights in the garden. It's a whole different effect."

Individually, Ms. Wagner won first prize for her rear apartment balcony and neighbour Bruce Barkman tied for third place in the rear row garden category for his ground floor plot.

Combining with them in the joint award are: Monique Tairraz, Bernard Hogue and Francois Desjardins, Lee Taylor and Judith Outerbridge. All own their flats.

This neighbourhood prize was the brainchild of Ms. Wagner, a freelance designer and decorative artist.

"When I looked at the categories in the contest, I didn't feel any of them really applied to us," she said. "There's no category for duplexes or triplexes and it wasn't clear where we fit in, as apartments or row houses."

So she entered the block of six, suggesting a special category that epitomized their collective efforts to beautify the neighbourhood.

The judges agreed.

Splash of colour

In front of the 1897 triplexes, small garden plots in brilliant oranges, pinks and blues bring a splash of colour to the otherwise grey streetscape north of Sherbrooke Street.

The back courtyard is also a blaze of colour, viewed from the



Flora-Lee Wagner's garden balcony won first place in its own right along with her five triplex neighbours. Judith Outerbridge is on the balcony behind.

north-south lane off Sherbrooke and the Westmount Medical Building's parking lot.

Here, in Mr. Barkman's formal garden, the neighbours barbecue together on the deck. Its shocking pink impatiens, ceramic pots, English lavender and bridal veil make it a prize-winning garden on its own. It tied for third place in the

rear row garden category.

From next door, the neighbours can hear the sound of water spilling from the fountain and pond Mrs. Tairraz is maturing. Her garden, a developing experiment, contrasts with Mr. Barkman's.

She says she's trying to combine the formal gardens she's used to in her native Lyons, France, with the

informality of the English garden complete with climbing roses, flowering bulbs, jasmin, clivia, ferns and wildflowers.

The changing blooms and maturing eco-system of the pond give her, her four-year-old daughter, Clara, and the neighbours something new to watch for every day.



Bruce Barkman's garden is at the centre of the rear courtyard.

Ms. Wagner's prize-winning porch abounds with flower boxes, buckets and floor containers overflowing with lobelia, ferns, petunias and impatiens. While her own cats laze in the sun on white wicker chairs or enjoy a cutting of catnip from a spice box below, the smaller face of a white ceramic cat peaks out from the foliage.

At night, Ms. Wagner lights the wrought iron and glass garden candles arranged in her flower boxes. They were a gift from Ms. Taylor.

Now that Ms. Wagner has won first prize for her own balcony, she believes it's time to withdraw from the contest and let someone else do the winning next year.

"Let's say I'm going out in a blaze of bloom," she said.

Helen Henderson believed in the good of people

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names of birds, wildflowers, trees and stars.

"She loved to talk to people in streetcars, buses and airplanes," he said. "She always came off a long flight with a new friend. She believed in the good in people and trusted them."

Every morning before breakfast, she would take a walk around the block, greeting neighbours and dogs while crunching on an apple.

"She walked a great deal and would walk to Christ Church Cathedral every Sunday," said Mr. Henderson. "She was phys-

ically strong all her life and wonderfully coordinated. I can picture her skiing down Mount Royal with her kilt flapping in the wind."

He said she was a gifted artist who studied art in the '30s and later took up embroidery and then, finally, hand-sewn teddy bears.

"She picked up a book about making soft toys one day and decided to make more teddy bears than anyone had ever made," he said.

By the time she died, she'd lovingly crafted almost 4,000

bears that she gave away or sold, with the proceeds going to St. Margaret's nursing home or the World Wildlife Fund.

"She could make a bear while she talked. We've all got bears which we value very highly," he said. "Like people, every single one had a different personality and was asymmetrical in some way. They were never perfect like the machine-produced ones. That was part of their charm."

One of her favourite charities, Westmount nursing home Centre d'accueil St. Margaret, was originally founded by the

Drummond family. In 1991, the home named a day centre in honour of her community work.

"She gave to several religious and conservationist charities," Mr. Henderson said, "but she was an undercover philanthropist. She never sought notoriety, she just gave because she believed in the causes."

Mrs. Henderson was predeceased by her husband Arthur and her daughter Ann Lesley Papadopoulos. She is survived by son John, his wife Roma and son-in-law Tass Papadopoulos, as well as eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

City hall odiferous for a day

City hall was evacuated for about 30 minutes Monday morning while firefighters looked for the source of a strange odour permeating the building. The smell was particularly evident in the council chamber, said fire Director Jim Adams.

"It turned out to be nothing," he said, "only a slight odour from a defective transformer on an air conditioner compressor in the upstairs mechanical room."

A city electrician was called to replace the part.

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Who's doing what?

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

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4340 Montrose: for Betty Blundell by le Groupe Active Renovations Barbeau et Aubert, kitchen alterations, \$20,000
46 Belvedere Place: for Mr. Black by Christie Plumbing, sewer, \$2,000;
383 Prince Albert: for Renée April by Plomberie Remi Cloutier, install six plumbing fixtures, \$1,000
477 Victoria: for P. Denis by contractor to be determined, balcony repairs, \$500;

Tuesday, July 13

15 Grenville: for Mr. Prupas by les Consultants Jay, alterations, \$125,000;
3215-19 St. Antoine: for Mr. and Mrs. Leclerc by Demolition Rové, stripping after fire damage, \$12,000;
3221-25 St. Antoine: for Mr. and Mrs. Leclerc by Demolition Rové, stripping after fire damage, \$12,000;
384 Lansdowne: for J. Carsley and L. Tidmarsh by Patrice Albert, replace garage window, \$6,000;
652 Grosvenor: for J.B. Block by contractor to be announced, fence, \$1,500;
446 Lansdowne: for D. Malo and G. Couteau by contractor to be determined, demolition of garage, \$800;
548 Lansdowne: for L. McHarg by self, alterations to kitchen and patio door, \$10,000;

Wednesday, July 14

525 Mount Pleasant: for Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School by Norlap Construction, vestibule, \$10,000;
566 Roslyn: for Lila Stermer by self, demolition of garage, deck and parking area, \$5,000;
4913 Sherbrooke: for Mrs. U. Baldo Salice by Plomberie Julien Morin, install 11 fixtures, \$5,000;
4335 Montrose: for M. Sabin by Plomberie Chado Inc., install four plumbing fixtures, \$1,200;
174 Edgehill: for Mr. Lemire by Mike McMullins, revisions to retaining wall, \$35,000;
78 Arlington: for Mr. Auberbach by Levine Bros. Plumbing, replace gas furnace, \$1,000;
414 Victoria: for Jacques Bonin by self, insulation, \$500;
345 Victoria: for Radius Properties Inc. by Monit Development, elevator, \$9,000;
502 Lansdowne: for Mr. Brooks by self, balcony repairs, \$200;

Thursday, July 15

4340 Montrose: for Betty Blundell by Plomberie et Chauffage Nick, replace sink, \$250;
4592 St. Catherine: for Euma Investments by Viterie W. Lapierre Inc., windows, \$15,000;
349 Olivier: for Elvira Dyck by self, alterations, \$30,000;
4880 Westmount Ave.: for Michel Rivest by contractor to be determined, kitchen alterations, \$20,000;
496 Lansdowne: for Paul Kasirer by contractor to be determined, elevator, \$13,000;

Friday, July 16

310 Victoria: for Three Ten Victoria Building Inc. by contractor to be determined, conversion of office to coffee shop, \$10,000.

