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Firefighters narrowly escape explosion at Reader's Digest

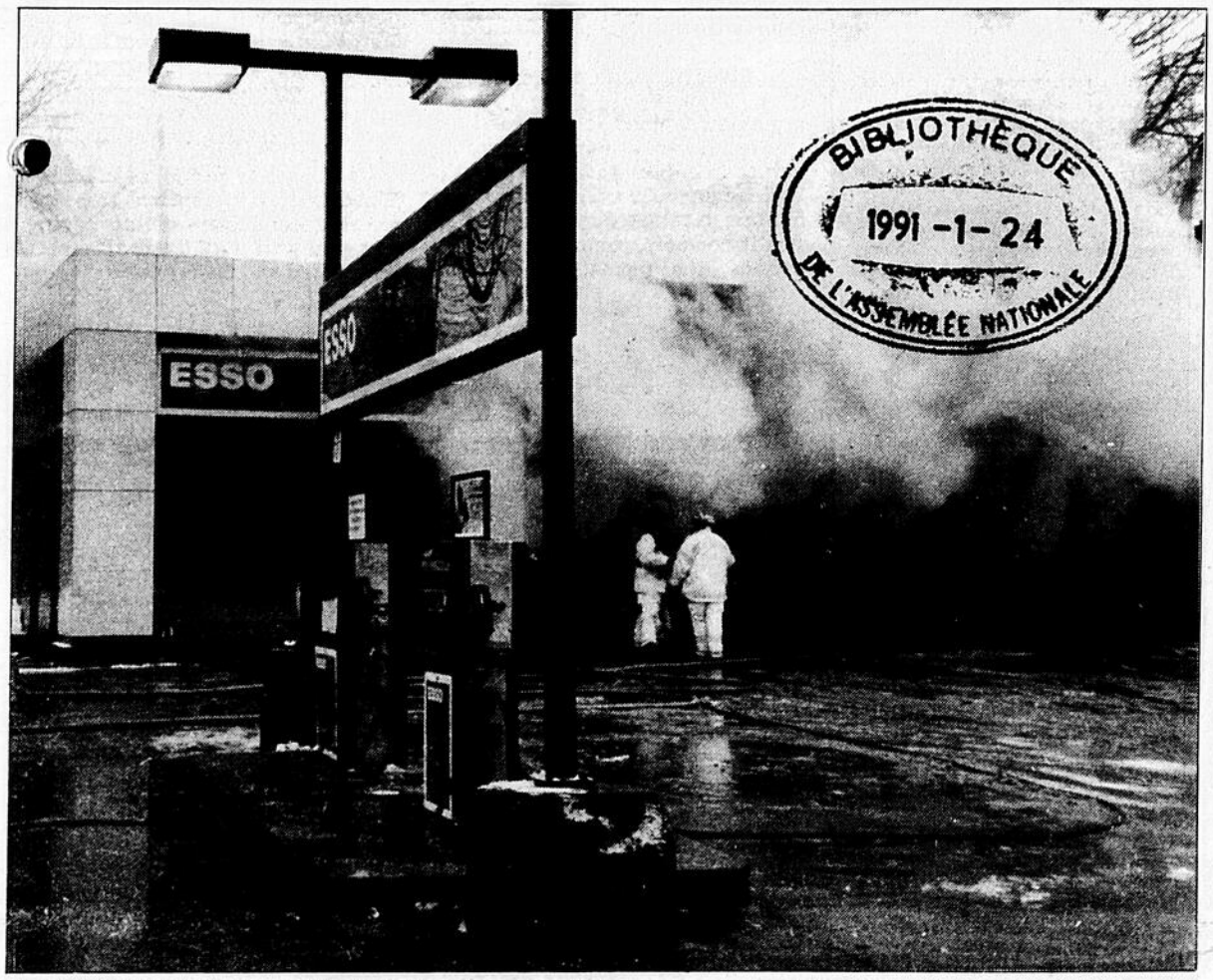
By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A major electrical explosion in the Readers' Digest building at 215 Redfern avenue yesterday morning left many Westmounters without power and kept city crews working throughout the day to restore service.

Two firefighters barely managed to escape the blast as the main electrical entry exploded behind them with such force that it blew open two huge steel doors to the electrical room and tore apart equipment.

"We were going up the stairs when we heard the explosion and saw the flame behind us," said Captain Frank MacDougall. He and fire-

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Smoke poured from the bays of Westmount's only service station at Grosvenor and Sherbrooke Monday morning when a fire was accidentally sparked during car repair work.

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Residents appear ready for user fees, phone survey shows

By ALISON RAMSEY

A telephone survey of recreation and culture in Westmount indicates residents may be ready to pay some user fees.

No conclusions, however, have yet been drawn from the study, pending citizen consultation. A public meeting scheduled for Feb 11 promises to be lively, as some residents lambasted the idea of user fees at the first public meeting in November.

This will be the second of three public meetings before the final report on the city's recreation and culture facilities needs is compiled by consultant Oliver Mangione McCalla and Associates Limited. A draft report will be released before the Feb 11 meeting.

In a telephone survey of 375 households, half the respondents said fees should be charged for programs where an instructor must be hired. Only 23 percent said no. Perhaps because it is unexpected, the figure is being double-checked.

About 80 percent of respondents also indicated that those in need and seniors should not pay. Fewer, 58 percent, believed children's programs should be free.

Residents appear to support strongly the construction of bicycle paths; 68 percent thought paths ranked as either important or very important. A path which used to run along de Maisonneuve boulevard was removed because of dangerous intersections, according to director of recreation and culture Robert Aiken.

He said the survey reflects a trend, that is Canada-wide, towards individual sports. According to the survey, at least twice as many residents participate in individual sports as are drawn to organized sports.

"Hockey rinks are being monitored every day this year for use," said Mayor May Cutler, who favors a couple of good rinks as opposed to several small ones.

The mayor was less supportive of other survey results. When asked if the conservatory/greenhouse should become an indoor park, 75 percent said "not important" or "of little importance."

"People like the greenhouse as an idea," said the mayor, "but most have never been in it. I'm sure 85 percent have never been in."

An indoor park may be low on the list, but an indoor pool was more attractive, with 48 percent support from respondents.

Respondents, 62 percent of them,

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Disaster averted during Esso fire

It is amazing no one was hurt Monday when car mechanics tried in vain to douse a gasoline fire that caused $400,000 damage to the Esso service station at Sherbrooke and Grosvenor, fire investigators said.

The blaze started in the garage when a spark from a cutting torch used to repair one car ignited gasoline leaking on to the floor from another, they said.

Smoke billowed above the station about 11:22 am as the fire destroyed three cars belonging to Westmount residents, ruined costly equipment and scorched numerous tires as well as other stock.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The building also was severely damaged and is to be tested for structural soundness.

Firefighters managed to control the fire soon after arrival using three streams but the incident had potential for "a bigger disaster" had explosions occurred or more than 100 tires inside the garage started burning, said Fire Chief Jim Adams.

The station remained closed for the rest of the day but resumed pumping gasoline the next morning. It is not expected to be back in full operation for about a month, according to owner George Sachewsky.

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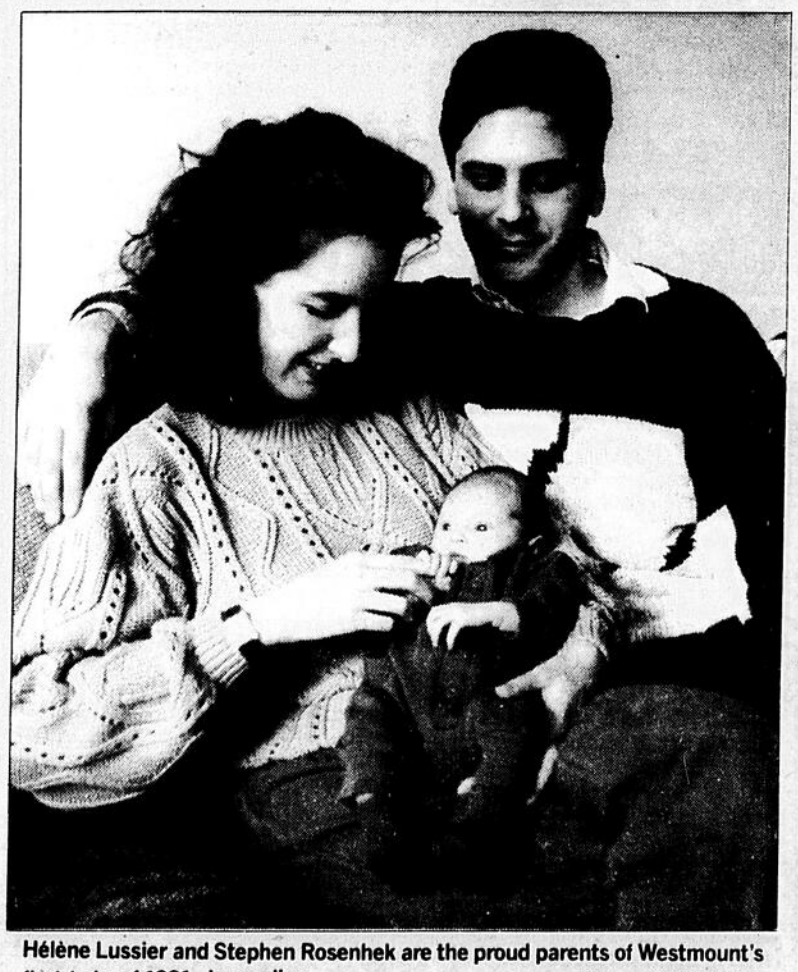
In the nine years THE EXAMINER has kept track, no baby born to Westmount parents has taken its first breath earlier than Jacqueline Sarah Rosenhek. Jacqueline was born at 6:40 am on Jan 1 to Hélène Lussier and Stephen Rosenhek.

The closest contender was Carolyn Bergier, born at 8:34 am Jan 1 six years ago.

Jacqueline weighed in at 7 pounds, 10 ounces at the Jewish General Hospital. She is the first child born to Hélène and Stephen, who live at 467 Argyle avenue.

The couple is relatively new to Westmount; they moved in April, 1990. Coincidentally, their next-door neighbors, who also moved in April, recently had a baby, born on Dec 26.

Jacqueline's paternal grandparents are Joyce and Marvin Rosenhek, Westmounters living on Elm avenue. Her maternal grandparents live in Sorel.



Hélène Lussier and Stephen Rosenhek are the proud parents of Westmount's first baby of 1991, Jacqueline. *Photo by OWEN EGAN*

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fighter Peter Tournas had decided to get out when they found smoke coming from the entry at the second basement level.

"I hate to think what would have happened if we'd still been there," said Lieut Tony Lazar, who had left the room moments earlier.

Damage extensive

No fire ensued after the initial flash but damage to costly electrical equipment in the building was believed to be extensive since it involved the main cable.

Both Westmount High and Selwyn House schools were left without power as were offices, apartments, homes, traffic lights and the city hall annex occupied by police, fire and public security services. Classes at the schools were not cancelled.

Soon after the explosion, Environment Quebec officials were called to Reader's Digest since the building was known to contain PCB electrical equipment, said Deputy Chief Graham Morrison. It turned out the contaminated transformer had been replaced with a non-PCB type though warning labels remained in place.

The incident touched off other problems as well.

Another electrical mishap occurred in the nearby office building at 4333 St Catherine street during attempts by building personnel to shut down its system which had been affected by the power failure at Reader's Digest. It was attributed to human error by fire officials.

In addition, the mutual aid fire truck sent by St Laurent to cover at the local station broke down as soon as it reached Westmount and had to be replaced by a pumper from Côte St Luc.

Outremont assisted at the scene, arriving soon after the initial call to Westmount firefighters at about 9:15 am when smoke was spotted in the basement.

Errata

In last week's issue of THE EXAMINER, in a story headed "How four discussion groups got started," it was incorrectly reported through a typing error that opinions expressed by people gathered at St Andrew's—Dominion-Douglas church for an Alliance Quebec survey were those of the parish as a whole. Their opinions were not sanctioned by the church nor representative of it. THE EXAMINER regrets the error.

Westmount Community Calendar

Today, Jan 17

Seniors' swim: At Westmount Y from 1:30 to 3 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Please note time change. No charge for seniors, even if not Y members. 931-8046.
Seniors' tea: At Westmount Y at 2:30 pm. Free.

Saturday, Jan 19

Samedi Greene presents filmmaker Louise Johnson with *See how cartoons are made and learn how to make your own flip book*. At Greene Avenue Community Centre from 10 to 11:30 am. Sponsored by La Cache. Admission $1. Children under six must be accompanied. 931-6202.
Overeaters Anonymous meets every Saturday at 3:30 pm at Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street. This is a non-smoking group. 499-3940.

Sunday, Jan 20

CAMMAC sight reading of Mozart's *Requiem* at St Matthias' Church Hall, 12 Church Hill, at 3 pm. All amateur vocalists and instrumentalists invited to join in. Instrumentalists should bring their own music stand.
Adult Prisoners of Childhood, a support group based on the therapeutic approach of Alice Miller and the 12 steps adapted from AA, meets at 7 pm every Sunday in the basement of Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street. $1 per person to cover room rental. Newcomers welcome at 6:45 pm. 937-4392.
Cocaine Anonymous meets every Sunday from 2 to 3:30 pm at Greene Avenue Community Centre, 1090 Greene avenue. 931-6202.

Monday, Jan 21

Montreal Camera Club meets at 7:30 pm at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve boulevard. Slides of fourth nature competition, followed by Paul E. Jean on *Alaska*. Guests welcome. Please use rear entrance.

Wednesday, Jan 23

Dance performance: Students of Concordia deparment of contemporary dance will perform original choreographies at the Westmount Y at 8 pm and will answer questions following the performance. Free.

COMING UP

Jan 24: 60th annual general meeting of Montreal Children's Library at 10:30 am in the auditorium of the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater avenue.
Jan 24: Registration at Contactivity Centre from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm for winter activities. Open to all Montreal seniors. 932-3433.
Jan 26: Periodical Writers Association seminar *The Business of Writing* at Atwater Library at 10 am. $35 general admission, $25 students with ID and free for PWAC members. Registration 9:30 am at 4023 Tupper street. 484-3186 or 483-2961.
Jan 26: Samedi Greene presents a mask workshop with Svetlana Miskovic. At Greene Avenue Community Centre from 10 to 11:30 am. Sponsored by La Cache.
Admission $1. Children under six must be accompanied. 931-6202.
Jan 27: Zoological Society of Montreal bus leaves Atwater Library at 9 am for trip to National Art Gallery. $35 per person, bus nly. Reserve between 11 am and 1 pm at 845-8317.

Addict suspected in pill heists

A "broke" drug addict appeared to be on the loose last week in Westmount, police said.

The Quenneville Pharmacy was robbed of pills on Monday, Jan 7, and more were reported stolen from the Gladstone Medical Centre over the weekend. It is possible both incidents were related, said Constable Gaston Bernier.

The drug store on Sherbrooke street at Grosvenor avenue was held up about 5:05 pm by a 25-year-old white man who said in English: "Give me your pills. I am armed."

No one saw a gun; the man simulated a weapon under his jean jacket. He went around the prescription counter and helped himself to about 20 bottles of unspecified pills. He was dressed in jeans and wore cowboy boots.

At 9:45 am Sunday, public safety officers spotted a broken basement window at the medical centre at Tupper and Gladstone streets and called police who confirmed it had been broken into. A small quantity of pills were reported missing.

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thought a community centre was not important. When asked, however, what Victoria Hall should be used for in future, 62 percent said community centre, with just 16 percent vying for the arts.

Clearly, Westmounters enjoy the arts but most enjoy them outside Westmount. A full 76 percent of households attend arts events, with half those going elsewhere to satisfy the craving.

One real strength of the community is its volunteering force: 40 percent of respondents volunteer, more than twice the provincial average.

