

# Council lambasted for failing to consult residents

Westmount city council came under fire Monday night for the way it consults with citizens. Westmount residents protested how decisions appeared to have been

made in advance of public consultation concerning Summit Circle closure, narrowing of Cedar avenue and newly-revealed plans to re-seed two park dog runs.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Citizens were told that council's pipeline was through public consultation meetings; that an effective

way was to propose a solution as a point of discussion.

"What's the point if someone has made up his mind," asked Stanley Baker, a vice-president of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA). "It's not cricket."

Councillor Paul Fortin, who Mr Baker was addressing, candidly admitted his mind was made up to narrow Cedar. This was the solution he had come up with after studying the problem for a year and talking with residents. He said he was prepared to change his mind if convinced, and admitted other council members might not back his solution after the April 30 consultation meeting.

Oakland avenue resident Dr Joseph A. Yermus wanted to know why Councillor Peter Trent was calling an information meeting to discuss his

own solution for reducing traffic on the summit without finding out first what residents wanted.

Mr Trent said he had launched a trial balloon six months ago that had been widely publicized in the media and had received no adverse reaction. He was surprised to have received so much negative response from residents in the area in the last few days.

"I've got the message loud and clear," he said. "They don't like it." Mr Trent said he would only be in favor if the people wanted it. "We're not hatching it on you."

The Summit Circle information meeting takes place tonight at 7:30 at city hall. "You're coming with your solution," said Dr Yermus. "Don't impose your solution."

The longtime issue of consultation  
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## Where are our graduates going?

By ALISON RAMSEY

Today's youth in Westmount have very definite, and vastly different, ideas about their future in Quebec.

Some are eager to flee the complications of language and limited job opportunities.

Others feel the deep pull of their birthplace and proclaim their joy in living and working here, while acknowledging that conditions are more difficult.

Vytas Groudis, who graduated from Selwyn House in 1983, is among the latter. While his career opportunities would be better elsewhere — he is working as an assistant film producer and wants to become a producer — he and friends here are "in spite of the unrest, haggling and ignorance (of the language debate), grateful for the fact of living in a bilingual environment. It's a strength; we're fortunate to be given the opportunity."

Admitting "this province is badly in need of a PR job," Vytas has recently initiated talk at parties where like-minded people are gathered. They have batted about notions of creating a media splash with their views, which combat the notion that Quebec is neither viable nor attractive as a place to live.

But many others appear to disagree.

St George's High School has been updating its alumni list and Richard Diamond, chair of the alumni council, stated unequivocally that, "in my view, we are experiencing another exodus. I see it all around me. And many, many



A couple of these Grade 10 students at Westmount High already see their careers unfolding outside Quebec, as do many of their peers. They are, left to right, Melanie Lallouz, Pia Mailhot, Marcia Johnson and Julie Mongeau.

more are contemplating leaving."

It's not a language issue — any lack of knowing French — that has driven about 60 percent of St George's grads out of the province,

he said. "They don't feel secure here."

Perhaps with friends and family leaving, "they are going to a more comfortable environment."

These people are bilingual, well-positioned in terms of education and with good jobs, but "I think they feel caught. They're tired of

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## Leave cars at home on Earth Day

"Give your car a break," 18-year-old Westmounter Deborah Vineberg's idea, has caught on and will be the theme of this year's Earth Day in Westmount on Monday.

On this day the city and Westmount Environment Action group urges residents to either walk, bike, use public transportation, form a car pool, start a walking group and/or take a friend to a local recreational facility.

Mayor May Cutler, who doesn't own a car, said that she won't even take a taxi or be driven in a city vehicle. She will walk.

Richard McEnroe, director of public security, said two and four-hour parking restrictions will be waived "for just this one day" to allow residents who don't have a parking permit or a driveway to leave their cars at home.

He emphasized that tickets will be issued in all other cases, including no parking zones, beside fire hydrants, street maintenance zones and where there are parking meters.

Everyone who participates is encouraged to invite a friend to do the same to double the good effects and all are encouraged to call the Weact hotline, 338-8477, to say what action they took.

The city will publicize the project and encourage its employees to participate.

Ms Vineberg said this was a continuation of last year's Earth Day "Bring your own bag" theme.

• For more on Earth Day, see our special section, pages 17 to 20.

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## Option Canada organizing in Westmount

By ALISON RAMSEY

Option Canada is heading east. The newest federal party, which advocates creating an 11th province out of the predominantly English-speaking southwest sector of Quebec, has entered the West Island and is making preliminary contacts in Westmount, according to its leader.

The party was started by Greg Gogan, 38, in the Eastern Townships in January.

"When Alliance Quebec made its presentation to the Bélanger-Campeau commission, something inside me snapped," he said. "If this was the best we could do, we were in serious trouble."

Option Canada seeks to fill "a vacuum of leadership in the country" by promoting minority rights, hoping to entrench individual rights in the Constitution that would supersede provincial laws, including the right to education in the official

language of choice — where numbers warrant.

The party's interim president, Laurent Moreau, is ex-president of the Equality Party in the Brome-Missisquoi riding and ex-president of the Unity Party. The latter merged recently with the Equality Party.

"We hope people find within themselves the bravado to do this," he said. "The 11th province would be a bilingual province. I see us as being

some sort of catalyst to help the French strung out all over this country."

Mr Gogan said there are about 1,000 party members. He declined to name any, adding that some are quiet supporters who "may not necessarily want to have their names associated with the party until such time as we've grown in stature... until it's a perfectly normal thing to be associated with the party."

"We don't mince words," said Mr  
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**Spring has sprung and dogs are going astray**

You know it's spring in Westmount when the dog campaign begins and dog owners begin scrapping with city council.

Public safety officers wrote inci-

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Moreau. "We don't hide things away, we say what we think."

Mr Gogan has been harassed with phone calls. "I wouldn't characterize them as threatening but, if I read between the lines, I suppose I could read a lot into it. . . The negative repercussions come from those that feel the nationalistic fire most intensely.

"There are 1 to 2 million people, probably more, that don't want to follow them into that adventure (called sovereignty)."

Mr Gogan said that Quebec's separation would ease their party's way to creating an 11th province, "making it that much more acceptable to Canadians."

If separation does not happen, the party will continue, vowed Mr Moreau.

"There is no party that will defend minority rights effectively," said Mr Gogan. He intends to abolish the notwithstanding clause and speaks strongly against Bills 101, 178 and 142 as those constricting rights.

Party policy states that the Quebec government is offering less and less support to francophones outside Canada, and that the new province would stand by all minority communities.

It states that Quebec has the right to separate, but has no right to compel "Canadian citizens to reside on foreign soil."

When asked if the party has the agenda of a lobby group, and not a political party, Mr Gogan responded that "we didn't have the time to put together an advocacy group. . . it requires a lot of time."

He is scathing about the Equality Party, saying Westmount riding MNA Richard Holden "is a silly human being. I'm tired of people who have nothing better to do than mouth third-rate quips."

Mr Holden said, "My view on that stuff is you assume an independent Quebec — I consider them as hare-brained schemes. . . You don't want to let people think you're accepting the idea of independence."

He allowed that "some Equality Party members talk of separation, but it's not party policy. I'm not into it, but (party leader Robert) Libman is. I'm waiting to see what the federal people do. I'm waiting for July, August."

Playing on the Option party's platform, membership costs \$11, \$20.11 for a family.

"We're at the crawling stage," said Mr Gogan. "We haven't even started walking yet. But that will come soon."

dent reports on 20 wayward dog owners last week and also cautioned groups of others about keeping dogs leashed, cleaning up after their pets and buying new dog licences at the end of the month.

Records are being kept and chronic offenders will be taken to court.

Since the city position of dog catcher has been eliminated this year, the Public Security Unit is giving the responsibility to a public safety officer during the current April dog campaign. One patroller is being taken off the midnight shift and detailed to daytime dog duties, officials explained.

The "appalling condition" of two enclosed dog runs, in King George Park and at the corner of Lansdowne and St Catherine, was discussed at Monday's city council meeting. Exercising dogs on the soggy ground has turned the grass to mud; 50 percent of the King George Park run is ruined, as is 75 percent of Lansdowne.

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with dog owners was re-ignited when it was revealed the city was planning to close one half of each enclosed dog run for reseeding the grass starting about April 22.

Dog owner Peter Cardozo was incensed that dog owners had not been either consulted or informed until he had had to "exact" the information at the council meeting.

The plan was "doomed to failure," he said. A proper evaluation was required of a sod that would stand up to abuse from dog "hoofs." Mr Cardozo asked why no one had gone to the dog run to consult the dog owners, who could provide practical ways to solve the problem.

"Please come to the dog run," he said. "It's not a problem that's going to be solved at the Westmount Yards."

Councillor Daniel Tingley suggested dog owners should take their ideas to the city rather than expecting the city to go to them.

"I had to exact the information," Mr Cardozo repeated.

"More is the pity," Mr Tingley replied, sparking more outrage from the dog owner.

Mr Cardozo said the very reason he had come to the meeting was because "I have a concern as a dog owner that we are eroding the land in the park. . . I am here to talk to you, to say I have an idea."

When he suggested closing the run in King George Park and moving it to a new location to let the grass renew, the idea was flatly rejected.

City operations manager Bruce St Louis told THE EXAMINER yesterday the city had advised the Westmount Dog Owners' Association by letter last Nov 19 of its intention to re-seed the dog runs doing one half at a time.

*Westmount*  
**Community**  
*Calendar*

**Today, April 18**

**Public consultation** on Summit Circle at 7:30 pm in city hall council chamber.

**Art exhibit** at Galerie Dan Delaney, 318 Victoria avenue, *To Everything There is a Season*, recent collages on handmade papers, by Evelyn Gold, until April 30. 484-4691.

**Art exhibit:** Oils by Gaétane Marc-Aurèle Kerr at Westmount Library until Sunday.

**Registration** for spring and summer courses at the Visual Arts Centre is under way. 488-9558.

**Seniors' swim:** At Westmount Y from 1:30 to 3 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. No charge. 931-8046.

**Seniors' tea:** At Westmount Y at 2:30 pm. Free.

**Friday, April 19**

**Children's contest:** Deadline for entries in the McEntyre writing competition for school children. Entries must be at Westmount Library by 6 pm.

**Saturday, April 20**

**Children's activity:** Sports happening at Oink Oink!, 1361 Greene avenue. 11 am. 484-0252.

**Sunday, April 21**

**Vernissage** at 1 pm at Galerie Westmount, 4912 Sherbrooke street, for exhibit of oil paintings by France Trudel. Exhibit continues until May 5. 484-1488.

**Lecture: Drug Use in the Elderly**, in French, from 2 to 4 pm at Chateau Westmount, 4860 de Maisonneuve boulevard. \$2. Refreshments. 934-8096.

**Polka Dot Door** at Westmount High School Auditorium at 11 am and 1 pm. Tickets \$12, including GST. Proceeds to Na'Amat organizations. Available at Ticketron and Teletron outlets and Oink Oink. 484-0252.

**CAMMAC reading** at St Matthias' Church, 14 Church Hill, at 3 pm, of Haydn's *Creation*, followed by a concert, elections and social hour.

**Adult Prisoners of Childhood** support group meets at 7 pm every Sunday in the basement of Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street. \$1. 937-4392.

**Cocaine Anonymous** meets every Sunday from 2 to 3:30 pm at Greene Avenue Community Centre, 1090 Greene avenue. 931-6202.

**Monday, April 22**

**Book collection:** WHS is collecting for a book sale. Before Friday afternoon, you can drop off books, send them to school with a pupil, or call for pickup of large quantities at 935-1432.

**Reading:** Canadian author Janette Turner Hospital will read and comment on her work at Westmount Library at 7:30 pm. Free. 935-8531 ext 290.

**Tuesday, April 23**

**Lecture:** Selwyn House Old Boys' Association presents journalist Gwynne Dyer to speak on *Turning Point: International Politics of the Environment* at 8 pm in Macaulay Gym, 101 Stanton avenue at Côte St Antoine road. \$5. High school students with ID free. Tickets at the school or at the door. 931-9481.

**Thursday, April 25**

**Student theatre:** The students of Westmount High School drama program present a play, based on Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Indians* at 7:30 pm. \$2.

**Reading:** Westmount novelists Hélène Holden and T.F. Rigelhof, with poet Mary Di Michele and short story writer P. Scott Lawrence read at 8 pm in the multipurpose room of Dawson College, 3040 Sherbrooke street. Host is Trevor Ferguson, president of The Writers' Union of Canada. 935-5811.

**Reddy to Party Night** casino at Victoria Hall to raise funds for Reddy Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Tickets are \$35; \$25 for seniors. 939-6671. **Bridge supper:** Duplicate and rubber at Shaar Hashomayim, 6:30 pm. \$18. Door prizes. Trophy for overall winners in duplicate. Reserve by April 19 at 486-0458 or 488-8691.

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## The English community must assert and organize itself, students told

Quebec's English-speaking community must assert itself. The language should be spoken, promoted and fought for. The community must organize and "be a community."

That was the message five anglophone scholars and intellectuals delivered at a panel discussion on "The future of an English-speaking minority in a changing Quebec" at Dawson College Monday afternoon.

"It's OK to be English in Quebec," said Reed Scowen, a former Liberal MNA and author of *A Different Vision: The English in Quebec in the 1990s*. "It's OK to be even unilingual English if that is your choice. There's no law against that."

Mr Scowen argued that the English-speaking community should take a page out of French-Canadian history and assert itself, try to expand the community.

"People should make a personal commitment to speak more English in their lives," he said. "Don't hesitate. It's our language."

Mr Scowen also said it was imperative that the English community leadership do something to stop the flight of English students from Quebec. He said leaders must convey the message, "We want you to stay here. It's a good place."

Also to be stopped, Mr Scowen said, is the erosion of English-language institutions which are becoming bilingual.

Robert Keaton, president of Alliance Quebec and a Dawson College

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

political science teacher, said now many French-speaking Quebecers are wondering what the English community in Quebec wants.

"We want the same thing the French want," Mr Keaton said. "Respect."

He said the message to French-speaking Quebecers should be: "We're damned mad because some of our rights have been taken away."

### Build a future

He said parents should demonstrate to their children that they will stay in Quebec and build a future here.

"We have to convince ourselves that we have a place in the snow," Mr Keaton said. "This negative attitude is helping to destroy our own community."

"This is our home... Canada is our country, Quebec is our home."

Graeme Decarie, chair of the history department at Concordia University and a newspaper columnist, said the English community in Quebec has virtually no tradition of organizing itself. Historically, the English business elite were the organizers, he said, adding that it is a good thing that is no longer true.

Mr Decarie said French Quebec is heading into the 21st century with its head firmly planted in the 17th century. Nationalists talk of collective

rights as though it is acceptable and that the notion of individual rights is weak in Quebec. Mr Decarie implied this thinking was outdated.

While Mr Scowen said the English community should not expect any kind of help from any level of government, Mr Decarie said the English community here must "turn to the Quebec government for help in a very aggressive way." But he said no help should be expected from the federal government which has become "astonishingly weak."

Mr Decarie said the English community must get its act together, and act. He said its current "leadership" must be replaced and that it must be prepared to demand its rights.

### Determine own future

Gerry Kelebay, a professor of education at McGill University and president of the St Lawrence Institute, said the English community should determine its own future in Quebec and "not let our adversaries," the Parti Québécois and the Quebec nationalists, define it.

The question the English community should be asking itself, Mr Kelebay said, is "How are we going to change the future of the English language community of Quebec?"

Dr Robin Burns, a professor of history at Bishop's University, explained how the English community in the Eastern Townships has fought



About 200 people gathered at Dawson College Monday to listen to a discussion on the future of anglophones in Quebec. Dawson student Jonathan Briet, 19, seen in the background, asks why he hasn't heard more of Alliance Quebec lately.

successfully to save many of its institutions and heritage. The community resisted name changes from English to French and changing an English hospital in Sherbrooke from a general one to a psychiatric one. Mr Burns said this was all done with the support of many in the French-speaking community.

"What English-speaking Townshippers have done is persuade the French that it is in their interest to preserve the English-speaking community," he said.

In a question period, Dawson student Jonathan Briet, 19, asked why he hasn't heard much from Alliance Quebec and said English leaders should be listening to what youths have to say.

Mr Keaton said AQ recognizes the importance of youths in Quebec and that the organization has been speaking loudly.

"There's a lot more Alliance Quebec can do and should do," Mr Keaton said. "But we need the support of the community."

## Atwater gets \$20,000; Duffield asks libraries to co-ordinate services

A Westmount city councillor had some strong words of advice for the city's public library Monday night as city council voted a \$20,000 grant to help the struggling Atwater Library.

Councillor Peter Duffield called for a joint effort between the two to find a way of co-ordinating their services to the community, noting

that Westmount provides \$1.3 million a year to the municipal library.

"I could hope the big fellow would find a way to co-operate (with Atwater) and I would charge those people who sit on the library committee to come up with an innovative way."

Three city council members who sit on the library committee initially opposed the Atwater Library's funding request to Westmount for \$35,000. They finally agreed to support a grant of \$20,000 as a one-time matching grant on condition it be used for computer upgrading and for a new sign at the front door.

Councillor Rhoda Vineberg was the lone dissenter in Monday's 6-1 vote.

Mrs Vineberg maintained her original position that the Atwater had too few Westmount members and that public funds should not be used to improve a private building.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Councillor Daniel Tingley, who moved the motion, said the decision had given him "considerable trouble." Being a member of the library committee, it was alleged he was in conflict of interest.

"Perhaps no city councillors should sit on our library committee," Mayor May Cutler suggested.

### Impressed with work

Councillor Joan Rothman, another library committee member, said she now supported the grant because she was impressed with the amount of volunteer work being put into the Atwater Library and because grant moneys are not going to duplicating services provided by the Westmount Library.

