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Westmounter remembered for her generosity

By CAROLYN NINI



Minnie Abbey

Stanley Abbey remembers urging his mother to limit her contributions to charities.

"I said that perhaps she should only give money to organizations within

Montreal," he recalls. "After a long discussion, she finally agreed."

Later, when he sorted through 100 requests with his mother, 20 envelopes were discarded because they were from outside Montreal. Contributions of a minimum of \$18, a Jewish symbol for life, were written to the others. But when he returned the next day, his mother's caregiver urged him to look at the wastepaper basket and his mother's chequebook. The basket was empty, and 20 more cheques had been written.

Minnie Cummings Abbey passed away at the age of 95 on January 8 after a life of community service.

"She was a kind lady," Stanley Abbey said. "She was blessed to live that kind of life, and she wanted to share it with anybody who didn't have that (life). She was the epitome of a lady."

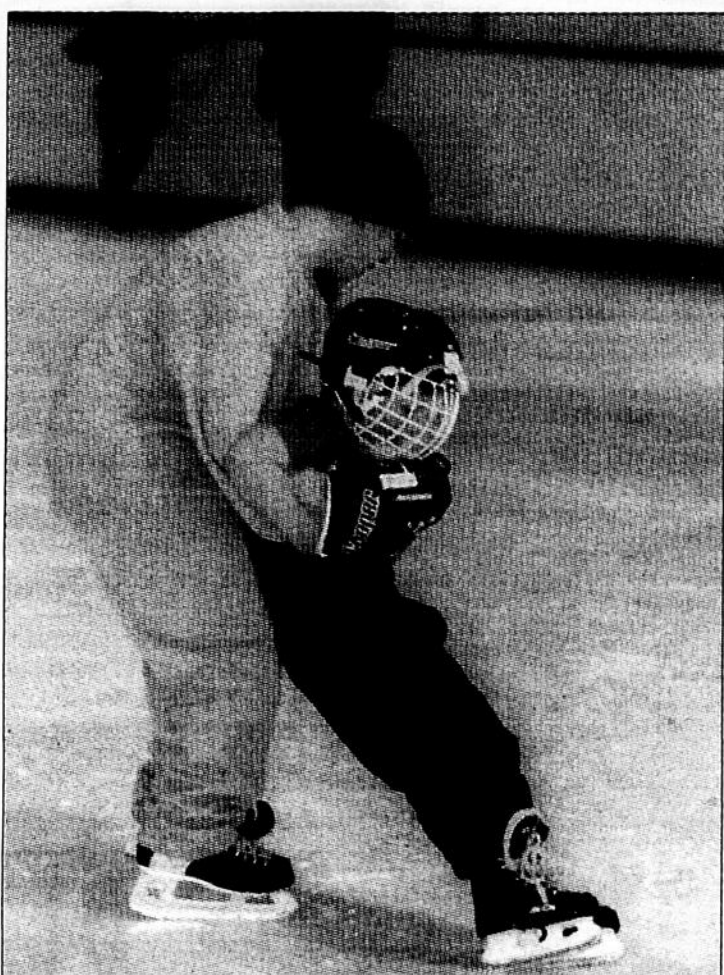
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He ain't heavy, he's my skating partner



Max Climan helps Ryan Renaud get back on his feet Friday during Westmount Park School's freeskating time at the Westmount Arena.

Love of music leads Sandra Wilson to the Order of Canada

By CAROLYN NINI

Imagine loving something so much that you devoted your life to it.

Imagine being honoured for doing that very thing you love—then imagine your closest friends and colleagues were behind the honour.

This is how Sandra Wilson felt in November when she learned she would be receiving the Order of Canada.

"I felt very honoured and very humbled by it all," said Wilson. "I am just now learning how many wonderful people did write letters

on my behalf."

Wilson is one of three Westmounters who will receive the Order of Canada at a ceremony she will attend with her husband Edward next Wednesday at Ottawa's Rideau Hall, where Governor General Romeo LeBlanc will also present the Order to Jacqueline Desmarais and Alain Stanké.

The Order of Canada, established in 1967, recognizes achievement in a variety of fields.

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City backs casual residents' concerns on condo project

City of Montreal may have final say in disputed land development

By WAYNE LARSEN

Plans for a sprawling condominium development on a tract of historical land has alarmed a number of Westmounters living near the city's eastern border.

But since the property in question—commonly known as Priests' Farm—is entirely in Montreal, the City of Westmount may have little say in how the land is ultimately used.

Montreal developer Le Groupe Lépine plans to build 74 residential units on the 25,732 square metres of sloping terrain bordered along the north by St. Sulpice and Piquet Roads, Atwater Avenue to the east, de Breslay Road to the south and the end of de Lavigne Road to the west.

One of the residents' primary concerns is that Lépine's current plans call for the opening of de Lavigne Road as a throughway to

Atwater Avenue. This, they fear, would turn the quiet cul-de-sac into another busy traffic artery leading downtown.

But Mayor Peter Trent has assured residents that de Lavigne will not be opened up. "I've met with the developer and he's told me—and I've got this in writing from him—that in the worst case he would put in metal bollards, stopping through traffic," Trent said on Tuesday. "We, both the people on de Lavigne and I, would see the best solution as simply having a proper dead-end at both sides. That's certainly what we would like to shoot for—and that's what I am shooting for."

But increased traffic is not the only thing worrying residents. The expected clash of Lépine's proposed clusters of two- and three-storey condominiums with the existing homes in the area is another major concern.

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The end of the line? The greenspace at the end of de Lavigne Road (above) may soon be gone, making way for a street to a new Montreal condo project.

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Shabbat Shira at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke. A unique night of song brings soloists of traditional, contemporary, and folk genres together for services at the Temple. 8:15 p.m. The community is invited. Info: 937-3575.

Giant Book Sale at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. from 4 to 8 p.m. and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Books, baking and CDs. Proceeds to support children's programming at Centre Greene. Info: 931-6202.

Monday, Feb. 1

Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave., will celebrate Tu b'shvat (the Jewish New Year of trees) with a day-long Eco-Fair featuring a fruit seder, children's program and tables for environmental groups. The

event will last from 1 to 8 p.m. For more information contact Todd Shapiro at 937-9471 ext. 157.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom's Entre Nous program continues with guest speaker pharmacist Eric Hudon, who will discuss 'Alternative Remedies'. Brown bag luncheon at noon, program at 1 p.m. All welcome. 395 Elm Ave. Info: 937-3575.