El Reda offers women European flair

Business briefs

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Boutique El Reda owner Elaine Sadana says browsing in her store is like shopping in your living room.

"I made a point of having furniture rather than just rows of racks," she said. "We also had the counters built in and put in mahogany-coloured floors. Customers have called the look warm, elegant and chic."

Imported designer women's clothing and accessories are the focus of the new boutique located at 4919B Sherbrooke St., she said. The name El Reda is an amalgamation of a few letters from her first name as well as those of her two daughters.

"I look for very original pieces and specialty items from classy to weekend wear and the labels are mainly from Europe and the U.S.," said Ms. Sadana. "Now is a hard time of year. Everyone said I was crazy to open but I've been surprised to see many familiar faces."

She moved to Westmount from her previous location in the Ruby Foo building on Décarie Boulevard.

"My labels didn't belong there," she said. "The idea here is to attract Westmount women as well as people from Outremont or Montreal who like to shop along Sherbrooke Street."



Elaine Sadana, owner of the new El Reda boutique, is determined to make a go of it.

Ms. Sadana said she is willing to go out of her way to find special items that her customers occasionally are looking for.

Pay-per-hour help offered through GACC

What do elderly people, troubled youth and the wheelchair-bound have in common?

They are some of the people with special needs targeted by a new Westmount service offered out of the Greene Avenue Community

Centre called Motivation. Prospect Avenue resident Katherine Cram and colleague Judy Prevost are two special education consultants determined to make a difference in the lives of people who need help with basic life skills, integration into the community, social skills and more.

"The first thing we want to find out is where and what the needs are in this area," said Ms. Cram. "We're hoping to do a survey to assess this. In general, we plan to work in the client's own setting, in their homes, in the community or in institutions. The idea is to create individualized programs."

She said they hope to get Westmount volunteers to help out and eventually plan to hire staff and branch out.

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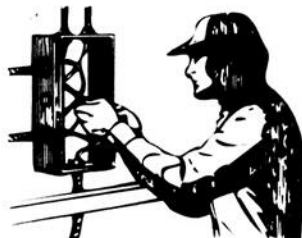
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Trend in March house sales plods along much as before

By J. MARION FEINBERG

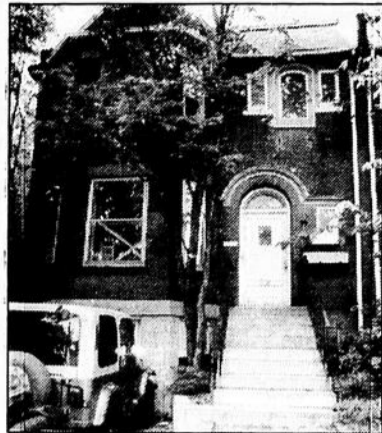
The Westmount real estate market was still sluggish with few sales and low prices in March 1993, an analysis of real estate transfers at city hall shows.

Only nine single- or two-family houses changed ownership in the third month of the year compared to 12 in March 1992. Of those nine sales, three houses were in the \$200,000s, three were in the \$300,000 range, one was in the \$400,000s and two were in the \$500,000s.

The total price of sales dipped to \$3,696,400 from March 1992's total of \$5,756,000 — a difference of \$2,059,600. This is a reflection of the low-end prices for houses during March.

The adjusted average price for the month's transfers was \$384,280, a decrease of 7.6 per cent from the previous year's level of \$415,750. The average price is adjusted by eliminating the two highest and lowest prices from the calculations in order to counteract the statistical effect of extreme sales.

Westmount homes continued to sell for less than their valuations.



**4813-15 DE MAISONNEUVE
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Least expensive sale and lowest markup of the month.**

This has been the norm since the new valuation roll took effect in January 1992. The markup of average price over the average 1992-94 Montreal Urban Community valuation for March was -19.03 per cent, which is about eight per cent below the year before. The adjusted markup, when the two highest and lowest markups are eliminated, comes in a little lower at -20.37 per cent.

The typical price also took a dive, dropping to \$415,106 compared to March 1992's price of \$462,346. The typical price is determined by multiplying the

adjusted average markup to the average valuation of single-family homes in Westmount. The city of Westmount calculates the average valuation to be \$521,300.

The priciest sale of the month was 72 Summit Circle, which sold for \$655,000 and had an MUC valuation of \$877,400.

The least expensive sale of the month is found at 4813-15 de Maisonneuve with a sale price of \$210,000 and a valuation of \$388,900.

Two condominiums changed hands in March; 200 Lansdowne, #902 sold for \$300,000 and 4175 St. Catherine, #1204 sold for \$290,000.

Previous sales on file for this month's addresses include 4351 Montrose, which sold for \$350,000 in January 1989. The other is 505 Victoria, which went for \$338,000 in March 1989.

Following are the details of Westmount's property sales for March 1993, in alphabetical order by street address.

3284 Cedar: to Philip Ludlow and Monica McIntyre from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, sale price \$625,000 (MUC 1992-94 valuation \$922,600);

245 Clarke: to Linda Ptito and Michel Huni from Norman Allan Levi and Bernice Wolfe, \$291,400 (\$293,900);

4217 de Maisonneuve (13%): to Urbain Vanasse and Alexina Basque from

MARCH HOUSE SALES

Following is a summary of sales of single- and two-family houses in Westmount registered in March 1993, with corresponding figures for March 1992 in parentheses. Transfers of properties due to successions, family or business transactions are excluded, as are condominiums, commercial and industrial properties:

- **Total sales:** 9 (12)
- **Total price:** \$3,696,400 (\$5,756,000)
- **Total valuation:** \$4,565,300 (\$6,428,600)
- **Markup of average price over average valuation:** -19.03% (-10.46%)
- **Markup of average price over average valuation (adjusted*):** -20.37% (-11.31%)
- **Typical price based on adjusted mark-up of typical valuation**:** \$415,106 (\$462,346)
- **Average price for month's transfers (adjusted*):** \$384,280 (\$415,750)

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

***The city of Westmount calculates the average 1992-94 valuation of single-family homes in Westmount as \$521,300. The typical price is determined by applying the adjusted average markup to this average valuation.*

Michael de Simone and Maria Allevato \$20,128 (\$1,011,600);

4813-15 de Maisonneuve: to Laurence Drouin from Compagnie Trust Royal, \$210,000 (\$388,900);

428 Elm: to Jenny Peter and Kristina Brockopp from Alsi Precious Metals Ltd., \$335,00 (\$346,300);

43 Holton: to Anderson Design Inc. from the estate of Rose Wiselberg, \$285,000 (\$423,000);

200 Lansdowne, #902: to Constantin Loudiadis from Helene Simovic, \$300,000 (\$418,900);

4351 Montrose: to Michel Leblanc and Louise Saumier from Francoise Noel, \$375,000 (\$376,100);

356 Redfern: to Elaine Dalfen from Paul Brais, \$560,000 (\$531,100);

4175 St. Catherine, #1204: to Robert Applebaum and Freda Wielgus from 2780631 Canada Inc. and 2825597 Canada Inc., \$290,000 (\$424,300);

4434-36 St. Catherine (commercial): to 170756 Canada Inc. and 170757 Canada Inc. from Gertrude Maag, \$485,000 (\$483,200);

72 Summit Circle: to Nash Sidky from Madeleine Beaubien, \$655,000 (\$877,400);

505 Victoria: to Julius Erdstein and Nancy Berney from Sheldon Goldberg and Adrienne Gelfand, \$360,000 (\$406,000).

Business briefs

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mount as a special community where people look beyond their own needs," said Ms. Cram. "In this case they don't know how to help so we see ourselves as opening up that opportunity."