Councillor Sally Aitken, the third member, also praised the "incredible energy" of those working to turn around the Atwater Library's impoverished situation.

Councillors Paul Fortin and Peter Trent have not opposed the grant.

The statement by Mr Duffield, who represents the southeast Ward 8 district served by the Atwater Library, was the first he has made on the controversial issue. As pro-may-

or, he has been chairing the council's closed-door meetings on the grant where he did not have a vote.

Mr Duffield told the council session he had been approached by a number of his constituents who were "very much in favor" of the Atwater Library because it was more accessible to them than the Westmount Li-

brary.

Robert Tayler, a director of the Atwater Library, thanked council for being "sensitive" to the issue and also for waiving the library's \$5,000 in taxes this year. He noted that the library had paid some \$35,177 in taxes to Westmount over the past 10 years.

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## We Say

# A poor show

WE discussed in this space last week the preoccupation of city council with relatively minor matters, taking valuable time from discussion and possible resolution of major issues confronting Westmount.

We were helpful, we hope, by drawing attention to and endorsing the suggestion of Councillor Joan Rothman, to refer details of individual "cultural" grants and related questions to a separate, subsidiary body.

Then came along our report on the Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors in which our Councillor Peter Trent is quoted as complaining that the conference in its annual meeting a fortnight ago preoccupied itself with nuts-and-bolts questions of municipal operations.

The carefully orchestrated sessions paid virtually no attention to the burning controversy with Quebec over a drastic reduction of provincial support for financing major local costs, even while the provincially-mandated Montreal Urban Community continues to grow and gouge the citizens who reside on this island.

Mr Claude Ryan, the municipal affairs minister, recently announced a devastatingly large cut in grants to cities, towns, villages, county councils, townships and parishes. Then, under pressure, he backed off partly. But he still left the mayors and councillors of the province raging mad at him for ham-handed treatment of Quebecers at the local level.

It is just possible that someone at Quebec realized that local ratepayers also are provincial electors and that they should not be alienated unduly.

AS hard hit as any administrations are the suburban municipalities on the Island of Montreal. Along with the core City of Montreal, they bear the costs of the vast infrastructure which makes this metropolitan area the motor of the province.

Rightly or wrongly, they have learned to expect the Quebec government to pick up what is rightly regarded as its share of the tab. After all, the general taxpayers of the entire province have an interest in how greater Montreal serves all of Quebec.

Mr Trent said last week that a golden opportunity was missed at the suburban mayors' conference to fight back against the Quebec bureaucracy which clearly is responsible for trying to foist provincial responsibilities onto the municipalities.

There is evidence that the fair-minded Mr Ryan had realized that the scheme put forward by his civil servants was unjust and even impossible to expect to be thrust upon property owners. (Property taxes

are an intrinsically unfair form of taxation, anyway.) The time was at that conference to exert more pressure on the minister instead of letting him off the hook.

One of the problems which can be seen in that situation is that the conference itself, since its feisty days after the MUC monster was thrust upon our island at primary cost to the suburbs, like the MUC and the provincial government, has become institutionalized.

All three levels of over-government are increasingly captive of their respective ever-growing bureaucracies. There clearly is an old-boy network between them whose objective, even if unstated, is the preservation of their power without particular regard to the real needs of their masters: the elected and the people.

Their position is strengthened when key people have their feet in more than one of these levels. The trouble is most obvious if, say, a suburban mayor is a key player in both the MUC and the CMSM. The latter was created in the first place to be a watchdog and curb the propensities of the former to spend, to grow and to take over the prerogatives of the cities and towns of the island.

In this purpose, the conference has been largely unsuccessful. This is witnessed by the fact that MUC costs have outstripped those of the constituent municipalities; all over the island, mayors complain — apparently with no one listening — that their biggest single problem of good local administration is the uncontrolled growth and cost of the MUC.

THE conference once was a lean, mean and attention-getting focus for municipal ire. Our own former mayor, the late Donald C. MacCallum, was a hard-working exemplar of the conference's worth at that time, though even he got entangled in the MUC structure, where he also was a diligent participant. In fact, one of the chief factors in his downfall was that conference and urban-community affairs tended to detract from his main elected purpose, being mayor of Westmount. One often felt that the true interests of his home community were being blunted by his involvement in both the MUC and CMSM.

We are seeing a good deal more of that problem now from other cities and towns on the island. Their mayors are being sucked into these other establishments, which have taken on lives and seemingly destinies of their own.

How else to explain that the Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors could mount

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



### Senate matters

MY alma mater, dear old McGill, has an institution known as the senate. Whenever I hear the expression "senate" or "senator," I conjure up pictures of elderly codgers playing kazoos and interminable debate without rhyme or reason.

However, I'm told McGill's senate is different and that students actually succeed in convincing their elders to change their stance. Recently, the student senators appealed to the entire body to delay a hike in student service fees. They were hit with recent fee increases imposed by Mr Ryan when he was the minister of education. They objected to a 6.67 percent increase (from \$75 per term per full-time student to \$80 per term).

Other actions of the McGill senate go unnoticed within our community but it occurred to me that some readers of THE EXAMINER might be interested. For instance, they recently studied the report of a

group they had previously set up, known as the task force on priorities. As reported in the *McGill Reporter*, lengthy discussions took place at the senate's March 13 meeting. Among the proposals heard was one by Senator Neumoff that a description in the introduction of the task force report that McGill "be the best we can be," be changed to that McGill "strive for excellence."

"To be the best we can be" rings a little too much like an ad for the United States armed forces," reasoned Neumoff. The amendment was defeated after various senators bristled at the use of the word "excellence," a term many considered "hackneyed."

Prof Neumoff also introduced a motion to completely remove a paragraph from page 14 of the report which reads (in part): "The point has been made that McGill is not a business corporation and should not attempt to act like one. But this does not mean that we cannot learn from such organizations and benefit from their experience. In most modern, well-managed organizations we find recognition of the fact that while the planning function may, in the abstract, be viewed as different from the management of operations, these two sets of activities cannot be carried out by separate individuals..." The motion was defeated.

I believe that most Westmounters would agree with the senate's decision.

city  
councillor  
Joan Rothman  
says...



### The cultural record

TWO weeks ago there was another outbreak of cultural fever on the pages of THE EXAMINER, as the mayor described her efforts to both educate and shame council members into voting funds to buy paintings for city hall, and sculptures in the form of our old cast iron fire-boxes as objets d'art in the parks. Neither has council approved the money requested to convert Victoria Hall into a "proper" theatre or decided to turn our library into a copy of the Côte St Luc library — modern and beautiful though it is!

It is, however, not only council that is termed uncultured. We council members share the distinction (or shame) with the citizens who, it is alleged, are more interested in "sweat" activities than in the arts. I believe this conclusion is very wide of the mark as a great number of our citizens are interested and/or involved in the arts and attend cultural events outside Westmount. It is obvious that Westmounters live near many of the major cultural institutions on Montreal Island; institutions supported by their money, be it federal, provincial and MUC taxes or charitable donations. If the city provides an event like Shakespeare in the Park, not easily found elsewhere, people will attend. But why bring the symphony orchestra to the arena where the acoustics are terrible, when in 10 minutes by Metro one can be in Place des Arts?

At the beginning of this council's present term there was much discussion about the need for a professional theatre in Victoria Hall. However, at the same time an enthusiastic recreation department was quickly filling Victoria Hall with citizens participating in programs and activities. Victoria Hall was becoming what it is today — a multi-use community centre. The lack of a

major meeting of its principals at this particular time, weekend before last, consenting to talk about all kinds of operational matters and allowing no time on the agenda for the twin assaults on them by both the metropolitan and the provincial governments?

So cowed were most of the first magistrates and other delegates by the arrangements made for them to discuss other, more innocuous things that none seemed to dare to raise his or her voice on the issues that truly mattered: costs of government foisted onto local taxpayers.

clear mandate from the citizens, for instance on the need for a professional theatre in Victoria Hall, led to council's decision to request a study of recreation and culture. We did not know what kind of a program the city should have in our only community space outside of the arena and the library.

Council has found out a few things from its deliberations. The library is Westmount's preferred institution. The citizens use the library, are proud of it and if it is to be changed at all it must be done very carefully. Any changes to Victoria Hall, and this includes rentals, have been put on hold until council determined what was going to happen to the library and the future use of Victoria Hall.

The recent survey on recreation states that a majority of Westmount citizens want a multi-use community centre in Victoria Hall.

I agree with the mayor that Victoria Hall has been neglected by this council, but that neglect is due to the mayor's decision to put the use of the hall, rental of the building and any physical change to the building on hold until decisions about the trio of library, conservatory and Victoria Hall could be made. I have asked for new chairs in Victoria Hall to replace the dangerous old ones, upgrading of kitchen facilities for rental purposes and decent sound equipment and lighting for three years now — but since everything is on hold no money is being spent on this deteriorating building.

With the study completed, the recreation and culture department, the standing committees and council are moving toward completion of mission statements, objectives, a definition of basic services and a decision of which institution in the city will offer these services. Along with recreational and cultural policy, council is developing a grants policy. The increasing demand for donations at the municipal level necessitates such a policy and points to the decrease in funding at the federal and provincial level.

This council will have a sound plan for recreation and culture in place in Westmount with a recommended budget before the end of our term.

There even appears to have been some manipulation of the major media. What most of what we read and heard of the conference seemed to boost Mr Ryan's partial (but inadequate) back-off. Not a mention at all of the silence of the suburban mayors who, after all, are what the conference is there for, as a sounding board for their real concerns and those of their citizens.

All in all, a disturbing show. For that is what it was. A show of lesser matters, stage-managed by the paid help with their masters as their performers.

Not good enough.

## I Say!

THOSE who have few affairs to attend to are great speakers. The less men think, the more they talk.

—Charles Secondat de Montesquieu

The Westmount Examiner  
**EXAMINING THE FILES**

**Forty-five Years Ago**  
 April 19, 1946

"Henri Germain, 22, no abode, received sentence to two months in prison for loitering when appearing before Recorder Hale on Wednesday morning on that charge. Germain was arrested at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday by Sgt. C. Baker, Detective Talbot and Constable Morgan, after observation of actions causing police interest on Western avenue."

"A laundry van runaway horse gave the driver of a Western Taxi a merry chase from Guy to Sherbrooke streets through to Fordham avenue on Cote St. Antoine Road, where it was eventually halted by a Westmount policeman, following a slight collision with the pursuing taxi on Wednesday morning. At the red lights the taxi driver attempted to corral the horse and vehicle by crowding in front and forcing the animal to the curb, but to no avail. Slight damage was done to the taxi fender."

**Thirty-five Years Ago**  
 April 20, 1956

A two-page advertising spread by Macy's (The Reliable Drug Stores) had some suggestions for Mother's Day, including, "Playtex Living Gloves give you lovelier hands in only 9 days. New way to hand beauty works because it's NATURE'S WAY." "New Creamy Prom home permanent. Actually waves new softness and manageability right into your hair." "Modess. Increased protection and comfort." "Anacin. 12 for 25 cents. 50 for 79 cents. 100 for \$1.19." "Family-size bottle Castoria 75 cents. New large size." "Remember Mother with Muguet des Bois. Delightful fragrance of love and luck... so light... so youthful... creates a new zest for living by making you feel the invigorating excitement of Paris in the Spring!" "NOW... safer end to facial hair! Lenena Rubenstein announces new NUDIT with SUPER-FINISH. Nudit is the only facial hair remover in the world which gives you the sensitivity protection of Super-Finish formulated to prevent redness, rashing afterward!"

**Twenty-five Years Ago**  
 April 21, 1966

"Fourteen persons were arrested and two were charged with grievous assault last week in a near riot at 4115 Sherbrooke street west. Westmount police were called in when construction workers, on strike, entered the rear of the newly-built Elmwood Building between Elm and Wood on Sherbrooke and began a full scale battle with non-striking workers who were engaged in finishing work on the inside of the building. Trouble broke out at 2:42 p.m. Friday afternoon, when five cars pulled up... and some twenty strikers, most of whom had been drinking, entered the building."

**Ten Years Ago**  
 April 23, 1981

"A 19-year-old Westmount youth, described as 'adventurous but very cautious,' was one of three university students who fell to their death Monday while camping on a wilderness Indian portage trail near Woodstock, N.B."

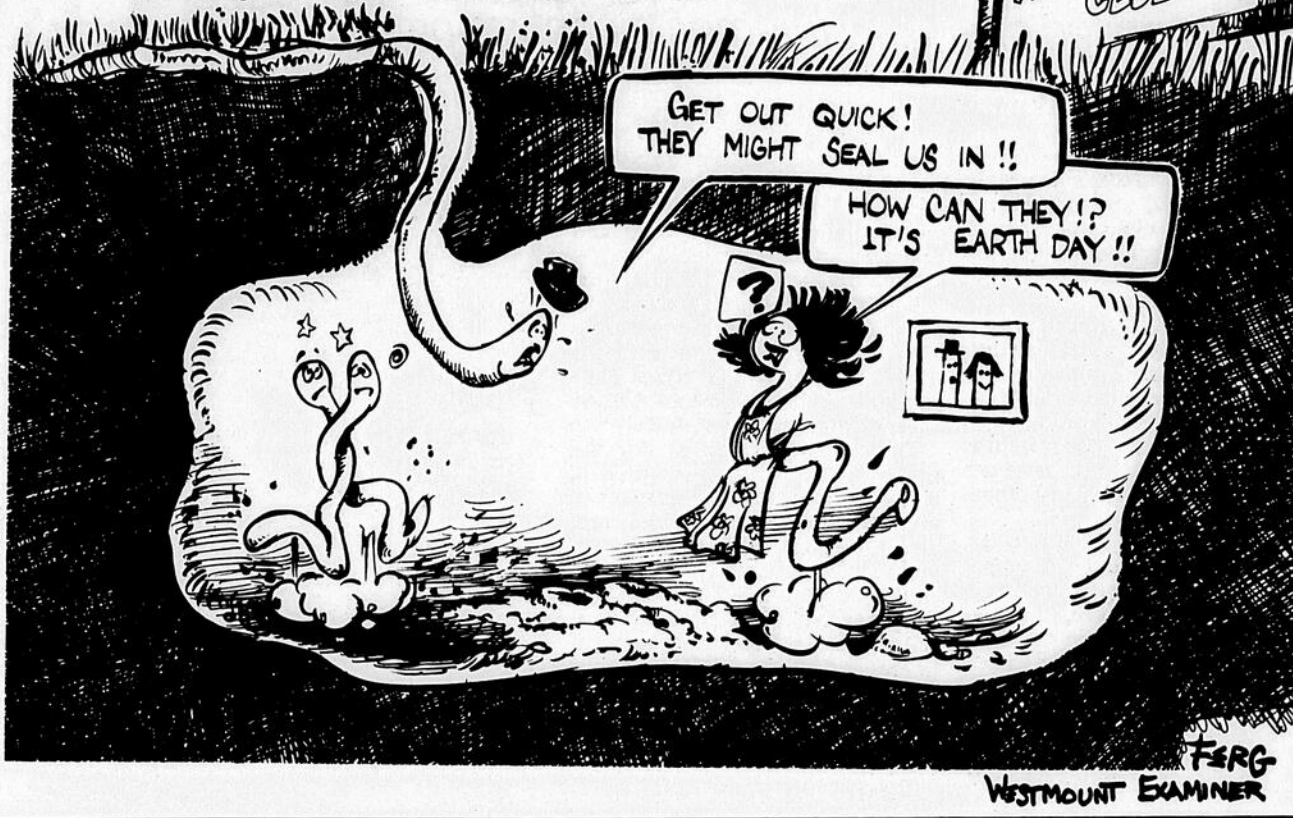
"Windows and doors of three furriers on Sherbrooke street in the area of Claremont avenue were spray-painted with red slogans sometime between Thursday and Saturday, police said. The messages read 'murderers,' 'furs mean paint' and 'EALF,' police said, suggesting the mischief had been done by someone against the killing of animals for furs. A black liquid plastic had also been put into the lock of one establishment."

**One Year Ago**  
 April 19, 1990

"Windfall revenues led to a \$4.3-million surplus for Westmount in 1989, according to the city's audited financial statement adopted by city council Monday night."

"An inquiry was ordered yesterday by Westmount finance commissioner Peter Trent into why the city had not collected business taxes from the Alexis Nihon office tower at 3500 de Maisonneuve boulevard before 1989."

**NEWS ITEM: REPORT SUGGESTS ARTIFICIAL TURF FOR LAWN BOWLING GREEN**



**You Say**

**Who speaks for the minorities of one?**

It troubles me somewhat to hear well-meaning people speak on behalf of their fellow human beings. I am quite capable of speaking for myself, perhaps not in as articulate a fashion as my would-be proxies, but certainly more accurately.

You see, I am a member of the smallest minority in the world - I am unique. My expectation of governments is that they provide the following:

- Freedom of individual expression and movement.
- Protection from those who would injure or destroy me as well as from hunger, ignorance, poverty and illness.
- Equality before the law.
- A living repository for our collective history.

I would not presume to speak on your behalf, but I suspect that this is exactly what you wish for yourself. We in Quebec are most fortunate to have enjoyed them and continue to do so, because the individual remains the basis of the political system.

So who is it who speaks for me in terms of minority rights, majority rights, black rights and women's rights, rather than individual human rights? The only people served by such groupings are politicians. This is reasonable if one considers that this is how they are elected. Once in office, however, they would do better to remember that they are there not by the grace of amorphous groups of majorities and minorities of varying shapes and sizes, but of individual human beings like themselves.