Read Hebrew in 20 Minutes a Week: Learn to read Hebrew at home and have your work checked once a week for 20 minutes over a period of eight weeks at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. Rabbi Leigh Lerner teaches. 5:45 p.m. A fee for materials only. Open to the entire community. Info and registration: 937-3575.

Intro to Judaism at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. 5:45 p.m.

Rabbi Leigh Lerner leads a popular 12-session introduction to Judaism which teaches reading Hebrew, explains Jewish holidays, life cycle and traditional history. Required for those converting to Judaism at Temple or for those entering an intermarriage. Fee for materials only. Open to the entire community. Info: 937-3575.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

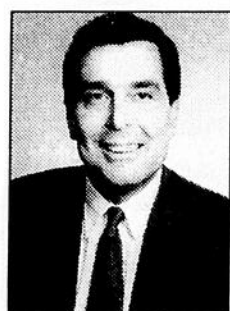
Art Focus/Art au Point (Westmount) presents eminent ceramic expert Anthony du Boulay from Christie's, London, who will speak about the porcelain collection at Clandon House in Surrey, at a lecture and English tea at 3 p.m. at the Montreal Badminton and Squash Club, 3050 Atwater. Tickets are \$45 (includes tea). Reservations: 937-6391.

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IN BRIEF

Contactivity helps seniors develop their intuition

"I knew I should have..." Does this sound familiar? Do you lack self-confidence when making on-the-spot decisions? Are you concerned about your personal safety and security?

If so, Contactivity Centre has come up with a refreshing way to learn how to access and trust your instincts and intuition. As part of a project funded by la Direction de la Santé Publique, a six-week course is being offered to teach seniors how to follow their 'sixth sense' at critical times, and how to distinguish real intuition from imaginary fears or wishful thinking.

Psychotherapist and workshop leader Frances Kucharsky will draw upon tested techniques used in fields as diverse as crime prevention and personal development throughout the course, which will be held at Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve W., beginning on Feb. 11 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Cost for the six-week course is \$15, and fee waivers are available if needed. Space is limited, so anyone interested should register as soon as possible by calling Contactivity at 932-2326.

Selwyn House hosts Chamber Singers

The Chamber Singers of the Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Museum will be performing at Selwyn House School on February 1 as part of their annual winter tour.

The mixed choir, under the direction of Drs. Jameson Marvin and Constance Defotis, is primarily composed of undergraduates. Their repertoire encompasses both a cappella and concerted works. The Chamber Singers specialize in performing pieces from the Renaissance, as well as folk songs.

The program at Selwyn House, which will be conducted by David Lyczkowski, includes works by Guillaume Dufay, Hermann Schein and John Rutter, among others.

The concert will be held in the Lucas Gymnasium at Selwyn House School at 7:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted and the money collected will go towards the choir's expenses. For more information contact Selwyn House School at 931-9481.

Abbey loved her synagogue life and many charitable endeavours

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Born in Saint John, New Brunswick, Mrs. Abbey came to Montreal as a young girl. Her community work in Westmount began with her teaching sewing and knitting at a Jewish orphanage on Claremont Avenue, where she would meet future husband Monroe Abbey, a volunteer boxing teacher. They were married in 1925.

The family lived on Clarke Avenue

from 1942 until 1974. Mrs. Abbey would raise her four children while remaining active in the community. Her daughters, Diane Abbey-Livingston, Joan Abbey Pass and Mont-Royal MP Sheila Finestone, as well as son Stanley, have all been active within their communities.

In 1950, Mrs. Abbey founded the Kovod Fund because existing agencies couldn't keep up with the demand for help. She served as its chairman until 1975. The fund pro-

vides for everything from bicycles to eyeglasses to money for Bar-Mitzvah training.

According to her son, there were three things that meant a great deal to her—she loved her synagogue life, her work with the Kovod Fund and her work with the Organization for Educational Resources and Technical Training (ORT).

"She was a very generous benefactor that could always be counted on," ORT executive director

Emmanuel Kalles said of Mrs. Abbey, whose last contribution was made in mid-December.

ORT, an organization that provides training for people in Third World countries, made Mrs. Abbey a Golden Circle honoree in 1993, and a scholarship in her name was established for the ORT School of Engineering in Jerusalem.

"She was a charming and beautiful woman," remembers her son. "She had high values and very high ideals."

Wilson was tireless and she had wonderful connections: Reiner

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Both Wilson and Desmarais are being honoured for promoting the arts in Canada, whereas Stanké is being recognized for his work in several fields including journalism and publishing.

Wilson's colleague and friend, McGill University professor emeritus Edith Della Pergola feels the award is fully merited. "She is an exceptional person, a friend of full heart and, if you need her, she is there," she said. "She takes so much love to everything she does and she puts herself completely into it. She makes certain everything is arranged, and always with a smile."

Wilson is currently chairman and chief executive officer of Début Inc., an organization dedicated to promoting the careers of young classical musicians. Her belief that young musicians need help breaking into the world of professional music led to her founding Début in 1979, and she has devoted the last 20 years of her life to it.

"We are the only organization that promotes young classical musicians," Wilson explained. "Nobody else is doing it. Agents are reluctant to invest in young and unknown names. But somebody has to believe, somebody has to help."

Della Pergola has been with Début since the beginning, and she has witnessed Wilson at work. "She has the diplomacy, culture and



Order of Canada inductee Sandra Wilson.

talent to sell art... to get the money we need to be able to do things."

Début auditions musicians who have previously completed their training at a recognized institution like McGill University. But the commitment is not life-long, as Début has no musician over age 34 on its roster.

The organization attempts to find engagements for the musicians so that they can establish themselves within the field. It also collaborates with the CBC and Radio-Canada, which record and broadcast their concerts nation-wide.

"Ms. Wilson was tireless and she had wonderful connections," explained retired McGill professor

Charles Reiner, an advisor with Début. "She had a wonderful ability to bring us together, to guide us and to give us encouragement to pursue this goal."

In addition to Début, Wilson has also founded several national arts organizations with ties to music. Her involvement in the arts stems from her own love of music. She began to play piano when she was a child growing up on Holton Avenue. After attending Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School, she pursued her interest in music at McGill University, where she decided to broaden her field.