Strengths and weaknesses

Accompanying the telephone survey results are a number of graphs giving an indication of the strengths and weaknesses of recreation and culture, as targeted by seven groups; facility owners, community organizations, the recreations advisory committee, staff, council, teens and users.

The variety of activities was noted by most groups as a strength, as was accessibility (low cost), community support and citizens' talents and volunteering.

Weaknesses included lack of communication between recreation agencies, poor communication by the city, lack of co-operation and collaboration and outdated facilities.

Anne Robinson, who prepared the report, reported that different groups said there were problems in communication between council and the advisory committee, staff and council, etc. She said the meeting of community groups was the first time they had gathered around one table. More than an hour was spent in introductions, and learning about each other's programs, she said, explaining how lack of communication and co-ordination figured strongly.

Ms Robinson and Mrs Culter declined to draw conclusions from the research conducted so far, saying they will wait until the draft report is prepared and made public.

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St Henri drop-in centre flooded out of business

Westmount furniture has to wait

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

Project Hope is in need of some of its own stuff — HOPE!

The storefront St Henri drop-in centre set up in September to help local youths is now closed because of flood damage and a leaking roof.

"It's sort of a general mess," Peter Bailey, Project Hope's sole staffer said Tuesday.

The goal of the centre at 2502 Notre Dame street west, jointly funded by the Montreal YMCA and the Black Community Council of Quebec, "is to reduce crime and poverty in Little Burgundy by offering a place for kids to go and get them off the streets."

Things were going as well as could be expected Mr Bailey said, until he returned from Christmas holidays and found a hole in the roof and the place flooded. There is also no running water. He has since been fighting with the landlord to get the water restored.

Project Hope has a six-month lease with SIMPA, a company which co-owns the building with the city of Montreal, SIMPA spokesman Jean-Guy Lalonde said last week.

Mr Lalonde said the company is studying renovating the adjacent building, the old Corona Theatre at 2490 Notre Dame which is now closed. He said the six-month lease will be renewable on a month-to-month basis when it expires.

But that is the least of Mr Bailey's problems.

Furniture donated to the Westmount YMCA by residents for the drop-in centre was supposed to have been delivered yesterday, but now he has nowhere to put it. Besides he still has to clean up and try to salvage the damaged furniture already at the centre.

Jay Netherwood, a community organizer for the Westmount Y, said he had collected furniture donated by Westmounters for the drop-in centre following an article in THE EXAMINER. Chairs, couches and rugs were collected, along with stacking chairs donated by the Y and one or two desks.

Mr Bailey, a former Shawbridge Youth Centre employee, said his project was gaining good momentum before the accident. He said he has volunteers ready to work and people who need to use the place.

Sol Kasimer, director of the Montreal Y, said his organization gave Project Hope "minimal start-up funds" which means the the drop-in centre will eventually have to fund itself.

"We're also concerned about the issues in that area," Mr Kasimer said. "Anything that could help young people get role models and have alternatives is a good idea."

Project Hope aimed to provide leadership training, tutorials and teach life skills and black history. Among the services to be provided was counselling for troubled youths and mothers-to-be, anti-drug education and crisis intervention.

Mr Bailey will try to get the centre cleaned up and opened by the beginning of next week. He hopes.

Man misguided

An elderly man was driven to the Vendôme metro station Tuesday last week by the Public Security Unit when he turned up at Roslyn School looking for the metro, officers said. The man, who lived downtown on St Catherine street, was described as partially blind.

Signing up to avoid war



Several thousand signatures were collected on a petition against Prime Minister Brian Mulroney drawing Canadians into a war in the Persian Gulf downtown Saturday. Yesterday, it was reported that Mr Mulroney would join in the war to expel Iraq from Kuwait. Some Westmounters, with Westmount Initiative for Peace, were out gathering support along with several other representatives from groups including Voice of Women and the Raging Grannies. *Photo by ALISON RAMSEY*

Non-stop snow clearing slowed by blower breakdown

It cost the city of Westmount $275,000 to clear this weekend's snowstorm, Fred Caluori, director of the public works department said yesterday morning.

"Overall, it went extremely well," he said.

The only problem clearing the 28.8 cm of snow which fell was the incessant breakdown of a hired snow blower.

The city had four blowers working at any one time.

Crews started loading operations Sunday and were expected to finish yesterday afternoon, Mr Caluori said.

Another problem was 8.8 cm of snow which fell Jan 9 which had not been loaded from many streets, except for main arteries.

Mr Caluori said crews had to work Sunday if main arteries and areas around schools were to be cleared by Monday morning.

An estimated 750 tonnes of salt at a cost of $32,000 was expected to be used by yesterday afternoon.

Other costs included $29,000 for regular labor, $40,000 for overtime labor, $40,000 for city equipment (the city rents its equipment to itself to calculate costs), $14,000 for hired equipment and $120,000 for 66 dump trucks.

Depending on the weather, public works crews might or might not work straight through to clear another snowfall which began yesterday.

Mr Caluori said if there is any significant accumulation, plows and salt trucks will stay on the job.

"We're definitely ready for the next storm," he said.

Late-night snow removal hard on residents' ears

Snow removal — some love it, some hate it.

Complaints of noisy clean-up operations and blocked lanes were recorded by public safety officers over the past week as Westmount shovelled away the white stuff from snowfalls on Wednesday as well as the weekend.

One salt truck caught fire while spreading its load on Belvedere Place Wednesday. The fire was quickly put out by crews throwing some snow on the burning wires limiting damage to the wiring, fire officials said.

One of numerous cars that had to be moved away from tow zones ended up with a crumpled fender Sunday afternoon when it fell off towing supports at Metcalfe and Hillside avenues, public safety officers said.

One contractor was ordered to stop clearing the Selwyn House lot behind 101 Côte St Antoine road at 10:41 pm Wednesday night last week, because it was after the 10 pm deadline. Three hours later another was found working behind 492 Lansdowne avenue. Saturday at 10:58 pm, another complaint was received regarding a contractor working at 3296 Cedar avenue.

Officers were also called to the rear of 331 Clarke avenue late Sunday afternoon where they found 80 percent of the lane was blocked by snow pushed away from garage entries. A city work vehicle was sent to remove the snow.

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We Say

Keep us whole

MODERATION and level-headedness characterized the observations of a wide assortment of Westmounters in the consultations which preceded Alliance Quebec's presentation to the National Assembly's Bélanger-Campeau commission on Quebec's future.

A pity they could not have been heard directly by the commission members, the MNAs and, in particular, those members of Quebec society who advocate separateness from the rest of Canada in a thinly disguised anti-English approach to the ordering of the province's affairs.

Increasingly evident as the pre-Christmas hearings continued was the imbalance, the closed minds, the obvious unwillingness to listen to and weigh what their fellow Quebecers of the non-francophone persuasion had to say.

Sadly, some of the reactions were outright hostile — even as any honest searching for the truth would have called for special attention to the views of those who are not part of the ethnic majority of Quebec. After all, all the polls rightly or wrongly seem to indicate a certain near unanimity of view among the French-speaking population. Thus it seems less important to dwell on the agreed viewpoints, repeated almost *ad nauseum*, than to hear what may be thought the dissident attitudes — just as valid and worthy of consideration.

Alliance Quebec may not have been the best vehicle through which to filter non-francophone views. That group is well funded by Ottawa and therefore to many automatically suspect. However, it is the only comprehensive non-French organization which can claim representation in all parts of the province. Who else likely would have been given time before the commission to speak for us?

There was nothing particularly original about the views of Westmounters, reported in this newspaper last week, except that they were, as expected, clearly and cogently advanced.

Underlying these views was a plea for respect by the majority for the anglo traditions and institutions which, in many cases, have long histories as intimate parts of the life of the province.

If nothing else can be achieved, it is important that those who are going to mold or influence the way Quebec is going to go be persuaded to accept the "English fact" — a substantial consideration — and incorporate it to mutual advantage in any and all planning. There are too many francophones who do not appear to realize that the Quebec culture which they seek to protect or further includes much more than only francophone institutions.

In short, Quebec with all its assets of human and material resources will be infinitely better off than if it discards any of them.

Of course, that argument is easily extended to the case for Quebec remaining in Canada: both Quebec and Canada are better off in diversity than either can be shorn of and isolated from any of the best of the whole.

The Hon Bud Drury

HON Charles M. Drury — soldier, senior federal civil servant, politician and minister of the crown — was at one and the same time an aloof and respected representative of Westmount in Ottawa.

His nickname was "Bud," and undoubtedly many intimates used it to his face. But ordinary folk felt constrained as they never have been with his MP successors here. "Don" Johnston and "David" Berger fall from our lips much more easily.

This is no reflection on the man; indeed, it infers qualities in him which are not often found among those who plead for our votes and then rise to high cabinet posts, of which Mr Drury held a number with distinction.

It was early in his tenure that we convinced him that a weekly column from our member of Parliament would be appreciated by our readers. We looked for personal insights, some sense of what being an MP and member of the ministry of the government of the day was like.

Except on rare occasions, he found it difficult to lift the veil. Frequent was our disappointment when his copy would come in; once, literally, it was about deep-sea fishing in the South Seas. He played what he perceived to be state secrets close to his vest. The habits of the senior soldier and top civil servant were deeply engrained.

No wonder he attracted lightning on major issues in which he was involved when straight explanations, before it was too late, would have deflected the bolts. The scrapping of the aircraft carrier Bonaventure brought him grief. So did a well-intentioned conversation with a judge concerning a cabinet colleague.

On the other hand, his skilfully crafted auto pact with the United States, which has served Canada to great advantage to this day and was an excellent justification for the more recent free trade agreement, is a lasting monument to him.

Mr Drury was, beneath a stern official veneer, a kind, generous and considerate man. Our relationships with him always were both proper and pleasant.

He served not only Westmount but the nation well.

our M.P. David Berger says...



Sanctions versus war

WHEN the House of Commons reconvened on Tuesday, the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party both opposed a government motion reaffirming support for the United Nations in ending the aggression by Iraq against Kuwait.

The prime minister stated that if Iraq failed to withdraw from Kuwait, Canada would join with the UN in expelling Saddam Hussein from Kuwait. Jean Chrétien, in his first speech as leader of the opposition, argued that the use of force was premature. Sanctions should be given more time to work.

When you strip away the rhetoric the difference of opinion really comes down to whether or not you believe sanctions can achieve the intended result.

The PM argued that with time and wealth Saddam Hussein would strengthen his arsenal. While sanctions had affected Iraq's exports and living conditions, Saddam would ensure that his armed forces receive top priority. He has demonstrated limitless tolerance for the suffering of his people and there was no evidence sanctions have caused a groundswell of discontent.

Jean Chrétien observed that in September and October, George Bush, Secretary of State James Baker and CIA director William Webster had all said that sanctions were working. More than 90 percent of Iraq's imports and 97 percent of its exports have been stopped. Industrial production has declined by 40 percent. The flow of spare parts and military supplies from the Soviet Union and France has stopped. Mr. Chrétien said that the UN Security Council should report on the effectiveness of sanctions. The use of force should be a last resort after all other avenues have been completely exhausted, including sanctions and diplomacy.

In trying to weigh these competing options, I can find merit in both sides. What tips the scales in favor of sanctions is the finality of war. As George Mitchell, the Senate majority leader said in last week's debate in the United States, "If we go to war now, no one will ever know if sanctions would have worked if given a full and fair chance."

You Say

Sentence not correct when 'not' not there

Regarding the Alliance Quebec workshops, I congratulate you on an excellent article last week. As spokesperson for the group held at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas I felt I was correctly quoted but for a very important exception. A sentence on page 14 should have read, "The event was *not* intended to reflect official views of the church."

The exclusion of the "not" caused some concern since it was a condition of holding that meeting at the church that this be made clear. I apologize to anyone who was upset by this misunderstanding, and ask that you correct this in next week's EXAMINER.

Otherwise, as many others have agreed, it was a very interesting report on Westmount's contribution to Alliance Quebec's submission.

Julie Dawson

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Editor's Note: The correction appears elsewhere in this issue. Again, our apologies for the omission.

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



What role in war?

AS I write, the deadline for war is 24 hours away. The eyes and ears of the world are riveted on Washington and Baghdad. Hope for peace is all but lost.

Last week, for three days, both houses of the U.S. Congress debated two resolutions: one to continue sanctions, the other to give President Bush the authority to use force. I confess that if I had been a member of either the Senate or the House of Representatives, I would have agonized over the choice. Both sides had compelling arguments. In the end I would probably have given the president the authority he requested.

Like all civilized humans, I hate war.

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Have an ognon, anyone?

WE get so much anguish and heartache from the people who postulate and police language matters in this province.

It therefore is a relief of a sort to learn that in France, assumed to be the wellhead of the positions taken by our Office de la langue française, they are having language trouble, too.

This is not just the longstanding concern over creeping anglicization. Even there, however, the Official Language Council now implicitly admits that it is losing that battle against the creeping in of Anglo-Saxon words. It has invented what is being termed an official version of franglais. Imported terms like "squatters" are being accepted, however reluctantly, by francizing them with extra letters, as in "squatteurs."

Mr Paul Webber, writing from Paris in the *Manchester Guardian*, reports that rebellious members of the Académie Française "have joined the ranks of the new Free French resistance movement that has promised to save the circumflex from a government decree altering more than 500 common spellings.

"The circumflex will disappear on many words as part of a series of often illogical changes published by the *Journal Officiel* which switch round acute and grave accents, banish hyphens and invent some teeth-grinding franglais," the piece goes on.

The changes were recommended by the Conseil supérieure de la langue française, the paper says. The conseil is linked to the French Academy and approved by both the Ministers for Francophonie and Education.

The new forms are divided into three categories: compound words, foreign expressions, and anomalies.

The circumflex, described as usually indicating a missing "s," will be dropped from words like huitres, aout and voute. Hyphens are to go in former compounds like bainmarie. Plurals are to be no more for words like essuiemain (hand towel).

With a growing opposition, the story envisages a nation divided between those putting an "i" in oignon and the rest spelling it ognon.

We wonder how much ground this is going to cut from under our Quebec Office de la langue française. We haven't heard much recently about its decreed "hambourgois" — hamburger in ordinary Québécois, French or English.

Speakeurs française, en garde!

I Say!

A MAN should be careful never to tell tales of himself to his own disadvantage; people may be amused, and laugh at the time, but they will be remembered and brought up against him upon some subsequent occasion.

—Dr Samuel Johnson

The Westmount Examiner

EXAMINING THE FILES

Forty-five Years Ago

January 18, 1946

"Forerunners of an English feminine invasion of Canada, which eventually will total 50,000 British wives, arrived in Westmount during the past week, two of them by boat with babies."

"A snake-headed, flesh-eating plant which can be grown from seed in the home is featured in the 1946 seed catalogue just issued by the Dominion Seed House of Georgetown, Ontario. Resembling the hooded cobra of India, the Darlingtons is one of the few carnivorous plants known to science."

Showing at the Seville: Van Johnson and Esther Williams in *Thrill of a Romance* and *Gentle Annie: Gun Girl of the West*. At the Snowdon: Cecil B. DeMille's *Reap the Wild Wind*. At the Westmount: *A Thousand and One Nights* and *Pride of the Marines*. At the Monkland: *Nob Hill*.

Thirty-five Years Ago

January 20, 1956

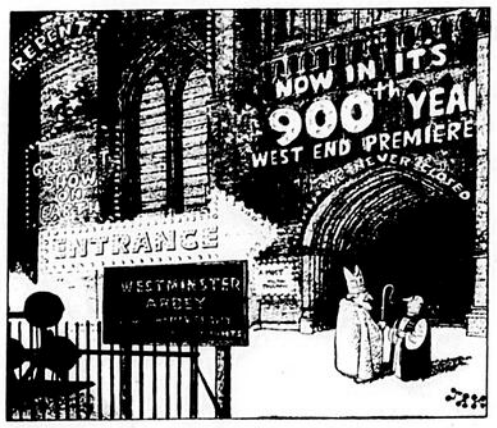
"The Westmount Public Library reports an increase of 860 in enrolment during 1955 in the annual report issued yesterday. TV is stimulating an interest in the classics, chief librarian Kathleen Jenkins said, in speaking of children's books... Popular titles during the year included: *Marjorie Morningstar, Bonjour Tristesse, Something of Value, The Sixth of June, The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit, The Flower Girls, Hadrian's Memoirs, Katherine* and *An Episode of Sparrows*."