**Herbert Bercovitz**

4931 Sherbrooke street west  
 WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 1H2

**No exclusions intended at city hall gathering**

We the undersigned wish to apologize to all those who tried to attend the public information meeting on Tuesday, April 9, and who were turned away by a security guard.

As you know, on April 2 city council had announced that the meeting of April 9 to discuss the narrowing of Cedar avenue would be postponed to April 30. Efforts were made by the city of Westmount and by us to notify everyone concerned. We also asked that city hall be kept open on the 9th. Councillor Rothman and Mr St Louis agreed and further suggested there be an informal discussion session on the 9th with representatives of the schools in the area, some members of the council and perhaps a few people from Cedar avenue. We agreed.

However, it was never suggested to us that the meeting would be closed and only a

select few would be allowed in (i.e. by invitation only). In fact, after the meeting we discovered that a number of interested residents, including a Cedar avenue household, were denied entry by a security guard.

We apologize to all who tried to join us that evening at city hall. We sincerely hope that you will persevere and join us again on April 30.

**Marika Asimakopulos**

3230 The Boulevard

**Maureen Kiely**

3206 The Boulevard  
 WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 1S3

**Council refuses to see protest over Cedar plans**

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

Dear Mr Fortin: I wish to take exception to your comments in last week's EXAMINER where you stated that you "can't give one or two people on that street (The Boulevard) a veto over what is done on Cedar avenue."

Since only the names of Mrs Asimakopulos and Dr Kiely were mentioned in this article, it would appear to the casual reader that these two residents of The Boulevard are the only ones who are against the proposal to narrow Cedar avenue to one traffic lane. Let me assure you, sir, that this is not the case.

As you are well aware, a number of residents as well as headmistress Eve Marshall of The Study came to the November city council meeting to protest the proposed changes. There have been many telephone calls, letters and petitions protesting these changes. In fact, we all felt so strongly that we paid several hundred dollars to place an ad in THE EXAMINER (March 21) so that all concerned could easily register their opposition by cutting out the form and mailing it to the mayor.

The simple truth, sir, is that council is refusing to acknowledge that there is indeed a large (and ever-growing) group of area residents who oppose these changes. It is time for council to wake up and reverse its stand.

**Walter Kowal DDS**

3193 The Boulevard  
 WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 1S4

**No logical arguments made for Cedar changes**

I have been reading with interest the reporting of Charles Abramovici and the numerous letters in your March 28, April 4 and April 11 issues concerning The Boulevard/Cedar traffic "experiment," with the political thrust of the experiment recently being cleverly redirected from an issue of

traffic load on such two busy streets to a motherhood issue of safety (for Cedar residents only).

Why not have a sporadic, yet consistent, radar patrol car present during the morning rush hour on Cedar where the cost of same would be easily covered by the resulting substantial ticket revenues and in a very short period of time, the violators will become nominal as heavy fines and demerit points take their toll, if in fact the issue is clearly a question of speeding as opposed to reducing the carrying capacity of Cedar.

Why proceed with a substantial capital cost project outlay for all Westmount taxpayers when the same objectives can be easily attained with no cost to the taxpayer?

Should the citizens of Westmount question the apparent lack of resourcefulness and narrow mindset of Councillor Paul Fortin, the former chair of the defunct Traffic Committee and council's purported guru on this issue, who reportedly stated, "I support the narrowing down of Cedar. It's unsafe as it is."

Ms Marika Asimakopulos stated that the city's experiment provided no proof that the narrowing of the entire length of Cedar would not divert traffic on to The Boule-

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**our M.P.**  
 David Berger  
 says...



**Do more to help Kurds**

DAY after day, we learn more about the dimensions of the tragedy that has befallen the Kurds. Tens of thousands of men, women and particularly children are dying. Relief agencies currently estimate that between 400 and 1,000 persons are dying each day.

Canada is helping, but does not seem to be leading the way. It seems to me that Canada bears a special responsibility. We were a member of the coalition, but perhaps more importantly, we have taken a leadership role in the past. The Canadian people were awarded the Nansen medal for our efforts in resettling the Indo-Chinese boat people.

Refoulement or turning back refugees at the border is illegal under the Geneva Convention on Refugees. Iran and Turkey must be persuaded to admit the Kurds on a temporary basis. If resettlement in third countries is not an option for large numbers, the international community must find a way to ensure that the Kurds can return safely to their homes in Iraq.

Canadians will not be satisfied unless we give it our very best.

# City's \$9.6-million surplus to offset 'uncertain fiscal future'

## 1990 audited financial statements confirm projections

Auditors made it official this week — Westmount ended last year with a \$9.6-million surplus which allowed it to self-finance substantial capital spending, Councillor Peter Trent said Monday night.

Though steps have been taken to ensure such an excessive surplus would not recur, he said, the large nestegg puts the city in a much better position than many "to weather the uncertain fiscal future awaiting us."

The surplus amounted to 22 per cent of the city's 1990 operating budget of \$43.4 million, amassed mainly through unbudgeted tax revenue from new condominiums and other real estate.

In tabling the city's 1990 financial statement, Mr Trent said that unexpected surplus revenues included \$4.9 million in condo taxes and tax compensation for Dawson College, \$1 million more than planned in net profit from the electric utility and \$1.2 million from investment interest and the sale of Hillside avenue municipal property to Quebec for St Margaret's home.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Another \$2.4 million came from lower than budgeted expenses, resulting from a low snowfall year and savings in debt financing costs and pension plan contributions.

"The divisions and departments kept within their budgets with the exception of the director-general's office, as the settlement with the former director general (Peter Pate-naude) was charged in total to 1990 expenditures," Mr Trent said.

The audited statement for the city's electric utility submitted at the same time showed revenues of \$17.6 million exceeded expenditures of \$15.4, generating a profit of \$2.2 million. This was transferred to the city's operating budget.

Higher than expected revenues resulted from "extraordinary savings" in the cost of power bought from Hydro-Québec, in the cost of the dual energy program, the minimum subscription cost and metering arrangements.

In 1990, Mr Trent said, capital

spending amounted to \$3.9 million in the municipal operations and \$1.8 million in the electric utility for a total \$5.7 million.

Of this total, the city borrowed from itself to finance \$3.3 million while another \$2.3 million financed from the working fund will be reimbursed according to a predetermined schedule.

"This means we actually financed on a pay-as-you-go policy," he explained.

The city's total consolidated long-term debt, less its reserves, as at Dec 31, 1990 was \$6 million, down \$800,000 from the previous year. Assets in the sinking fund together with projected interest income would be sufficient to retire all long-term debt.

The city's financial statement went without comment from citizens attending the meeting including members of both Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) and the Westmount Finance Action Committee (WFAC).

### Statement of Revenue and Expenditure

Year to date ended December 31, 1990

REVENUE	Actual	Budgeted
Taxes	\$36,875,721.38	\$32,800,000.00
Compensation in lieu of taxes	2,642,977.96	1,833,500.00
Services to other municipalities	188,162.28	167,000.00
Other services	1,780,091.55	1,245,900.00
Other revenue from local sources	8,877,805.98	7,194,200.00
Quebec library grant	200,249.00	186,500.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>50,565,008.15</b>	<b>43,427,100.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
General administration	4,258,594.89	4,003,500.00
Public security & public safety	4,960,820.93	5,174,800.00
Road transport	4,902,535.96	5,721,600.00
Water & sanitation services	2,577,411.76	2,862,900.00
Building & planning	774,385.84	842,100.00
Recreation & culture	4,402,964.25	4,524,600.00
Debt service & other financing	2,396,928.87	3,180,000.00
Montreal Urban Community		
Transit Commission	4,544,897.51	4,593,400.00
Administration, security, etc.	11,605,665.00	11,666,600.00
Contingency, recoverables & other	172,609.97	502,600.00
Other	396,909.23	355,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>40,993,724.21</b>	<b>43,427,100.00</b>
Unexpended funds	9,571,283.94	0.00

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## Consultants being hired to check Cedar plans

The city will hire outside consultants to confirm the city's traffic counts and models for the narrowing of Cedar avenue, Councillor Paul Fortin said at Monday's council meeting.

"We want to make sure we're on solid ground," he said.

The city is deciding whether it

will narrow Cedar avenue along its entire length to one lane to control speeding there. Other area residents are upset with the idea, saying traffic will be diverted to their streets. A public consultation meeting is scheduled April 30 at 7:30 pm at city hall.

Mr Fortin also said the city's Ar-

chitectural and Planning Commission will work on a design to be proposed at the meeting.

An information package will be delivered to area residents at least one week before the public consultation, said Bruce St Louis, Westmount's manager of operations.

Mr Fortin said the information package will not be a "technical thing" and said full details of the city's plans will be revealed at the meeting.

He hopes council will make a decision on the issue at its first meeting in May.

Superior Court Judge Benjamin Greenberg, a Cedar avenue resident, said narrowing Cedar will not only slow traffic on a dangerous street but will result in less traffic in the long run. He said Montreal residents who use The Boulevard and Cedar to go downtown might decide to take the expressway if Cedar is narrowed.

Marika Asimakopulos, a Boulevard resident, says the city can't know where traffic will be diverted since it has not experimented by narrowing all of Cedar but just the entrance to Cedar at The Boulevard.

## Videotaping valuables

Two young men spotted a gap in today's marketplace and are filling it with their month-old company, Vidéo Secur Inc.

Westmounter Lawrence Zarr and David Goodis will commit images of your worldly goods to videotape for insurance purposes, should they be stolen or damaged by fire.

The idea came to Mr Goodis after he bought a videocamera in the United States and videotaped everything in his home. He and Mr Zarr tossed the idea of starting a business around, did research and found no one else offered the service. They were further encouraged by insurance agents who warmed to the idea and insurance companies which, they say, are now promoting their company to clients.

The pair are bonded and retain no copies of the videos they take. The one copy is given to the client, who is advised to keep it in a safe place.

A typical visit to a home will take between one and two hours. They instruct clients to take inventory, opening closets to determine what valuables should be videotaped a few days in advance.

Mr Goodis suggested clothes should be videotaped because, after all, 10 suits can cost a tidy sum.

A videotape could be made of your home, office and/or country home, he said.

There are many different packages. The cost of the service starts at \$49.95 for an apartment and \$125 for a house.

### Foreign exchange comes to Greene

A Forexco foreign exchange outlet is expected to open on 1210 Greene avenue sometime next week, a company spokesman said.

Bernard Berthiaume said Tuesday that the Forexco head office at 360 St Jacques, on the 12th floor, is not convenient for the general consumer. Forexco, open since 1977, has traditionally dealt mainly with business people. Now it is going after a wider market. Another outlet is expected

## Business briefs

to open on Chabanel street within a month.

Mr Berthiaume said Forexco has better rates than banks and has more currencies on hand. He said a customer buying \$2,000 worth of American travellers' cheques can save 2.5 percent at Forexco compared to a bank.

The company is owned by Dieter Baumeister.

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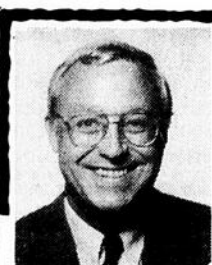
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By Reg Morden

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### SHOULD YOU INSURE BEFORE YOU BUY?

Should you worry about hazard insurance on a property before you actually take title? By all means!

Although he is not the record owner, a purchaser has an insurable interest as soon as the agreement of sale is executed by both the buyer and seller. As a matter of practice, however, buyers do not usually place insurance until papers pass and it should not be necessary if the agreement of sale is properly drawn.

Most agreements provide that the property will be insured for a specific amount and this is very important and in the interest of both parties.

From the buyer's point of view it is important that an adequate sum be stipulated and the agreement not read "as now insured" which is an all-too-common practice and usually indicates that the seller does not want to bother to increase his insurance.

As a rough rule of thumb the amount of insurance on the buildings should equal the sale price less the value of the lot.

# Spick-and-span Esso station rated tops in Montreal

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

George Sachewsky's Esso station at Sherbrooke and Grosvenor is not only the best in the west, but the north, south and east too.

"He won the top award in the top division," said Esso Canada official Jean-Pierre Haché.

Mr Sachewsky was recently awarded a plaque and a trip for two anywhere in the world by Esso for being the best service station in 1990 in the Montreal division, the most important division in Quebec, according to Mr Haché.

"I was surprised," Mr Sachewsky, 36, said of the award presentation March 22 at the Sheraton Centre in Laval. He knew he had it won when he heard the emcee stutter when trying to pronounce his Russian last name.

Westmount Auto was one of 200 Esso service stations in the Montreal area which took part in the company's "Commitment to Leadership" program. Based on 16 evaluations during 1990 — monthly visits by an unknown "mystery shopper" and quarterly by a company representative — Mr Sachewsky's business scored 95.5 percent.

The evaluations include every facet of the business. The monthly visits concentrate on service and image to the "customer" station employees can't distinguish from anyone else.

Attendants get points for dress, grooming and courtesy. In fact, Mr Sachewsky showed THE EXAMINER one monthly evaluation where the attendant didn't say "Good morning" to the mystery shopper and lost a whopping 14 points. Suggesting a fill-up is worth three points.

Mr Sachewsky says all his attendants have been shown company training videos which demonstrate the Mr Esso good-guy technique to serving a customer versus the gum chewing, rude bad-guy way.

Also looked at during visits is how cars are parked and whether outdoor lights are on during poor visibility conditions, like rain.

The quarterly surprise inspections look at safety, image, customer feedback, service and management. The bookkeeping and all records must be up to date, Mr Sachewsky said.



Don't mess with the best. George Sachewsky holds awards for his Westmount Auto being the top Esso station in 1990 in the Montreal region.

Management is not a problem for the father of three. He has a bachelor of commerce degree from McGill University and was in his first year of the MBA program there when Esso Canada recruited him.

He worked in various positions at the company for two years before taking over Westmount Auto 11 years ago on June 1, his 25th birthday.

"The rest is history," Mr Sachewsky said. "This is more my

thing." His father was a mechanic and George always "was good with cars" and paid his education by fixing friends' vehicles.

Mr Sachewsky, a former Westmounter whose children still attend school here, doesn't yet know where he will go on his free trip, valued at \$5,000. Either way, he will wait until the busy spring season is over.

Of the award, Mr Sachewsky said "It was the end result of a year's hard work."

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Completed forms must be returned to a local FBDB branch by June 14. Approval brings a letter to be presented to a participating bank, which then deposits funds in the student's account.

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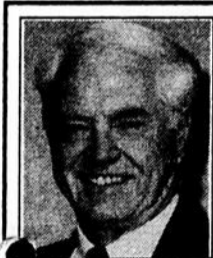
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## Bracelet returned

Westmount resident Susan Cohen has gained new-found faith in people's honesty after her diamond bracelet was found last week.

She did not head to the police station when the bracelet went missing, but tried to retrace her steps. That led to Nettoyeur Sparkle on Sherbrooke street, where she had been Monday.

Employees had found the bracelet in front of the reception desk and, without knowing the owner, slipped it into an envelope and produced it when she came calling a couple of days later.

"It's incredible, you don't often find that type of honesty," said Ms Cohen.



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## Bush fire in Summit Park

A bush fire on the north slope of Summit Park took firefighters from Westmount and Montreal almost two hours to completely douse Sunday afternoon, fire officials said. On arrival about 3:30 pm, West-

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## Young woman with baby fraud suspect

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

tried to con money from at least one Westmount woman, and possibly a second.

The woman, who claims to be running away from a heroin addict husband in Oakville, Ont., has been asking for money to go to a shelter, said the local victim who wants to warn other people to be wary of the story.

"When I offered to take \$30 to the shelter later in the day, she became very rude and left," said the woman who called THE EXAMINER after going to police Station 23.

The young mother, whom she called "a real sweet girl," identified herself as Tanya and called her baby Daniel.

Monday morning while in the Steinberg store at Victoria avenue, she said, the girl came up to her and told her she had just arrived in town and needed money until the shelter opened. The woman took pity on her,

helped her buy some food, took her home and assembled some personal items to take to the shelter.

She wouldn't eat and asked for \$30. "When I told her I didn't have the cash but would get it for her and take it to the shelter she changed completely."

After the girl and baby departed, "I started to think what had happened and I began to worry that I had brought her into my home. Now I feel unsafe."

Station 23 crime prevention officer Gaston Bernier said that if anyone wants to help such a person, call police to find assistance through proper channels. "Never take anyone home with you."

He said another woman had called the station last week to complain about a similar occurrence. This woman had also told a friend in Oakville who had informed police there. As a result, the Oakville force had also called Station 23 to know if the woman was a missing person.

## Where were they going?



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

### April 9

10:03 am: 4565 Sherbrooke, first responder unit for medical assistance at car accident (see story page 12);

4:05 pm: Hillside and Hillside Lane, strange odor, pile of animal manure;

6:30 pm: 493 Elm, flood in basement from burst exterior pipe;

### April 10

7:43 am: 64 Aberdeen, strange odor, unknown;

4:40 pm: Clarke and Sherbrooke, first responder unit for medical assistance, wrong address from Urgences Santé, for call downtown;

6:17 pm: 5760 Parkhaven, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 6:21 pm;

### April 11

8:18 am: 506 Prince Albert, first responder unit for medical assistance;

3:28 pm: Greene and St Catherine, first responder unit for car accident, no injuries (see police log);

5:47 pm: 11015 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to St Laurent cancelled at 6:03 pm;

### April 12

12:28 am: 7 Park Place, first responder unit for medical assistance;

8:24 am: 5460 Sunnybrooke, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 8:26 pm;

10:54 am: 1 Holmdale, mutual aid assistance at house fire in Hampstead;

8:00 pm: 4873 Westmount, first responder unit for medical assistance;

8:57 pm: 22 Edgehill, smoke detector activated by candles on birthday cake;

### April 13

9:27 pm: 5885 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 9:48 pm;

### April 14

8:36 am: Outside 3666 The Boulevard, strange odor, atmospheric inversion;

3:29 pm: Summit Circle, bush fire (see story this page);

### April 15

4:13 am: 6 Weredale Park, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 4:32 am, defective alarm;

6:50 pm: 4039 Tupper, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 6:56 pm, smoke detector in stairwell accidentally activated by workmen drilling in walls.