After finding it difficult to find work in this field, the two women decided to pool their resources and launch the professional service. Ms. Cram has worked with children with Down Syndrome and autism as well as those who are physically challenged. Ms. Prevost has experience working with young people in and out of group homes and for a rehabilitation institute for adults with various disabilities.

They've been setting up the venture for seven months and are eager to get started since this is the only business of its kind in Westmount, or even Montreal, according to Ms. Prevost.

"Nobody else offers private special education consultant services like this anywhere else," she said. "Some of what we're working on is crucial. Socialization, for example, is the biggest problem for people who have challenging needs."

They will also concentrate on athletics, re-learning skills and creativity through art, music and crafts. Their services will cost \$20 per hour.

"Our ultimate goal is for people to learn from each other," said Ms. Prevost.

For more information about Motivation, call 846-3069 or 465-0881.

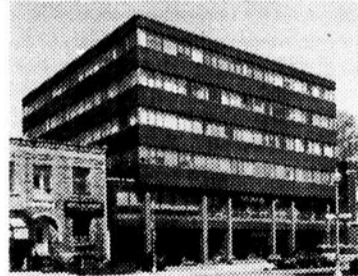
Pipes corroded

Westmounters are being asked to check out their furnace and hot water heater pipes in wake of corroded pipe found by firefighters at a home on Arlington Avenue Monday last week. The corrosion of a gas hot water heater pipe caused it to become disconnected from the main flue so that fumes could seep into the home.

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Real Estate

By Reg Morden

Summer Specials

IMPORTANCE OF TITLE SEARCH

Why is a title search so important? The title to property represents your right, as owner, to the free use of it (within the limitations of laws and zoning and perhaps the deed itself) and, therefore, also your right to sell or mortgage it later. The chief purpose of a title search is to make sure that the title is not "clouded" — that no one other than the present owner has claim against the property.

A title search is a history of the title, showing former transactions affecting the ownership, such as existence of liens and encumbrances. Generally, a notary searches the title. The reason the search should be commenced immediately is not that it takes such a long time but, rather, if there are unacceptable encumbrances, they will have to be cleared up before the title can be transferred. This could take quite a bit of time.

But don't worry unduly. Ordinarily, titles are good and marketable and so-called "clouds" upon them are uncommon and where they occur, they are normally easily corrected.

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Burning bridges

Bitterness and recrimination surfaced recently in the relationship between a citizens' group and the city committee to which it reports. The acrimony began when the committee chair sent an undeservedly snide letter to the group.

At issue are the group's recommendations to improve traffic flow in the east-central sector, including the important Boulevard-Cedar link to Montreal.

The Citizens' Traffic Advisory Committee reached a unanimous opinion on what should be done. However, member Maureen Keily wrote to complain that the minutes of the meeting compiled and circulated by director-general Bruce St. Louis did not reflect what had been agreed upon.

The recommendations, intended to be presented at council within a few days, were held back for what was described as a lack of consensus.

Three weeks later, Councillor Nicolas Matossian — chair of the city's operations and environment committee — sent a letter to the citizens' group.

"From my perspective, the inability of the Committee members to achieve consensus will be a very difficult problem to resolve," he states. "The Committee almost reaches consensus only to be reversed and vetoed at the last minute."

He concludes by saying the operations and environment committee "will look at more conventional means" to deal with the traffic issues.

The incident smacks of shooting the messenger. The city may be impatient with the citizens' group and unwilling to follow its advice, but these are poor reasons to belittle its work.

The citizens' group had spent the better part of two years finding ways to improve traffic flow in the city's east-central sector; six months pounding out an agreement on the Boulevard-Cedar-Montrose sector alone.

When the city formed the citizens' group, part of its mandate called for every member to back its recommendations. Westmount wanted to avoid what happened the last time it tried to change traffic flow at The Boulevard and Cedar. The narrowing of Cedar Avenue erupted into an acrimonious verbal battle between residents, and resulted in embarrassment for the city, which was forced to reverse the changes.

The city wanted to enact a plan for the area while the reconstruction of Montrose, due in August, is under way.

Pressure was on the citizens' group to come up with a viable solution — and fast — to solve residents' complaints that traffic on Montrose is heavier now than before the city experimented with changes to Cedar Avenue. It is understandable that Mr. Matossian was frustrated when it seemed the city would not keep to its self-imposed deadline.

Heaping blame on the citizens' group, however, was a mistake. The group did its job; it reached a consensus, difficult as that was.

The reasons Ms. Keily wrote to complain the minutes were incomplete were good ones.

She wanted council to know exactly what would happen if the recommendations were put into effect. She wanted them to see diagrams, have a list of the type of physical barriers to be used and know all the restrictions suggested (the minutes contained a partial list).

She suggested another meeting. Instead, in reaction to her letter, the group's work was dismissed and it was told the city would find its own solutions.

The group is an advisory committee. The city does not need to enact all of its recommendations and it has every right to modify them. The citizens are an aid, to help ground the city's decisions with opinions from some of the residents who will be affected by any changes.

Now Mayor Peter Trent is saying there will be no tests on Montrose during construction and no changes to streets in the area unless assurances can be made that the changes will not displace traffic.

Changes that do not displace traffic aren't worth making. It sounds as though the city is rapidly backing off from its intention to alter traffic patterns on Montrose and, hence, surrounding streets.

What has changed in the past six months, when the traffic advisory committee was sent back to the drawing board to work out a solution for the sector? Have the past six months' work been a complete waste of time and effort?

Mr. Trent's recent comments lead one to wonder, is there really a traffic problem on Montrose?

Mr. Matossian may be right. Maybe it's time to put the citizens' group to work on issues like reducing speeding in Westmount. Except it should have been done six months ago.

Now the first thing the city should do is apologize to the group and mend its bridges.

You Say

Settlement was for much more

The following letter, translated by us, was received by THE EXAMINER:

I would like to correct a few inaccuracies that slipped into the article published in THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER July 15, concerning the monetary settlement I obtained.

1. It is a matter of much more than \$1,000, since my rent was reduced by 14 per cent as of September 1991.

2. A second reduction of 15 per cent applies as of October 1992. The reason this reduction does not start in September 1991 is because of a technicality that will be debated at the new hearings.

These reductions apply as long as the situation persists, and they are subject to interest rates set by the Régie.

As for the 10 per cent deposit of my rent, it covers not only cockroaches but various other complaints.