"As a result of consumer demand, The Great A&P Tea Co. this week is introducing here its own private label brand of instant coffee. The new, low-price instant coffee come in two- and four-ounce jars bearing the A&P insignia."

Twenty-five Years Ago

January 20, 1966

Letter to the Editor: "I have in front of me the January 6, 1966, copy of THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER to which I am a subscriber. On your editorial page, there is a cartoon having reference to Westminster Abbey. Regardless of the origin of this cartoon, I am led to wonder as to how low a standard of ethics can you subscribe, to permit the publication in any of your newspapers of such an atrocity, which reflects neither humor nor good taste."



"But is it the image we wish to project?"

Ten Years Ago

January 22, 1981

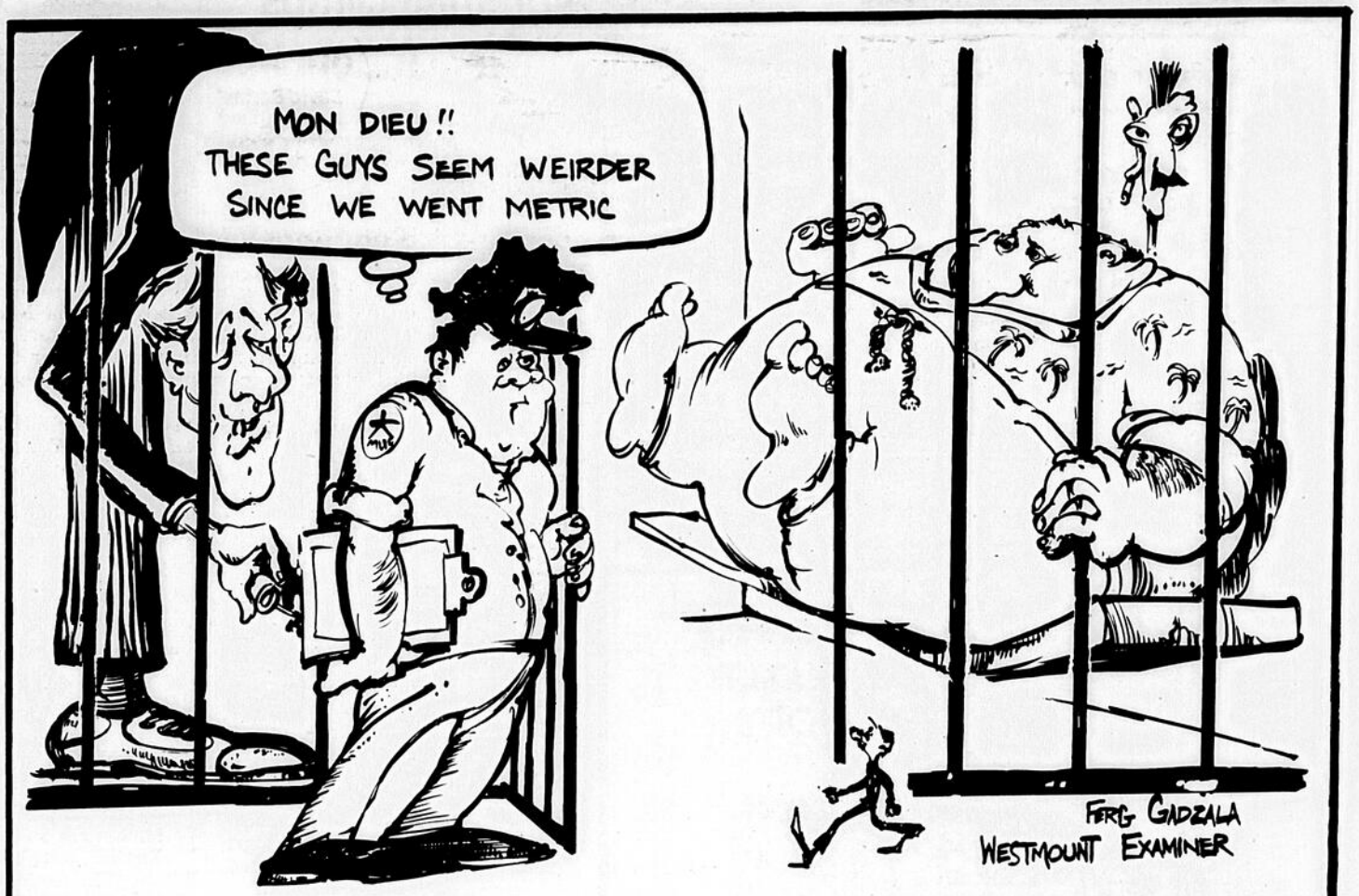
"The Quebec Court of Appeals has granted a motion by the City of Westmount to hear its appeal of a Superior Court ruling regarding the legality of a girls' detention unit operated at 6 Weredale Park by Youth Horizons... The unit (is) the only anglophone girls' short-term detention unit in Quebec."

One Year Ago

January 18, 1990

"Peter F. Trent was sworn in Tuesday noon as city councillor for ward 2 at the end of what he calls Westmount's 'shortest contested by-election.'"

"Construction of the Hillside avenue low-cost housing project for seniors will be completed by the end of February, more than $160,000 over budget, municipal and provincial housing officials said last week."



You Say

our PSBGM commissioner *Joan Rothman* **says...**



War and taxes

I AM happy to be writing this column once again. The reason for my uncharacteristic silence was the policy of THE EXAMINER which denies publishing privileges to persons who are candidates in elections, except under fair conditions whereby all candidates are given the opportunity to put forward their opinions in the newspaper. Since I am again your school commissioner, you will hear from me.

May the New Year 1991 bring us all peace and health. I cannot say I feel optimistic. On Tuesday evening the PSBGM commissioners were to have met to consider closing certain English-sector high schools because of the decreasing population with eligibility to English-language schooling in Quebec.

We will all be conscious, as we vote for major educational changes on the Island of Montreal, of the threat of war and of the possible destruction of millions of people in the Middle East.

Tax worries seem so small beside the threat of war but, after talking to many of you during the last six weeks, I realize they are of primary concern in the face of a recession and a government which seems to be asking the property owner to assume total responsibility for the Quebec deficit.

Rumor has it that Michel Pagé, minister of education, is thinking of raising $80 million in property tax to give to the short-funded Quebec school boards. The government would then take the general income tax dollar, which paid for public education before, and give this found money to the CEGEPs and universities and other areas. We all know Quebec public education is underfunded but I deeply disagree with Quebec's desperate action to make the property owner the goose who will support both the municipalities and the school boards. They will kill the goose and there will be no golden egg.

Besides, as the province moves toward sovereignty-association or a version thereof, who says property will be worth anything? Already the market seems to be throwing real estate holdings and their value into question.

Basing school taxes on property raises that old problem that Quebec school tax reform had almost abolished. The rich areas get good schools and teachers, the poor areas are deprived of good education. With an illiteracy rate of 28 percent of the Quebec population, I am against a return to the old way of financing education.

UN to hear Bill 178 case at March meeting

I wish to thank all of the people across Quebec and Canada who have supported me in my complaint to the United Nations against Quebec legislation (Bill 178) which continues to forbid me the use of my language.

The Human Rights Commission of the UN, in October 1990, expressed serious concerns over Section 33 (the notwithstanding clause) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as being in conflict with Article 4 of the UN Covenant on Human Rights — which Canada has signed. It was Section 33 that Quebec used in December 1988 in order to pass Bill 178 and override the Supreme Court decision.

The Human Rights Committee has advised me that my case will be heard at its March 1991 meeting, in New York. In view of the recent expression of concern by the committee, I am hopeful that the committee will respond positively to my complaint against the Quebec and Canadian governments for their failure to protect my individual rights and freedoms.

The language situation in Quebec is growing continuously more antagonistic, with the provincial government dominated by nationalists. It is apparent that the present Bélanger-Campeau hearings will end in a split decision. One group will recommend immediate separation with economic association, and another will be in favor of staying in Canada *with more power*, to make separation easier later on.

I can only pray that Canadians will not allow Mr Mulroney to handle the "separation" of Quebec, for there would be no hope for a reasonable negotiation that would take into consideration the needs of the Canadian people and the English-speaking minority in Quebec.

Gordon McIntyre

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OUR MNA . . .

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Even the Second World War, which I supported avidly as a youth, didn't produce the world order we had hoped while it was being fought. And the wars that followed — Korea, Vietnam, Israel, Afghanistan — solved very little. Why, then, should we believe that blasting Iraq off the map will lead to "a new world order," as some would have us believe?

From a Canadian perspective our Rambo-style approach would be a bad joke if the whole situation were not so serious. Symbolically, we must support the United Nations. Of all its members we are perhaps the most loyal, devoted and helpful nation in that organization.

But let's not lose sight of our goal. We become a laughing stock when we send the Hon Mary Collins stomping around the Persian Gulf rattling our empty sheath. We should, in my opinion, hold back on our rhetoric until some sort of truce is worked out — either before or after military action. At that time we should perform our traditional peace-keeping role, wearing the blue beret of the United Nations.

These are the matters being debated in the House of Commons. May God enlighten them in their deliberations.

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Foreman climbs power ladder

The City of Westmount finalized three new appointments at its council meeting Monday; two of which are temporary.

François Cormier, formerly cable foreman, was appointed assistant superintendent of the light and power department. He started in the new position Monday. Mr Cormier, present at council, said his stepfather worked for the same department for 41 years. Edouard LeBourdais worked as a lineman with light and power. Mr Cormier will have been with the department for 34 years as of April.

He is stepping into the shoes of Raymond Beausoleil, who will be retiring in July. Mr Cormier's task between now and then is to learn the job.

Two people were named as temporary replacements for director of building and planning, Joanne Poirier, who is taking maternity leave.

Henry Neblett, chief building inspector, was appointed interim assistant director of the department. He is being aided in the post by Amita Marjara, named interim administrative architect. Both appointments were in effect on Monday and last no later than July 29.



Production crew prepares to shoot commercial.

Visual Arts centre mimics daycare for Yoplait ads

REMEMBER the old Yop-Yop-Yoplait television ads? Well, get ready for another onslaught of cute 30-second spots featuring children.

Some of the commercials were being shot in Westmount Monday at the Visual Arts Centre on Victoria avenue by Les Films 24 Inc. Michel Fortin, a producer, said the commercials, in French and in English, were being shot in Westmount for practical reasons.

The scenes take place in a nursery. Since real locations would be busy during weekday hours, the production company chose a room on the second floor of the Visual Arts Centre with the proper lighting and which could be converted easily.

In the commercial, a group of four- and five-year-olds are doing arts and crafts. One child draws a flower, the symbol of Yoplait yogurt, gives it to the teacher, then everyone eats yogurt.

"It's a nice childhood moment," said Edith Beaucage, a Westmount resident and producer for BCP, the advertising agency handling the project.

About 10 four- to five-year-olds are involved in the commercials, which should be seen on television some time in mid-February, Mr Fortin said.

Another Yoplait commercial is to be shot in Old Montreal.

Frayed extension cord causes fire in Grosvenor bed

Throw out your old, frayed and taped extension cords.

That's the word from fire officials in wake of a small fire in a house on Grosvenor avenue Saturday when a worn electrical cord was reported to have ignited the box spring of a bed.

"Tell people not to use old, taped cords," said Captain Michael Boychuck. "They're too dangerous."

He said the cord in use Saturday was powering a television near the bed when it started to burn the box spring. Fortunately residents were at home to discover the problem and managed to douse it before calling firefighters at 3:48 pm.

The box spring was taken outside where a neighbor believed it to be still smoking at 5:04 pm when she recalled firemen. The item turned out to be only steaming. Damage to the mattress was estimated at $100. A small area of the carpet was also burned.

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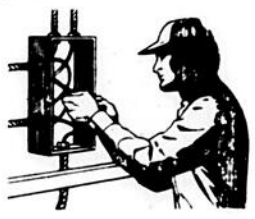
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Downzoning of southeast sector slated for approval, with requested changes

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

Westmount city council will go ahead with its planned downzoning of sectors of southeastern Westmount, with four modifications requested by residents at an earlier public meeting.

The by-law to amend by-law 978, Westmount's zoning by-law, is expected to be adopted within two weeks, Councillor Peter Trent said.

The changes include keeping the current zoning of the Atwater Library which Westmount originally intended to downzone from nine storeys to four. Representatives of the cash-strapped institution asked the city not to change the zoning at a public consultation meeting last Nov 27 because of possible plans to add an additional two storeys.

Ralph Levitt, president of the library board, said the downzoning would impede the institution's financial recovery.

"We didn't want the zoning to impede their program," agreed Mr Trent.

But he jokingly warned that if the library should later want to demolish the building, it would have to face Westmount's infamous demolition committee.

The proposed amending bylaw downzones certain sectors of southeastern Westmount. It would limit the height of new buildings to a level lower than what is now allowed and, in certain sectors, to the same height as existing buildings.

In the by-law, most of Greene avenue would be downzoned from four and six storeys to three storeys, and the south side of St Catherine would be downzoned from seven to four storeys.

Other modifications to the by-law include a promise by council to consider any future proposal by St Stephen's Anglican Church, 4006 Dorchester boulevard at Atwater avenue, for zoning changes in the area.

At the public meeting Nov 27, Reverend Robin Guinness asked that Westmount's proposed zoning changes be flexible enough to let the church develop adjacent land.

Mr Guinness said the church needed to consider ways of financing badly needed repairs and an expansion of the church and had talked to a developer to that effect. The current zoning is for four storeys and Mr Guinness wanted land behind the church upzoned.

Mr Trent said Monday that since the church had been unable to provide any concrete plans, council couldn't possibly change the zoning. Council, he said, would consider a zoning change when it received a formal proposal.

He said council had a moral obligation to consider any future request by the church.

In another modification to the by-law, developer Michael Sniatowsky was given two years to build his seven-storey building at 4040 St Catherine with modifications previously agreed to by Westmount's Architectural and Planning Commission. Mr Sniatowsky has an acquired right to build a seven-storey building in the place of the now vacant TAS building slated for demolition.

If he does not build within two years, the land will revert to a maximum of four storeys.

Finally, parking regulations were eased for the owner of a building at 3035 St Antoine, the old Aviron building, which called for the owner to provide 26 parking spaces if the building is leased.

Architect Alex Weinstein argued at the Nov 27 public meeting that the regulations were impeding his client's efforts to rent the building, which has been vacant for two years.

The regulation was eased to nine parking spaces, Mr Trent said.

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Who's doing what?