"I noticed a need in the area, so I got into arts administration," said the trained pianist. "My first love is music, and the paperwork comes with it."

Paper has played a large role in Wilson's life for the last four years. She has been using her spare time to assemble 'Sufficiently Free and Fair', a book on the first democratic elections held in South Africa. In 1994, she was chosen to act as an International Observer on the Canadian team for the United Nations.

"It was done very differently than it is here," said Wilson. "More precautions were taken and we don't need the same precautions here. It was a difficult time in history (for South Africa), but it was an exciting one as well."

A publisher has not yet been chosen for the book, which should be completed and available within two to three months. In the meantime, Wilson said she is looking forward to her trip to Ottawa next week.

This is the last piece of greenspace left in the area: Nicholson

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"The houses that are proposed do not really fit with the character of the surrounding neighbourhood, most of which are single-family dwellings," said de Lavigne resident Jane Nicholson, who moved to Westmount from Toronto in 1995.

The existing plans call for a dense configuration of row houses with few areas devoted to greenspace.

"This is the last piece of greenspace left in the whole area," Nicholson pointed out. "When we bought our home, we thought that since the land had been untouched for all these years, it would remain. In the summer it's beautiful—all leafy greenery."

Trent addressed the three main points—opening de Lavigne, the architectural clash and the loss of greenspace—in a letter to residents of the affected area on Monday. He assured them that the City of Westmount shares their concern and will continue to voice its objections to the City of Montreal. This has people in the neighbourhood breathing a bit easier, but they are still worried.

"Of course Mr. Trent's hands are a bit tied since it's not Westmount property, but he's certainly being very supportive in terms of meeting with the City of Montreal," said Nicholson,

who along with neighbour Jill Hugessen has been active in alerting fellow residents to the negative impact the current plan would have on the entire area.

Originally a farm tended by priests of the St. Sulpician order as far back as 1803, the aptly-titled Priests' Farm property was bought by the Canadian government in the 1940s and used as a military facility. A source close to the negotiations said that Le Groupe Lépine bought the property for \$3 million from Lands Canada, the agent used by the Department of National Defense to sell its surplus properties.

The land is currently zoned as institutional, but developer René Lépine is reportedly in the process of applying to the City of Montreal for a zoning change that would make it residential.

In the meantime, Trent said that the City intends to monitor the situation closely. "We sat down with the City of Montreal last week and we'll be talking with them again later this week or early next week, still pursuing the idea of a cul-de-sac on both sides," he said. "The Architectural and Planning Commission of the City of Westmount has written to the City of Montreal formally advising them that they're concerned about the through street, but also about the nature of the development and the loss of greenspace."

"This issue is near and dear to my heart,"

said city councillor Nicolas Matossian, himself a resident of de Lavigne. "The problem is that this project is nowhere in Westmount—it's not even contiguous to Westmount. The last three houses on de Lavigne are in Montreal, so we have very little to say except we've been making representation to the City of Montreal on behalf of our citizens."

Matossian added that no matter how the cul-de-sac is eventually handled, through bollards or other means, the barrier would be placed where the road currently ends and the three Montreal homes on de Lavigne will continue to be served by the City of Westmount for such things as garbage collection and snow removal.

Although the City of Montreal has the final say in this matter, Westmount's voice will at least be heard and its recommendations considered. "We deal with the City of Montreal on a daily basis," said Matossian. "It's not that we have the power to stop the project, but Montreal has a definite interest in maintaining a cordial relationship with its neighbours."

Trent agreed that Montreal will probably not ignore Westmount's concerns. "In theory at least, the City of Montreal could tell us to go fly a kite, which I'm sure they wouldn't do because they're too polite," he said. "But in practice, we obviously do have some clout and we're using it for all it's worth."



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Construction et aménagement

Directives

d'aménagement paysager
De nouvelles directives d'aménagement paysager traitant de questions telles que les clôtures, le nivellement des terrains, les murs de soutènement, la végétation, le stationnement et les structures de jardin, ont été adoptées par le conseil le lundi 11 janvier 1999. Un permis est exigé pour tous travaux d'aménagement paysager entraînant une modification quelconque du site.

On peut se procurer une copie de ces directives auprès du service de la Construction et de l'Aménagement. ♦



Événements communautaires

Soirée victorienne

Ta-ra-ra boom dié! Voulez-vous vous joindre au maire et aux membres du conseil dans le cadre d'une soirée de divertissement, de danse et de réjouissances de toutes sortes? Il ne vous reste qu'une seule journée pour vous inscrire au tirage de billets gratuits pour la **Soirée victorienne 1874**. Les noms des heureux gagnants seront dévoilés au cours de la première semaine de février. Info: 925-1403.

À la recherche d'artistes

La ville est à la recherche d'un ou d'une artiste de Westmount pour recréer la statue de bronze qui se trouvait dans la serre. Toute personne intéressée est priée de téléphoner au 989-5226. ♦



Ressources humaines

Emplois d'été 1999

On peut se procurer un formulaire de demande d'emploi d'été au service des Ressources humaines, à l'hôtel de ville, du lundi au vendredi (de 8h30 à 16h30) jusqu'au vendredi 26 février 1999. ♦



Conseil

Statistiques

Tous les ans, le gouvernement provincial détermine la population de chaque municipalité de la

province. En 1999, la population de Westmount a été établie à 20 420, soit le même nombre d'habitants qu'en 1998. Les statistiques au sujet de la ville vous intéressent? Vous pouvez en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier de la ville (989-5318) ou au service de référence de la Bibliothèque (989-5355). ♦



Travaux publics

Trottoirs sécuritaires

Nous faisons appel à votre collaboration pour garder la ville propre et sécuritaire durant l'hiver. L'accès aux trottoirs est essentiel pour les citoyens, et plus particulièrement pour les personnes âgées et les jeunes enfants. Évitez de déverser de la neige dans les rues, les ruelles ou les trottoirs, car cela complique le travail de nos petits chasse-neige et retarde le déneigement des trottoirs et l'épandage d'abrasif. Ajoutez la neige aux bancs de neige existants, qui seront enlevés par nos souffleuses. Veuillez avertir vos entrepreneurs privés en conséquence. Info: 989-5311. ♦



Sports et loisirs

Carnaval d'hiver

Le carnaval d'hiver de Westmount se tiendra du 18 au 20 février 1999 à divers endroits. Les nouvelles activités prévues cette année en marge des célébrations du 125^e anniversaire incluront une glissade de glace, du curling à l'extérieur et des courses de raquettes. Venez vous promener en traîneau et vous sucrer le bec avec de la tige d'érable.