## City clamps down on sidewalk sale

Westmount will no longer tolerate a proliferation of kitchenware items to be sold on the sidewalk outside the Super Prix Ramona at 4026 St Catherine street, public safety officers said.

The place was visited Monday and store personnel informed that the merchandise should be taken inside.

"I passed by yesterday and it was a mess," said city operations manager Bruce St Louis Tuesday.

He said the large, colorful display was not only unsightly but also a

hazard to both pedestrians and motorists in such a congested area.

Complaints were reported last July in THE EXAMINER that the hodgepodge of goods encroached beyond the parking meters to the public walkway. City officials said then that the city generally enforced its by-law covering the situation only on complaint. The law states no equipment or merchandise shall be exposed for sale in uncovered premises unless permission has been obtained.

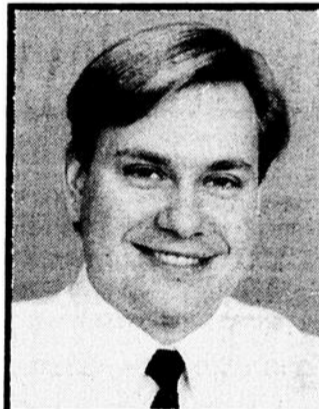


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By DON SANCTON  
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## Wall crumbles on to a Dodge

A retaining wall of large rocks along Bellevue avenue crumbled on to a car that had been parked on the street beside it Tuesday last week, public safety officers said.

There is no sidewalk at the location, allowing the grey Dodge Aries to be parked close to the wall on the north side. Damage was reported by Montreal Urban Community police at about \$500.

The car belongs to a Westmount woman living on Sherbrooke street.



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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:

### \$8,000 raided from bank account

A resident of The Boulevard who had her wallet stolen Feb 23 just before going on a holiday returned home Saturday to some bad news. While she was away someone managed to use her bank card to make 20 withdrawals of \$400 each.

Police said the incident proves how careful one has to be regarding codes to bank machines. Sometimes thieves who gain possession of personal information are able to deduce designated numbers, when they relate to birthdays or phone numbers.

### Run-in with police

A taxi driver was ticketed last Thursday after his cab collided with the personal car of an off-duty local police officer at Côte St Antoine and Kensington, police said.

The ticket was issued for failing to yield the right-of-way at a stop sign when the northbound cabbie was trying to make a left turn westbound at 8:05 am. The officer's red 1969 Chevrolet was going west and starting to turn south around the cab when they hit. The Chev sustained more than \$500 damage to the left rear fender but no amount of damage was recorded to the taxi's left front fender.

### Discarded coin cylinders appear

Empty coin cylinders from Westmount parking meters turned up all over the place at the end of last week, in wake of 54 meter heads being broken into April 4 and 5.

Police said city parking inspectors picked up nine cylinders along Olivier and Wood avenues, most on Dawson College property, and one came from a security guard from the Plaza Tower apartments at 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard.

Another empty cylinder was picked up by firefighters Sunday after a bush fire on the northeast slope of Summit Park above Forest Hill avenue, but it was too badly damaged to determine if it belonged to Westmount, public safety officers said. No arrests have been reported in the latest outbreak and no meters have since been known to have been targeted.

### Client walks off with lawyer's case

A do-it-yourselfer took the law into his own hands Tuesday night last week.

The man, who had a falling out with his lawyer during a meeting in a Plaza Tower apartment at 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard, announced he would handle his own defence, police said. He then picked up the lawyer's attaché case and left. No details concerning the nature of the legal cause were disclosed.

### Improper car care

Last Thursday wasn't a lucky day for a Westmount woman who opened the door of her parked car into the path of another. Not only was her car damaged, but she also got a ticket for the incident, according to police.

The 44-year-old resident of Murray Hill avenue opened the door of her Honda on Greene avenue north of St Catherine street just as a 1990 Buick belonging to the solicitor general's office drove by. The Honda driver was issued a ticket for opening the door without due care.

### Melville brick barrage continues

Chalk up a fourth window for the apartment dweller at 225 Melville avenue. Last Thursday someone threw a rock, breaking the glass and causing \$35 damage, according to police.

Bricks have been pitched through windows of the same apartment on three previous dates since March 27. He remains just as baffled as ever to know why, police said.

### Bat accident

A 12-year-old Westmount boy accidentally hit himself in the leg while playing with a baseball bat Tuesday last week at 52 Academy road, police said. The lad fell to the ground and was taken to Montreal Children's Hospital by Urgences Santé.

## Restaurant terrace under the microscope

A number of complaints last summer concerning noise from the sidewalk terrace at Marcos and Pepe's is causing the city to go over this year's permit application with a fine-toothed comb, city officials said yesterday.

Concerns from neighbors about summer noise prompted a visit to the restaurant and nightclub at 4914 Sherbrooke street last week.

Restaurant manager Paul Moore confirmed the restaurant has applied for a permit again this year.

Westmount is giving careful review to renewing the permit, said Bruce St Louis, the city's manager of operations. The restaurant will also require a liquor permit from the provincial government to operate, he added.



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## Junk mail by-law being ignored

Distributors of circulars and other unsolicited material seem to be paying little heed to stickers affixed to some front doors in Westmount requesting no delivery, public safety officers said this week.

The city passed legislation two weeks ago prohibiting the delivery of such items as flyers and free newspapers at any home posting a city sticker to that effect.

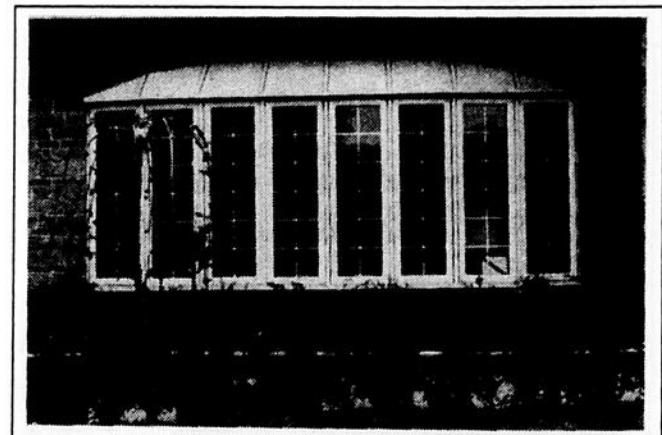
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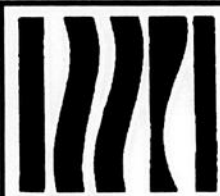
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## Romp at the flower show



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## Foot patroller nabs hit-run suspect

A local police officer on foot patrol proved to be in the right place at the right time to make an arrest last Thursday.

Const Terry Stec was pounding the beat at Sherbrooke and Greene at 10:30 am when he noticed one car chasing another east along Sherbrooke to cut it off at Elm avenue. As he rushed over to find out what was going on, he was told by the pursuing driver that the other had driven away after hitting his car at Grove Park. The officer questioned the driver, who could not produce papers, and called for back up. The driver was arrested and taken to Station 14 for a breathalyser test.

A 42-year-old man from Longueuil is to appear in court on charges of impaired driving as well as hit-and-run, police said. Three tickets were issued for driving with in invalid permit as well as for not having proof of registration or insurance. "It's what I've been saying for

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## Is there a CFC policy?

Does city council have a policy on CFCs or doesn't it?

Councillors Peter Duffield and Sally Aitken disagree.

The matter was raised at Monday's council meeting by citizen Judy Berlyn who questioned the council on an EXAMINER story after the April 2 session in which Mr Duffield was reported as saying the city had decided not to ban use of chlorofluorocarbons in air conditioners.

Mrs Berlyn said she was concerned the city lacked a firm policy

of avoiding air conditioners which use CFCs, considered to be a contributing factor in rapid depletion of the atmosphere's ozone layer.

Mrs Aitken said she was surprised to read that the response of "one councillor" (Mr Duffield) had been interpreted as city policy.

At the April 2 meeting the issue of CFCs was turned over to Mr Duffield for reply on behalf of council. No other council members, Mrs Aitken included, disagreed with his statement.

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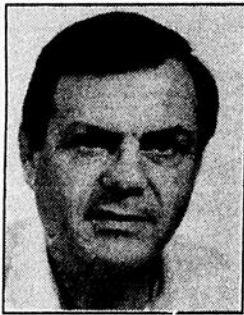
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## 10 break-ins last week, one man charged

Citizens teamed up with police last Friday to help nab a man suspected of breaking into a house on Argyle avenue, police said. He now faces charges related to the incident, which was one of 10 break-ins last week.

Residents in two other Westmount homes also came face to face with intruders but scared them off. Occupants of another house, three apartments and three offices were out when the premises were broken into.

The Friday break-in on Argyle occurred about 7:25 am when residents heard someone break a window and called 911. The man left after opening a door on a second-floor balcony. When police arrived they spotted a

By LAUREN SWEENEY

man emerging from houses just north of Argyle, who was pointed out by a neighbor. He was described as under the influence of alcohol. A 20-year-old man living on Park Place was arrested and later released on a promise to appear in court.

Two men living in a house on Clandeboye avenue also discovered someone in the basement the same day at 8:45 am. The intruder, a white 40-year-old man, ran away, stealing a wallet from the home. He had climbed in an unlocked window and is believed to be a vagabond.

A woman was also at home Tuesday noon last week when she saw someone looking into the window of the back door of her house on Lansdowne avenue south of The Boulevard. He rattled the door and opened it but fled quickly on finding someone in the house. He was described as a white man aged about 20, wearing a black jogging suit and grey sweater. He had a black sports cap with

white inscription and shoulder-length brown hair.

No one was home Sunday at a house on Clarke avenue south of Sherbrooke street when the back door was forced open and jewelry taken from a bedroom, police said.

Ironically, residents had just attended a Neighborhood Watch meeting the previous week which outlined home security precautions. The burglar appeared to have pried open the door by wedging a crowbar into the door frame, public safety officials said. That incident occurred between 12:30 and 11 pm.

### Offices hit

Petty cash was discovered missing Monday morning last week from one of two offices broken into over the weekend at 4269 St Catherine street, according to police. Nothing was taken from the second office though desk drawers had been rummaged through. Access was gained to each place by forcing open the front office doors, causing \$500 damage to one and \$125 to the other.

Someone was found to have made off with a fax machine and computer equipment from the Copy Centre, 326A Victoria avenue, when the shop was opened Wednesday morning last week at 9 am. Three costly pens also were reported stolen from an office at 1255 Greene avenue overnight last Thursday.

There was no evidence of forced entry at an apartment on the 27th floor of Plaza Tower, 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard Monday last week when the resident returned home at 5 pm to find a camera, phone and word processor missing.

On the other hand, burglars managed to gain access to a ground floor apartment at 250 Clarke avenue Saturday between 3 and 11 pm by a back window. Nothing was reported stolen though it was evident someone had been inside, police said.



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

### April 8

340 Victoria: for Tom Anglin by A. Barkman, shower stall and sink counter, \$4,000;

574 Grosvenor: for E. Baudry by Plomberie Prefat, install 18 plumbing fixtures, \$6,000;

4884 Sherbrooke: for Dunkin' Donuts by Arcor Construction, erect a sign, \$2,000;

796 Upper Lansdowne: for Normand Lusier by Construction Brivières, alterations, \$21,000;

1 Westmount Square: for Societé Immobilière Trans-Québec by Les Systèmes Interieur Gagnon, alterations to 12th floor, \$42,000;

### April 9

4351 Montrose: for Françoise Noel by Portes et Fenêtre du Québec, windows and doors, \$4,000;

### April 10

355 Grosvenor: for Mrs E. Khaden by A. Cooper et Fils, four fixtures, \$3,500;

513 Côte St Antoine: for Kruco Inc by Bronstein Plumbing, two fixtures, \$5,000;

379 Olivier: for Tim Walz by Plomberie André-Gendron Inc, seven fixtures, \$5,000;

74 Summit Circle: for Mr Stroll by Plomberie Bernard (1987), 32 fixtures, \$23,000;

493 Elm: for J. Isseman by J. McIntyre, one fixture, \$800;

### April 11

70 Rosemont crescent: for Don Newman by Heneault and Gosselin Inc, interior renovations, \$35,000;

525 Mount Pleasant: for Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School by contractor yet to be determined, renovation of school office, \$10,000;

### April 12

41 Devon: for G. Dupont by Entreprises Mayco, basement renovations, \$35,000;

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## Reddy fundraiser will turn Victoria Hall into a casino

Victoria Hall will be temporarily transformed into a Las Vegas-style casino next Thursday night.

That's because the Reddy Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is organizing a "Reddy to Party Night" from 7 to 11 pm. For \$35, \$25 for seniors, citizens can gamble \$5,000 worth of chips at the blackjack and roulette tables or at the wheel of fortune.

"It's a lot of fun," said Suzanne Korf, director of development for the Reddy Memorial Hospital Foundation.

The auxiliary, the volunteer corps at the Reddy Memorial, Westmount's only hospital, raised \$10,000 at a similar event held at Ogilvy's last year. The auxiliary donated a total of \$54,000 to the hospital in 1990, Ms Korf said.

While players will get \$5,000 worth of chips, only the top earners at the end of the night will receive a prize. Last year the top gambler was awarded a plaque. Prizes will also be raffled, including a weekend at The Ritz and the another at Hotel de la Montagne. At the evening's end win-

ners can redeem their chips for raffle tickets.

Ms Korf said the event is being held in Westmount this year in an effort to attract more people. Victoria Hall is bigger and offers better parking than last year's downtown location.

She expects about 150 people to attend but hopes to raise the same amount as last year. Expenses have risen, she said.

Ms Korf said \$10 of the ticket price, which includes one drink and hors d'oeuvres, is tax deductible.

The Reddy has already raised \$150,000 in its main fundraising drive which kicked off March 1. That drive, unrelated to the auxiliary's efforts, aims to raise \$300,000 to buy equipment and renovate the outpatient clinic.

The 241-bed hospital has an annual budget of more than \$22 million. It treated more than 15,000 patients last year, admitting 4,325.

To purchase tickets for the casino night call 939-6671. Tickets can also be bought at the door.

## Fashions and Feelings book launch

*Fashions and Feelings*, a book on health, inner and outer beauty for men, women and teens, is being launched at the home of the Consul-General of the Netherlands, Westmounter Mrs Hubert Fraser, on Wednesday, April 24.

Authored by Dutch-born Klasi- nette Diderich, an ex-West- mounter, the 114-page book includes exercises, 14 ways to learn to relax, basic skin care, relationships, acces- sories, hair care, beauty tips for men and women, and wardrobe tips for seniors. It also explores the inner self, telling readers to stand up and be counted, take charge as well as

giving ideas for job hunting.

On basic skin care, Ms Diderich says "you have to use common sense. It's not always the most expensive products that work the best."

On teenage acne, she says, "I don't accept teens full of pimples. I have a honey and almond scrub that is wonder- ful." (Ms Diderich also has a line of cosmetics.)

Ms Diderich is known to Montreal- ers from her show on CJAD radio, giving beauty and skin care tips, and to Westmounters as the owner of the Cosmétique Klasi- nette boutique on Victoria avenue in the early 1980s.

The book, she says, is "a wonder- ful gift to bring happiness and un- derstanding to people."

It will retail for about \$12.50.

## Trudel's oils on display



There will be a vernissage Sunday at 1 pm at Galerie Westmount, 4912 Sherbrooke street, to open an exhibition of oil paintings by Verdun resident France Trudel. The artist will be present. Ms Trudel has exhibited in Quebec and Ontario, and is represented in several collections, including the art rental collection at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. The exhibition continues until May 5.

## Fringe Festival seeks volunteers

The Montreal Fringe Festival presents a night of comedy Saturday at Tallulah Darling, above Lola's Paradise at 3604 St Lawrence boulevard at Prince Arthur. The doors open at 8 pm and the show starts at 9 pm. \$5 donations will be accepted and all proceeds go to the festival. For information and reservations, call 987-1774.

Well-known comics from the Montreal area will take place in the benefit evening.

The festival proper takes place June 15 to 23. It features 45 companies from across Canada, the U.S. and around the world. The festival will take place in five indoor venues around St Lawrence boulevard and on three outdoor stages and a beer tent. All tickets are under \$6 and all revenues goes directly to the artists.

Among those taking part will be Westmount playwright/actor Eliza Berry, who will perform her one- woman show, *A Quest for Man*, a series of monologues and songs, in which she plays 15 characters. Ms Berry is also taking part in the up- coming Quebec Drama Festival at Centaur Theatre this month.

The Montreal Fringe Festival is seeking 300 volunteers to sell tickets, serve beer, provide information to the audience, act as security and myriad other tasks. A volunteer in- formation meeting will be held April 27 at noon at 3738 St Domini- que street, second floor. If you can help call 987-1774.

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# Dawson students take on family life in *Approaching Zanzibar*

By JANET COUTTS

The graduating class of Dawson College theatre department will present *Approaching Zanzibar* as their showcase play at Dome Theatre starting Wednesday, with preview performances Monday and Tuesday.

Director Rena Cohen has come back to Montreal from Calgary to take charge of the production.

"They are a terrific class. I directed them in their first studio production in their first year, and we developed a special rapport. So when (department chair Henry) Bert invited me to come and direct their graduation play, I jumped at the chance."

The play, by Tina Howe, was first produced in New York in 1989. Ms Howe describes it as "a road show about life and fear of death."

