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Mark Shinder's fast-food restaurant is out of business after 22 years. See page six.

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Drama for children

Two shows designed for and produced with the help of children are in town this week. See page 11.

Summit Circle will remain open, be enhanced

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The north side of Summit Circle will be enhanced at the request of citizens rather than closed to create a vast urban forest, as proposed by Councillor Peter Trent.

Recommendations for increasing street safety made by citizens at last Thursday's public consultation session appear reasonable and should be easy to implement this summer, Mr Trent told THE EXAMINER Monday.

These include creation of a walking and jogging path along the north side where no sidewalks exist, addition of a second curved barrier to deter bicycle and car racing, as well as closure of the Summit Circle access to Oakland Avenue.

The changes were proposed by citizens at the meeting after Mr Trent agreed to kill his largely unpopular plan to consolidate 50 acres of wild park land and reduce traffic in the area.

The plan, citizens protested, would create too vast a wilderness down the back of the mountain that

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The plan to make a jogging and walking path on the north section of Summit Circle (at left) sounds like a great idea to jogger Ingrid Azimov, a resident of St George's Place. She was nearly hit by a car last week.

Beatrice Bazar joins ranks of Order of Canada

Westmounter Beatrice Bazar was invested into the Order of Canada at a ceremony in Ottawa April 17.

Mrs Bazar, 76, has been active for many years as a volunteer in the field of international relations, human rights and development.

Last year, she was appointed to the Canadian Institute for Peace and Security, a three-year seat on the Crown agency.

As a young woman, she opened the Beatrice Millman pre-kindergarten, on de Maisonneuve and Grosvenor, which was one of the first recognized by the Quebec government. She also ran the first day camp on the site of the now-defunct Maples Inn in Pointe Claire in the late 1930s.

She said her interest in international relations may have begun when, as a child, she perused a collection of art books her parents had, depicting battle scenes in painting through the ages.

In the 1950s, as a result of the Korean War, Mrs Bazar became interested in the United Nations and the possibilities through working with related agencies, such as UNESCO. Mrs Bazar became president of the UN Association in Canada in 1972.

She has been appointed to UN committees on human rights and refugees. Mrs Bazar was part of a delegation to the first environmental conference in Stockholm in 1972.

She was part of the 25th anniversary committee of the UN universal declaration of human rights and of the Federation for International Training in Third World Countries.

Mrs Bazar is married to Bernard Bazar, former owner of Pharmacie Bazar on Greene Avenue. He is now working as pharmacist at Dorval airport.

Their sons Leonard and Ronald, as well as six grandchildren, converged in Montreal to celebrate Mrs Bazar's investiture in the Order of Canada.

Leonard recently received his PhD in clinical pathology from Georgetown University.

Ronald is now a publisher and co-author of children's books in Vancouver.



BEATRICE BAZAR

Seats up for grabs in fall election

Now is the time for Westmounters to start finding candidates for council's eight seats in November's municipal election. With six months to go, only two council members are definitely planning to return, an EXAMINER survey revealed this week.

Rhoda Vineberg and Joan Rothman said yes without hesitation and there's a strong possibility Mrs Rothman will go for mayor. She says she's "sounding out people."

Veteran councillors Sally Aitken, Peter Duffield and Paul Fortin are calling it a day and Daniel Tingley will not run either.

Peter Trent, the remaining councillor (Stuart Robertson's seat remains vacant), says it's possible he'll run for mayor if he has strong support but he won't oppose Mayor May Cutler if she runs again, and she's mum on the matter.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

"I'm not ready to state my position," she said. "I've still got a lot to do."

Mr Trent, who has been a prime mover in bringing in the city's new director general and streamlining city finances, said it "wasn't likely" he would run again as councillor. So if the mayor makes a bid for another term, it would be on a council without Mr Trent at the financial helm.

Mayor Cutler has previously stated she might run again if her agenda were not completed or if there wasn't a "suitable" mayoral candidate.