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Jan 7

4515 St Catherine: for Ville Marie Social Services by Marcel Laperriere Inc, install 21 plumbing fixtures, $23,000;
1 Bellevue: for R. Ronci by Construction D'Alescio, demolition permit for garage, $2,500;

Jan 8

513-15 Côte St Antoine: for Robert Kruger by contractor yet to be determined, build double garage and landscaping, $60,000;

Jan 9

440 Mount Stephen (apts 20 and 24): for Les Immeubles Stephen Inc by self, kitchen and bathroom ventilation, $3,000 each;

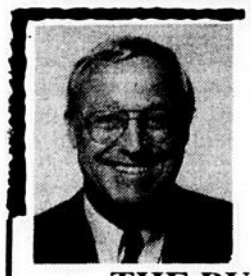
Jan 10

3172 The Boulevard: for A. Schwartz by Mr Sommor, windows, $1,500;
660 Belmont: for Mr Beitez by Du Moulin Plomberie, seven fixtures, $3,500;
440 Mount Stephen (apts 20 and 24): for Les Immeubles Mount Stephen by R. Edmond Laroque, four fixtures, $3,000 and $2,000 for total of $5,000;
3757 The Boulevard: for Cofort Inc by contractor yet to be determined, interior alterations, $30,000;

Jan 11

711 Grosvenor: for Sam Segal by Electra Plumbing, install six plumbing fixtures, $500;
661 Victoria: for James L. Henry by Foyer Universal, fireplace, $3,500;
4896 Sherbrooke: for Cavallaro by Designe Noveq, sign, $2,000;
4039 Tupper: for Reddy Memorial Hospital by Construction Cobra Inc, sprinklers and ceilings, $615,000.

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By Reg Morden

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Accepting a deed to a property with an actual or suspected defect is something that should be avoided, but if a person does this he can protect himself to a certain extent. He can have a portion of the funds held in trust for a period of time. If the fault isn't corrected by that length of time, the money is returned to the buyer. Check with your notary first if this is your situation.

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PSBGM votes to keep two English high schools open

The Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal made a gutless move by voting to keep West Hill High School open, according to local commissioner Joan Rothman.

The school should have been closed but "the board is dreadfully afraid of the French sector increasing," said Mrs Rothman. "If we were to have more than 51 percent in the French sector, the board might lose its (English) status. They're afraid they'll have to work in French."

The board was clearly split on the issue of West Hill, with a half-dozen voting against the motion to keep the school open at a special meeting of the PSBGM Tuesday night at Westmount High School.

These dissenters were backed by the Montreal Teachers Association, which became unusually vocal and petitioned strongly to expand both the French elementary and high school systems.

Their inference was that expansion would be into existing English-language schools, running at only a fraction of their capacity. Instead of offering statistics on the overcrowding of schools in the French sector, the teachers association showed how under-used seven "small" English schools are.

West Hill, for instance, has an enrolment of 202 students this year, 45 of whom are graduating; there are only 18 Grade 7 students. It has a capacity of 1,072. Outremont High School, also on the PSBGM hit list

By ALISON RAMSEY

this year, was rescued with a unanimous vote by the board. It has 319 students this year, but the building is designed to hold 1,048.

Westmount High School, though saved from threatened closure by increased Grade 7 enrolment for the past few years, is still ranked "small" with 382 students and room for 896.

The figures do not include classrooms the board has rented out to other schools or for other uses.

The board recognizes that unless the PSBGM can lure its elementary students into English high schools, instead of losing a steady stream to private schools, the future of some schools seems sealed, if not this year then maybe next.

Teachers association president Ruth Rosenfield, who addressed the board with the teachers' view, said after the meeting that board members have reason to hope imperilled schools will survive.

When the death knell sounds, she said, a school can rise from the ashes and sometimes succeed by modifying its programs — as Westmount High did — and becoming an alternative school.

French immersion schools in the English stream are doing well. A resolution was passed to begin a post-primary immersion program at Outremont high school in September 1991.

But Ms Rosenfield was incensed that the board neglected its fiscal obligation by ignoring the need in the French sector for more teachers, more classrooms and more schools while the English sector shows a glut of 10 teachers overall.

She said the concerns of the English sector always seem to be met rapidly, while requests for French services are delayed by studies. She pointed to two resolutions that same night, asking that an annex to Ecole Edouard VII become a proper school and that West Hill accommodate French high school programs in available space.

Both resolutions are slated for consultation, instead of immediate action, despite the fact that at least one of the proposals was brought to the board in the fall. A promise of a study was made then, but never realized, for the de-annexation.

Mrs Rothman said she hopes West Hill will return to the chopping block next year.

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A memorial service will be held today in Ottawa for Charles M. "Bud" Drury, distinguished soldier, civil servant, lawyer, businessman, federal cabinet minister and six-term member of Parliament for Westmount.

Mr Drury died early Saturday at Gatineau Hospital in Wakefield, Quebec, after a brief hospitalization. He had been living in retirement near Wakefield. He was 78.

"I have lived an interesting life and would not make any great changes," Mr Drury told an interviewer in 1987. The modestly chosen adjective is an understatement for a long and distinguished career.

Charles Mills Drury, PC, OC, CBE, DSO, ED, QC, was born in Montreal in 1912, son of Victor Montague Drury and Pansy Jessie Mills. He was raised in Westmount and educated at Lower Canada College, Bishop's College School, Royal Military College, McGill University where he earned his law degree (BCL), and the Université de Paris.

He practised law from 1936-'39 and in 1939 married Jane Ferrier Counsell, who died in 1971. He is survived by their four children: Diana of Wakefield, Leith of Toronto, Victor of Westmount and Charles Gibbons "Gibb" of Wakefield. He also is survived by his brother, Chipman H. Drury, former mayor of Westmount; his sister, Diana Norris of Virginia; and 11 grandchildren.

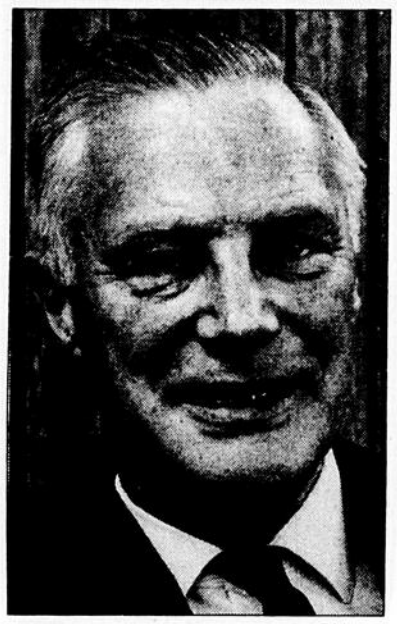
With the outbreak of the Second World War, Mr Drury joined the Canadian Army as a captain. With his distinguished service he was promoted to the rank of brigadier in 1945. He was just 27 and became one of the youngest soldiers to hold that high rank. He was decorated with the CBE and DSO.

Worked in Poland

From 1945 to 1947 he served as chief of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in Warsaw, overseeing the resettlement of refugees and postwar reconstruction. After returning from Poland he began a career as an Ottawa civil servant, joining the economic division of the department of external affairs.

In 1948 he was appointed deputy minister of national defence, a post he held until 1955 when he left public service to be president and managing director of Provincial Transport Ltd. By the time he returned to public life in 1962 he had transformed the money-losing business into a profitable one.

That return in 1962 was as the member of Parliament for St Antoine-Westmount, as the local riding was then called. Distressed over the policies of then-prime minister John Diefenbaker, Mr Drury was urged to seek the Liberal nomination here,



CHARLES M. "BUD" DRURY

which he won at a long and spirited convention in a packed Victoria Hall against John S. Corbett. He went on to defeat Progressive Conservative Peter Kerrigan by 3,000 votes, the narrowest of his six election wins.

He defeated Mr Kerrigan again in April 1963, this time by 9,000 votes, and the Liberals formed a government under Lester Pearson. Mr Drury was given two portfolios in the minority government, defence production and a newly created position, minister of industry. It was in the latter role that he was responsible for the negotiation of the Canada-U.S. Auto Pact, signed in 1965, which created free trade in the automobile industry.

He later said he considered this his greatest achievement in government. His deputy minister then was Simon Reisman, who a few years ago was chief negotiator of the free trade agreement. Mr Drury in 1987 called the free trade deal "a challenge which I think we can and should meet; if we can't we aren't worth our salt."

Mr Drury was re-elected easily in 1965 against Alex Hutchison and scored his greatest electoral win in the "Trudeaumania" election of 1968, piling up a 25,000 vote majority and winning 213 of 218 polls against Conservative Murray Ballantyne.

Mr Trudeau named Mr Drury president of the treasury board after the 1968 election, a post he held until 1974 after being re-elected in 1972 and 1974 in closer elections against Conservative Michael Meighen, who last year was named to the Senate to help pass the GST legislation.

Mr Meighen yesterday praised his former political adversary, saying Mr Drury made a "great contribution to the country and the community.

"He rose to the top in three fields of endeavor, and that's quite a tribute."

Despite facing off in political life, the two men were good friends and "anyone I knew spoke very warmly about him."

After the 1974 election Mr Drury was again given two cabinet positions, public works and minister of state for science and technology. In the former post he was able to see through the government's commitment to have Westmount's Old Post Office at Greene and de Maisonneuve refurbished and restored, probably the most notable of his constituency achievements.

Mr Drury's stormiest political times came in 1976 when he was involved in a controversy for having discussed a case with a judge, a close friend and resident of Westmount. Mr Drury felt obliged to resign from cabinet, though it was refused by Mr Trudeau.

Mr Drury did, however, resign from the cabinet in September 1976 but soon was named by Mr Trudeau as a special representative for constitutional development in the Northwest Territories. Prior to becoming an MP he had served on the Northwest Territories Council.

Once out of cabinet there was considerable local pressure on Mr Drury to resign his seat and allow a by-election to be held. At the end of January 1978, he did so, after 15½ years as MP. He was named by Mr Trudeau to chair the National Capital Commission, a post he held until 1984.

Justice and propriety

Those close to Mr Drury often marvelled at his ability to handle both ministerial and constituency duties with a strong sense of justice and propriety. He had a reputation, however, as a person who was unwilling to listen to half-baked statements or ideas, and he often turned people's questions back on them, forcing them to answer their own questions for themselves.

Despite his electoral success, he said he found vote-getting the worst part of his job. "I hated the business of getting up on a platform and telling people how good you are. I found this offensive," he told the *West Quebec Post* in an interview late in 1987.

Over the years Mr Drury served a number of groups and organizations. He was president of the United Nations Association in Canada and the Montreal Board of Trade, chairman of the Montreal Branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, vice-chairman of the Grenfell Labrador Medical Mission, director of the Royal Victoria Hospital and a member of the executive of the Montreal Chamber of Commerce.

Today's service in Ottawa is to be held at 11 o'clock at Christ Church Cathedral.

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Woman in Black makes you laugh before you leap

The Woman in Black, adapted by Stephen Mallatratt from a book by Susan Hill, is a Gothic horror story with moments of high comedy, usually occurring right before your heart has skipped a beat.

It is exactly the kind of thing to go see in the depths of winter.

This play is an actor's opportunity to strut his stuff, with lots of theatre jokes contained in the play-within-a-play. But it is also a writer's play. Mr Mallatratt wrote for the theatre while he was in Alan Ayckbourn's company and for other English companies. He has also worked as an actor, so he knows plays from two directions.

But it is as a writer for the popular British TV series *Coronation Street* that he is best known in this country. "No wonder it's so good," one member of the audience remarked to his companion after perusing the program biography.

Arthur Kipps is a solicitor with a horrible experience in his past. He feels he can lay the ghost to rest, so to speak, if only he can tell his story to family and friends. Mr Kipps is played by Craig Davidson, making his first appearance in Montreal. We can only hope to see more of him.

Because he's not the most exciting speaker in the world, Kipps has written his story out and is taking acting lessons so he can read it convincingly.

The actor is scathing. No one would be interested in all that detail, and it will take longer to read than *Lear*. Kipp's efforts to loosen up, to add expression, to make his audience see and hear, are pathetic.

So the actor (Jim Mezon) decides he will play Kipps, and Kipps is to take the parts of all the other characters who figure in his story.

A reclusive estate

Kipps sheds his awkwardness as he loses himself in portraying the people he meets at Eel Marsh, where he is sent to settle the estate of a recluse who has died there.

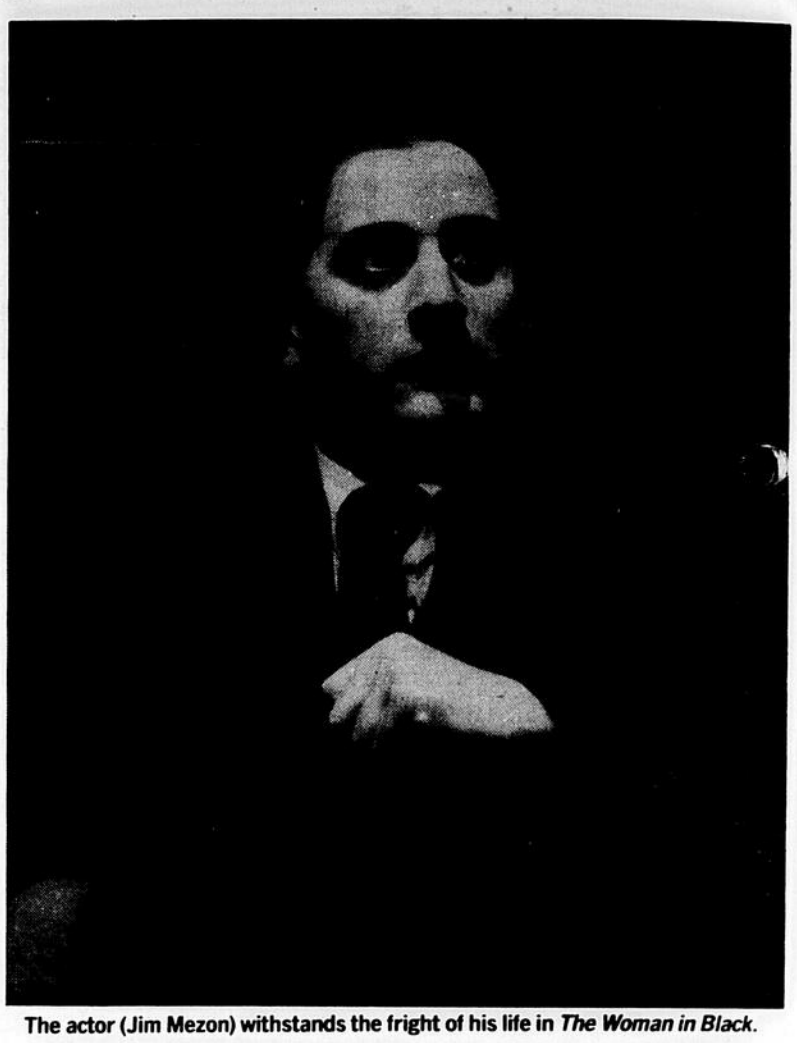
No one in the village will talk to him of what is wrong in the Gothic mansion, where there is one mysterious room, locked, with no keyhole.

But neither do they abandon him. He is urged not to spend time there alone, but neither is anyone else willing to stay with him.

Nonetheless, he is determined to do his duty. In the midst of all the hauntings, he is taken by the wild beauty of the place. And he almost escapes knowing what is happening. As twist after twist of the tale unfolds, we learn of horror, death, sibling rivalry and revenge beyond the grave.

We see grisly death on television every day, and here we never see death. We see a gliding woman dressed in black, some fog, a mansion. We hear a raven's cry, screams, the crash of a cart. And yet, theatre is so much more real than real events depicted on a small screen. Even the calmest member of the audience has a few skipped heartbeats. People hold each others' hands, tightly.

All this is helped along by wonderful acting, direction by Perry Schneiderman that makes the most of the actors' skills, Andrew Lue-Shue's simple set and the evocative lighting of Norberts Muncs.



The actor (Jim Mezon) withstands the fright of his life in *The Woman in Black*.

It's like listening to campfire stories when you were young enough to almost believe in witches and goblins and... ghosts.

***The Woman in Black* is at Centaur Theatre, 453 St François Xavier in Old Montreal, Tuesday to Saturday at 8 pm and Sundays at 7 pm. Saturday matinées are at 2 pm and there are additional matinées Wednesday, Jan 23, and Sunday, Feb 3, at 2 pm (the final performance of the play). Box office: 288-3161.**

— Janet Coutts

Student writers commence!

This year's McEntyre writing competition is on the theme of "One Planet — One People."

All elementary and secondary school students who live or attend school in Westmount are invited to write on the topic, or any facet of it.