In it, we follow the Blossom family as they cross the U.S., driving from New York City to Taos, New Mexico, on the way to visit an artist relative who is dying.

"The artist is a combination of Georgia O'Keeffe and Christo," says Ms Cohen, who is a big fan of both artists. "The Blossoms have had a

bad time in the past few years, and the trip is a pilgrimage.

"We meet them at the end of their first day, still driving. It's ten o'clock at night, and they have been traveling all day."

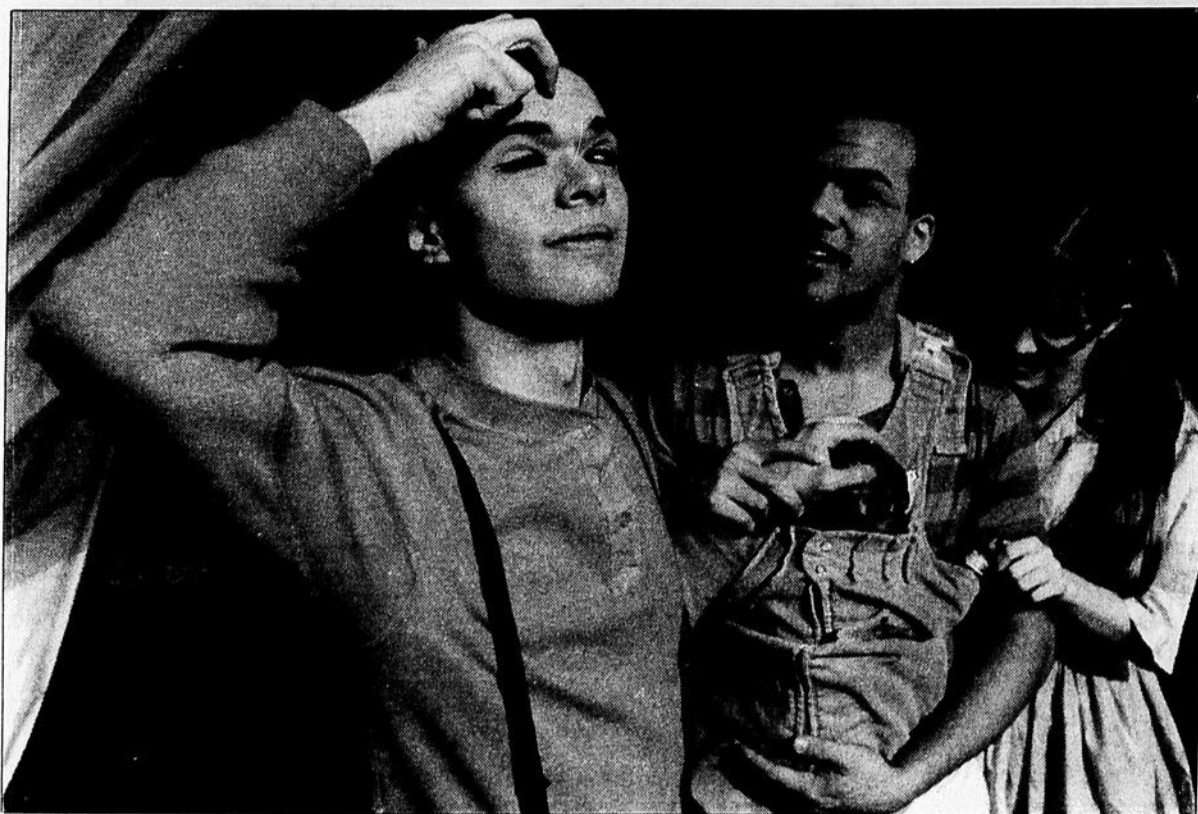
The family is comprised of parents, a musical prodigy son of 11 and a daughter, nine. During their trip, they meet a variety of characters and metaphors, says Ms Cohen.

"Tina is absolutely brutal in her portrayal of family life and is very comic," Ms Cohen says. "The play is a comedic drama full of humor and beauty. You will absolutely recognize yourself in it."

And why is the show called *Approaching Zanzibar*? "A lot of reasons, but one is that the trip is from A to Z," said Ms Cohen.

Set design for the show is by Jennifer Cooke, a National Theatre School graduate who, along with lighting designer Jennifer Bergeron, has worked before for Dome Theatre productions. Costume design is by Eo Sharp, another NTS graduate, and sound design is by Marc Landry.

The play runs until April 27, and the box office number is 931-5000.



Joseph Khaiata predicts the future of Dean Marshall and Theresa Ann Tessier's "child" in the latest Dawson production, which runs at the Dome Theatre from Wednesday, April 24, through April 27. Photo by OWEN EGAN

## I Musici fundraiser ball May 1

I Musici de Montréal's Bal du printemps will be held Wednesday, May 1, at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Guest of honor at the ball will be Liza Frulla-Hébert, Minister of Cultural Affairs, Quebec. Following a short concert, guests at the ball will dine and dance to Talk of the Town orchestra.

Tickets are \$200 a person, with special after-dinner tickets available at \$35 for the under 30s.

The ball is the annual fundraising

benefit for I Musici de Montréal. Under the baton of founder Yuli Turovsky, who came to Montreal from Moscow in 1977, the group has made more than 20 recordings on the Chandos label.

Co-chairs for the ball are Westmounter Felicity Blatt and Monique Plourde Ogilvie; honorary president is Westmounter Lisa Phillips.

Westmount residents on the organizing committee include Marissa Nuss, Sarah Aslinger and Lucette Turmel.

## Westmount is on the hunt for talent

Family Day is on the way, which means it is talent-search time for Westmount's recreation and culture department.

Registration is now under way for entrants in the amateur talent contest to be held May 25 during Family Day.

So if you can sing, dance, play an instrument, do impersonations or have an act, the recreation department would like to hear from you. Solos, duets or groups should enter at the recreation office in the arena by May 3.

Screening for the final performance will be held May 22 at 3:30 pm at Victoria Hall. All entrants should have their music ready and be in costume when required.

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

## Gospel concert

Westmount Seventh-day Adventist Church members of Youth Gospel Productions are participating in a concert of gospel music and singing on Saturday, April 20 at Mount Zion church, 2020 Wellington in Verdun. The concert starts at 7 pm, admission is \$5.

## Free show at Vic Hall Wednesday

The Westmount Community Choir will give a free performance April 24 at 7 pm at Victoria Hall.

The 30-member choir will be performing early 1900s music, said Beverly Adams-Coskun, Westmount's socio-cultural co-ordinator.

Also performing as guest artists will be Corn Hollifield and the Westmount recreation and culture's adult tap dancing class performing *All that Jazz*.

The director of the choir is Dorothy Hogan. Piano accompaniment is by Margaret Green.



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Au cours de rencontres hebdomadaires d'une heure un quart, ils apprennent à approfondir leur foi, à devenir des témoins. Encadrés d'ani-

mateurs compétents et soutenus par leurs parents, les jeunes choisissent, comme les disciples l'ont fait, de suivre Jésus. Et ce n'est pas un choix facile! Etre attentif aux autres, partager, participer aux actions de la communauté chrétienne, prier, tel est l'enseignement du Seigneur. Le chemin est certes escarpé mais tellement gratifiant.

Le vicaire épiscopal viendra en l'Eglise St-Léon à la fête de la Pentecôte et marquera les enfants qui l'ont décidé du don de l'Esprit.

La vente de vêtements organisée vendredi et samedi derniers par le vestiaire de la St-Vincent-de-Paul a rapporté 1789\$. Cette somme servira à acheter oreillers, draps et couvertures pour les réfugiés de la paroisse qui en ont un urgent besoin.

Beaucoup de beaux ouvrages ont déjà été donnés pour la vente de livres et disques, notamment une superbe collection des Prix Nobel de littérature. Volumes en anglais, en espagnol ou autres langues, dictionnaires ou encyclopédies, cassettes diverses, partitions musicales, tout est accepté avec la plus vive gratitude. Rappelons que la vente aura lieu les 3 et 4 mai prochains à la salle St-Léon.

### After services at St A-D-D

Sunday after services at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church there will be an information/discussion on Project Labri en ville, a Montreal inter-church project designed to organize housing and give daily living support to psychiatric patients who are making the transition from hospital to home.

Volunteers are needed to fill many functions. The goal is six volunteers for each patient. The planning committee invites all members of the community who would like to learn more to meet in Goodwin Parlor at 12:15 pm. A video, *A Place to Come Back To*, will be screened.

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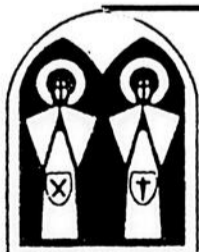
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## Beyond Westmount's Borders

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

By JANET COUTTS

### Volunteers needed

There are fringe festivals every summer in Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver, packing every theatre and spilling out into the streets. Now Montreal is about to have its own Fringe. The Fringe on the Main will be on St Lawrence boulevard June 15 to 23, with 50 first-come, first-served slots being filled by Montrealers, folks from across Canada, and companies from San Francisco, New York, England and Tokyo. Now the organizers are asking for volunteers to work on the festival — "There's something for everyone," they say. To learn about being a Fringe volunteer, call 987-1774, or attend a volunteer information meeting April 27 at noon at 3738 St Dominique street, second floor.

### Musics from McGill

Last October an extraordinary concert was given at Pollack Hall. *Musics from McGill* featured entirely of works written by McGill composers Bruce Mather, Brian Cherney, Alcides Lanza, Donald Steven, Bengt Hambraeus, Bruce Pennycook and Adolfo Bornstein. Now those who missed it, but are interested in contemporary music, can hear it broadcast in two parts this Sunday and April 28 at 8:05 pm on CBC stereo 93.5 on the program *Music from Montreal*. The music is performed by Meg Sheppard voice; Jean-Guy Boisvert and Tom Talamantes, clarinet; Mr Bornstein, violin; Msrs Mather and Lanza and Richard Hunt, piano. In this concert, the composers are often playing each other's work. In one case, (Mr Pennycook's *Parescio-IV*) contemporary instrumentation involves the use of live electronics and computer. Three additional keys on the clarinet give Mr Boisvert direct and continuous control of the electronic equipment. This special extension was built at McGill by Eric Johnstone.

### New poetry mag

Poetry magazines, like most new cultural ventures, come and go. *The Poet's Pen* is planned as a monthly featuring about 160 poets and their poems. Each issue will carry a feature section on one poet. No one gets paid, but you get to see your work in print. The same goes for amateur artists who would like to submit cover designs. For information or to submit, the address is *The Poet's Pen*, PO Box 3430, Station C, Ottawa K1Y 4J6. Enclose a SASE. (613) 744-0255.

### At the theatres

Yes, *Les Misérables* is every bit as good as you have heard it is, and it's worth seeing twice, once in French and once in English. It has been held over until June 23 and will re-open in Winnipeg July 2. More than 200,000 people have already seen it, and I have met no one who didn't love it. Tickets are on sale at the Théâtre St-Denis box office, or through Ticketron and Teletron (288-2525). A limited number of \$16 student tickets are available at the box office only. Groups of 20 or more should book by calling 527-3644... At McGill Players' Theatre, 3480 McTavish street, the world premier of Robert MacDonald's *Summit Conference* sounds promising. The black comedy is a fictional encounter between Eva Braun and Clara Petacci. As the evening progresses, the two women begin to take on the personalities of their countries and their respective lovers, while Hitler and Mussolini carve up the continent of Europe in an adjoining conference room. The cast is directed by Clive Spiegel, who

directed the Savoy Society's recent production of *The Yeoman of the Guard*. The play runs from Tuesday to May 4. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. April 30 is an Actors Fund AIDS benefit and all proceeds go to the cause. 398-6813... Lakeshore Players, celebrating its silver anniversary, is presenting *Steel Magnolias* at John XXIII High School, 1301 Dawson avenue, Dorval, until Friday, April 27 at 8 pm with a matinée April 20 at 2 pm. There will be an Alzheimer's Benefit Evening April 23. Free parking. 631-8718.

### Student art on display

More than 500 works in various media will be exhibited at the School of Fine Arts student exhibition at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte St Catherine road, until May 3. This event provides an opportunity to aspiring artists to show their work in a gallery with an national reputation. Drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, jewelry, sculpture and ceramics are all represented. Children's art is also on display, and several works of art are available for sale. The fun here is becoming a collector and patron at an phenomenally low price if you are right in your guess that the work you buy is by someone who will eventually become a successful professional artist. Even if you are wrong, you still have the joy that living with art you love can bring.

### Special kids, special needs

The Saidye Bronfman Centre offers courses for children with intellectual and emotional handicaps and for those with learning disabilities. *Me, Myself and I* is designed for young people 11 to 15 years old, and is held Mondays from 3:30 to 6 pm. It is said to expand the creative process through learning new skills. For those seven to 11, *Especially Me*, aims to enhance children's academic potential through music and art. Problem-solving and creative thinking are shared to promote socialization. The younger children meet Mondays from 5 to 6:30 pm. Both courses offer limited enrolment, focusing on an individual approach. Myrna Brooks Becovitch developed and runs the programs. 739-2301.

### Transformative Theatre

In the fall of '89, American Ann Scofield came to Montreal to offer a creativity workshop for women through Concordia University's La-colle Centre. Transformative theatre, founded and directed by Ms

Schofield, invites women from all backgrounds and age groups to give creative expression to themes and issues from their own life experience using storytelling, movement, writing and improvisation, and Ms Schofield is back in town to offer her course for the sixth time. Previous theatrical experience is not necessary to participate. Two groups will meet for eight weeks from 6:30 to 9:30 pm starting April 30 and May 2; the fee is \$240 and advance registration is required. Recently several of the women who had taken transformative theatre courses gave a performance at Playwrights' Workshop Montreal to an overflow — and warmly receptive — audience. 848-4955 or 499-0783.

### The art of planting

We are all waiting for our gardens, or our windowboxes, to burst into bloom. What better time than to attend an illustrated lecture by an artist on Italian and English gardens, as well as gardens in Canada and the U.S. Jennifer Diskson photographs gardens to gather material for her etchings and watercolors and her photos have been published in a number of books on gardens. Her work is in collections around the world and has had two major travelling exhibitions of photo-based art, sponsored by the still photography division of the National Film Board, *The Secret Garden* (1975) and *The Earthly Paradise* (1980). Tickets for her lecture are \$6 and can be purchased at the door at Arts Sutton in Sutton at 7:30 pm on May 4. Tickets may also be purchased in advance at Galerie Arts Sutton or a number of boutiques in Knowlton, including LL Brome.

### Sterbak at National Gallery

Montreal artist Jana Sterbak's show, *States of Being*, is the National Gallery's first solo show by a contemporary woman artist since the 1971 Joyce Wieland exhibition. Why go to Ottawa to see a Montrealer? Because this is the first time that a substantial number of her sculptures and installations may be seen together. The exhibition of her work from the last 10 years is accompanied by an illustrated catalogue (\$24.95) with an essay by the curator, Westmounter Diana Nemiroff, and an interview with the artists by the American art historian Milena Kalinovska. The silly controversy stirred up in the media over this show (would people complain were she using up \$300 worth of videotape every couple of months?) has at least got people talking about art.

### Hellenic ladies hold annual ball

The Hellenic Ladies Benevolent Society holds its annual charity ball at Château Champlain on Saturday under the patronage of Christos Sirros.

The society will honor Dr Apostolos Papageorgiou, pediatrician and

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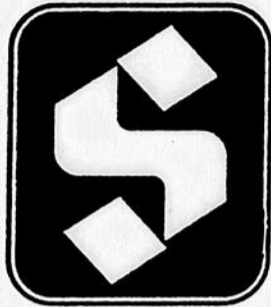
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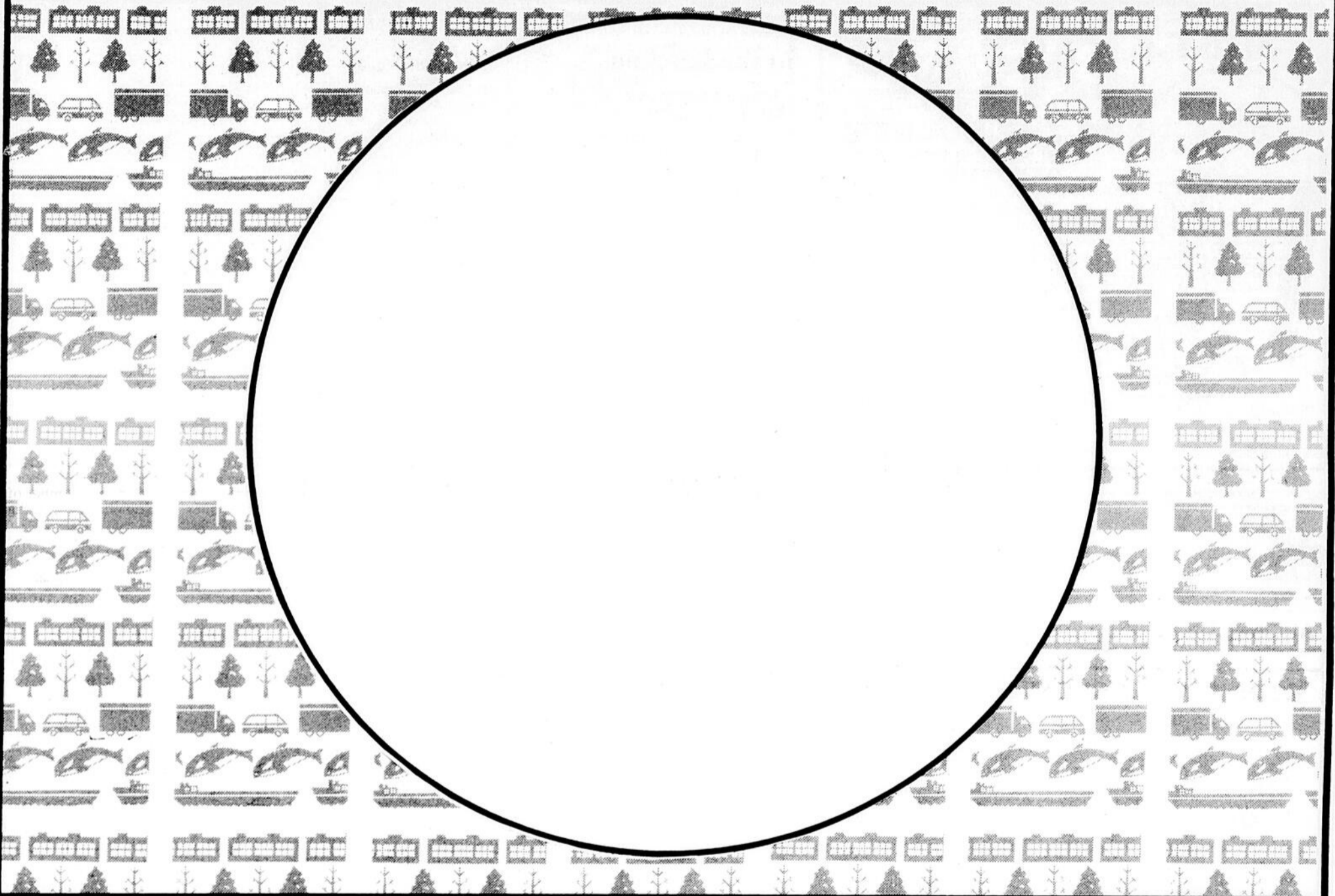
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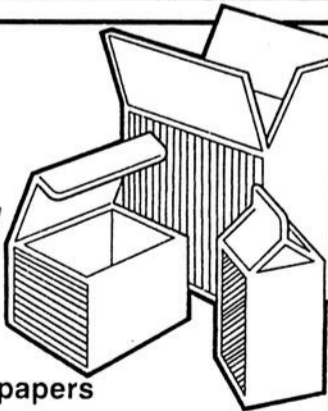
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# Mayor launches library fundraising drive at honors ceremony

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It's time to express "all our confidence" in the future of Westmount, Quebec and Canada, Mayor May Cutler said in bestowing civic honors on five distinguished former residents Wednesday last week.