Taking into consideration the vacancy and Mr Trent's position, it appears that six councillor seats will not be contested by incumbents in the Nov 3 vote while the number

rises to seven if Mrs Rothman seeks the mayoralty.

Who else may run, along with Mrs Vineberg?

Three who have expressed interest are Corinne Sévigny, John Lehnert and Herbert Bercovitz.

"I'm thinking about it," said Mrs Sévigny, who masterminded the political campaigns of her husband, Col Pierre Sévigny, who was associate minister of national defence in the Diefenbaker cabinet.

Mr Lehnert, a lawyer with Bell Canada, ran in the last election and was narrowly defeated in ward 7 by Mr Fortin. "I'm certainly intending to but we live in rather strange times

and anything can happen." As a director of the Westmount Finance Action Committee, he has remained active in local politics.

Mr Bercovitz, president of CLSC Metro, called THE EXAMINER to say he has been encouraged by Sally Aitken to run in her ward and it was possible he'll take up the challenge.

Of the four councillors who know they won't be back on council, three will have fulfilled eight years in office and all feel it's time to hand over the reins to "new blood."

City clerk Marie France Paquet is planning a full-scale city enumeration in September along with a city-wide census at the same time.

• The reasons councillors chose to run again, or not. Page 16.

City information package points to narrowed Cedar

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

The city no longer wants to divert traffic on to The Boulevard from Cedar Avenue, but is still considering narrowing Cedar.

"The final design for the reconstruction of Cedar will be made such that the speed of cars travelling along the road will be reduced while maintaining the capacity to handle present traffic volumes," it states in a recently released information package from the city.

The three-page package was to be delivered to 300 area homes yesterday afternoon and this morning, said Bruce St Louis, Westmount's manager of operations.

A public meeting on the proposed narrowing of Cedar Avenue is to be held at city hall on Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

The city, in an experiment last

October, narrowed the entrance to Cedar Avenue with barriers to divert traffic on to The Boulevard because Cedar residents complained of dangerous, speeding traffic on their street. Residents of The Boulevard opposed the proposed changes because they said it would divert traffic on to their already busy street.

City officials and councillors now all agree that the goal has changed. It is no longer to divert traffic on to The Boulevard but to make the area safer. Further experiments, including computer simulations, will be carried out by the city to make sure that no additional traffic will be diverted on to The Boulevard.

The information package states that no final plans have been prepared for the reconstruction of Cedar

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TO INTERESTED PERSONS BY A MODIFICATION BY-LAW CONCERNING DISTRICTS C-5 PART 7, C7 AND R1 PART 1, A DETAILED DESCRIPTION AND A SKETCH ARE CONTAINED HEREINAFTER IN THE NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of Westmount,

THAT the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount, at its meeting held on Monday, 15th April 1991, adopted by resolution, a draft by-law 1075, entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 613 CONCERNING BUILDING LINES";

THAT the said draft by-law is a by-law to further amend the By-law 613 of Westmount entitled "BY-LAW CONCERNING BUILDING LINES" in its application to Districts C5-Part 7, C7 and R1 Part 1;

THAT the said Districts C5-Part 7, C7 and R1 Part 1 are bounded as follows:

District C-5

Part 7 the immoveable properties on the north side of Sherbrooke bearing civic numbers from 4779 to 4855 Sherbrooke inclusive, those on the south side of Sherbrooke bearing civic numbers from 4780 to 4866 Sherbrooke inclusive, those on the east side of Victoria bearing civic numbers from 339 to 397 Victoria inclusive and those on the west side of Victoria bearing civic numbers from 350 to 392 Victoria inclusive;