Activités

Il y a encore quelques places de disponibles dans le cadre des activités socioculturelles pour adultes. Info: 989-5212. ♦



Services de protection

La division des services de Protection inscrit présentement les garçons et les filles désirant participer à la 33^e édition de son «programme annuel de jeunes pompiers». Les garçons et les filles doivent être âgés de neuf à douze ans, habiter et/ou fréquenter une école à Westmount.

Ce programme se tiendra le lundi soir, de 18h30 à 20h30, du 22 février au 3 mai 1999 inclusivement. Les cours auront lieu dans la salle de conférence du service des Incendies, au 19, rue Stanton. Info: 989-5328. ♦



Building & planning

Landscaping Guidelines

New landscaping guidelines which address issues such as fencing, grading, retaining walls, planting, parking, and garden structures, were adopted by Council on Monday, January 11, 1999. A permit is required for any landscape work that results in significant changes to the site.

A copy of the guidelines may be obtained at the Building and Planning Department. ♦



Community Events

Victorian Soirée

Ta-ra-ra boom de-ay! Are you prepared to join the Mayor and Council for an evening of entertainment, dancing and general jollification? You have only one more day to enter your name in the draw to receive complimentary tickets for the **1874 Victorian Soirée**. Lucky guests will be notified during the first week of February. Info: 925-1403

Artist Wanted

The City is looking for a Westmount artist to re-create the bronze statue for the pond in the Greenhouse. If you are interested, please call 989-5226. ♦



Human Resources

Summer Employment '99

Summer employment forms are available from Monday to Friday (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), until Friday, February 26, 1999, at the Human Resources Department at City Hall. ♦



Council

Statistics

Every year the provincial government determines the population of each municipality in the province. Westmount's 1999 population has been established at 20,420 (the same as in 1998). **Interested in statistics about the City?** They are available at the City Clerk's Office (989-5318) or at the Reference Desk at the Library (989-5355). ♦



Public Works

Safe Sidewalks

We need your help to keep the City clean and safe during the winter. Full access to sidewalks is essential for the community, for seniors and young children in particular. Do not pile snow on streets, lanes or sidewalks as it interferes with our equipment and prevents us from plowing and sanding. Add the snow to the existing snowbanks for removal by our snowblowers. Please advise your private contractor accordingly. Info: 989-5311. ♦



Sports & Recreation

Winter Carnival

The Westmount Winter Carnival will be held from February 18 to 20, 1999 at various locations. In conjunction with the 125th Anniversary Celebrations, this year's new activities include an ice slide, outdoor curling and snowshoe races. Come out for a sleigh ride and a taste of maple taffy!

Programmes

There are still some spaces left in the adult socio-cultural programmes. Info: 989-5212. ♦



Protective Services

33rd Annual Junior

Firefighter Programme

The Department of Protective Services is currently registering boys and girls between nine and twelve years of age for its 33rd annual "Junior Firefighter Programme". Children must be Westmount residents or be enrolled in a school in Westmount.

The programme will be held Monday evenings, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., from February 22 until May 3, 1999 inclusive at the Fire Brigade Lecture Room, 19 Stanton. Info: 989-5328. ♦

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Dates à retenir

• 1^{er} février, 20h

Séance du conseil

Période de questions au début et à la fin de la séance. L'ordre du jour et les documents pertinents sont disponibles aux fins de consultation à la Bibliothèque, à compter de 17h le vendredi précédant la séance du conseil.

• 18-20 février

Carnaval d'hiver

• 19 février

Soirée victorienne 1874

Datebook

• February 1, 8:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Question period at the beginning and the end of the meeting. Council agenda and supporting documents available at the Library as of 5 p.m. on the Friday prior to Council meeting.

• February 18-20

Winter Carnival

• February 19

1874 Victorian Soirée

MNA Chagnon tackles election reform

By WAYNE LARSEN

Westmount-St. Louis Liberal MNA Jacques Chagnon has an added duty in Quebec City. Aside from sitting as president of the Liberal Caucus, he will now be responsible for electoral reform and negotiations with the public sector.

"I am looking forward to this new portfolio," Chagnon said on Tuesday. "The question of electoral reform will be especially contested after this past election, which was the first time Quebec used its new permanent electoral list in a provincial election.

The issue of electoral reform is of special concern for me considering the problems we had in Westmount-St. Louis

in this past election, and in the school election last spring."

Chagnon got a first-hand look at the current electoral system in June, when he stood in the lobby of Westmount High School for several hours during the school election. "It's a zoo," he said at the time as he watched frustrated voters milling around in confusion.

Chagnon also said he expects the PQ government to reintroduce the highly-contested subject of voter identification cards.

"I am eager to engage in these new debates," he said. "The electors of Westmount-St. Louis who renewed their support for me in the last election can be assured of my continued determination and availability."

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By Reg Morden

WRONG PRICING PREDICTABLE

Human nature is predictable. There is a better than even chance that you'll put the wrong selling price on your home if you try to arrive at it yourself.

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Inuit thank Westmounters for their generosity

To the editor:

The Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (ITC) wishes to extend its appreciation and offer congratulations to all those who made the 'Building Hope for Our Children' hockey program such a success for the children and families in the northern Quebec community of Puvirnituq. As the national organization representing Inuit in Canada, ITC is pleased to take due notice of those who selflessly contribute to the community life of Inuit.

The hockey program managed to collect 45 boxes of new and used donated hockey equipment and apparel amounting to approximately \$30,000. The boxes will be delivered free of charge courtesy of Air Inuit from Montreal to Puvirnituq.

We commend the hard work and dedication of Ms. Elizabeth Cundill, who largely coordinated the effort in Montreal, and Anni Tulugak and Carole Beaulne, who got the ball rolling on the effort in Puvirnituq. Thanks also goes to Cynthia Cundill for allowing the use of her garage for storage.