Competition forms were delivered last week to schools, the Westmount Library, Atwater Library, city hall, the recreation and culture department (in the arena) and Victoria Hall. All entries must be received at Westmount Library before 6 pm on Friday, April 19.

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Notice of 60th Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Montreal Children's Library will take place on **Thursday, January 24th, 1991** at **10:30 am** in the Auditorium of the Atwater Library for the purpose of receiving reports, electing the Board, and appointing the auditor.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE DES JEUNES DE MONTRÉAL

Avis: 60ième assemblée générale

L'assemblée générale annuelle de la Bibliothèque des jeunes de Montréal aura lieu jeudi, le **24 janvier, 1991**, à **10h30** à l'auditorium de la Bibliothèque Atwater. Le but de cette rencontre est de recevoir les rapports, d'élire le conseil d'administration, et de sélectionner les vérificateurs.

ALLIANCE QUEBEC MONTREAL REGION CHAPTER PRESENTS:

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Teens planting the seeds of environmentalism

Time is short to save the environment, but there is reason to hope.

That's the message two teenagers brought to about 30 people who braved heavy snow to hear them Wednesday last week at Victoria Hall.

Jointly sponsored by the Seniors of Westmount Action Group and Contactivity Centre, the event was billed as a "meeting of the generations" between Westmounters and SAVE, Student Action for a Viable Environment, a youth group crossing the country to plant the seeds of activism in communities.

Ironically, while the SAVE tour is intended mainly for schools, no schools in the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal made appointments with the group, according to PSBGM commissioner Joan Rothman. They came in November and will not be returning.

The 1990s will be a crucial decade for the environment, said Sarah Dakin and Angus McIllwraith, both 18.

On the individual level, said Dakin, people can "rethink and refuse" products which are often used, but are bad for the environment, such as styrofoam cups or aerosol cans.

She said that while people can't completely eliminate potentially wasteful things from their homes, like paper and other garbage, they can reduce their use, and re-use what they can.

For example, they suggested, use a chalkboard by the phone to scribble notes on, instead of paper, and use cloth bags for shopping.

Saying that individual action works, Ms Dakin and Mr McIllwraith pointed to the Environmental Youth Alliance, which one person started in British Columbia and has now grown to 20,000 members, making it the "fastest growing environmental group in Canada," as well as "evidence of what can come from individual effort."

By SCOTT INNISS

People should also tell their politicians about their concerns and educate them about issues by writing letters and sending information, said Mr McIllwraith. N.D.G. MP Warren Allmand has emerged as a politician sympathetic to their concerns, according to the students.

At the political level, said Mr McIllwraith, people can effect change through demonstrations. He pointed to a protest which took place in his home province of New Brunswick, in which a "funeral for a river" was held, eventually helping to bring about new effluent regulations for the pulp mill there.

At the heart of these concerns, they said, was an attitude change needed to save the planet's life. Borrowing a quote from American Indian Chief Seattle, they said people must see themselves as part of the living web of life on the planet.

The pair showed a selection of slides portraying current concerns of the environmental movement. Saw mills, clear-cut forests, tree planting and protesting was highlighted, as was the beauty of nature.

Questions from the floor centred on how the group was faring, as well as different expectations and attitudes toward the environment between the two groups.

In response to one senior's question, they said not only the young, but the young at heart can join the Environmental Youth Alliance. They were asked if they expected to live with a car as the primary means of transport, which was answered by suggesting governments upgrade public transit to make it more appealing.

SWAG chairman Neill Currie said the environment for him meant rivers to canoe on in central and western Canada. He added that the destruction to those same rivers from industry has been witnessed by "those of us who lived through this period" of the past 50 years.

"We are responsible" for the current state of the environment, said Mr Currie.

Both Ms Dakin and Mr McIllwraith are working as activists this year instead of going to college. Like Mr Currie, who served in the Second World War and delayed his university entrance, Ms Dakin said she was involved in battling "the war humans have declared on the environment."

"I want to know if I'm going to have a future," said Mr McIllwraith.

Community composting?

The City of Westmount can use its resources to help planet Earth, says activist Angus McIllwraith.

McIllwraith, from New Brunswick, is on tour with Student Action for a Viable Environment, a group of ten youths touring the country to promote changes in attitudes toward public policies concerning the environment.

Westmount can create compost bins for houses and the city's many apartment dwellers, said Mr McIllwraith.

Bicycle paths can be built throughout the community, he continued, noting that besides the initial cost of paving, there is not much else required except for marking it clearly.

Public transportation should be encouraged, he said. This was emphasized earlier in his group's presentation, when in response to a question fellow group member Sarah Dakin called Montreal's public transit system "much more efficient" than that of her native Vancouver.

"It is a difficult circle," said Ms Dakin, "because if governments funded public transport more, more people would use it."

Mr McIllwraith said public action is necessary, since he has a lot of doubts about private industry's will to change their destructive ways.

"You need government pressure," he said.

When it comes to government, Mr McIllwraith said most of the SAVE group members follow their instincts in shying away from pro-business parties, saying they prefer the NDP out of the available options.

Sons of alcoholics sought for study

The Douglas Hospital Research Centre is conducting research on genetic factors involved in the development of alcoholism in sons of alcoholics.

The centre seeks men between 18 and 30 years of age who are either abstinent alcoholics, social drinkers or heavy drinkers.

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Seniors Say

Jaws of the road

It is quite a while since I worked for Mother Bell, but I remember well one of her favorite precepts: "Defensive Driving." As I have grown older I have found myself turning to it more and more, driving defensively on my own behalf and also on occasion on behalf of other road users.

At the same time I have become increasingly sensitive to the opposition — those who choose to drive offensively. Their numbers and their tactics are surely both on the increase.

I am not thinking just of cyclists who speed up one-way streets the wrong way without lights after dusk. Or make a socio-political point of defying red lights. Or do not distinguish between roadway and sidewalk.

My special concern is sharks, automobiles that behave like sharks and very often look like them. Indeed, it is often possible to identify a shark by appearance even before it goes into action; drivers apparently have to live up to the advertised image.

Sharks may travel separately or in schools. Their main characteristic is speeding, whether on a city street or far above a highway maximum. See them treating Côte des Neiges as if it were the Eastern Townships autoroute.

The sharkier ones cut in and out as frequently as possible but prefer to pass you on the wrong side. Sometimes they tailgate first to draw their abilities to your attention. Slick roads bathed in winter sunshine bring out the real addicts.

There is a shark treatment of red lights: stop, observe and then cross once you have decided there is no traffic within hitting distance. I don't know if the sharks have influenced the cyclists or vice versa.

In my retirement I have come to appreciate the pleasure of holding to a reasonable speed whether in town or in the countryside. Some may accuse me of having become a farmer or *un ancêtre*, but I don't believe I hold up reasonable traffic.

Driving in Czechoslovakia last summer, I came across the pleasing habit of pulling up at the side of the road to let a faster follower go by. It was quite common, and I became both beneficiary and practitioner. It seems unknown here, and somehow sharks don't encourage it; rather, they encourage bloody-minded resistance. Defensively, of course.

— Michael Sheldon
Contactivity Centre

Editor's note: We are on the lookout for submissions by seniors on any topic or experience, past or present. Maximum length is three typed, double-spaced pages. Please include full name and phone number for verification. Send to THE EXAMINER, Seniors Say, 155 Hillside avenue, Westmount H3Z 2Y8 or fax it to 932-5700.

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Pulitzer-winning reporter at seminar on writing

Montreal members of the Periodical Writers Association of Canada are offering a one-day seminar called *The Business of Writing: process and profit* at Atwater Library on Saturday, Jan 26.

There will be four main speakers.

Prof Anthony Pare, acting director of McGill's centre for the study and teaching of writing, will speak on aiding the writing process. He will emphasize methods that help writers to improve.

Pulitzer-prize winning journalist Linda Kay will cover better ways to get an interview. She made her mark covering a mid-air plane collision over San Diego in 1987.

Freelance journalist/speaker Emil Sher will give advice on applying for grants.

Freelance researcher Terri Foxman will describe shortcuts to effective research.

Cost of the day-long seminar is $35. Students with valid ID pay $25. The sessions are free to PWAC members. Paying participants receive a free copy of *Canadian Magazine Markets and Fees*, published by PWAC, which normally sells for $15.

Registration for the seminar starts at 9:30 am at 4023 Tupper street, and the seminar gets under way at 10 am. Participants will break for lunch at 12:30 pm, resume at 2 pm and the event is scheduled to end at 3 pm.

PWAC is a non-profit association of some 350 professional freelance magazine writers and journalists in 11 chapters across Canada. The Quebec chapter has more than 50 members.

For information on the content of the seminar call 484-3186 or 483-2961.

Last slide on Jan 19

Children will slide in Oink! Oink! no more after Saturday, Jan 19.

After Saturday, the children store's slide will be dismantled and stored in a warehouse until owner Jane Segal decides how to donate it.

The slide has been a fixture in the store since it opened in 1988, but the time has come to expand and the slide is making way for a larger book area.

Parents will still be able to deposit their kids as they shop; the book area will include chairs where the children can select a book then sit down and read it in the store.

"We wanted to be more dedicated to books for kids," said Anna Esposito, who works with Ms Segal.

They have not yet decided how to choose a recipient of the slide, and are considering several options, including having a contest or out-and-out giving it to the city, a school or for a park, said Ms Esposito.

The winner, or recipient, of the slide will also get it installed, compliments of Oink! Oink!

For women only

Guest speaker for the Career Women's Network Wednesday is Lettie Cox, a psychotherapist whose topic is *Success and Self-Esteem*.

The meeting will take place at 6 pm at Congregation Shaar Zion, 5575 Côte St Luc road.

Scheduled to speak on *Community Awareness* is Carol Kahn, supervisor of the career counselling department at Jewish Vocational Service.

The career women's program is a standing committee of Women's Federation of Allied Jewish Community Services.

Admission, which includes dinner, is $25 for network directory subscribers and $30 for non-subscribers. For more information call 345-2622.

Community centre seeks furniture

The Greene Avenue Community Centre is in need of such furniture as sofas, chairs, tables, lamps and bookcases. They could put sports equipment to good use, as well.

People who would like to contribute volunteer time to the centre are being sought. If you can help in any way, call 931-6202.

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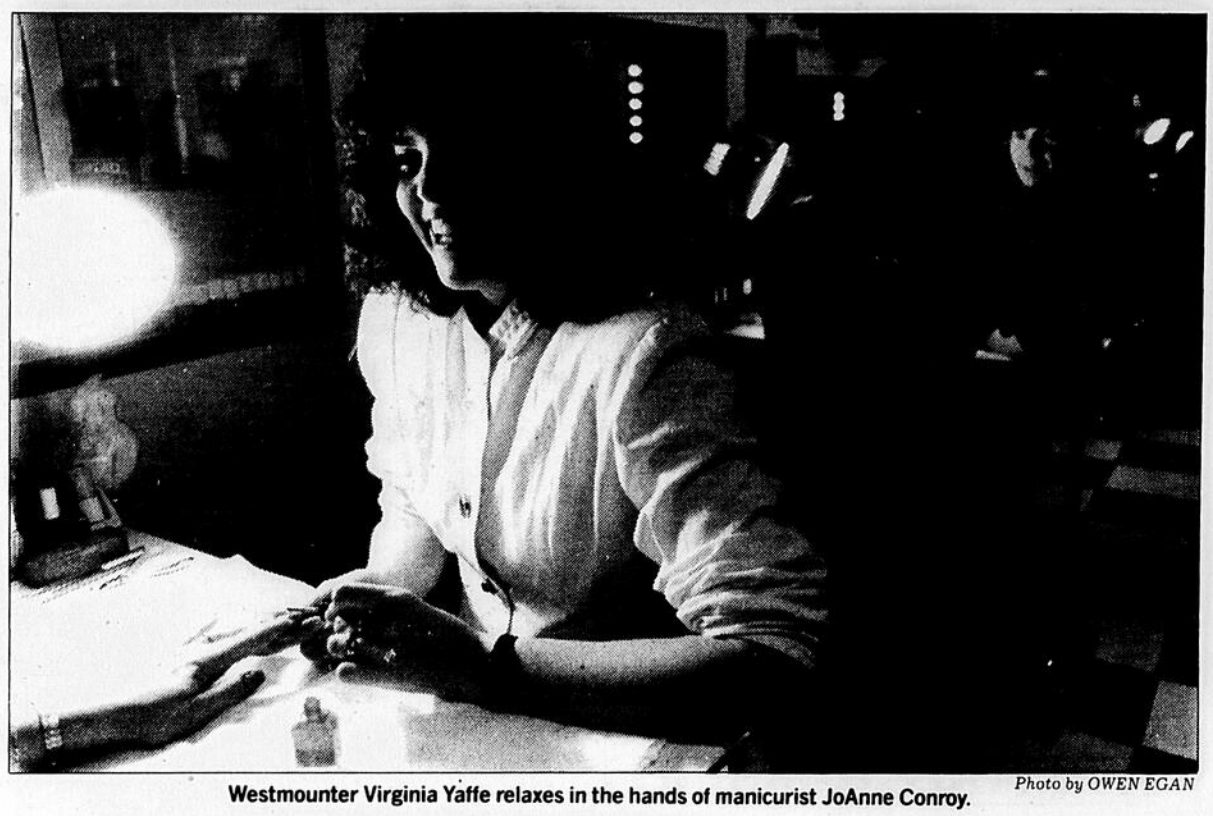


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Westmounter Virginia Yaffe relaxes in the hands of manicurist JoAnne Conroy.

JoAnne Conroy is the esthetician at Fanny of Westmount, and she loves her work. When she talks about it, which she appears to enjoy almost as much as actually doing it, she manages to make a facial or a pedicure sound like a spiritual experience.

And she makes her clients feel that her interest in them is more than business sense. She really likes people and is interested in what makes them tick.

Ottawa-born, Ms Conroy moved to the Montreal area from Toronto with her husband John about two years ago, and has worked at Fanny for about 18 months.

"I have always been interested in being an esthetician since I sold cosmetics in high school," she says.

"I took my esthetic training in Toronto. There are a variety of programs you can take, and I took an intensive 12-month course at a private school. It's not like a community college course where you take English and math. This is all theory and practical, all day, every day.

"At first you just work on other students, so you get to know how things feel. The school later would bring in people so we could learn different skin types and so on. A clinic attached to the school offered student treatments and we could work there as we became more advanced."

Ms Conroy is cheerful and will gladly chat about almost anything.

"Well, people certainly wouldn't want to come back to a sourpuss. But my conversation is tailored to the person. Some people don't want to talk, they just want to close their eyes and relax. Some people are removed and business-like, and some are friendlier than others.

"I like it when I know the people — I can do a better job when I know their likes and dislikes."

Who comes in?

Who are her customers?

"A lot of people come in because they realize 'my makeup doesn't look like other people's.' I think people should come in once a year for an update, or per season if they're really careful about makeup."

But she does have clients who wear little or no makeup, and really don't care much about it.

The bulk of her customers appear to be Westmount residents who are professional people, mostly women in their 30s and 40s.

"Everyone has their priorities. Some people have to have their legs done, no matter what. For others, it's their feet. Some think a manicure is totally frivolous."

The look of the '60s is very popular, she reports, so big eyes and pale mouths are appearing.

"There is always the extreme of fashion, and then there's the way you can use it yourself. False eyelashes are coming back, but less extreme are a few little clusters at the corners."

Ms Conroy takes her own advice about less extreme makeup. She combines the practical with the care she takes.

Her hair is carefully arranged to look in charming disarray. Her makeup is flawless, and virtually unnoticeable. Her perfectly cared-for fingernails are cut short and palely painted. It projects an image that is flawless, no frills and no power plays.