She also called on today's citizens to contribute to the proposed multi-million dollar library facelift so everyone will feel they own a part of the refurbished and expanded building.

"It's a time for renewal," she told people gathered at the second annual *vin d'honneur* in Victoria Hall. "It's time to express all our confidence in the future of Westmount, Montreal, the province and Canada."

The city's public library, she explained, was one of the first in Canada and is the most-used resource in Westmount. "I hope everyone in Westmount contributes to its (re-)building. I hope every child buys a brick and that others will buy shelves, or books..."

The mayor unofficially launched the fundraising drive while addressing some 250 invited Westmounters, families and friends of honorees, consular corps members and other dignitaries.

**Time to remember**

She said it was time to remember the contributions of Westmounters.

"By celebrating these great people tonight I felt our children should know who their neighbors were - sort of our city senate. I know many people here will be on the city's honors list one day."

She cautioned them not to be in a hurry, though - "you have to die first," she said to great laughter.

The five men and women added to the list at the second annual honors function were: Samuel Bronfman (1891-1971), Jean Gascon (1920-1988),



Norma Shearer's grand daughter, Deborah Thalberg, 26, was introduced to U.S. consul general Andrew Antippas by Mayor May Cutler at the honors ceremony.

Edwin Holgate (1892-1977), Air Vice Marshall Frank McGill (1984-1980) and Norma Shearer (1902-1983).

To be eligible, all must have lived here at least 10 years and been deceased for two.

"Our history is marked by the achievements of many people," said Westmount historian Aline Gubbay, who chairs the city's honors committee of seven prominent citizens. The selection of honorees, she explained, is "sort of a rescue operation to save a worthwhile part of our history."

**Videos of honorees**

Videotapes depicting the lives of the honorees made by Westmounter James O'Connell were on display during the reception and are to be distributed to local schools. Among many items of memorabilia assembled from families and museums for the evening were three original Holgate paintings valued between

\$15,000 and \$24,000 as well as medals, awards and other special decorations.

"Isn't this lovely," said Jeanine Beaubien, founder of La Poudrière theatre, during the reception. Mrs Beaubien, one of the special guests, is a former Westmount resident who is now vice-president of the Committee to recognize artistic associations.

"I've never seen Victoria Hall look so beautiful," said former city councillor Muriel Kaplan.

Blue-and-white balloons decorated the room, along with numerous pots of red and yellow tulips across the front of the stage where a large Westmount flag hung from the back curtain. Balloons rose from floral centre pieces on each of the round tables arranged for the guests. Flowers in shades of red, yellow, white, purple and mauve were chosen from colors in the flag, explained city worker Pat Prévost, who designed the decor.

Guests were presented with corsages of white carnations or red roses as they entered the concert hall to mingle between tables of smoked salmon hors d'oeuvres and other epicurean delights by Westmount caterer René Pankalla.

**Flower show opened**

Some came from afar for the honors ceremony. The occasion united 26 members of the Shearer family. Some had never met.

After official tributes to the five honorees, guests were invited to view the city's 59th annual spring flower show in the adjacent conservatory.

The *vin d'honneur* recognizes that many important people live, and have lived, in Westmount, said Councillor Peter Trent. "It has created a sense of community and history and is one of Mayor Cutler's finest achievements. She spends a lot of time planning it and ensuring it turns out to be a success."

What has been created, he said, is a "new tradition."



Marilyn Gascon receives a warm embrace from actor and friend Jean-Louis Roux.

## Tribute paid to former Westmounters

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Biographies of each honoree can be found in the April 4 issue of THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER.

Tributes were paid to recipients of Westmount honors and framed citations presented to family members Wednesday last week. This is how each was honored:

**Jean Gascon**

Actor Jean-Louis Roux, who was a longtime friend and colleague of Mr Gascon, presented official tribute to the honoree, saying he had made "a gigantic contribution to Canadian theatre." Mr Gascon had presided over a great period of English theatre as artistic director of the Stratford Festival - "the most prestigious position in the cultural field in Canada," he said.

Marilyn Gascon, who had grown up in Westmount before marrying the actor, accepted the award, saying it was her husband's decision that they live in Westmount. "I thank you very, very profoundly for the honor," she said.

**Samuel Bronfman**

Sam Bronfman was depicted by presenter Alan Rose as a philanthropist, a dedicated Canadian and a proud Jew "who like every self-made man had his feet on the ground but his eyes on the horizon."

Mr Rose, a member the city's honors committee and vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, outlined many causes undertaken by Mr Bronfman. The honoree, he said, chose a life of challenge rather than pursuing the easy life. "Nothing human was alien to him," he said.

In accepting the honor to her father, architect Phyllis Lambert, founder and director of the Canadian Centre for Architecture, spoke of his "fierce and deep commitment to what he did." He thought his home was the finest in the world, she said.

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# City honors drew movie stars and actors to Westmount Wednesday

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He maintained it in Westmount while working five days a week in New York City. "He felt his children should be brought up here in a saner, simpler environment, which speaks volumes and brings me here today."

### Edwin Holgate

Artist Edwin Headley Holgate was honored by Shirley Thomson, director of the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa. She said Mr Holgate, eighth member of the well-known Group of Seven, had influenced numerous young artists. Dr Thomson took the occasion to

defend the gallery's display of a controversial dress made of flank steak. It was "provocative" and "a fine piece of art work," she said to applause. In a lighter vein, however, she noted that "it's cotton I'm wearing tonight."

Since Mr Holgate had no direct descendants, his citation was accepted by Westmount resident David Rittenhouse, a nephew. Mr Rittenhouse noted that the honoree's last painting was of trees and a church (Church of the Ascension) in Westmount. It was the view from his home on Clarke avenue where he lived in later life.

### Frank McGill

Paying tribute to Air Vice Marshall Frank McGill, founder of 401 City of Westmount Squadron, was Senator Hartland Molson. He is one of three surviving members of the squadron who flew with it in the Battle of Britain in 1940.

He called the honoree an "all-rounder" and one of Canada's great patriots. "His character made him a man truly well loved." Throughout his distinguished military, business and athletic career, he was "always a Quebecer who loved his country."

As a football quarterback in the Big Four, "he once called his signals in French to confuse the enemy. So you see," commented Mr Molson, "there's really nothing new to Quebec being a distinct society."

The senator made special mention of the honoree's sister, longtime Westmount resident, Mrs Gertrude Whitley. Aged 104, she was unable to attend. Margaret McGill, his widow, accepted the citation on behalf of family members, many attending from Ontario.

### Norma Shearer

Mayor Cutler led off the tributes to the acclaimed film star of the 1930s, saying that compared to other film queens, Norma Shearer had "the classy sex and I like to think this was something she brought from her (childhood) in Westmount."

An emotional tribute came from Robert (Bobby) Cox, of St Hubert, who related various experiences he remembered while growing up in Hollywood as a close friend of her two children, Irving and Katherine Thalberg. She was a hard worker who ran her Tudor mansion facing the Pacific Ocean like a tight ship.

Also paying tribute were two new movie stars, Westmount seniors Vicki Holden and Constance Nadeau from the National Film Board's award-winning film *The Company of*

### Strangers.

In accepting the award, Deborah Thalberg, also an actress, thanked the city not only for honoring her grandmother but also for "uniting us with all these Shearers we never knew."

The five honorees were selected in their various fields of endeavor by a committee of seven Westmount citizens chaired by Aline Gubbay and consisting of Richard Bolton, David Laidley, Storrs McCall, Alan Rose, Col Pierre Sévigny and Barbara Whitley.

Citation plaques are being made for each honoree recipient and will hang in city hall at the front entrance.

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## Portrait of a church artist

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Born in Italy September 29, 1885, he graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence in 1910 with high honors, and was one of the very few who finished their studies. He was accredited as a professor of both painting and architecture, and was awarded 12 medals for excellence, including four gold medals from Pope Pius XI.

Guido decided to leave Italy as a

young man, and sailed to the United States just as the First World War started. He lived briefly in Boston, and was advised to come to Canada. Reaching Montreal, he was recognized as a suitable artist to paint the ceiling of the St Viateur Church, the first of many, including St Léon.

The two Dufresne brothers were just building their beautiful home on the corner of Pie IX boulevard and Sherbrooke street (now the Museum of Decorative Arts) and asked him to paint one of the ceilings. Whether he was involved in any other architectural aspects of the building may be doubtful. All of us who

have visited Château Dufresne have admired his artistry.

There are more than 50 churches in Canada and the U.S. with frescoes, paintings and stained glass windows which he designed. Fortunately his son, George Nincheri, and his daughter-in-law have kept a collection of his drawings and watercolors done in preparation for his large-scale paintings and stained glass windows.

Guido died March 1, 1973, at the age of 87, and is well remembered by his son as an artist who had enjoyed his professional life.

— Ashton L. Kerr, MD

*Editor's note: We are on the lookout for submissions by seniors on any topic or experience, past or present. Send to THE EXAMINER, Seniors Say, 155 Hillside avenue, Westmount H3Z 2Y8 or fax it to 932-5700.*

### Another good egg

The name of a winner in Westmount Library children's department's easter egg contest was inadvertently omitted from last week's story. Congratulations go to Le Zhang of Westmount Park School, along with a prize book from the library.

### Book collection at high school

Westmount High School is planning a book sale to raise funds for its new library, and has named Monday to Friday, April 22 to 26, book collection week.

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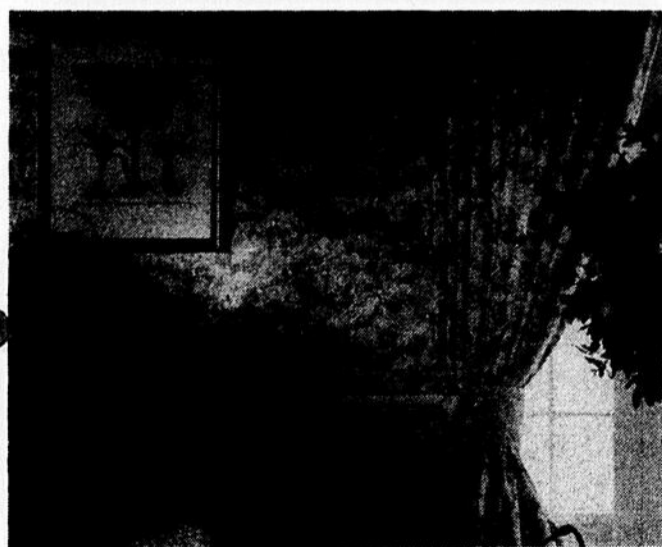
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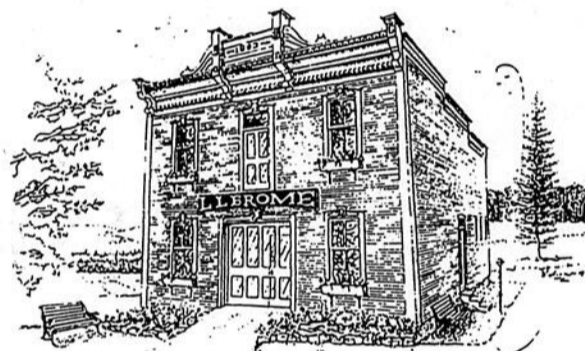
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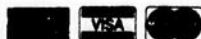
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### Local writers at readings

A rock bar will become the venue for readings from novels and stories on Wednesday at 8:30 pm when Westmount writers Ray Smith and Claire Rothman join Jacqueline Nugent and Sara McDonald at Bar Le Tycoon, 96 Sherbrooke street west, corner St Urbain street.

The next night, April 25, West-

mount novelists Hélène Holden and T.F. Rigelhof will be joined at 8 pm in Dawson College's multipurpose room by poet Mary Di Michele and short story writer P. Scott Lawrence. Host is Trevor Ferguson, president of the Writers' Union of Canada.

Both readings are free.

### Jackie Mason gala supports Maimonides

About half the tickets for the Jackie Mason Gala at Place des Arts for the support of Maimonides Hospital Geriatric Centre on June 17 have already been sold, according to Westmounter Monroe Charlap, who is chairing the event.

The centre offers shelter and assistance to more than 400 aged men and women.

More than 100 persons have signed up as sponsors. Sponsor tickets are \$500 and include a pre-gala petit souper, preferred seating and a reception after the performance.

Also available are patron tickets, \$150 each.

Westmounter Mitchell Klein is president of the hospital foundation and Claire Smith Robertson is president of the auxiliary. For reservations call 483-2121.

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They will start their march at the corner of Parkhaven and Guelph in Côte St Luc at 9:30 am and will finish with a cultural program and celebration at the Butler Building in Centennial Park. They will pause in front of a reviewing stand at the Côte St Luc city hall on Cavendish boulevard, where they will be greeted by

mayor Bernard Lang and Israeli vice-consul Shalom Cohen.

After the parade there will be a cultural program including community singing and a folk dance presentation by Jeff Simboli's Shoarashim Dance Group, which includes students from the participating schools.

The schools taking part are Westmount's Akiva as well as Ecole Maimonide, Ecole Sepharade, Hebrew Academy, Hebrew Foundation School, Jewish People's Schools and Pertz Schools, Solomon Schechter Academy and the United Talmud Torahs.



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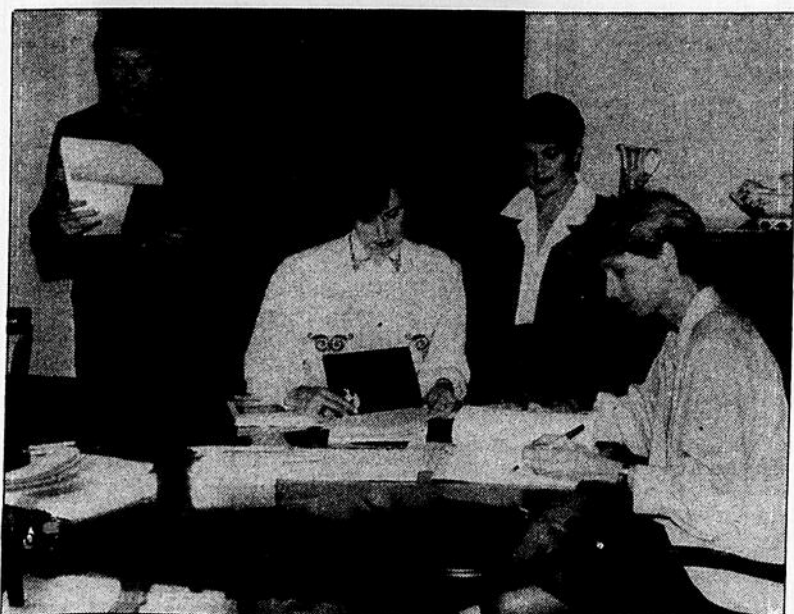
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Part of the Royal Victoria Hospital committee at work, Westmounters Nancy Gallery, Pat Blanshay, Raye Briscoe and Julia Reitman getting ready for the benefit performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* on Wednesday, Nov 20, at Place des Arts. Proceeds will go towards buying equipment for the new emergency wing under construction. Tickets are priced at \$300 per person for dinner and the performance or \$175 for the performance and a reception afterwards. For tickets, call 843-1548. Photo by VALERIE TETLEY

## Saidye Bronfman Centre jazz night benefit

Westmount's Ann Hodes is chairing the 1991 Saidye Bronfman Centre benefit, *Jazz in the Night*, on May 7.