The Régie ruled in this way in order to give the landlord a chance to react — the Régie leaves me the entire right to formulate another request to deposit my rent.

I am also authorized to stop paying my rent until compensation of the owed amounts.

According to a lawyer who is familiar with the Régie's rules, this is an exceptional judgment, seeing that difficult cases usually settle for 25 per cent at most.

Of course, all this is currently suspended since it is under appeal.

As for the gentlemen of the municipality, I would like them to tell me since when the cleanliness and safety of a building are out of their jurisdiction. Not only was I a victim of their carelessness and their impoliteness, they held me up to ridicule right up to court by providing me with a witness who contradicted my case. Isn't that just beautiful?

As for (Councillor John) Lehnert, can he tell me what the theme of his next electoral campaign will be? Will he again pride himself on this famous bylaw, which was supposed to protect the dear renters of his riding so well?

Renters should take note that they exist only during electoral campaigns — afterwards, it's another story.

Tessa Lévesque
229 Kensington Ave.
WESTMOUNT

A tribute to Miss Rowntree

I have just returned from a memorial service for Miss Thorna Rowntree held in

Westmount Park United Church where she was an active member for many years.

Thorna Rowntree was a believer — as she was raised when Christian principles and democratic ways were bred into young people at an early age. Thorna Rowntree lived by those principles.

There was a sadness to Miss Rowntree's passing. There were few present. When you live out 90 years, friends and family are scarce. All Thorna's immediate family predeceased her.

However, memories cannot be erased — and those remaining have wonderful memories of Thorna. She is beloved by her in-laws and her many nieces and nephews.

Miss Rowntree deserves credit and acclaim for her years of service as a schoolteacher in our community. She was highly respected and much loved by many students.

Miss Rowntree was an excellent teacher. She had a quick, active mind, an understanding heart and a loving spirit. She also had an excellent sense of humour and a great understanding of young people. She gave freely of her time and was always available.

Miss Rowntree taught in Argyle and Queens school in the '20s and '30s. She also taught in the school for crippled children. She was a member of the retired teachers association.

She gave private lessons in her later years.

Miss Rowntree was the daughter of Mary (Maude) Vibert and Meredith Rowntree of English and Irish descent. There was never a dull moment in their busy household. Much laughter rang out.

Miss Rowntree was my grade school teacher. I would never have made it without her.

She was to me a lifetime friend. She helped and supported me through my school years and after. She made subjects like history and literature come alive — and even made math seem interesting. She helped me establish the Peter Pan Nursery School. Thorna started us off with Winnie the Pooh and magic things to do with blocks, beads and plasticine.

Miss Rowntree will never be forgotten. She will live in our remembrance forever.

*Farewell thou good and faithful servant.
Enter through those gates and into that house with joy and in peace.*

With grateful thanks

Bettie (Veitch) Macdonald
239 Kensington Ave.
WESTMOUNT

Note: Thorna Rowntree died July 15 in the Griffith McConnell Home.

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



Clinton's challenge

Growing up during the '30s and '40s, I heard and sang songs in which the ideal state was to be young and gay. Being joyful and cheerful as distinct from doleful and sad was how we understood the gay life. Then in 1953 — according to my recollection — gay came to mean homosexual. Webster has several definitions of gay including *licentious* — a: homosexual b: of, relating to, or used by homosexuals (as in: a gay bar).

Now Bill Clinton, as if he didn't have enough on his plate, has to decide what to do about his election promise to abrogate the U.S. military regulation banning homosexuals from service in the armed forces.

From a narrow civil libertarian point of

view, the matter is simple. With a stroke of his presidential pen, President Clinton can strike down this blatantly discriminatory requirement and all will be right with the world.

Woooooah... Not so fast, partner...

I once read a book titled *Military Justice is to Justice What Military Music is to Music*. Whenever the perceived good of the military unit is threatened by the exercise of individual liberties, the troupe must prevail. Thus we find the Commander-in-Chief somewhere between a rock and... well, you get the picture.

If he does what he promised to do, Clinton will bring down on his head, not only the military brass, but a majority of the members of the political establishment as well. A compromise position has been worked out; it's called, "don't ask, don't declare, don't pursue." It means that gays can serve in the army as long as they do nothing overtly homosexual. This solution doesn't please either side in the dispute, but it may succeed in shelving the issue for a while.

Campaign rhetoric can become tricky if you win, n'est pas?

The Westmount Examiner
EXAMINING THE FILES

Forty-five Years Ago
 July 23, 1948

"Speaking before a capacity crowd which time after time broke into his speech with enthusiastic cheering and applause, Leonard A. Seton, young and aggressive National Union Candidate in Westmount-St. George, stated last night at Victoria Hall that the 'attitude of the National Union Government under Maurice Duplessis in refusing to submit to the dictatorial and arbitrary demands of the Federal Government in the matter of taxation, is but a continuation of our basic constitution, as devised by the Fathers of the Confederation."

Thirty-five Years Ago
 July 25, 1958

"A commitment of \$9,450 was approved by Council Monday for the purchase of an ice resurfacing machine. This machine known as the Zamboni Ice Resurfer, performs in one operation the shaving of the ice surface, picking up snow, and the laying of water on the ice to provide a fresh new surface. The water supply capacity is 240 gallons. The machine is similar to that used in the major artificial ice rinks on the Continent, and is similar to the one used in the Montreal Forum."

Twenty-five Years Ago
 July 18, 1968

From the classifieds: "Work Wanted Male. High school male graduate would appreciate any type of work." "For sale. Viking, 1967, 2 speed, 4 cycle, fully automatic washer, 16 pounds load capacity. Excellent condition, private sale. \$125." "Autos for sale. Triumph 650 TR6 - 12,000 miles. Excellent condition. Must sell. Best offer over \$650." "Painting. R & S Painters. Interior, Exterior, Reasonable. Door burned - no extra charge. References."

Ten Years Ago
 July 21, 1983

"One third of Westmount's population over the age of 14 years old did not work in 1980, according to a recent release by Statistics Canada of information collected from one in five households during the 1981 census. The figures show the most active element of the over-14 population comprises males aged 25 to 44 years, of whom 95.8 percent worked for at least one week during 1980."

One Year Ago
 July 23, 1992

"Wet weather has added a new wrinkle and crinkle to Westmount Public Library's art department. A box of art magazines were found, half-dry and curly, after being soaked while stored in the basement of the library."

our Mayor
 Peter F. Trent
 says...



Forced to the 'burbs

The other day we tried out a huge new "home improvement centre" on the South Shore - our home being in perpetual need of improvement.

On the way, we went grocery shopping at Club Price. Well, "shopping" is not quite the word for it. "Acquiring goods" is

NEWS ITEM

Citizens' Traffic Advisory Committee can't reach a consensus



So WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU HAVE A SPLIT PERSONALITY?

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 22 JULY 93
 Westmount Examiner

'Dog days' of July take on a whole new and ugly meaning

There's often profound irony in the contrast between the ideal and reality. Look at our pets. We call them our best friends and treat them like family members. Life in Westmount simply wouldn't be the same without our cherished companions, our dogs and cats, hamsters, birds and fish.