"There are quite a few children who come in here to have their hair cut," she says, watching a little boy who is sensuously stroking his face with a makeup brush. "They are usually well behaved. Sometimes there will be a wee one having a manicure. I did a little boy at Christmas who came in with his dad. He really got into it.

"Little girls watching their mothers having their makeup done might have a little blush.

"Kids are fascinated with nail polish, and like to watch manicures. Little boys would wear red nail polish if they could."

Acne treatments

Ms Conroy sees a few teens with acne problems.

"They need a lot of treatment, and it should be regular to help clear things up. Acne is a big one. Food affects it, but hormones and stress are the big things playing havoc with skin. Of course, if someone has a severe case they should see a dermatologist.

"Thank goodness, today doctors can successfully treat severe skin problems."

Everyone at Fanny, she says, is excited about a projected move to a spa at Prince Albert and Sherbrooke next year.

"I can't wait. It will mean we have a whole floor for esthetics. Right now, we offer a whole range of treatments, but space is very tight. At the spa, we will have a shower and will be able to offer more complete services, including slimming and firming treatments.

"I have worked in a variety of atmospheres. One was very clinical, with no hair, and very quiet. Then I worked in a huge place with hair — in a hair salon in-depth treatments don't go over quite so well. When someone is having a facial they want to be quiet and not listen to what's going on.

"At the spa, they will be able to be tranquil in mind and body. This time of year, especially with the recession, people are cutting back on clothes or vacations. So that's the time to go and get pampered. It does much more for you than buying a new sweater."

After 18 months of living just outside Westmount in the Côte des Neiges area, the Conroys bought a home in Pointe Claire, on the shores of Lake St Louis. They share the house with a female cockapoo called Alex. They're planning to buy bicycles as they ease into a suburban lifestyle. They love the water.

"We go to Kingston a few times during the summer to sail my father-in-law's boat. He is always glad to see us because we always fix, clean or add something. I love going to Kingston for the good restaurants.

"Montreal has the *best* restaurants, and Quebec City is good too."

So when Ms Conroy is asked what hobbies or interests she has aside from her avocation, her answer comes as no surprise.

Given her enjoyment of people, of pampering them, "entertaining and cooking is the big one," she says.

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The *Beast* becomes bilingual

Sarah Bernhardt and the Beast was written for then-resident of Westmount Monique Leyrac and directed by Michael Bawtree, at the suggestion of Westmount impressario Sam Gesser.

Since it was first presented more than a year ago, Ms Leyrac has played the divine Sarah across Canada to critical acclaim.

So far, she has played in the original English. Now the piece has been translated to French, and Ms Leyrac will perform it at Théâtre du Café de la Place at Place des Arts, from Wednesday to March 9 at 8 pm nightly. Tickets are $14 Tuesday and Wednesday; $18 Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Sarah Bernhardt et la Bête finds Bernhardt in her dressing room. At 56 years of age, she is about to open as the 20-year-old Duke of Reichstadt (*L'Aiglon*, one of her great successes). She is preparing to face the beast, her audience.

For information and reservations, call 285-4273.

Study skills at Lansdowne

Lansdowne Centre, 5325 Snowdon avenue, offers study skills courses throughout the year.

A 10-hour course is offered to help high school students become more successful, independent learners. Parents are invited to a mid-session meeting to assess and review the program.

Sessions begin Jan 22 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. The parent meeting is Feb 26 from 5:30 to 6 pm.

To emphasize that study skills do not end with the last session, a follow-up is scheduled for May 28 from 4:30 to 6 pm for students who have completed the course.

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Chinese New Year gala aids Study building fund

A Chinese New Year Gala will be held Friday, Feb 15, to benefit The Study School Building Fund Campaign.

The gala will welcome the Year of the Ram, and will be held under the patronage of the ambassador and permanent representative of Canada to the UN, L. Yves Fortier, and his wife.

The event will be held at La Maison Kam Fung, 1008 Clark street. A 10-course Chinese gourmet meal will be served and entertainment will include a lion dance, historical costumes and music. A reception will be held at 6:45 pm and dinner is served at 7:30.

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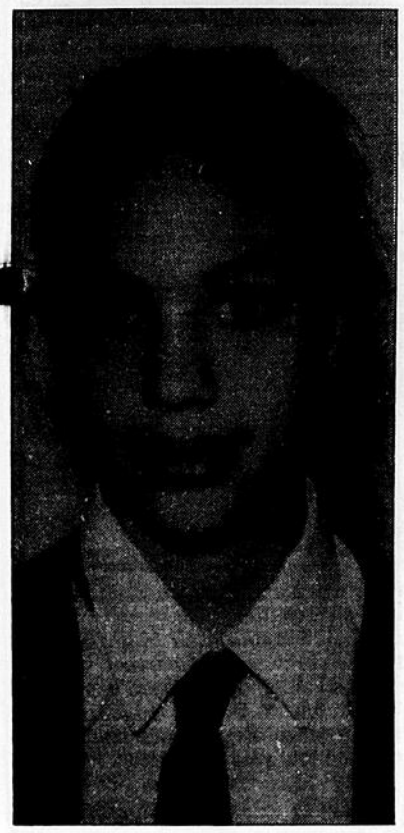
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Tribute to Roslyn teacher Linda Lee planned

Linda Lee day is coming this spring.

The former teacher at Roslyn School is being paid tribute for her 35 years as an educator, and for her generosity in leaving a $60,000 stipend in her will to the school.

Gifted youth



Christine Menzel, a Westmounter attending Grade 8 at Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School, is one of only two 12-year-old students accepted into the new gifted youth program at the McGill Conservatory. Christine starting playing violin in Jan 1985 after being advised to do so a former music teacher at ECS.

The plans for a day of celebration and nostalgia has sparked two searches. The first search is for former students and their remembrances of Miss Lee, who taught Grade 4 boys until her retirement in 1959.

"I think response will be enormous," said principal Bertha Dawang.

Miss Lee was known for her stylish hats and for being a rigid disciplinarian. Appropriately, one item to be displayed during the day is an old strap and accompanying book of record.

It lists the boys who were strapped (girls were not) and the reasons why. "Threw egg at a bus, was rude to the caretaker, fighting, dishonesty, studied inattention in French, thumbtack on pupil's seat," read off Mrs Dawang, adding that now, some of those strapped "boys" are now quite prominent men.

This brings the school to its second search, for more memorabilia to display for students, former students and parents on Linda Lee day.

Bonnie Shemie is scrounging around for things other than what she has already found at the school. She has plenty of class photos, thanks very much, but would love to find snapshots of events, more casual photos that reveal how the school looked inside during different eras.

She has a report card from 1941, an old dictionary from the early 1900s, a couple of silver cups (one for demeanor) and is trying to line up photos of all the school's 10 principals.

She has heard that Miss Lee's estate includes mementos, such as a photo of each of her classes.

But the cattlecall is on for anything of interest, connected with the school, that could be displayed temporarily or permanently at Roslyn. Anyone with a memento to share should call 935-8379.

The Linda Lee day committee, made up of three Roslyn staff members, two members of school committee, a "parent at large" and Miss Lee's executor, Bob Gales, will meet again in late March.

The day will likely occur in late May or June, according to committee member David Taylor. The committee, he said, is discussing the agenda, which may include a performance of period songs by the school choir. There is no budget attached to the day; school committee members will supply refreshments.

Catholic enrolment is on now

The compulsory enrolment of students who will attend a Catholic School Commission school for the first time in Sept is on Monday through Friday, Jan 25.

Parents are asked to report to the French or English elementary school of their choice between 9 and 11:30 am or between 1:30 and 4 pm. Schools will stay open Wednesday until 8 pm.

Parents must produce an official copy of their child's birth certificate. For enrolment in an English school, the child must have a certificate of eligibility.

To be admitted to kindergarten, a child must turn five before Oct 1; to be admitted to Grade 1 the child must turn six by the same date.

Children who are not eligible for English instruction and who do not speak French must be registered at the Office des relations interculturelles of the board, 3737 Sherbrooke street east, corner Chambly.

Parents are urged to register their children during this period to avoid placement problems that could follow late registration.

Tea time earlier

Seniors' tea time at the Westmount Y, inaugurated last week, is starting a half-hour earlier to allow people time to get home before dark. The tea, open to everyone, used to start at 3 pm Thursdays, and will now start at 2:30 pm.

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Catholic Community Services Inc offers a number of programs, addressing various social issues, to the English-speaking community of Montreal.

Among courses being offered are *Remotivation*, *Effectiveness Training for Women* and *Get Closer to Your Children*.

Remotivation is six weekly sessions that allow participants to enhance and expand personal horizons. It offers the opportunity to take part in lively, invigorating discussions and meet others interested in improving their lives.

Effectiveness Training for Women is a program developed by the Effectiveness Training Institute of California. The program focuses on the unique needs of women and helps them develop the necessary skills to become more fulfilled in their lives. It is aimed at women who have difficulty finding a balance between fulfilling their own needs and those of others.

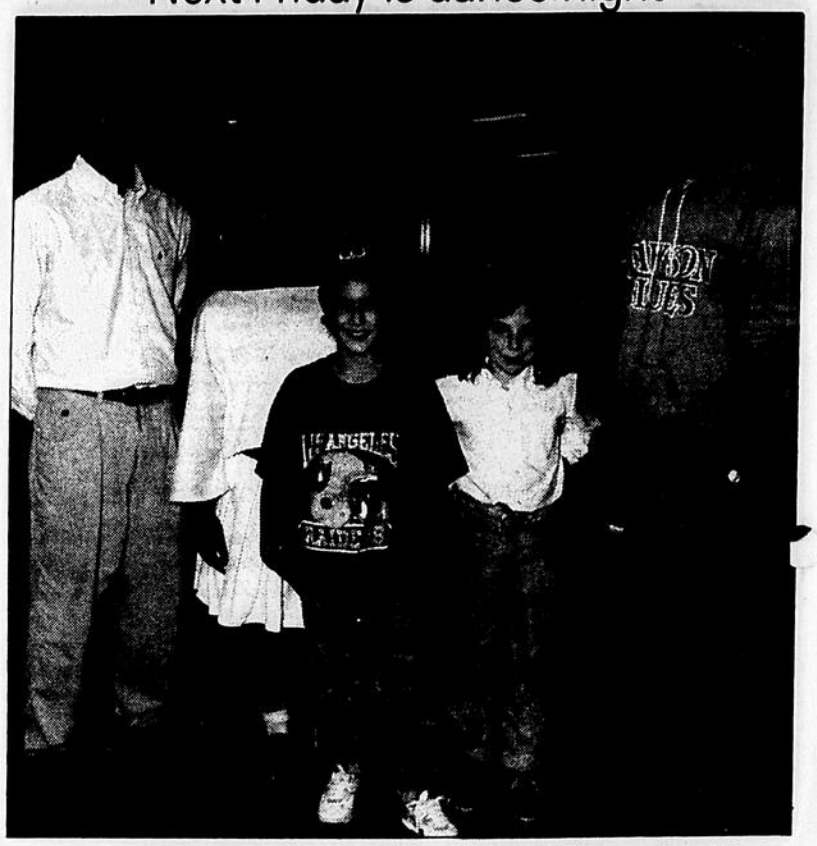
The course is held at the centre, 1857 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, starting Thursday, March 7 and running for 10 weeks from 7:30 to 10:30 pm. Fee is on a sliding scale based on family income.

Get Closer to Your Children is Dr Thomas Gordon's Parent Effectiveness Training. It offers parents an opporunity to learn how to listen so children will share problems, how to talk so children will hear, how to avoid power struggles and how to share values.

The program starts March 4 and runs eight weeks from 7:30 to 10 pm.

For more information on any of these programs call 937-5351.

Next Friday is dance night



On Friday, Jan 25, the Westmount Y youth dances resume. They are offered the last Friday of the month, except for March which will be on March 22.
They are geared for youngsters from age nine to 12. They begin at 7:30 and last until 9:45 pm. Dance prizes are awarded at the end of the night. Admission is $1 for members, $2 for non-members. At the last dance of 1990, there were three winners. Deejays Michael Decoteau and Rowan Barnes of Trio Productions flank Westmounter Charlena Claxton, 11, who won for dance, Westmounter and 10-year-old Thomas Sontag took the prize for limbo and four-year-old Jaimie Finkelstein also took a dance prize. *Photo by OWEN EGAN*

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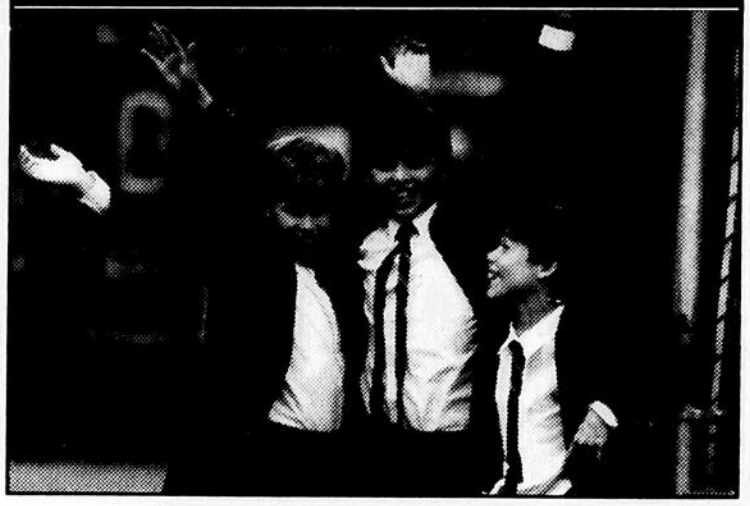
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Math masters

The seventh annual ECS math competition winners were lauded this week at the school.

This year, 230 students representing 21 schools competed in the Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School competition. All but the host school ran about 10 participants. ECS entered 30 participants.

Prize for the top team went to Jonathan Stern, Koichi Watanabe and Hiroto Arita of Selwyn House.

The gold medal was awarded to West Island College's Julie Bitteen.

The silver medal was won by Westmount High School's Luks Ruibe-Clark.

The bronze went to Selwyn House's Jonathan Stern.

Both public and private schools on the island of Montreal were invited.

Czech native reports on need for entrepreneurs

Eugene Zinay told the Rotary Club of Westmount at its regular luncheon meeting last week that there have been a surprising number of changes in his native Czechoslovakia in one year.

Mr Zinay, a Rotarian and Czech native, recently returned from a trip there. He compared a trip in 1989 to another in 1990.

A good example of change was at the Austrian border crossing, Mr Zinay said. This year the guards were polite and nice. Last year the guards were rude, Mr Zinay was kept at the border 90 minutes while his suitcases were thoroughly searched and he was forced to buy Czech currency at a low rate.

Among the other changes Mr Zinay noticed within days of his visit was a lack of communist symbols, a freer press and a more apprehensive population.

The euphoria of a country freeing itself of the Russian bear's claws has been replaced with an apprehension about the future, about pragmatic things like jobs.

Mr Zinay said the economy was having problems transforming to a free market economy. Before, Czechoslovakia could barter with other communist countries. Now many factories are closing because they are producing goods nobody wants to buy, like black-and-white televisions.

Ecological problems are also becoming evident thanks to a freer press, Mr Zinay said. Factories were built without regard to the environment. In one area, Mr Zinay said, the coal dust was so thick he couldn't see the sun on a clear day.

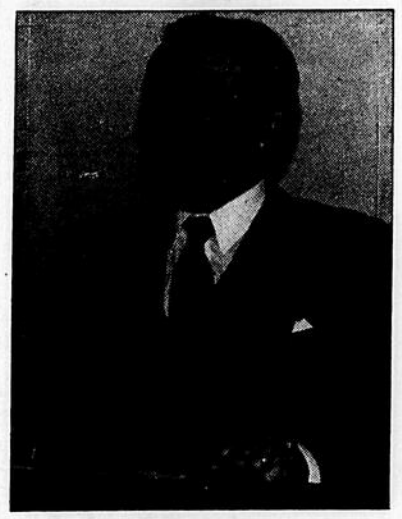
The country is also experiencing a resurgence of religion. Mr Zinay said he couldn't even get into a church becuase it was full, and he went early.