This celebration will be a stripped-down affair, compared to previous galas at Club Metropolis. The costs of the evening have been cut to channel more funds directly to the arts and educational programs of the centre.

Tickets are \$200, a major portion of which is tax deductible. Dress is "casual chic." Valet parking will be provided.

Dancing will be to the Kevin Dean Quartet, with Densil Pinnock vocals; and to the Johnny Scott-Geoff Lapp Quartet.

The evening starts at 6:30 pm with a cocktail reception followed by a cajun dinner at 8:30 pm.

In addition to the regularly priced tickets, patrons at \$1,000 and sponsors at \$5,000 will be invited to a

cocktail reception and tour of the Claridge art collection hosted by Westmounters Charles and Andrea Bronfman on April 25 at Le Windsor. For information and reservations call 739-2301.

## Music-makers' celebration

The Montreal committee of CAM-MAC (Canadian Amateur Musicians) will hold its annual celebration of music-making on Sunday at 3 pm in St Matthias' Church, 14 Church Hill.

The program begins with a reading of Haydn's *Creation* under the direction of Winston Purdy. All interested amateur musicians are welcome.



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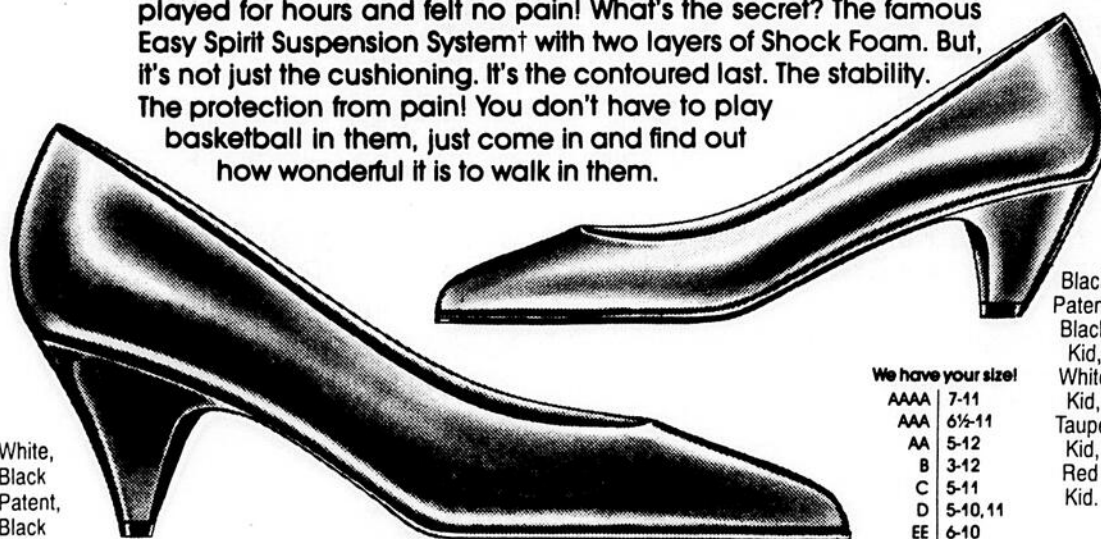
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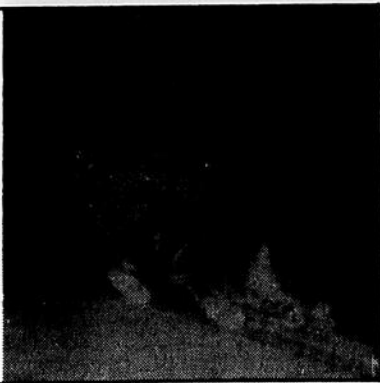
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## International astronomy day celebration

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada is inviting the public to attend the Montreal Observatory and/or the Dow Planetarium, between noon and 8 pm on Saturday, to mark International Astronomy Day. Activities at the observatory include a tour, slide shows and videos, computer demonstrations and displays. Six local astronomy clubs and three Montreal stores will display the latest telescopes and accessories.

Weather permitting, there will be solar, lunar and planetary observing.

The observatory is on the McGill University Campus just above the northeast corner of Molson Stadium, behind the Montreal Neurological Institute.

The Dow Planetarium, 1000 St Jacques street west, is currently celebrating its silver anniversary and is showing 25 years of astronomy.

## Million-dollar fund created to honor Lorne C. Webster

A \$1 million fund at Ben Gurion University's Desert Research Institute will be named for Westmounter Lorne C. Webster, who is being honored at a tribute dinner at Shaar Hashomayim synagogue April 23.

Principal speaker at the dinner will be *New York Times* columnist A.M. Rosenthal.

The fund in Mr Webster's name was set up by his friends, admirers and business associates. Income from the fund will help finance the work of the institute in water conservation, water management, recycling, desalination, rain augmenta-

tion, finding water and ecologically friendly uses of water in the desert. The institute works to transform the deserts of the world into productive, life-supporting habitats.

The tribute dinner for Mr Webster, organized by Canadian Friends of Ben Gurion University, is to honor him for his civic and philanthropic activities and support of universities here and abroad. He will be presented with the Ben-Gurion University Negev Award, the university's highest distinction, by university president Dr Avishay Braverman.

## Foreign policy discussion at Dawson college

The Dawson College Teachers' Union is sponsoring a panel discussion on *Anglo-American Foreign Policy in the Middle East* on Monday at 1 pm in room 5B.16, the reception hall at 3040 Sherbrooke street west.

Panelists include Yiorgos Chouliaras, sociology professor from Queen's College, City University of New York, and Michael Mason, history professor from Concordia University.

The public is invited. Admission is free and no reservations or tickets are required. For more information call 931-8731, ext 1799.

## Advocacy fundraising fashion show

West Island Citizen Advocacy is holding a fashion show Thursday, April 25 at 7:30 pm in St John Fisher Church, corner Valois Bay and Summerhill in Pointe Claire. The show will help raise funds for work with the handicapped and seniors in the community. Tickets are \$5 and can be ordered at 694-5850 or purchased at the door.

Fashions are from Margaret Anne. All models are volunteers. There will be door prizes and refreshments will be served.

West Island Citizen Advocacy recruits, screens, trains, matches and follows up the 600 volunteer advocates who work one-to-one or in a team with persons needing help. For more information call 694-5850.

## Architect Peter Rose appointed to Harvard

Westmount architect Peter Rose has been appointed adjunct professor of architecture at Harvard University Graduate School of Design, beginning July 1.

He served as the Eliot Noyes Visiting Design Critic at the school in fall, 1990. His new position means he will be teaching at least one semester for five years.

Mr Rose is the principal in Peter Rose Architect, the firm he founded in 1974.

Mr Rose is well known for a recent architectural project in Montreal, the Canadian Centre for Architecture, and he is currently working on a design for Westmount Library, an art gallery in Ontario, a master plan for the Old Port of Montreal, an urban design plan for a 30-acre project on the old CNR yards in downtown Montreal and an addition to Brookside School at the Cranbrook

Educational Community near Detroit.

Mr Rose received a BA degree in 1966 and a MArch in 1970 from Yale University. He also served as visiting professor at McGill University and University of Toronto, and was visiting critic at Princeton University. He has been a guest lecturer at universities throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Mr Rose has received a number of design awards and his work has been widely published and exhibited. He is the founder and co-ordinator of the Alcan Lectures in Architecture, which draw more than 5,000 people each year.

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### Book sale

Royal West Academy (189 Easton avenue, Montreal West) Home and School Association will hold a book sale with both new and used books on Thursday, April 25, from 3:30 to 9 pm. Raffle tickets, \$2, will be sold for door prizes.

### Blood clinic

There will be a special blood donor clinic next Thursday, April 25, from 9:30 am to 5 pm at Montreal General Hospital, Livingston Hall Lounge, 1650 Cedar avenue. Cokes and coffee, sandwiches and door prizes will be offered.

## Westmounter named director at Maimonides

Westmounter Gwen Mackay-Smith has been named director of volunteer services at Maimonides Hospital Geriatric Centre. She served as co-ordinator of volunteers at Montreal Convalescent Hospital for the past three years and is an instructor in gerontology at Collège Marie Victoirin.

In her new post, Mrs Mackay-Smith's primary responsibility will be the organization of more than 350 volunteers. Maimonides is a 387-bed geriatric hospital in Côte St Luc.

## Roslyn kids jumping rope for health

Roslyn School is having a "jump event" tomorrow from noon to 1:30 pm, part of the *Jump Rope for Heart* program sponsored by the Quebec Heart Foundation.

The aim is to promote the benefits of skipping to the cardio-vascular system and to help the Quebec Heart Foundation in funding research and education. The public is invited to sponsor the students.

## Drug use by elderly is topic

The McGill Centre for Studies in Aging presents a public lecture, in French, on *Drug Use in the Elderly*, at Chateau Westmount, 4860 de Maisonneuve boulevard at 2 pm.

Speakers are Dr Serge Gauthier and pharmacist Louise Thibodeau. Admission is \$2 and coffee and tea will be served. Call 934-8096 for information.

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#### Breakfast Packages for Mother's Day

The young women of Na'amat's Natanya group will once again spend their Mother's Day delivering breakfasts. All proceeds directed to Na'amat children in Israel. The perfect gift on Mother's Day — a beautifully decorated package which will include 6 bagels, cream cheese, 2-3 ounce packages of Lox, 6 miniature danish, surprise gifts, a raffle ticket, a flower and more. All for \$21.00, delivered between 8 am and 12 am, May 12th, Mother's Day. Orders must be in by May 8th. Call Myrna 482-1284, Marion 484-9551.

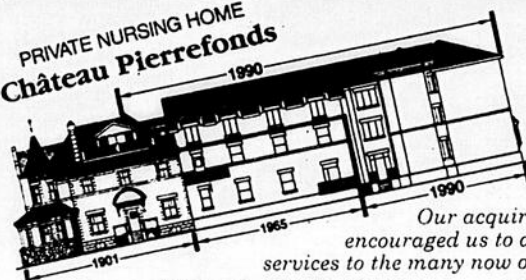
#### Nearly New Sale

Sponsored by Na'amat (formerly Pioneer Women's Organization), group: Dorot Kanot. Sunday, April 21, 10:00 am-3:00 pm, Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. West. Merchandise for entire family. Bargains. Free admission.

#### Rummage Sale

The very popular St. Matthias rummage sale will be held on Saturday, April 20th, 10 am-1 pm. Doors open at 10 am sharp. A wide selection of used clothing for ladies, men & children. Household articles, books. St. Matthias Church is on Côte St. Antoine, near Metcalfe Ave. in Westmount. For more info: 933-4295, 932-0665.

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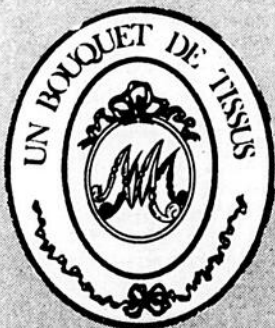
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ward, given that such experiment did not involve the setting up of temporary barriers all along Cedar but only at the initial entrance to Cedar.

Does Councillor Fortin really believe that Ms Asimakopulos and Dr Maureen Kiely are the only genuinely concerned people when he says "that he can't give one or two people on that street a veto over what is done on Cedar avenue"?

The other residents of The Boulevard, the 620 students of The Study, St George's and the Priory, and the totality of Westmount taxpayers, are and/or should be grateful to these two women, whose leadership and logical views have exposed an overwhelming deficiency at city hall at the bureaucracy and political levels, unfortunately at the same time.

After reading the incisive comments (EXAMINER, April 4) of Dr Phil Gold, an accomplished researcher, on the need for integrity in experiments, it is clear that Councillors Fortin, Peter Duffield and Peter Trent should consider resigning from their positions of public trust so that logic and sanity can again prevail.

Should residents of Westmount be cautious in determining the qualifications and professional integrity of Mr Bruce St Louis, an engineer and the present aspirant to the director general position in Westmount, given his alleged consistent, but unbelievable, statements that the "administration

has not yet decided on the option of narrowing the entire length of Cedar avenue to one lane," when Councillors Fortin, Duffield and Trent have reportedly concluded otherwise.

What is the position, and where is the leadership, of Councillors Rhoda Vineberg, Sally Aitken, Daniel Tingley, Joan Rothman and Mayor Cutler? Their larger constituencies will certainly question the wanton waste of tax funds, not to mention the opportunity cost of the time and resources of Mr St Louis and his staff, being diverted to this issue, the whole at the expense of other more pressing Westmount issues.

I find it curious that the residents of Cedar avenue have not recently published their views on the subject matter at hand. Do they now feel secure that the bureaucracy, politicians and Westmount taxpayers blindly share their views or is only one person, Judge Benjamin Greenberg, adeptly advancing the Cedar position at city Hall?

How would the residents of Cedar respond to a safety hypothesis wherein the relevant stretch of The Boulevard became a one-way westbound artery, with the resulting increase of the eastbound Boulevard traffic being diverted to Cedar?

I certainly look forward to the public consultation meeting on April 30, and equally important, to the contents of the information package which the city intends to distribute to area residents before such

meeting. Such meeting should no doubt also include the informed participation of the taxpayers and I hope the estimate of the capital cost of this unnecessary project will be clearly set forth in such package.

Given all of the above, I have not heard a logical argument with respect to the "carrying load" or "safety" political concept from the Cedar residents which would neutralize the positions put forth on behalf of The Boulevard residents, the 620 young children in the three local schools, and the Westmount taxpayers. Please, someone, somewhere, enlighten us.

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## Canada can't be saved by gutting institutions

As a Westmount High old boy, I was disturbed to learn that THE EXAMINER proposed to resolve the current crisis in Canada by abolishing the constitutional monarchy ("We Say," Feb 28). The assumption, no doubt, is that the monarchy is merely ornamental, and thus dispensable.

The recently deceased Eugene Forsey would not have agreed, and you would probably have heard from him on the subject. In his words, the monarchy is "flesh of our flesh and bone of our bones"; it is the emblem of our uniqueness in the Americas, and a symbol that both reminds us of our history and saves us from total absorption into the vast melting pot south of our border.

It is not a useless relic of the past, but the cornerstone of a great political system, superior, in my view, to any form of republicanism. Most republics have powerful executive presidencies, combining the roles of head of state and head of government in one person. This means that the political president is protected by the majesty of state, a situation far more divisive than unifying. (Who can forget Richard Nixon of Watergate fame?)

In the case of republics with ceremonial presidencies, the presidential office is invariably occupied by ex-politicians who have been kicked upstairs as a political award. They make poor national symbols. The fact that the vice-regal office in Canada has been allowed to degenerate in this fashion in recent years is a sorry omen of worse things to come, should Canada ever become a republic.

Moreover, it is utterly naive to suppose that turning Canada into a republic would resolve anglo-Quebec tensions; it would only create a new alienation. It is interesting that Jacques Parizeau has consistently refused to attack the monarchy, and would not support a boycott of the Queen's visit to Hull following the Meech Lake debacle.

Canada cannot be saved by gutting its distinctive institutions and symbols, and it is foolish, if not suicidal, to suppose that it can. THE EXAMINER should know better.

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Ms Brierley, winner of the 1990 Governor General's Award for *Yellow-Wolf & Other Tales of the Saint Lawrence* by Philippe-Joseph Aubert de Gaspé, works in a variety of genres. Her translation of Elisabeth Vonarburg's science fiction novel, *The Silent City*, appeared in 1988 in Canada and subsequently in the U.K.

She is currently working on *The Maerlande Chronicles*, the second of Ms Vonarburg's SF trilogy, to appear first in English with Porcépic Books of Victoria and later in the U.S. with Bantam/Doubleday. Ms Brierley is president of the Literary Translators Association of Canada.

Ms Vonarburg will be present at Galerie La Centrale, along with Nicole Brossard, author of *Le desert mauve*, and her translator, Suzanne de Lotbinière-Harwood, winner of the 1981 John Glassco Translation Award.

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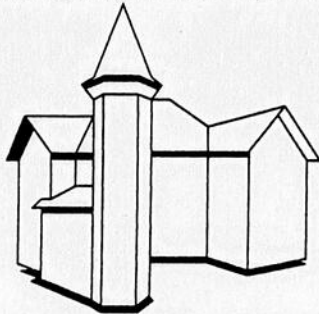
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**City proposes to change setbacks on three streets**

A public consultation meeting will be held May 15 at 7 pm at city hall to discuss proposed building line changes to three streets in Westmount, it was announced at Monday's council meeting.

The building line on Grosvenor avenue near Sherbrooke is to be changed from 4.2 metres to none, which means someone can build right up to the sidewalk.

Councillor Peter Trent said this is intended to make that section of Grosvenor conform with the other streets in the area which about Sherbrooke. In all cases commercial establishments are allowed to build close to the sidewalk.

"Grosvenor is the exception." He said there has been a previous request by the Beau Soir dépanneur on the corner of Grosvenor and Sherbrooke to have the building line changed there. Mr Trent said that request included plans to demolish the building and replace it with a more appropriate one. Mr Trent said

the Beau Soir building is more of a suburban one, not urban, and that he would have no problem with a new one being built.

A change is also proposed for the building line on the south side of St Catherine street from the eastern city limit to Greene avenue from 0.9 metres to three metres.

That increase is because the city no longer requires that an arcade be built over the sidewalk for new buildings there. The entire building is to be set back three metres instead.

The last proposed building line change is on Belvedere Place where the building line will be changed from 7.5 metres to 4.5 metres. This is to accommodate Herbert Black, who will be demolishing his mansion at 46 Belvedere Place and replacing it with a new one.

Mr Trent said the purpose of this is to move the new house closer to Belvedere Place so that it "doesn't dominate the slope," where it is being built.