For the dozens of contributors and donors who chose to remain anonymous, we thank you very much. We would also like to thank Westmount Movers, Claude Francis of Play it Again Sports, Joan at Doug Anikin Sports, the Westmount Arena, Terry Dimonte at CJAD, Skip Snair at Mix 96, Carol Gouel at Easton Sports, Todd McDougall and Maureen Duncan at Bauer Sports, Jennifer Goodfellow at Selwyn House School, and Alan Roy and Mark T. Gordon at Air Inuit.

J. Okalik Egeesiak
President, ITC.

Arguments against sound barrier are quite invalid

To the editor:

My, my, my! Will somebody please explain what it is that causes so much confusion surrounding the need for a sound barrier and why it raises such a ruckus?

It is indeed strange for a city as

sophisticated as Westmount to be so seemingly adamant in its refusal to alleviate the embarrassing noise and air pollution being daily unleashed on a large segment of its citizenry—this in the face of an engineering report, ordered in 1993 by the City itself, that clearly indicates the decibel levels emanating from the Ville Marie Expressway are well above the limits set by provincial and local governments. In this light it appears to me that most of the arguments against the need for a sound barrier are particularly specious.

The arguments I've heard that rage against the barrier's construction and our own citizenry are, the price (read: taxes), the loss of horizon, its tiresomeness, the few malcontents, caveat emptor, double the double glaze, unethical behaviour, the instigators, the inconvenience, and a few more malcontents.

The list of insipid arguments appears endless—endless because they are circular, and circular because they have the same ring about them—the ring of a klatch of mean spirits sitting around repeating this litany. Could it be that some among us enjoy or are even impervious to this constant barrage?

As for the price and taxes argument, this is an obvious canard since the provincial government is responsible for at least half the cost, and in some cases has even paid the full freight. The loss of horizon, though frail and inconsequential as an argument, can be addressed through consultation and creativity. I hardly think that local folks addressing a pollution problem that impinges negatively on their daily lives can be referred to as malcontents and their struggle as tiresome. These are dismal epithets unworthy of sensible citizens.

What is really tiresome is the mysterious inactivity displayed by our local authorities. The most grievous of the railings implies that people should have known better than to buy homes in this section of Westmount. The fact that thousands more vehicles are using the expressway, which was unforeseen by the 'experts', must put that one to rest.

The most sadly comical suggestion was the 'Walls don't belong in Westmount' letter in our *Examiner* (December 24), which

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Liberal caucus retreat was well prepared

Pohénégamook, PQ—Have you ever been to Pohénégamook? Have you even heard of Pohénégamook? If you said no, you're not the only ones. Pohénégamook is a small village in the lower St. Lawrence region, about 300 kilometres from Quebec City on the shores of a fairly large lake (about six miles by one and a half miles).

This pretty little village is in the riding of Kamouraska-Témiscouata, a riding that we won with a majority of just 150 votes. The MNA, Claude Béchard, who is 29 years old, is one of our rising stars. He invited the Liberal caucus to his riding for this three-day retreat.

Since the majority of the members of our caucus come from the Montreal area, it was, for some people, their first visit to this enchanting place about 10 kilometres from Maine and New Brunswick. No telephone, no television for three days—for a group of 48 MNAs, that's what you call a real change of scenery!

Several MNAs may have been complaining about the location when they arrived, but everyone



MNA
Jacques
Chagnon

left delighted by the therapeutic effect of having spent three days together without being bothered. This gave us a chance to discuss the way to go about preparing for our work at the National Assembly, revitalizing the party and doing everything in our power to become a credible alternative to the government.

It must be said that this caucus retreat was very well prepared. The party leader, the whip and his assistant, the parliamentary leader and his assistant and myself spent many hours together discussing and planning the opening of the next session at the National Assembly, and planning this caucus meeting. Jean Charest decided that MNAs who hold major parliamentary responsibilities would not have any particular portfolios within the shadow cabinet. Instead, our task will involve coor-

inating our colleagues' work. Exceptionally, I was given responsibility for two ad hoc issues—electoral reform and public sector negotiations. These two issues will keep me busy, particularly in the first half of the mandate. Public sector negotiations will reach their climax next autumn and electoral reform will be on the government's agenda in the spring.

With everything that we lived through in the riding during the school board and provincial elections, I will have some good examples to use as reasons why our electoral system needs to be improved.

I think we can say that the announcement of the shadow cabinet was well received. All of the political commentators commended Jean Charest for daring to take a risk in naming many new recruits to major positions as critics, while giving ten or so MNAs responsibilities related to the reorganization of the party.

PS—Congratulations to those who organized the festivities for the Westmount Public Library's centennial. It was a great success!

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**Ten Years Ago**

January 26, 1989:

ROTARY BUYS CENTRE:

"The Greene avenue Unity Club building is on the verge of becoming a community centre, thanks to the combined efforts of the Rotary Club of Westmount and local citizens. A tentative agreement has been reached whereby the Rotary Club will purchase the building at 1090 Greene from the Unity Boys and Girls' Club for \$1 and considerations. Rotary will maintain ownership of the building—which it erected in 1949 on land donated by the city and gave to Unity—while turning over day-to-day management to a new board that will run the facility as a community centre, Rotary president James Griffin said Tuesday."

Fifteen Years Ago

January 26, 1984:

KIDS' PRESS CONFERENCE:

"Mayor Brian Gallery reflected on his first two months in office Monday, singling out taxes and parking as two problems in the city. He said the job of mayor took more time than he realized and that it was 'very hard' for him to know if he would seek a second term in office. The 'trade secrets' were revealed in a candid interview at city hall with two 11-year-old Westmount reporters, Thea Grivakis and Elizabeth Gallery, the mayor's youngest daughter. They represented the Eager Beaver, a publication of Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 31, 1974:

HISTORICAL VOID: "The City of Westmount lacks a central depository of historical information. The only published document offering memorabilia of the beginning of the 100-year-old city is the 'Old Westmount' book put together six years ago by energetic Westmount High School students, who reached far and wide to gather momentary recollections of early Westmount. The information they were able to obtain, however, gives a scanty image of what should be a rich history for the municipality."

Thirty Years Ago

January 30, 1969:

NIHON TOWER RISES:

"Westmounters can expect another change to appear on their local skyline in the months ahead, as work got under way this week on the 600-apartment tower to complete the original plan for the Alexis Nihon Plaza. A big gantry crane was erected this week atop the existing plaza, to ascend floor-by-floor with the 26 additional storeys."