The country is in desperate need of entrepreneurs, Mr Zinay said.

"There is one generation of entrepreneurs missing."

The young have no one to learn from. He said Czechoslovakia will need help.

Mr Zinay left Czechoslovakia in 1948 and came to Canada in 1951. He is a realtor.



EUGENE ZINAY

Some culture courses open

It's not too late. There are still some Westmount department of recreation and culture courses open for registration, an official said last week.

For adults, there is room in the following courses; adult gourmet cooking, music appreciation, bridge, writing your memoirs and French conversation.

Seniors can still register for community choir, tai chi, bridge, creative writing, tap dancing, French conversation (beginners and intermediate classes), nutritional cooking, yoga for 50 and over, Scottish country dancing and music appreciation.

For more information call Beverly Adams-Coskun, Westmount's sociocultural co-ordinator, at 935-8531, local 212.

St George's open house Wednesday

St George's School will hold an open house Wednesday.

The high school will present its second annual science fair, featuring exhibits on space travel, environmental science, acid rain, genetic engineering and much more.

In the new gymnasium, volleyball and basketball demonstrations will be ongoing.

Student artwork will be displayed throughout the high school and elementary school. The Bahadur C. Bhatla Theatre, which puts on six major student productions a year, will be open with students and staff on hand to discuss the drama program.

Faculty from every department can answer questions about curriculum or extra-curricular activities.

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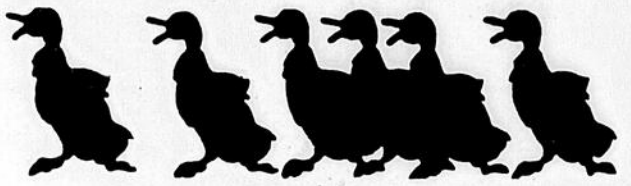
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Collection agency closes U.S. branches to consolidate here

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

In an effort to stem two years totalling more than $5 million in losses, an international collection agency with its headquarters in Westmount has consolidated its North American computer operations here.

The move makes Westmount the computer centre of the company's worldwide operations.

It should result in annual savings of $1 million and allow the company to give "a better service to customers," said FCA International president Steven D. Levy at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday.

Computer centres in Toronto, Los Angeles and Philadelphia were closed, causing a loss of 12 jobs there, Mr Levy said, but which resulted in two additional jobs at 376 Victoria avenue. A computer "node" in Edmonton had been closed earlier.

"It is a move that makes good sense regardless of financial results," said Mr Levy, a Westmount resident. "You don't leave $1 million sitting on the table."

Asked if he expects more business in an economic recession, Mr Levy said while he expects to receive more accounts to collect, the money will be tougher to get. The agency receives a commission only when it collects on an overdue account.

According to a press release, the move is also intended to "return the company to a profitable position."

In 1990 the company lost $3,056,460 despite gross revenues of $70,143,227, according to FCA International's 1990 annual report. In 1989 the company lost $2,804,802 on gross revenues of $71,682,087.

The company has 45 branches in Canada and the U.S.A. which will be served by the $16 million worth of central computers in Westmount. There are three branches in the United Kingdom.

"This is the heart of the company's information system," Mr Levy said.

About 35 percent of the company's business is in Canada, 60 percent in the United States and five percent in the United Kingdom.

The Westmount office employs 165 people.

Mr Levy said his employees worked long, hard hours to physically transport certain computer equipment during the past six months to the Westmount office.

He said the operation had to be conducted with quasi-military precision to make sure no information was lost and the hardware was not damaged. There was a move from Los Angeles to Philadelphia in November and from Philly to Montreal on New Year's Eve.

Mr Levy is optimistic about the company's future and hopes it will return "to a position of profitability" by year's end.

Westmount councillor Sally Aitken assisted in the ribbon cutting as pro-mayor. She wished them good luck, "but I hope you won't be collecting on the back of Westmounters," she added.

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2:56 pm: 524 Argyle, burglar alarm;
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Jan 9

2:55 pm: 1255 Greene, sprinkler system temporarily activated after refilling;
6:53 pm: 4212 de Maisonneuve, flood in home from broken exterior water main;
10:48 pm: Belvedere Place, fire in salt truck (see snow story page 3);

Jan 10

3:37 am: 21 Stanton, police Station 23, first responder unit for medical assistance to man in cells with cut head, not needed;
12:32 pm: 736 Upper Lansdowne, defective smoke detector;
2:08 pm: 58 Sunnyside, smoke detector activated by accumulation of dust;
2:14 pm: 485 Roslyn, scorched suitcase (see story page 24);
5:52 pm: 638 Murray Hill, chimney problem;

Jan 11

7:35 am: 42 Burton, burned heater (see story page 23);
8:04 am: Melville and St Catherine, first responder unit for medical assistance at traffic accident (see story page 24);
9:47 am: 420 Lansdowne, smell of gas, leaking snow blower in garage;
2:28 pm: 4505 St Catherine, Belvedere residence, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 2:32 pm, smoke detector activated by burned toast;
7:53 pm: 717 Upper Roslyn, defective fire alarm;

Jan 12

2:05 pm: Front of 23 Windsor, burst exterior water pipe;
2:15 pm: 598 Victoria, chimney problem;
3:48 pm: 504 Grosvenor, fire in house (see story page 6);
4:01 pm: 4643 Sherbrooke, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 4:08 pm, car leaking gas in garage;
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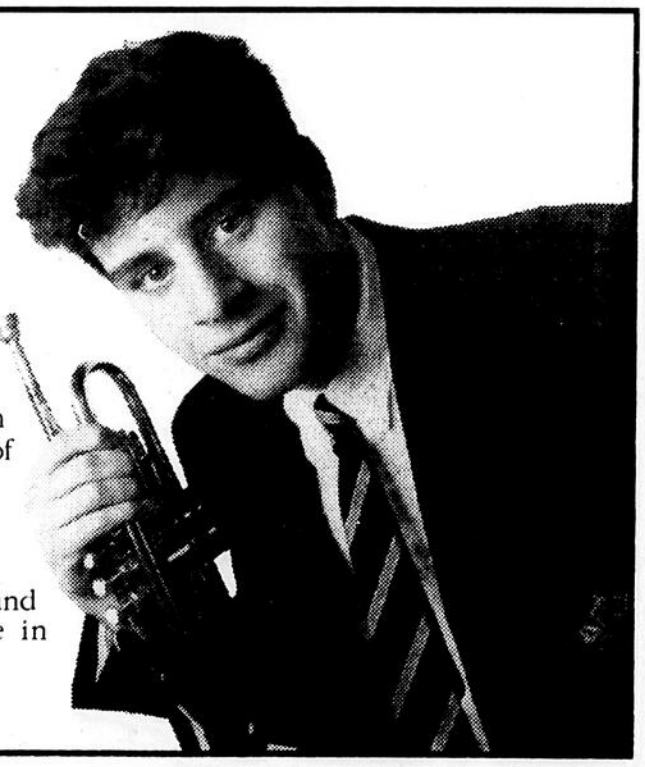
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3:24 am: 65 St Sulpice, water leak, tap running in garage;
3:45 am: 4920 de Maisonneuve, exterior water leak;
11:22 am: 4780 Sherbrooke, Esso station, fire in garage (see story page 1);
11:33 am: 4028 Dorchester, overheated clothes dryer (see above story??);
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Despite the threat of war, the show must go on

Peace rally beckons cast during *Yeoman* rehearsals

By JANET COUTTS

When athletes are in training, they are never shown videotapes of their errors. Their training tapes are carefully edited, and all they get to see is what they do perfectly.

Before athletes perform a feat, they freeze. Their gaze turns inward. We wonder what they are thinking.

In fact, they are *not* thinking in the ordinary sense of the word. What they are doing is visualizing themselves from the beginning to the end of whatever action they are about to perform. They see themselves doing it better than they have ever done. They see themselves doing it better than anyone has ever done. Then they go out to win.

Stage performers do the same thing — perhaps less scientifically. But their directors, like coaches, won't let them quit until they have performed, one little piece at a time, perfectly.

Go to see them at rehearsal and you can be convinced that they will never, never get this thing together so that it will go on stage. Let alone go on stage in a few days.

Yet, time and time again, the magic happens. The lights go down, the music strikes up, and the audience is transported — by people that only yesterday were clumsy, inaudible, off-key — to another world. A world peopled by graceful, eloquent, musical creatures who have incredible adventures that all suddenly make sense.

Young men worried

At a recent rehearsal for the Savoy Society's upcoming production of *Yeoman of the Guard*, the sense of confusion was perhaps more intense than is usual. Performers were straggling in late, couldn't put their heart into warmup exercises, couldn't remember something that they knew perfectly before the Christmas school break put rehearsals on hold for a month.

They had reason; many of the young men are worried about what will happen if war, as seems inevitable, breaks out. Will they be drafted? Will they refuse to serve? Will they die or be crippled?

The young women have similar concerns. Nowadays women serve in combat too. And some of them have brothers, uncles, cousins, fathers in the service.

And what's happening at the campus peace rally they're missing, anyway?

Less importantly, the weather causes concern. How long will it take to get home to the suburbs in the snow?

So co-producer Barry Linkletter's excitement that "We will have actual sets this year" when the production goes on stage at Westmount High School Jan 24 to Feb 2, isn't contagious at all.



Col Fairfax (Peter Lichter) and Elsie Maynard (Heather Mayville) in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Yeoman of the Guard*, on at Westmount High starting Jan 24.
Photo by ALICE JANE ENAMUEL

Director Clive Spiegal, choreographer Meagan Zens and musical director Erica Phare have their work cut out for them.

They see how it's going to be when Ms Zens calls out, "All right, everybody! Warm up!"

Mostly she is ignored. A handful of people drift into the centre of the mirror-lined dance studio at the top of the Currie Gym. She looks at them. There are far more people sitting down, talking, looking for the bathroom on the floor below than there are people ready to start stretching.

"Ten! nine! eight! seven! six! C'mon everybody!" she calls.

A few more drift into place. She resorts to calling people by name to get them on their feet and in place. She is cheerful, peppy even, but she's getting only sluggish response.

Finally the performers start to laugh. They put a minimum amount of effort into push-ups, at least.

Semi-circle just right

Then Ms Phare takes over and pushes them through vocal exercises. It's hard to imagine how their voices will ever fill an auditorium.

By the time, much later, they start a run-through of the performance, the yeomen can't manage to stand in a semi-circle. Mr Spiegal, Ms Zens and Ms Phare pretty much take turns saying, "No. You have to..." and explaining what is wanted.

"Again," they say.

And, "Again."

Finally, they say, "Excellent. That's exactly right. Do it like that." And they go on to the next bit.

And by next Thursday, when Col Fairfax (Peter Lichter) gets thrown into the tower for sorcery and Phoebe (Daniele Leblanc) feels sad about it, starting the story of, as subtitled, "a merry man and his maid," with its much-loved Gilbert and Sullivan tale of mistaken identity and confused love full of comedy and tragedy — well, it will probably be as deservedly praised by all as Savoy Society productions have been 26 times before.

Yeoman of the Guard will play at Westmount High School auditorium at 8 pm nightly Jan 24 to Feb 2 except for Sunday, Jan 27, which will be a 5 pm matinée performance. Tickets, $10 general admission and $6 for seniors and students are available at Sadie's Tabagie (398-6795) and the Savoy Society Office (398-6820), both on campus, or at the door.

Centaur switch

The Affections of May, by Norm Foster, has been added to Centaur Theatre's season in place of Hugh Whitemore's *The Best of Friends*. A romantic comedy, *The Affections of May* is the story of a woman's relocation to a small town to start a new life. Her husband doesn't like the town, but May seems to like the local men. The play opened the season at Theatre New Brunswick to rave reviews and sold-out houses. It is directed by Centaur artistic director and Westmount resident Maurice Podbrey. 288-1229.

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All films must be accompanied by an official entry form (no facsimiles), available from First Choice, 98 Queen street east, Toronto.

First Choice will televise each selected film from submissions received no later than April 30 a minimum of 10 times over the course of the contest, for maximum exposure and subscriber votes. The winners will be announced in August. For information call (416) 364-9115.

Squirrels unsightly

Westmount squirrels are either short-sighted or simply happy with temporary accommodation at a local optician's shop.

As soon as one was trapped Jan 7 by public safety officers at the Gregus store, 4933 Sherbrooke street, another was detected scampering around the place. After the first furry visitor was released on the summit, the trap was taken back for the second. At last check with the Public Security Unit this week, however, the squirrel had avoided the snare.

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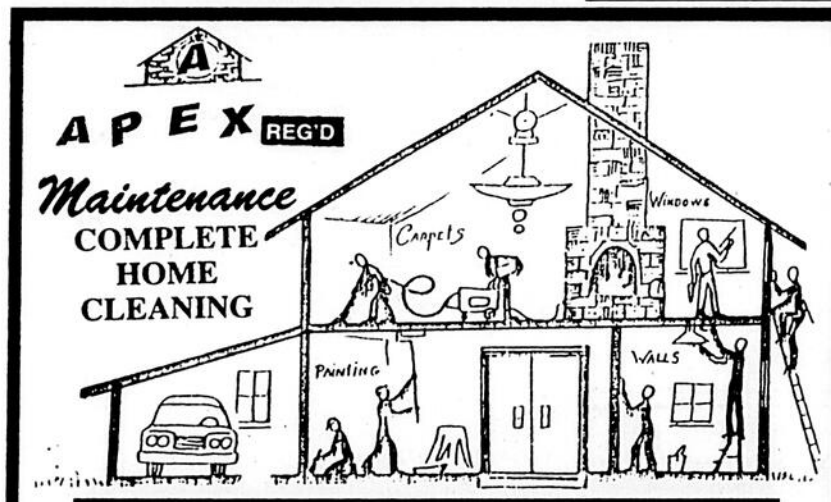
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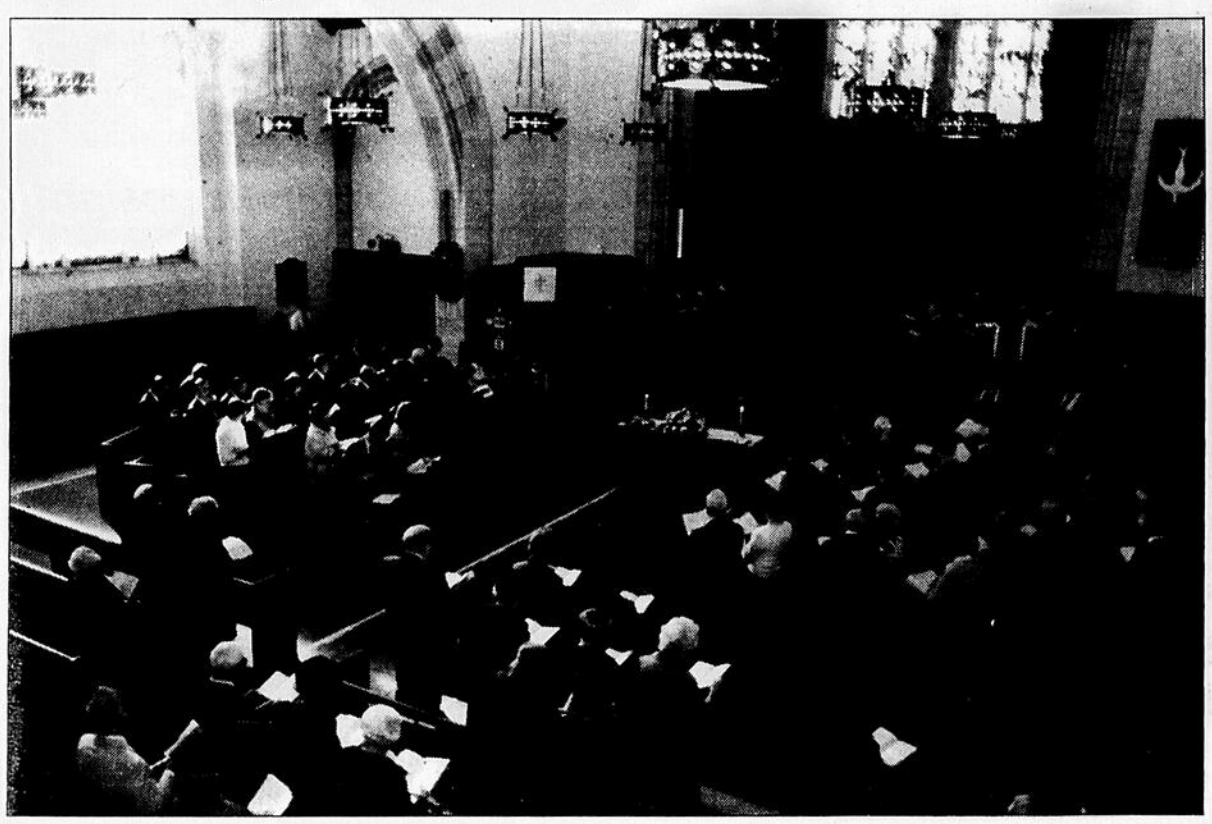
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Photo by OWEN EGAN



A burnt-out Dodge Omni is checked out by Lieut Tony Lazar, right, and fireman Joe Pittarelli. left.