**Local police program catches on through MUC**

A local police campaign to prevent car theft has caught on throughout the Montreal Urban Community.

Operation Hibou, the program aimed at getting Westmounters to lock up their cars, was judged to be such a good idea that all police stations are using it between April 7 and May 6 under the name *Je m'auto protège*, officials said.

Despite efforts at preventing the

theft of and from cars, the incidence of car-related crime remains unusually high, according to crime prevention officer Gaston Bernier.

Two weeks ago five cars were stolen, as many as reported in an entire month a year ago. Another five were broken into. The situation improved last week, however, when three were stolen and two broken into.

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# It's no secret that Molly Fripp is retiring after decade at ECS

The evening planned April 25 to honor ECS headmistress Molly Fripp on her retirement was supposed to be a secret. "It couldn't possibly be a sur-

By ALISON RAMSEY

prise!" laughed Mrs Fripp. "They're having meetings about it at the school."

Mrs Fripp doesn't miss much that goes on at Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's; it has been her daytime territory for the past 10 years.

She has guided it through a fundraising effort that produced an expanded school to better serve the computer, drama, art and music departments.

"The art used to be done in the dining room. We'd pull it all up to have lunch."

But the renovation closest to her heart is probably the library, which doubled in size. An expansion of the stacks has bolstered the English department, which Mrs Fripp helped shape into giving a more complete, holistic approach to language.

"It used to be literature and grammar. Our Grade 1 to Grade 11 teachers have been innovative in pursuing current research, and are now giving workshops to other schools in this field."

Proceeds from the evening for Mrs Fripp will be used to establish The Molly Fripp Lecture Series, designed to bring "one inspiring speaker every year who shares her ideals."

In keeping with Mrs Fripp's love of the language, "I would like authors and writers" to give the lectures, she said. They would not necessarily be female (the school is all-girl), but "anyone who has a valid statement to make."

When asked to name a favorite living author, Mrs Fripp was stymied. She asked to call back the next day, after perusing her stacks at home.

When the category was broadened to include authors living and dead, she went into peals of laughter.

## Vice-principal of ECS appointed headmistress

The new headmistress at Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School is a familiar face to students and teachers.

She is Michèle M. Gorry, who joined the school as a French teacher in 1972. Ms Gorry will act as interim headmistress for at least one year, according to Cynthia Cundill, chair of the board.

She was appointed head of the French department in 1974, became assistant to the headmistress in 1981 and, four years later, vice-principal.

During her tenure as head of the French department, Ms Gorry introduced three streams of French language instruction.

"She has demonstrated warmth and leadership and loyalty to the school," Ms Cundill wrote in a letter to parents.



Soon to be ex-headmistress of ECS, Molly Fripp, in the school hallway.

"You're going to be bored. You're going to be very bored," she giggled. "I'm really sorry, but it's Shakespeare. Maybe you'll find that clichéd, but you can still read through Shakespeare and the Bible and what you read is just as valuable now as when it was written."

The next day, she called back and explained that she read so much, specifying one or another favorite was difficult. "I read everything I can get my hands on. I read because I like it; poetry, a lot of women's authors, Arthurian legends, Mother Theresa, I'm very Catholic in my reading, C.S. Lewis. I go the whole

gamut."

Mrs Fripp hopes the girls who have been at the school these past 10 years "will understand I wanted them to have an enquiring spirit, I wanted them to work to their fullest potential, to go out from our school as women leaders in the community."

Having promised the board five years, and not 10, Mrs Fripp told them she was leaving two years ago.

"I felt I had done what I came to do. The building was built, the fundraising completed. The best transition time is when things are going well."

But she stayed on when the vice-president of the junior school was appointed to a school in Vancouver. She is leaving the year an endowment fund and financial aid program for senior students have been finalized and are ready to use next school year.

Now, "I want time and head space for myself," Mrs Fripp said firmly.

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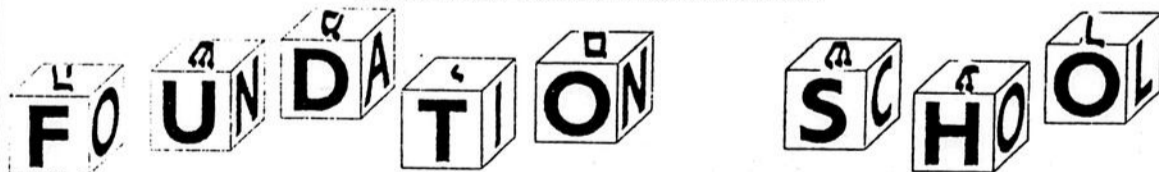
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## City engineer elected to Quebec Order of Engineers

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"This is going to be a very good learning opportunity," Mr Campos said Tuesday. "I'm very happy about it."

Engineers who practice in Quebec must belong to the government-regulated organization, which has 33,619 members. It regulates and monitors the activities of engineers.

Mr Campos was one of four direc-

tors elected to the order on March 22. There are nine directors for the Montreal region, 20 directors for the province. While Mr Campos's duties during his three-year term will be purely administrative, the position is highly sought and "prestigious," he said.

The 36-year-old has a master's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in business administration, both from McGill University.

He was the first in-house engineer

in the history of the light and power department to expand the capacity of the three substations, an intricate work previously contracted out to consultants.

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Mr Campos has worked for Westmount since 1981.

## Car course for beginners

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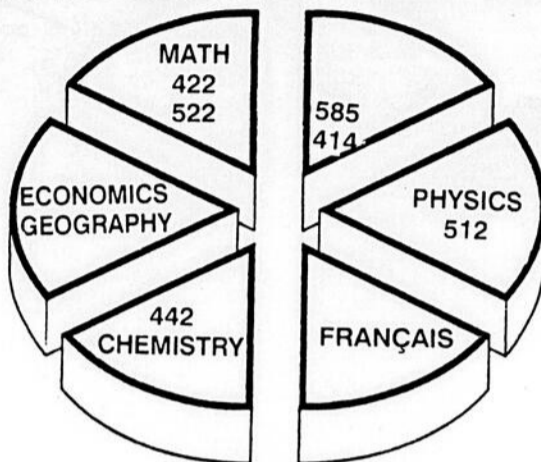
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Three masters will give demonstrations during the day. At 11:30 am, Miori Mayeda of the Ikenobo School; at 1:30 pm, Mieko Watanabe of the Sogetsu School; and at 3:30 pm Mitsugi Kikuchi of the Ohara School will give demonstrations of their art.

The exhibition will be opened by the Consul-General of Japan and Westmount Mayor May Cutler at a cocktail reception on Saturday at 6:30 pm. Attendance at the opening ceremonies is by invitation only.

The members of the Ikebana International Montreal Chapter, who are presenting the exhibition, are 40 percent from Japan and 60 percent Canadian. They believe that by sharing the peaceful arts they can help promote peace, understanding and good intercultural relations between nations.

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## Selwyn Old Boys to hold reunion

Selwyn House School Old Boys' Association is holding its annual reunion this month.

Journalist Gwynne Dyer will speak at 8 pm on Tuesday at the Macaulay Gymnasium, 101 Côte St Antoine road in Westmount. His topic is *Turning Point: International politics for the environment*. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and high school students with ID will be admitted for free.

Reunions and special events are being planned for the classes of 1941, 1966 and 1981.

## Students raffling BMW

St George's elementary and high schools are holding a fundraising raffle to benefit Sun Youth and to support special needs programs at the school.

Only 10,000 tickets are being sold in books of five. Each ticket costs \$20 and the draw will be on May 15 at 10 pm at the school, 3100 The Boulevard.

The top three prizes are a BMW 318T, a Club Med vacation for two and a 14-carat gold diamond ring.

Students will be knocking on doors with their raffle tickets.

# Grads stay for CEGEP, then leave

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the issues and it's time to move on."

He said, in talking to a friend, he heard that the main topics of conversation for a group of 13-year-olds were scud missiles, the environment and "where they are going when they leave the province. Not if, but when."

Of nine Westmount High School seniors, all said they would remain in Quebec for CEGEP, but just two thought they would be here in five years.

"I've never really felt uncomfortable here," said Jessica Bauch.

### Mother would leave

Ryan Cohen, who says his family is French-Canadian, is strongly tied to Quebec and said he will remain, but added that his French-Canadian mother has said she will leave if Quebec separates. "It's a question of money, I think, more than anything else."

"I told myself that as soon as I can," said Karl Pelton, "I will get out of here."

"It's so unstable right now," said Samantha Howick. "To build a future, you should have somewhere stable."

"I'm attached to Montreal," put in Natalie Phipps, "but I don't have Quebec, or Canadian patriotism."

Westmount High guidance counsellor Tom Conti said students bypassing CEGEP and heading directly to an out-of-province university have declined in recent years. The competition for places and high tuitions may be factors, he added.

"The realities of the province is there, and we have to be open to

them. The best we can do," he said, "is prepare them for the realities."

That includes encouraging children to keep all possible options open, for maximum flexibility. He noted, however, that the reality of Quebec can change, day to day. Forecasting where the job opportunities will be is a full-time job that guidance counsellors cannot devote all their time to.

Principal Dick Meades has a suspicion that the old issue of mobility — can children afford to leave? — takes precedence over the political situation.

"The less affluent are more likely to stay... That is my gut reaction. I think the social is more influential than the political environment."

Career counsellor at Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School, Judith Schurman, said 38 of their 42 graduates this year have applied to CEGEP, but not all have applied just to CEGEPs.

### Postponing U.S. studies

But many are postponing their studies in prestigious United States universities despite the allure, she said, because they are thinking in terms of more than one degree. The American schools can wait until they are ready to take their master's. At \$30,000 for average school fees there, the girls are waiting.

Universities in the United States, such as Princeton, Harvard and Yale, recruit locally at both the public and private schools, as do universities in Ontario and the eastern provinces.

Westmounter Carl Otto's three daughters went to The Study. Both the oldest and youngest are now in London, England. They both went

to universities outside Quebec. Only his middle daughter Valerie, who attended Concordia, is working in Montreal.

"My children say quite clearly they feel unwelcome in this province," though they are all trilingual.

Cynthia Bushnell and her two sisters all attended The Study and her brother went to Selwyn House; now only Cynthia is working in Montreal. She and her siblings all attended universities outside the province.

Her peers "get very upset, feeling they have to leave, but don't want to leave, feeling English people were supposed to leave and are unwanted here."

Cynthia is not bilingual, "I can't even work in French," but loves Montreal and is working in exports and imports with the Far East, United States, Europe and Australia. She works in English.

Of her graduating class at The Study, 1983, two people remain in Quebec.

In a survey of graduates from private schools here from the year 1977, half are known to be outside the province.

Local lawyer Michael Prupas, of the firm Heenan Blaikie, said, "I've spent a fair amount of time advising young people to stay. Nowadays, I find myself very strongly feeling that to advise them to stay is condemning them to becoming a hostage."

Economic growth, and options in Quebec "possibly are being taken away... There will be a place for a privileged few," he added. "My clientele want to deal outside Quebec, they are French." That, being bilingual, is his window of opportunity.



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## ECS grads listed on honor rolls

Westmount's ECS School is justifiably proud of a large number of its graduates, who have gone on to make the dean's list at Marianopolis College and the honor roll at Dawson and John Abbott colleges.

At Dawson College, Christine Hawkins, Sarah Crawford, Adrienne Durst, Heather Grey, Sonia Herten-Greaven, Sacha Johnson, Kristine MacTaggart, Jennifer Morneau, Carlyn Pitfield, Rachel Pollock and Sarah Wilson are to be congratulated.

At Marianopolis, Jennifer Hitelman, Michelle Holloway, Chris-

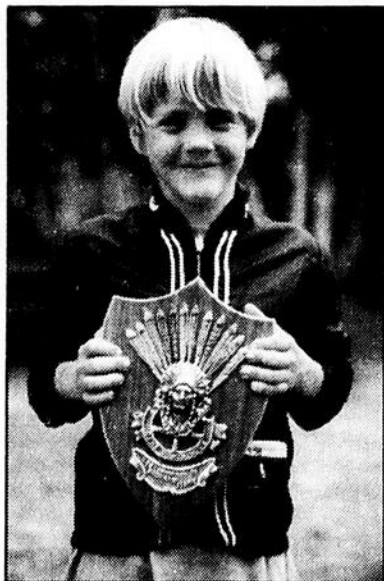
tine Anne MacCormack, Kimberly Porter, Erica Trister, Ekaterina Tsimberis and Deborah Vineberg have achieved academic excellence.

At John Abbott, Marjorie Dixon, Isabelle Steers, Carolyn Flam, Jennifer Aitken and Catherine Slatter have done equally well.

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**Locals take prizes at  
 Canada badminton open**

Westmounter Judy von Colditz distinguished herself at her first badminton tournament, held at the Montreal Badminton and Squash Club this past week.

She and her partner Joan Brown won the consolation round at the Canadian Badminton Open Masters for the 40 to 50-year-old group. Mrs von Colditz has been playing nine years. She broke tradition and en-

tered this tournament because it was held by her club. Mrs von Colditz also competed in the 35 to 40 doubles, but was handicapped when she was hit in the eye.

Westmount resident Kathy Hewitt and N.D.G. resident Jean Macdonnell paired up to win the 35 to 40-year-olds consolation round. Mrs von Colditz's husband, Eric, also played, as did Westmounter Alan Case.

A Westmounter and former Canadian champion, Jean Miller, was a finalist. Other Canadian champions also competed, such as John Czich from Ottawa.

The tournament was comprised of 160 participants from Canada and the United States, some came from as far off as California. The players ranged from age 35 to 84.

**Free clinic  
 for coaches**

Westmount's department of recreation and culture with the National Soccer School will be holding a free soccer coaches clinic in the Westmount arena April 30 from 7:30 to 9 pm.

Current soccer coaches, potential coaches and interested parents are encouraged to attend to learn more about the fundamentals of the game. Those interested should simply show up at the arena with running shoes and wearing loose clothing.

Recreation administrator, Peter Wallace said this is a first for the department. There was a request from some new coaches for better training. Previously they were just handed printed material to study.

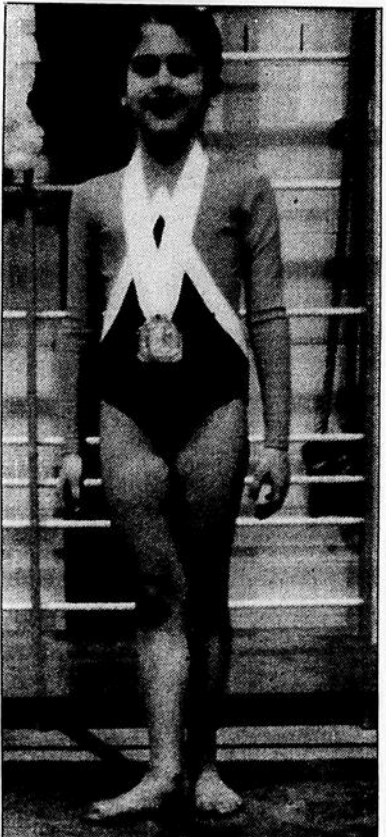
The soccer season in Westmount begins May 4. There are 23 boys' teams and 10 girls' teams. For more information call the recreation department at 935-8531, local 212.

**Birds, ballet  
 courses are  
 still open**

Residents can still register for two recreation and culture courses despite the fact that registration is over — birdwatching and adult ballet. A recreation official says there is still room in both courses for additional students.

For more information call the recreation department at 935-8531, local 212.

**Winning  
 gymnast**



Westmounter Gaylee Saliba took the all-around gold medal at the Level 1 competition at the provincial championships in Rhythmic Gymnastics held in Terrebonne recently.

**Lack of kids  
 deep-sixes  
 bantam team**

Westmount will not field an inter-city bantam baseball squad this year because of a lack of players, a recreation official said Monday.

Only six players registered while a bare minimum of 13 are required to form a team, said Mike Deegan, a Westmount recreation and culture sports supervisor.

The formation of the squad was mired with troubles from the onset with recreation officials scurrying to find first a field and then a coach. Both were found, but enough players were not.

Mr Deegan is optimistic that an inter-city bantam team will be fielded next year because there will be up and coming peewees plus the remaining bantams.

**Roads to get  
 spring coat**

Painting of street lines in Westmount should begin within two weeks and end by mid-May, a public works official said. The \$54,891.25 contract was awarded to Les Signalisation R.C. Inc at a council meeting March 4. Crosswalks will be painted first, followed by street lines.

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**Blue box vacation woes**

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The distinctive blue box tells the world you recycle.

It also holds a clue to whether your home is unattended and the problem is still bugging Westmount's Neighborhood Watch organizers.

"It's something we're still working on and hope to come up with a solution before the summer," coordinator Robert Hryciuk told citizens attending a Neighborhood Watch meeting Wednesday last week at the fire station.

"There are several issues we still have to address regarding the boxes," Public Safety Officer Hryciuk said.

An organizer of the meeting, Corinne Sévigny, said she worried that when people known to put out

a blue box every week suddenly don't, then anyone casing the neighborhood would know they were away. Citizens may be asked to leave their boxes at the curb until after 5 pm, officer Hryciuk replied.

Another concern was that a lone box left out at night bears an address clearly identifying the home.

Officer Hryciuk expressed concern about the boxes when they were distributed and asked citizens through THE EXAMINER to leave their boxes out until the end of the day. But public works officials were busy asking citizens to bring the boxes inside as soon as they were home to not litter the street.

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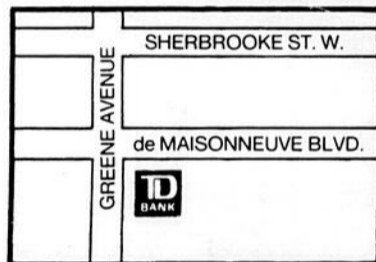
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