Animal companions have become so much a part of late 20th-century society that whole industries rise and fall on the basis of feline and canine epicurian whims. Superficially, at least, pets seem to occupy a position of honour and regard in our lives.

Yet despite our ardent paens to fur-bearing friends, pets are all too often treated as little more than disposable items. Hundreds of pets are abandoned in Montreal every year on moving day, by those who can't or won't take their pets with them. Perhaps they assume the abandoned pets will find themselves with a nice new owner when the next occupants move in.

Tragically, this isn't the case. Unwanted animals often wind up at the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, where only the

very lucky animals find new homes. The staff at the SPCA's Jean Talon office consider June and July, when the number of animals they receive every day almost doubles, to be one of the worst times of year.

This indifference to the fate of pets is a dire betrayal of the relationship that has developed between animal companion and human since the first wolves settled around hearths some 30,000 years ago. When people admit wolves' or lions' descendents into their lives, they accept a responsibility for the pets' welfare. A golden retriever is no longer a wolf, and is entirely dependent on human care, because, after millenia of selective breeding, we made him that way.

Owners are responsible for every aspect of their pets' lives, from shelter and feeding to controlled reproduction. Anyone who is unable to rise to this responsibility condemns at least one, and possibly many other animals, to death.

A baby abandoned in a subway or hotel lobby becomes the object of desire for the hundreds of families who besiege social services wishing to

Between the Lines



MATTHEW FRIEDMAN

adopt. People condemn the mother for being so heartless or society for blinding itself to the plight of the young. Yet an abandoned dog, just as helpless and vulnerable, becomes another saddening statistic at which most of us merely shrug regretfully.

Westmounters have a reputation for being devoted animal lovers. It's a reputation that is, in fact, well deserved. The care of and facilities for animal companions in Westmount are certainly better than almost anywhere else in the world. But pets are still often neglected and sometimes abused in and around Westmount.

The way dependent animals are treated is a measure of our civilization. Judging by that criterion alone, things haven't progressed a whole lot in 30,000 years. We can do much better.

what we were doing. Everything is sold in massive containers looking as if they overdosed on steroids, or in normal-size cans trussed up by the dozen in plastic. All brand names. At prices 25 to 50 per cent below those in supermarkets.

In both of these prodigious stores-cum-warehouses, the consumer pilots an over-size grocery cart - or even a platform truck - through broad aisles, watching out for whirring forklifts, or the giant rolling ladders that are needed to stack merchandise 20 or even 30 feet in the air.

Is this the apotheosis of retailing? Supermarkets, while introduced in the 1930s, only took hold in the 1950s. The two stores we visited are called - ugh! - hypermarkets, a concept introduced in the 1960s and 1970s. And still growing. Will they change forever the way we shop?

Perhaps. By getting rid of middlemen, by selling in bulk quantities and getting the consumer to do a lot of handling and distribution, prices are inevitably low.

Hypermarkets make sense only in outlying areas where land costs are low, as these stores have to be surrounded by an expanse of asphalt for parking. It is a shopping revolution that only the car could permit.

What has all this to do with Westmount, you ask. Well, such retailing changes contribute to urban sprawl, and, more particularly, might have an effect on the future of commercial sectors of Westmount.

We may find it more and more difficult to get "convenience" goods in Westmount. Quality "shopping goods" and small specialty items could be the only things for sale, as Westmounters change

their shopping patterns and buy basic groceries and hardware in the suburbs. Perhaps only those who can afford a car will be able to save money on staples!

Have you noticed how many merchandisers have their larger stores in the suburbs? Have you tried to buy floor tiles, appliances, or furniture recently? Selection and price in the suburbs is far better than downtown.

Even the hoary old department stores are disappearing, turning themselves into what amounts to multi-level shopping arcades of specialty goods. Each stall's territory is clearly delineated. Funky old Ogilvy's is no more. Even Eaton's and The Bay have succumbed to tribalization on their ground floors.

More on retailing and Westmount next week.

SUMMERTIME IN HUDSON *That's Entertainment*

Gentle lampooning brings out laughter in Hudson play

Hudson resident Heather Markgraf-Lowe has always loved theatre. As a mature student, she went to Concordia University to take a degree in theatre. Happily, the younger students and the professors not only accepted her, they warmly welcomed her presence.

When she graduated, she won a prize as best graduating theatre student.

The oldest English amateur theatre company in Quebec is in Hudson; and the Hudson Players are an excellent company indeed. But Ms. Markgraf-Lowe wanted to do pro-

fessional theatre; and she wanted to do summer theatre as well.

Out of her determination, Village Theatre in St. Lazare was born.

The play selected was West-mounter Colleen Curran's *Sacred Hearts*. Ms. Curran is a funny, light

writer and her plays are ideally suited to summer theatre.

Play won award in Texas

Sacred Hearts premiered not at Blyth, but at Alberta Theatre Pro-

jects playRites '89 festival and Ms. Curran later adapted it for CBC's *Morningside*. The play went on to win a Gabriel Award in Texas before it was chosen as Village Theatre's first play.

It tells the story of Bridget, who was praying at a shrine to the



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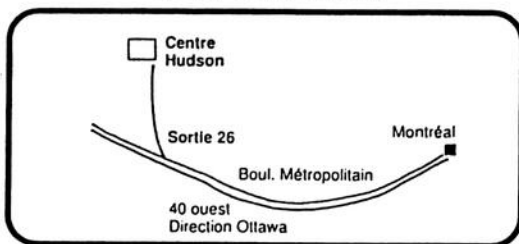
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Where were they going?



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

Tuesday, July 13

4:48 p.m.: 6595 Côte St. Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 4:58 p.m.;
6:02 p.m.: 4444 Sherbrooke, first responder unit for medical assistance;

Wednesday, July 14

12:50 a.m.: 26 Shorncliffe, burglar alarm;
9:48 a.m.: 4646 Sherbrooke, Manoir Westmount, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 9:54 a.m., smoke detector in ventilation system accidentally activated by workers;

Thursday, July 15

3:23 a.m.: 5795 Caldwell, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 3:41 a.m.;
9:09 a.m.: Front of 4505 St. Catherine, first responder unit for medical assistance to person in taxi;
10:42 a.m.: 3295 Cedar, smoke detector activated by workers;
10:52 a.m.: 4481 de Maisonneuve, strange odour outside, burning of incense;
11:33 a.m.: Corner of Hillside and St. Catherine, first responder unit for medical assistance to fallen man, no one found;
11:38 a.m.: Front of 110 Hillside, first responder unit for medical assistance to elderly man lying on ground.
12:28 p.m.: Corner of Wood and St. Catherine, first responder unit for

medical assistance to cyclist injured in fall;
2:07 p.m.: 515 Roslyn, for smell of natural gas, odour from exterior welding;
3:05 p.m.: 250 Clarke, apt. 507, first responder unit for medical assistance;
4:42 p.m.: 5010 Sherbrooke, apt. 6, first responder unit for medical assistance (see obituary page 11);
4:59 p.m.: 50 St. Sulpice, first responder unit for medical assistance (see obituary for Helen Henderson on page 1);