ESSO FIRE . . .

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Year's," said Mr Sachewsky who was observing the Russian Orthodox holiday and was not at the station when the fire broke out.

The blaze was triggered while three cars were being worked on at the same time explained fire inspector Hugh Clarke. A Dodge Omni, on the middle lift, had just had a gas tank replaced. The new tank had been filled with gas to test it but began leaking from the gauge on to the floor below.

While the leak was being sealed by one mechanic, another was repairing a Toyota Corolla on the next lift and began cutting off a bolt using an acetylene torch. A spark from the torch flew over, igniting the gasoline spill.

The men tried without success to quell the flames using a fire extinguisher and a coat. Finally, water was thrown on the fire which probably furthered its spread, the inspector said. At that point the men had to leave the building and call firefighters.

The men were lucky they hadn't been splashed with gasoline or their clothing would have caught fire, noted Chief Adams. "The guy working on the gas tank was specially lucky."

Firefighters said they could see the smoke from the fire as soon as they turned on to Sherbrooke street from Metcalfe avenue, about a half-dozen blocks away.

"We found the three cars burning inside the garage," said Capt Frank MacDougall. The three large doors, up at the time, were completely burned. The crew managed to contain the fire to the garage, sparing the adjacent office area.

The underground gasoline tanks or the pumps never posed any danger, fire officials said.

The blaze attracted numerous passersby and nearby residents. It closed Sherbrooke street between Grosvenor and Roslyn, forcing buses and other traffic to be rerouted by Montreal Urban Community police.

The fire was out within an hour.

Mutual aid firefighters from Outremont assisted at the scene while colleagues from Town of Mount Royal, who covered the Westmount station, were called on at 11:33 am to handle an overheated clothes dryer at 4028 Dorchester boulevard.

The three cars involved in the fire belonged to residents of Sherbrooke, Stayner and Wood.

Lieut Inspector Barry Coates, who heads Westmount's fire prevention bureau, told THE EXAMINER Tuesday the service station met the city's fire safety requirements by maintaining a fire extinguisher inside the garage. Any fire that could not be put out with that was one that required firefighters, he said.

The fire, he added, resulted from a lack of communication between mechanics, one not knowing what the other was doing.

"Don't use a cutting torch when someone else is working on a gas tank."



Firefighters throw more than a 100 new tires, many of them scorched, from the Esso garage during the fire Monday (at left).

Photos by LAUREEN SWEENEY

Scholarship student

Former Westmounter Elizabeth Waterston, a third-year law student at University of New Brunswick, is one of three students at her school awarded a $500 1990-91 scholarship by the Law Society of New Brunswick.

Ms Waterston received the Dean George A. McAllister, QC, scholarship.

Woman falls on sidewalk

During the snowfall Saturday morning, a 73-year-old Westmount woman fell on Greene avenue near the northwest corner of Dorchester boulevard, according to public security reports.

The woman scraped her nose, causing a nosebleed. She was being assisted by a passing motorist when spotted at 10:08 am by a patrolling officer who provided first aid. The woman asked to be driven to the Reddy Memorial Hospital. The sidewalk had been cleared but patches of snow remained.

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Leadership for youth at the Y

Two youth programs, leadership in training and counsellor in training, are being offered at the Westmount Y. They are free to members. Non-members can take out a three-month membership to join.

The leadership in training course is designed for 13 and 14-year-olds. It teaches basic first aid, babysitting, swimming and leadership training. The goal is to prepare young people to be instructors at the Y or at camp.

The course runs from 4 to 5 pm Tuesdays.

The counsellor in training program is for 15 and 16-year-olds, comprising both theoretical and practical experience. The theoretical includes how to prepare resumés, looking up information on companies, child development skills and organizational skills, CPR and group dynamics. The practical is one hour per week working in Y programs.

The course is intended as preparation for summer jobs, and finding them. It runs Mondays from 6:30 to 8 pm. Both courses started this week, and run 12 weeks, but the first session will be repeated next week for newcomers.

Westmounter among hosts of ski club for seniors

Westmounter Don Ross is one of three longtime skiers at Jay Peak in Vermont who are hosts of a newly formed group for skiers of all abilities aged 55 and older.

Mr Ross has lived in Westmount for years and recently served as president of the Westmount Municipal Association.

The new group for seniors is called Silver Peaks. It gets together every Tuesday and offers senior skiers discounts on lift tickets as well as complimentary coffee and doughnuts by the fireplace in the cafeteria at 8:45 am and après-ski hors d'oeuvres in the Hotel Jay from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Membership is free and signup is at the customer services office.

For information about the club, call toll-free to Gwendy Lauritzen, 1-800-654-5754.

Space heater gets too hot

A resident of Burton avenue has a smoke detector to thank for saving his house from fire Friday morning when it alerted him to a burning space heater in the basement, fire officials said.

The man was reported to have plugged in the heater downstairs just before taking a shower and was still showering when the detector began to sound about 7:30 am. The unit had overheated, ignited and was "completely destroyed," according to fire inspector Hugh Clarke. The man had been using the heater to prevent pipes from freezing in the cold weather.

"The occupant told us he was definitely alerted by the smoke detector. It definitely saved his home from damage and possibly saved his life." The heater model is no longer available on the market.

Round-robin hockey play

The Commerce Graduate Students Association of Concordia University will host the fourth annual Canadian/American MBA hockey tournament today through Sunday.

The round-robin tournament features eight teams from graduate schools. Participants include Harvard University, Tuck School of Business (Dartmouth College), Wharton School of Business, Concordia, McGill, Queen's and York universities

The tournament is at the Loyola campus hockey arena. For information call 482-8054 or 465-6582.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey leagues as of Saturday, January 12, 1991:

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
NOVICE							
Guards	15	10	4	1	86	54	21
Canadiens	14	9	3	2	73	49	20
Dragons	15	4	9	2	55	87	10
Bears	14	3	10	1	64	88	7
ATOM							
Canucks	15	13	0	2	79	32	28
Canadiens	14	5	7	2	44	47	12
Nordiques	14	3	8	3	44	61	9
Penguins	15	3	9	3	37	64	9
PEEWEE							
Scouts	9	6	3	0	67	41	12
Capitals	8	3	3	2	44	57	8
Seals	7	2	3	2	47	42	6
Canadiens	8	3	5	0	41	59	6
SENIOR A							
Wanderers	15	13	2	0	83	18	26
Stars	14	6	6	2	42	52	14
Flames	14	6	7	1	44	47	13
Bruins	15	5	8	2	40	45	12
Sabres	14	3	10	1	30	77	7
SENIOR B							
Oilers	15	9	5	1	58	49	19
Hawks	15	9	5	1	49	31	19
Fathers	14	8	5	1	54	34	17
Kings	15	7	6	2	49	56	16
Devils	14	6	7	1	41	44	13
Flyers	13	4	7	2	33	38	10
Aces	14	2	10	2	30	62	6

Preventing and dealing with frostbite

The Quebec Safety League warns that frostbite can be very serious, sometimes even resulting in limb amputation. There are many ways to protect yourself.

Symptoms of frostbite include numbness and loss of feeling. So regularly touch your nose, ears and cheeks and wiggle your toes to be sure there is feeling.

Wear clothing in layers, which can be added or removed with temperature changes. Fine wool is good against the skin, with a wind-resistant material as an outer layer.

Boots must not fit so tightly as to restrict blood flow and should be waterproof to keep feet dry. Carry spare socks. Remove heavy footwear when indoors so that feet will not over-perspire.

Mittens are warmer than gloves.

Cover your face with a scarf or balaclava and wear a hat.

In case of frostbite

- Immediately go or call for medical help.
- Do not allow the victim to sleep.
- Have the victim change into warm, dry clothing.
- Cover the frostbitten areas with clean, dry cloth.
- Do not rub the frostbitten areas.
- Do not warm the area too quickly.
- Do not use hot water.

EARTHSAVERS

In Two Minutes a Day for a Greener Planet, Marjorie Lamb tells how to save energy during the winter months.

- Keep unoccupied rooms at 15 degrees C or 60 degrees F.
- Turn down the heat at least 5 degrees C or 8 degrees F if you're going to be away for eight or nine hours.
- Set nighttime temperature at 16 to 18 degrees C or 61 to 64 degrees F.
- Cover cracks under the door to keep the heat in and the cold out.
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Five hit-and-run incidents counted among plethora of street accidents

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A woman was injured in one of 11 traffic accidents reported in Westmount last week, according to police. Six occurred during a snowfall on Wednesday, Jan 9. One other took place during the heavy weekend storm.

The injured woman was driving a westbound car on Sherbrooke street Tuesday morning, Jan 8, that hit another vehicle going south on Clarke avenue as it turned east. The woman said she was blinded by the sun. She was ticketed for failing to stop at the red light. The 48-year-old Ste Thérèse-en-haut resident had a sore finger, arm, head and knee but refused medical attention.

Wednesday's six accidents started with two at Sherbrooke and Victoria. The first was a rear ender involving two eastbound cars at noon. Both sustained over $500 damage. One was driven by a man from Halifax, the other by a Montreal resident.

Two other cars were damaged at 12:45 pm when one was trying park near an intersection. They were driven by women living on Lansdowne avenue and Côte St Luc road.

Soon after at 1 pm, a car slid into another on The Boulevard west of Aberdeen avenue while both were going east. They were driven by residents of the town of Côte St Luc. One had no damage but the other sustained over $500.

At 1:40 pm, a man living on Montrose avenue was driving south on Argyle avenue when his Buick collided with a city works truck coming up the hill near Thornhill avenue. The car sustained less than $500 damage; the truck had none.

At least two people witnessed a hit-and-run accident at 10:50 that night when a 1988 Jaguar was hit on the left rear corner while parked on the north side of Côte St Antoine road west of Arlington avenue.

Witnesses said the other car, possibly a brown Toyota, stopped after the collision and its driver, who appeared drunk, got out and surveyed the damage. When he was told to wait for police, he apparently got back in his car, backed up and disappeared down Arlington. The suspect was described as a well-dressed man aged 25 to 30 with black hair.

Another hit-and-run outside 389 Roslyn avenue the same night went unnoticed by the driver until he arrived home in Châteauguay and discovered a dented fender.

On Thursday, a 1983 Honda was found to have been hit during the night by an unknown vehicle that left traces of red paint on the grey car. It had been parked facing south on Murray Hill near Grenville avenue.

On Friday morning at 7:55 am, traffic congestion at Melville and St Catherine street caused a small mishap between a school bus and a city salt truck when there just didn't seem to be enough room for both of the big southbound vehicles, police said. The back of the bus hit the front of the truck while the bus was trying to manoeuvre around the corner on to St Catherine. The fire department's first responder unit came to the scene but no one had been hurt.

Saturday afternoon after the big snow, a Westmount resident witnessed a hit-and-run accident on Claremont avenue. A parked Volkswagen was struck in the front left fender by a car coming west out of Winchester avenue. A licence plate number was recorded.

A Mercedes was also damaged in a hit-and-run accident the same day opposite 1304 Greene avenue. It sustained over $500 damage to the right front fender.

Closet light burns suitcase

A closet light bulb in a house on Roslyn avenue scorched a vinyl suitcase last Thursday, fire officials report.

Residents were advised not to keep items on the top shelf near the bulb. Firefighters were called to the home at 2:14 pm when a strange odor was detected. They found the bag resting against the bulb which had been left on.

Several house fires have been caused in Westmount over the past few years by hot bulbs coming in contact with clothing or bedding in cupboards.

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STATION 23 LOG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The following are some items from the files at Montreal Urban Community police Station 23, which covers Westmount.

Robber grabs purse

An 18-year-old Westmount woman was robbed of her purse behind a house on Parkman Place Monday last week, police report. The woman had just parked her car about 12:20 am when a man asked her for directions and then for money.

The robber pushed her to the ground, took the bag and fled on foot going east in the lane toward Claremont avenue. The purse contained no money.

Mistaken identity

A woman living in an apartment at 4129 de Maisonneuve boulevard mistook a burglar for her sister Monday last week, police said. She went to investigate why her sister did not call out hello and spotted the door closing behind a stranger. The woman then discovered her purse missing from the entrance hall. The door had been left unlocked. The incident occurred at about 4 pm.

Bye bye burglar

A burglar said "bye-bye" and fled from the Villa Ste Marcelline Saturday when questioned by a nun inside, police said. The sister asked him what he was doing inside the building. The intruder jimmied a door around noon using a screwdriver causing $75 damage. Nothing was stolen.

Set crime to 'cool'

A burglary on Belvedere circle was discovered Tuesday last week, Jan 8, after a loss of heat set off a thermostat regulating alarm, police said. A window was found to have been broken. Attempts to open a back door had failed. An empty picture frame indicated a painting had been stolen and jewelry was also believed to have been taken. The break-in occurred between Jan 4 and 8.

Diamond lost

A diamond ring was reported lost near 266 Lansdowne avenue Friday by a Montreal woman, according to police reports. Circumstances were not recorded.

Car capers continue

Add 250 Kensington avenue to the list of apartment garages where numerous cars have been broken into during the past month.

Four cars were discovered to have been hit by thieves there Tuesday last week, police said. One Suzuki-type vehicle had its roof damaged and sound system stolen. Three other cars had windows smashed. A radio, binoculars and a flashlight were taken from a Ford Mustang.

Other garage break-ins have been reported at 4444 Sherbrooke street, 388 Olivier avenue and 335 Clarke avenue.

Honda theft seen

A woman who witnessed a car being stolen outside 39 Windsor avenue early Friday called police but both car and thief were gone by the time they arrived. Police said the woman noticed two men running back and forth between a Honda they had been driving and a Honda owned by a resident of the street. Finally, each drove off toward Claremont avenue in his "own" Honda. The $17,000 car was reportedly stolen at 12:18 am.

Entertainment swiped

A television set and a video recorder disappeared from an apartment at 1 Rosemount between Jan 10 and 13, according to police reports. No signs of forced entry could be found.

Left turn costly

A driver was arrested Tuesday last week when she made an illegal left turn off Melville avenue on to Sherbrooke street, police said. She was wanted by St Hubert police on a warrant. The Longueuil woman was released after paying the required $123. The Westmount offence occurred about 2:28 pm.

Nobody's home

Phone equipment was discovered missing from an office at 4999 St Catherine street early last Thursday morning, police report. The place was broken into overnight by forcing a lock on the front door causing $200 damage.

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