Looking ahead to a Westmount in bloom

BY CYNTHIA LULHAM

I find myself having a hard time writing about one of my favourite subjects while it is frozen and masked by winter's snow and ice. But now is the time that experienced gardeners are busy planning and plotting their gardens for the coming year. Hence I felt this would be an opportune time to initiate some flowery discussion!

Having won the coveted Four Iris award again last year in the Provincial Villes, Villages et Campagnes fleuries contest and the National Communities in Bloom award for their category, Westmounters should be proud of their efforts! The judges for both these contests were impressed with the level of citizen participation at all levels, from the private gardens to the community gardens, citizen group initiatives (including the Pesticide Task Force, Healthy City Project and Westmount Municipal Association, to name just a few), the spring clean-up efforts of the Boy Scouts and citizens in Westmount's parks, the fund raising efforts of the Westmount Dog Association for Summit Park, the Perennial Plant Exchange, the Maisons Fleuries Walking tour and the Secret Garden Tour.

To keep this wonderful momentum going and growing there are many ways that Westmounters can start now to plan a new garden, improve or expand an existing one or make preparations for a container garden.

• The Westmount Public Library has a good selection of gardening books and videos (many purchased with the proceeds from the Perennial Plant Exchange) as well as a list of web sites. Ask at the reference desk.

• The Westmount Horticultural Society meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Westmount Library in the Westmount Room at 8:00 p.m. These meetings are open to all, or you can become a member for an annual fee of \$10, which entitles you to discounts at several garden centres and to participate in field trips and workshops. The next meeting is on February 9. Speakers offer interesting and valuable tips on their area of expertise as well as hand-outs including source lists and catalogues.

• There are many other Garden and Horticultural groups throughout the Island. Westmount resident Stuart Robertson includes the times, dates and guest speakers for many of these clubs in his column in The Gazette on Thursdays.

The Horticultural Advisory Committee (HAC) organizes Westmount's participation in programs and contests as decided by Council. I chair this committee, which also includes seven citizens and three members of City staff. The HAC meet monthly to plan and organize municipal events that encourage citizen participation and beautification of our community. This year's schedule includes:

• The Perennial Plant Exchange—a popular annual event held at the arena on May 19 and 20 that offers residents the opportunity to bring potted and labeled perennial plants from their garden to exchange for vouchers redeemable for other perennial plants. It's a two-day event with plants brought in for vouchers on the first day and vouchers redeemed on the second day. The event is also opened to residents to purchase remaining plants at the end of the second day—great for those who are just starting a

garden and don't yet have plants to exchange. City horticulturist Claudette Savaria, environmental coordinator Maureen Lafrenière and other experts will be on hand both days to dispense information.

• The Secret Garden Tour (A sell-out last year!) will take place on June 18 this year. Organizer Lillian Léonard has discovered 12 beautiful private gardens to be featured on the tour. Ticket holders will be able to visit the gardens and enjoy a great picnic lunch. A limited number of tickets are sold for the event with the proceeds going to the Westmount Train Station Fund raising Campaign.

• The Maisons Fleuries Walking Tour will celebrate Westmount's 125th anniversary this year by highlighting properties that are also at least 125 years old. These properties will be featured in a booklet with maps and descriptions, available for \$1 at Victoria Hall, the Westmount Library, City Hall and the Arena in late June. We are always looking for new gardens for the tour so if you know of any garden that should be included, please contact the Community Events department at 989-5226.

The funds raised over the last two years from the above events will be used this summer to renovate the greenhouse wishing pond, which will be unveiled for the Fall Flower Show.

For more information on the above programs please contact the Community Events Department or check the new City Page (biweekly) in the Westmount Examiner for dates and times.

Cynthia Lulham is the Westmount City Councillor for Ward 7.

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encouraged people to more thoroughly glaze their windows to shut out the noise.

In closing, permit me to offer my empathic regards to our fellow citizens atop the hill who, judging from the letter in the January 7 *Examiner* ('Westmounters long overdue for a quiet stroll on the mountain'), have been experiencing the construction racket 'nightmare of 1998'. They long for some peace and quiet. I expect it will soon come to pass. Meanwhile, the nightmare at the bottom of the hill will continue, no doubt, through 1999.

Frederic Smith
Hillside Avenue

Bureaucracy to blame for seniors' plight

To the editor:

The nightmare I so long suppressed since the death of my mother in 1990 once again raised its ugly head with the Jan. 21 issue of The Examiner. I couldn't help but feel sick when I read, with a heavy heart, Gisèle Stephenson's letter to the editor ('Seniors' residence going downhill fast'). Yet at the same time I couldn't help but feel very proud that she had the courage to write it. My mother

was also a resident of a centre d'accueil, but not St. Margaret's. The same issues took place at her residence.

Administrators of institutions work in a disguised attempt to make their place look good. The government dictates to the institution how the money is going to be spent, and this is a classic example.

Management tries to make the public believe that by opening a daycare for seniors they are taking care of the public need. At the same time, it ignores the needs of the live-in residents, in this case by not informing them that their recreation area is going to be eliminated.

These users cannot go elsewhere for recreation—they live on the premises 24 hours a day, seven days a week, without having the luxury of going to a normal home environment.

On the other hand, the daycare users will be coming from a home environment, and will use the facilities a minimum of four hours per day, four or five days a week. In addition, many of these daycare users will probably end up being live-in residents of St. Margaret's and eventually be getting the short end of the stick. The logic simply is not there.

Mrs. Stephenson sounds like a smart lady! My advice to her is to sit on the board of directors repre-

senting the residents. My guess is that the person who presently represents the users is someone who has been selected by the management and not elected by the residents—a 'yes' person who rubber stamps everything the management wants approved.

The government is no different than the Mafia. They both launder money, only in different ways. The government uses disguised attempts such as this one to launder its money.

Avril Wanda Foster
Prud'homme Avenue,
Montreal

The Dickens, you say

To the editor:

In the jolly good calendar put out by the City of Westmount to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the city and the 100th anniversary of the Public Library, we see that perhaps Charles Dickens predicted 'Hard Times' for the municipal tax payers and/or the city council.

The first installment of our municipal taxes are due at the end of February. One can see Dickens's name and 'Hard Times' mentioned on the calendar for February 1999.

By the way, Dickens stayed in Montreal for a few weeks.