Friday, July 16

2:13 a.m.: 3500 de Maisonneuve, noise from fan belt on ventilation system mistaken for alarm sounding;
1:11 p.m.: 70 Bruce, smoke detector activated by cigarette smoke;
9:55 p.m.: 6 Renfrew, sprinkler system for flowers on a roof deck mistaken by neighbour for water leak;
10:46 p.m.: 499 Elm, man locked out;

Saturday, July 17

10:20 p.m.: 2 Westmount Square, first responder unit for medical assistance;

Sunday, July 18

5:43 a.m.: 4328 Sherbrooke, apt. 20, first responder unit for medical assistance;
6:59 a.m.: 4775 Sherbrooke, first responder unit for medical assistance;
7:43 a.m.: 319 Grosvenor, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc cancelled at 7:51 a.m., trouble alarm activated by power failure in area;
8:30 a.m.: 300 Lansdowne, alarm activated by power failure in area;
11:36 a.m.: 21 Chesterfield, apt. 6, strange odour, possibly from tar used on roof;
1:55 p.m.: 5720 Rembrandt, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 1:02 a.m.;
3:20 p.m.: 6565 Collins, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 3:25 p.m.;
9:51 p.m.: 369 Melville, strange odour;

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9:26 a.m.: 4333 Sherbrooke, city hall, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc cancelled at 9:42 a.m., defective transformer on air conditioning compressor (see story page 3);
11:01 a.m.: 124 Arlington, corroded pipe on gas-fired hot water heater (see story page 5);
4:59 p.m.: 572 Claremont, first responder unit for medical assistance;
9:49 p.m.: 4324 Montrose, for noisy stove, humming from stove clock.

Cole Porter at Lac

Westmounter Ari Snyder acts in and is musical director of *Cole: The Life and Music of Cole Porter*, at Theatre Lac Brome in Knowlton, Tuesday to Saturday at 8:30 p.m., matinées Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. Tickets \$10 to \$20. The play runs to Aug. 7. Box office is 458-5361.

Torch Song starts Wednesday

Out to Lunch Theatre, a new company that is something of a branch of Spontaneous Combustion, presents *Torch Song Trilogy* at the Geordie Theatre Space, 4001 Berri, from July 28 to Aug. 7.

The play is directed by Westmounter Derek Ray-Hill.

The cast includes former Westmount residents Victoria Barkoff and Alison Darcy. Ms. Darcy, a student at the National Theatre School, attended Trafalgar and Dawson College in Westmount.

As well, Dome students Leif Anderson and Taren Beaty are in the cast as is a former Dawson College creative arts student, now studying at Ryerson Institute in

Toronto, Brett Watson.

Westmounter and Dawson theatre teacher Fred Ward workshopped the play with the core group two years ago.

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trying to simplify her life; it just seems impossible. She is, as usual, a delight to watch.

While this is not a deep play, Ms. Heywood-Jackson has found something in Bridget that resonates in her own being and she brings a lot to the part.

Tennyson is another Shakespeare in the Park alumnus, and she

shows great comic ability as the flibbertigibbet Gretchen, the columnist who turns in her copy to the weekly newspaper in longhand and ends up getting her cynical version of Bridget's story on national TV.

This is ideal summer fare, and the setting for the production — a white tent surrounded by wildflowers and bush next to Mon Village

restaurant — is as lovely as you are likely to find anywhere.

A neighbouring tent serves as a bar during intermission. Mon Village restaurant is open for dinner before the show or snacks after.

Sacred Hearts is at Village Theatre, St. Lazare (exit 22 from Highway 40), until Aug. 7 at 8 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. Tickets \$12 to \$15. 458-5361.

— Janet Coutts

Remember: it's funny

The jig is up. Poor Bridget has no time to try to understand what message Mary had for her, or even if she had one. Busloads of pilgrims pour into the tiny village. Journalists beseege her. Her brother, who supported her emotionally through her pregnancy and was present at the birth of her child, shows up; he's not too pleased with her at all.

This seems to be the time to remind readers that this is a very funny play. It certainly does not mock; it gently pokes fun at the foibles of people we all know, religious or not, Catholic or not.

Jennifer Heywood-Jackson plays Bridget. Many Westmounters will remember Ms. Heywood-Jackson, who appeared in five Shakespeare in the Park plays, and who taught at The Study. She plays a complicated modern woman who is



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Film on English made to enhance scanty information

English Montreal is moribund, Westmounter William Weintraub seems to be telling us in his latest documentary film, *The Rise and Fall of English Montreal*.

Westmounter Philip Bobrow, chair of the Montreal region of Alliance Quebec, says his organization is promoting the film launched this spring at a special Alliance Quebec-sponsored screening.

Alliance Quebec decided to sponsor the film because "it deals with issues that affect our community," Mr. Bobrow says. "It is important to hear our artists, writers and filmmakers to stimulate debate."

Documentary a first

"Political leaders have abandoned that role. When was the last time that Robert Bourassa or Brian Mulroney came to talk to us in Westmount? When was the last time a political figure defended the CBC, or the National Film Board or the Canada Council?"

Mr. Weintraub says he made the film for two main reasons.

"There is no other documentary history of the English," he says. "The second reason is that there is very little English history taught in

schools. I am very pleased that a number of high school teachers want to use the film in their classrooms."

The documentary starts with the historical fact that Montreal was once a predominately English city, which is now predominantly French.

He interviews university students who say they will go to Ontario, to New Brunswick, to British Columbia. They assume they will not be able to find jobs here.

More than 100 English schools have closed, he says. Soon there will be no young people left. The English-speaking people who love Montreal are a tiny minority of artists.

The documentary celebrates some of the accomplishments of English-speaking people — mostly making money.

The English, Mr. Weintraub points out, built McGill University — where they raised some of the world's brightest medical lights — the Lachine canal and the Victoria Bridge.

Dorchester renamed

Dorchester Boulevard was named for a man who tried to help the French preserve their way of

life. The French wrested the honour from the ghost of a man whose contribution to their history they had forgotten, and renamed it for a man whose contribution remains green in their memories. The English, in the person of Eric McLean and friends, even saved Old Montreal from the wrecker's hammer. But they couldn't be everywhere at once, so the "enemy" callously destroyed some fine old mansions of the English rich on Sherbrooke Street's Golden Mile.

"I made the film from an angle point of view," Mr. Weintraub says. "To me history is the important thing, rather than the language debate. Young people don't know anything of their history."

"We will make arrangements to show it to others who express an interest in seeing it," adds Mr. Bobrow.

Only once in the film, in coverage of the St. Kevin's School closing by the Catholic School Board, does Mr. Weintraub cover a common perception — French and English neighbours get along together, and it is politicians who try to keep us divided. The parents of the French children had no objection to sharing the school with the English, but the school board is afraid of what Mr. Weintraub calls contamination.



WILLIAM WEINTRAUB

Mr. Weintraub was on the staff of the National Film Board from 1966 to 1986. Since then, he has worked as a freelancer. In his career he has been involved in more than 100 films as writer, director and/or producer. A former print journalist, he wrote two

novels. *Why Rock the Boat?* (1961) was made into a 1974 feature film that won an Etrog (now called Genie) for best screenplay.

— Janet Coutts

Physio help sought by Reddy

The Reddy Memorial Hospital Centre seeks volunteers for the physiotherapy department for an hour each Monday and Wednesday. The centre also needs people to work in the coffee shop from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and friendly visitors at any time — days, evenings or weekends.

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Longtime fire volunteer James Black dies

A funeral took place Tuesday for James Andrew Black, who led Westmount's volunteer civil protection heavy rescue squad for many years until 1983.

The longtime Westmount resident died a week ago today in his home at 5010 Sherbrooke St. of an apparent heart attack. He was 64.

Mr. Black, who retired 10 years ago as a Bell Canada service fore-

man after a 30-year career, devoted many hours to Westmount's civil protection group, which he joined in 1964. He served at many local emergencies including a major flood at the Reddy Memorial Hospital when a water main burst on Atwater Avenue in 1972.

He went with the group to help outside Westmount as well at a

LaSalle gas explosion and a Monsanto explosion some 30 years ago.

"He was very courageous and went out of his way to help everybody," recalls Civil Protection Unit leader Abe Miller, who served with Mr. Black. "I remember at one of our practices a member of the group got hooked up high on a nail in a one-in-a-million occurrence. Jim was up there on a ladder rescuing him."

"He loved doing things for Westmount and the whole city organization."

On his retirement from the group, Mr. Black wrote that he had "a strong sense of pride at having had the privilege to belong to a squad with a very notable record of service and accomplishment."

One of his sons, Andy, served with his father in the civil protection group until joining the RCMP. Mr. Black's brother, Bill, was a Westmount fire officer at the time.

Mr. Black was predeceased by his wife Marjorie Isabel Barteaux. He is survived by four sons, James Andrew Jr., Jack, Ronald and William Charles and three grandchildren.

— Laureen Sweeney

Selwyn offers kindergarten and another immersion year

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Selwyn students will become younger and more proficient in French this fall, as the school introduces a new kindergarten and Grade 5 French immersion, said headmaster William Mitchell.

The idea to make way for a kindergarten class of 16 students

emerged from the school's strategic planning process over the past few years, he said.

A planning group made up of directors, faculty, parents and alumni decided there was a need and that the timing was right.

"Many independent schools have kindergartens attached to them," he said. "Parents are looking for kindergarten as good entry level preparation for the elementary program. We'll now be able to serve families interested in a Selwyn education that much better."

The school underwent a self-evaluation recently in anticipation of being accredited by the Canadian Education Standards Institute.

"We're the first school outside Ontario to be accredited by them," he said.

The kindergarten will be located in an Argyle Avenue house owned by the school.

Adding Grade 5 French immersion to the curriculum is part of their continuing effort to meet the objectives of the French program, which includes having their students capable of attending French CEGEPs when they graduate, he added.


"The research we've done with McGill University indicates that two consecutive years of French immersion is more effective than just one year," said Mr. Mitchell. "We've had a successful program at the Grade 6 level and this new program will complement that."

Song contest reaps winner for the Shaar

Westmounter Sharron Feifer brought Meitar to Montreal, and for the second year the group is holding a three-week artistic and cultural encounter, Halleluyah, culminating in an international song contest for Jewish youth on Aug. 11 in Jerusalem.

Congregation Shaar Hashomayim's Hazzan Mendelson Music Foundation in collaboration with Hillel Students' Society called for entries to the contest in the spring. Applications and demo tapes were received from high school, CEGEP and university students. A jury chose Marianopolis student Benji Gonshor to represent Montreal with the original song, "I Believe in Peace" by Australian composer Peter Steyne.

Mr. Gonshor has been rehearsing the song with Shaar Hashomayim music director Stephen Glass.



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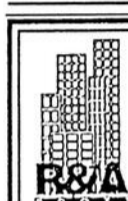
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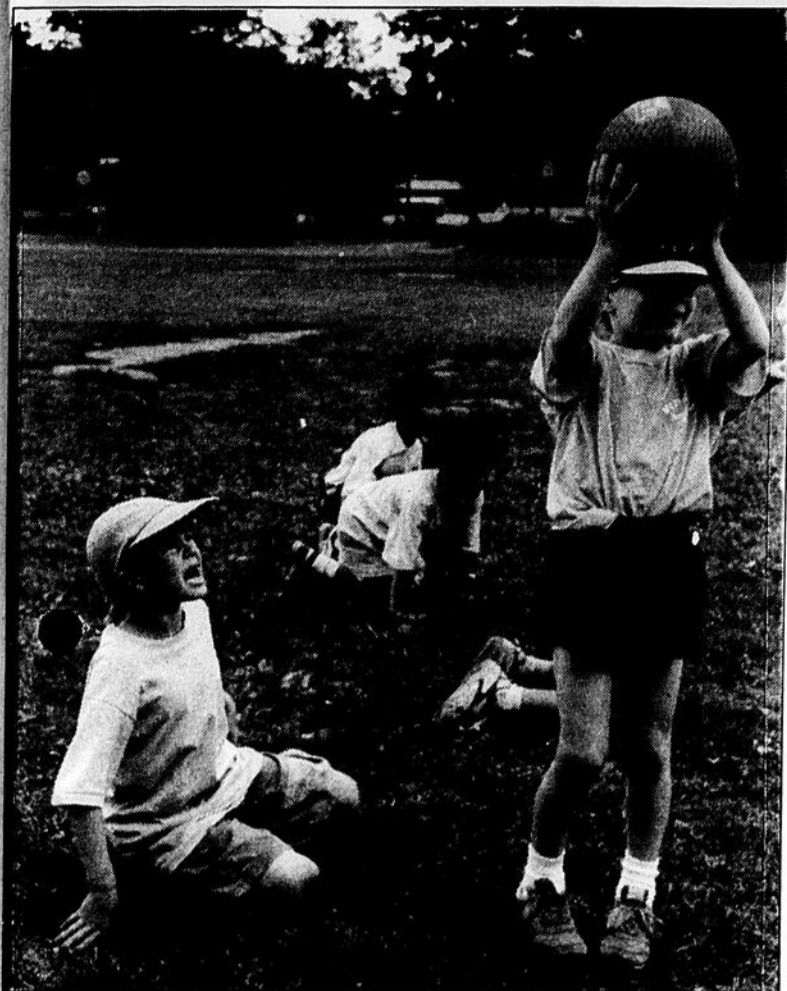
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RECREATION

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These eager sports campers were playing Chinese dodgeball under grey skies Monday but even the threat of rain couldn't dampen their enthusiasm.

New resource directory compiled by the library offers list of services

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Want to know which Westmount grocery stores deliver, what day-care and play groups are available or how to reach social service hotlines?

These services are among 250 compiled by Westmount Public Library, which has created an updated community resource directory. The directory can be bought for \$5 or may be consulted in the reference room.

Only 10 copies have been made so far, said information services librarian Ann Moffet.

"We may print more if there is sufficient demand," she said.

The directory was made possible by a \$500 grant from the Westmount Municipal Association used to defray costs of translation, typing and other preparation, she said.

"We had started it two years ago but were running out of time and needed help."

The directory concentrates on educational, health, leisure or religious programs and organizations in Westmount, but includes some outside listings.

"We added those for which we receive many requests," Mrs. Moffet said.