Gerald Glass
Metcalf Avenue

Underappreciated and underpaid

To the editor:

Montrealers were delighted to hear that soldiers were headed for Toronto to help in its snow emergency and provide aid wherever they can—just as they did when Montrealers so desperately needed their help during the ice storm exactly one year ago.

These, presumably, are the same soldiers Defence Minister Arthur Eggleton is pleading for when he asks that they be given a raise in pay—the same soldiers who have to moonlight to make ends meet and who sometimes rely on food baskets to keep their families properly fed. For these soldiers, the word 'overtime' is a foreign expression.

We are reminded of Kipling's lines about Tommy Atkins:

*Then it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that an' chuck him out, the brute,
But it's 'Saviour of 'is country
when the guns begin to shoot...*

Edward W. Barrett
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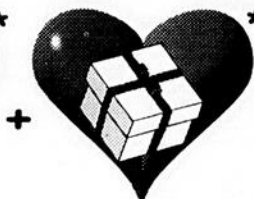
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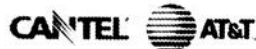
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Campbell inducted at special service

St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church officially inducted new minister Janis Campbell at a special Covenanting service on January 17 at the church. Shown here are (left to right) chair of session Julie Dawson, Rev. Campbell and Rev. Shaun Fryday of the Montreal Presbytery, who presided at the service.



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QUE le rôle de perception des taxes municipales (taxe foncière générale et taxe sur les immeubles non-résidentiels) de la Ville de Westmount pour l'année 1999, préparé par le Trésorier, a été déposé le 25e jour de janvier 1999, au bureau du Trésorier à l'Hôtel de Ville de Westmount, 4333 rue Sherbrooke, où il sera à la disposition du public pour fins de vérification par les personnes intéressées ou leurs représentants. Les comptes de taxes seront envoyés dans les délais alloués et 50% des taxes sera dû et exigible le ou avant le 1er mars 1999 et le solde de 50% le ou avant le 1er juillet 1999. Lorsqu'un versement n'est pas fait dans le délai prévu, le solde, incluant le deuxième versement, devient immédiatement exigible.

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Romvary's stories have been adapted into a humorous play entitled 'Just Fine', a Q Art Theatre production currently being staged at the Centaur Theatre, as part of the Wild Side Festival, until the end of January.

"The book is written with simple language and the play does simple storytelling," said Bobo Vian, the producing manager and actress in the one-woman play. "I think people will react like they would if it was an uncle telling a story."

Although Romvary is a Hungarian-born Canadian writer, she doesn't feel the play will appeal only to Hungarian immigrants. "Many people who are immigrants can see themselves in the play," she said. "All of them went through difficult times, so everybody understands."

"We (immigrants) all come from some kind of oppression, whether it is political,

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Bobo Vian as Zsuzsa in 'Just Fine', a play adapted from the short stories of Westmount author Susan Romvary, now playing at the Centaur Theatre.

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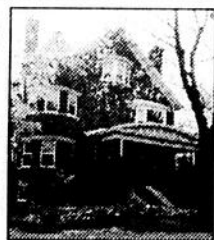
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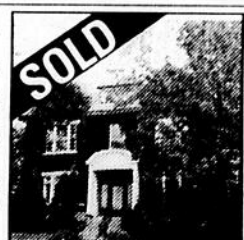
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At 28, Noall is the oldest member of the National Swim Team. She was on the National Swim Team from the age of 16 to 21, and then returned after a five-year absence.

"Patricia is an inspiration to all swimmers and athletes. It is her history that makes her interesting," said Pete McAuslan, president of McAuslan Brewing and a Master Swimmer at the Westmount YMCA. "She has been through a rough time and is still on top of her sport. McAuslan Brewing is proud to be a sponsor of the Quebec Federation for the Masters Swim Program."

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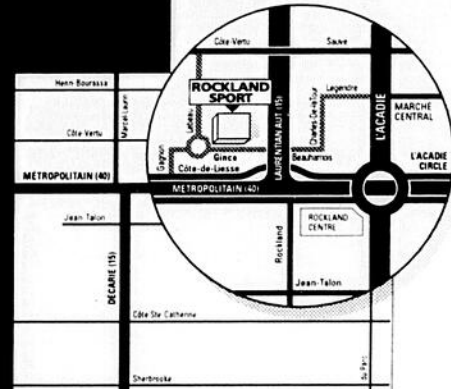
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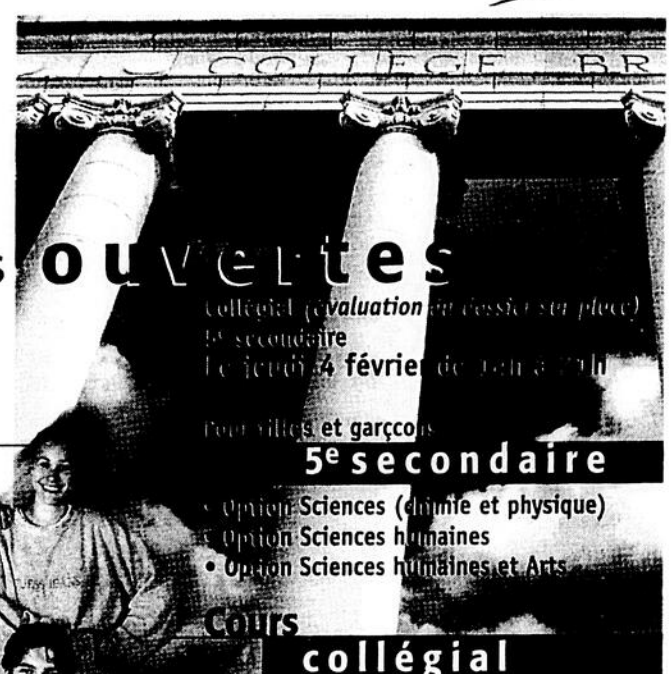


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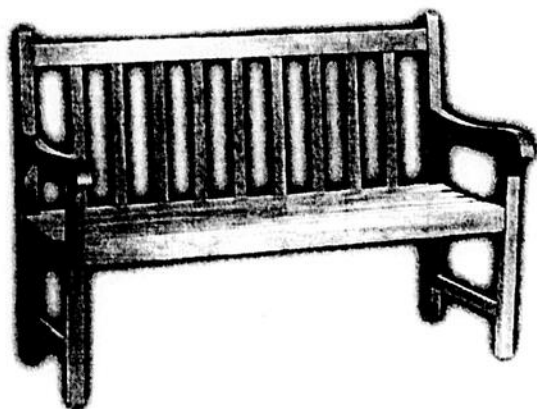
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Wild Side festival brings together plays from five different companies

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cultural or textual," said Vian, who arrived in Toronto from Hungary in 1982. "We all come to Canada so that we can all freely exercise our profession and say whatever we want."