Typical examples are the Thomas More Institute, VON, Elderhostel, Concordia Small Business Consulting Bureau, Sun Youth or West End Horticultural Society.

The directory also provides data on subjects such as class action suits, pet sitters, summer camps, nursing homes, tutorial centres and a college for nannies.

Most listings include the name and phone number of a reference person and a brief summary of the group's aims, meeting times and service costs, if any.

Mrs. Moffet hopes citizens will report omissions or changes that can be included in updated versions. For instance, though Boy Scouts are included, Girl Guide groups are not and will be added in future.

People consulting the directory in the library have the added benefit of two companion directories recently compiled by the library. One includes brochures and other information on each listing, the other is an expanded resource book detailing 385 organizations.

Starting tomorrow for two weeks, the reference room will display several other directories listing community and cultural resources in Montreal, on the South Shore and other local areas.

Unicorns and ogres in plays for children

On Monday evening, children — even very young ones — are invited to a free performance of two plays written and produced by The Yabba, Dabba and You children's theatre company.

The performance takes place at 7 p.m. in Westmount Park. There is no rain date or rain location, according to socio-cultural director Beverly Adams-Coskun.

The offering this year is *Once Upon A Unicorn* and *An Ogre In The*

Neighbourhood. The company toured the island with another play last year, but did not come to Westmount. That play has been described as with songs, dance and audience participation.

"The kids loved it," said one viewer.

If you miss it here, it plays, same time, in Strathearn Park in Montreal West on Tuesday, Westminster Park in Côte St. Luc on Wednesday and N.D.G. Park on Aug. 3.

Special trips liven city summer camps

Registration for next session ends Friday

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Looking for an inexpensive and exciting way to while away the summer hours?

For any Westmount youngsters hanging around the house this summer, the sports and recreation department is about halfway through its sports and exploration day camp programs. Registration for the next session ends tomorrow.

The two-week sessions offer half-days of fun in two areas: sports and exploration at a cost of \$30 per session.

For kids interested in learning and improving their sports techniques, the sports camp is a chance to play any number of games from baseball, tennis, swimming and soccer to Chinese dodgeball and mini-Olympics, said sports supervisor Dave Lapointe.

"On the first Friday of every session they go to Murray (King George) Park or the Westmount Athletic Grounds for special activities — games, and then on the Wednesday of the second week they go on a trip to the Super Aqua

Club at Pointe Calumet," he said.

The exploration camps allow kids to get involved with arts and crafts, music, drama or even science. They also go on day trips to zoos, water slides and more.

The cost of the day camp covers the bright-coloured T-shirts and activities in Westmount, but trips are extra.

Sports counsellor Frank Denis is back the third year in a row, this year with his degree in physical education under his belt.

"I really enjoy being outside with the kids," he said. "It's great to be able to put yourself in the shoes of a six-year-old again. They get a chance to properly learn how to play various games. In school they are just told to go out and play. Here we work on their batting and pitching techniques, for example, and help correct errors."

Kensington Avenue resident Ashley Helm said she is really enjoying the sports camp because she like playing all the different sports.

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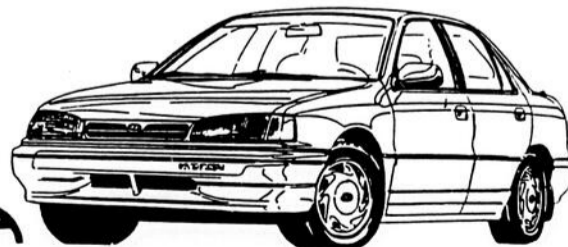
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STATION 23 LOG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Stockinged man robs two tellers

A man wearing a nylon stocking over his face held up two cashiers in the Bank of Montreal at Sherbrooke and Claremont Friday about 5:48 p.m., police said. Approaching the first teller, he pointed a gun at a customer, police said. The woman, a 51-year-old Westmount resident, was not reported hurt. He then moved to the

next wicket and said, "You too." The robber stashed the loot in a plastic bag and went to the door saying, "No one goes out or I shoot." He then fled west on Sherbrooke on foot with, reportedly, slightly more than \$1,000. He was described as a 25-year-old man with brown hair who spoke French.

Burglar sighted

A Westmount woman entered her apartment at 221

Clarke Ave. last Thursday in time to see an intruder climbing out the bedroom window, police said. He disappeared in the lane with a change purse and money clip from her purse. Several drawers and a jewel box had been opened. The burglar, who had climbed in the same unlocked window, was described as about 25 years old.

St. Matthias' a target again

Someone caused about \$300 damage at St. Matthias' Church breaking into the main office and trying to pry open cupboard doors, police said. It was not known what the intruder, or intruders, were looking for but nothing was reported stolen. A hammer found in the church was believed used to break glass in doors. The damage occurred between noon and 7:20 p.m. This was the second time the church had been broken into in the past few weeks.

Ex-PM renovations hurts neighbour

A driverless construction machine crashed into the marble entrance of a house at 50 Forden Cres. Friday when it rolled backward outside the site of the Mulroney home at number 47. There was no damage to the Koel vehicle, but the property sustained more than \$500 damage. The accident occurred at 7:30 a.m.

Teens eye shoes

A 14-year-old Westmount boy ran away from five older teens who tried to rob him of his shoes Friday at St. Catherine and Metcalfe, police said. The boy told officers he was walking west on the sidewalk when a skin-head walking toward him ordered him to hand over his shoes. Instead he ran off. The teens did not take chase. An incident report did not state what type of shoes he wore. The suspects were aged 15 or 16.

Teen's bike seen stolen

A group of five youths was seen stealing a bicycle chained in the front yard of 1 Weredale Park Tuesday night last week, police said. The witness looked out an apartment window on hearing noise about 9:39 p.m. She saw a boy aged about 16 wheeling the bike away accompanied by the others. The 10-speed bike belonged to a 17-year-old girl who valued it at \$200.

Balconies crumble, fall

Balconies on two Westmount apartment buildings were found to be in hazardous condition last week, public safety officers said. They informed city inspectors.

Officers roped off property in front of the Savoy at 399 Clarke Ave. Tuesday, July 13, when someone reported a large concrete slab about three metres (10 feet) in length had fallen from a fifth storey balcony.

"It was considered to be quite dangerous," said Lt. Richard Clyde.

On Thursday, more cement fell from two fourth-floor balconies at the Ambassador, 4557 Sherbrooke St., he said. Rotten wood and a broken railing were also found. A plastic table on one porch was broken by falling cement.

Drinkers caught in park

Court action is expected to be taken against five young men for allegedly drinking alcohol in Murray (King George) Park Friday night, public safety officers said.

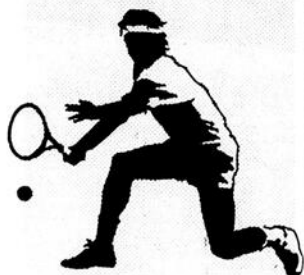
Consumption of such beverages in parks violates municipal bylaws.

The four, aged 18 and 19, were spotted south of the fish pond at 10:20 p.m. One had a bottle of beer, another a bottle of rum. When asked to identify themselves, none gave addresses in Westmount.

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