The Centaur's Wild Side Festival brings together plays by five different companies. "There is a certain comedy element present," explained Nathalie Bonjour, the festival's co-producer. "At the same time, we try to present plays with a wide range of forms."

In 'Just Fine', subtle humour is used to transmit the experiences which marked Romvary's own journey.

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Carolyn Nini is a second-year student at Concordia University's School of Journalism.

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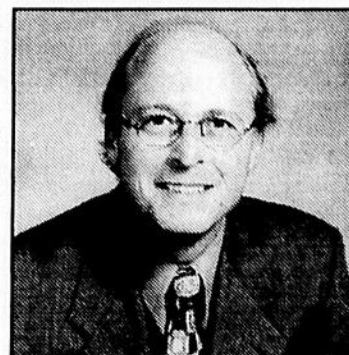
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Sunday, Feb. 7

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Monday, Feb. 8

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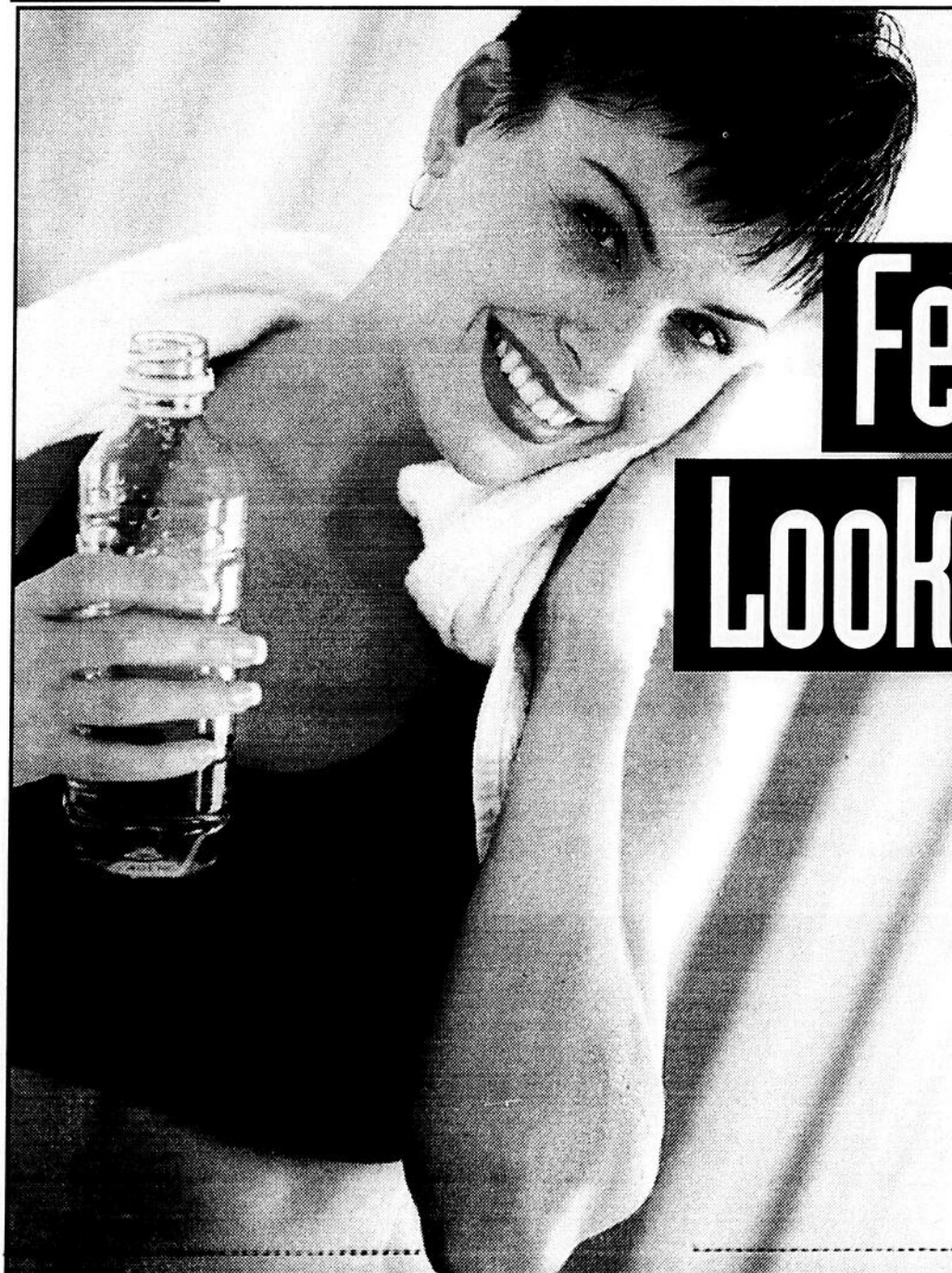
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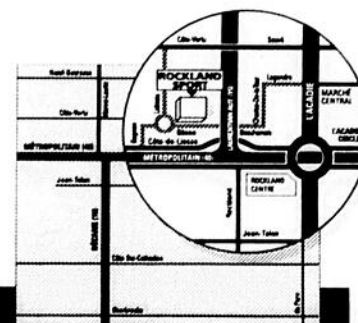
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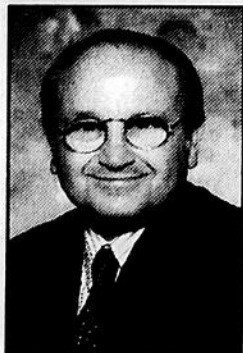
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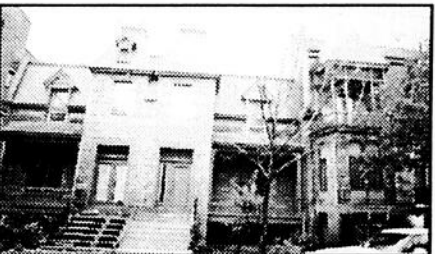
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