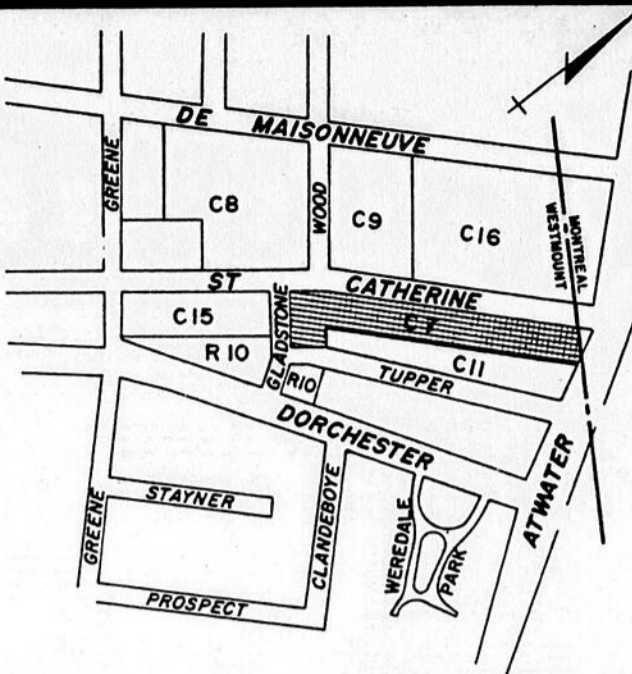
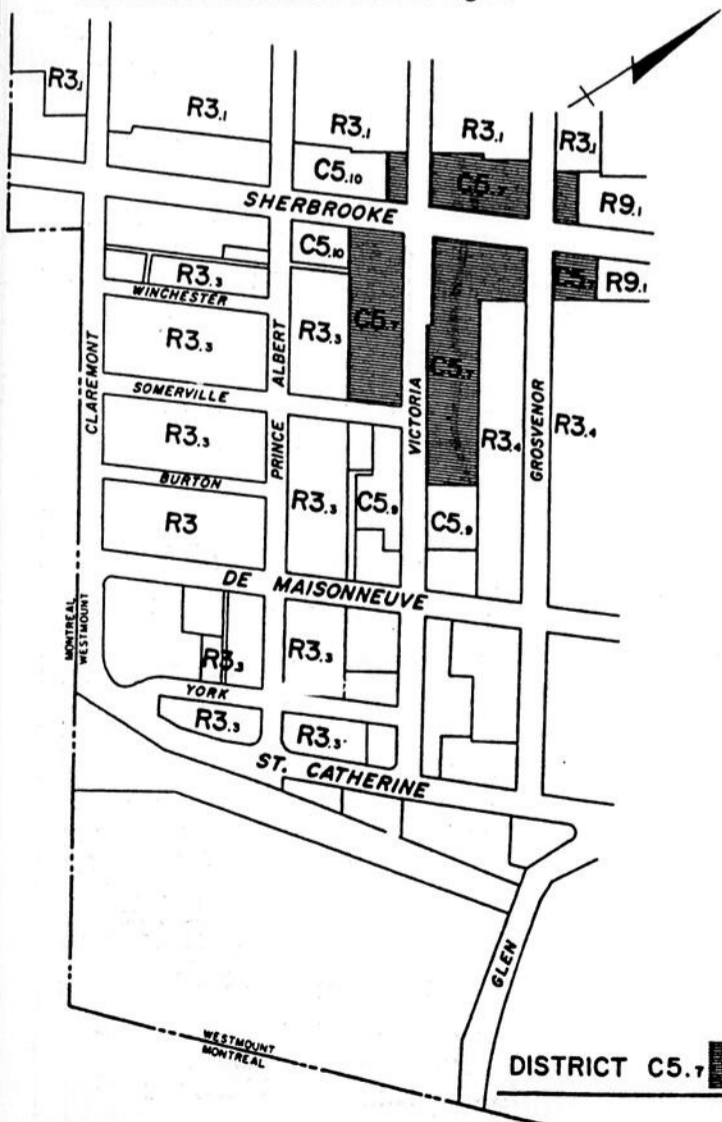
District C7

Bounded on the east, by the eastern limits of the City and by the eastern boundary of lot 378-62 (being a lane); on the south, by the rear lot lines on the south side of Ste. Catherine and by Tupper; on the west by Gladstone; and on the north, by Ste. Catherine.

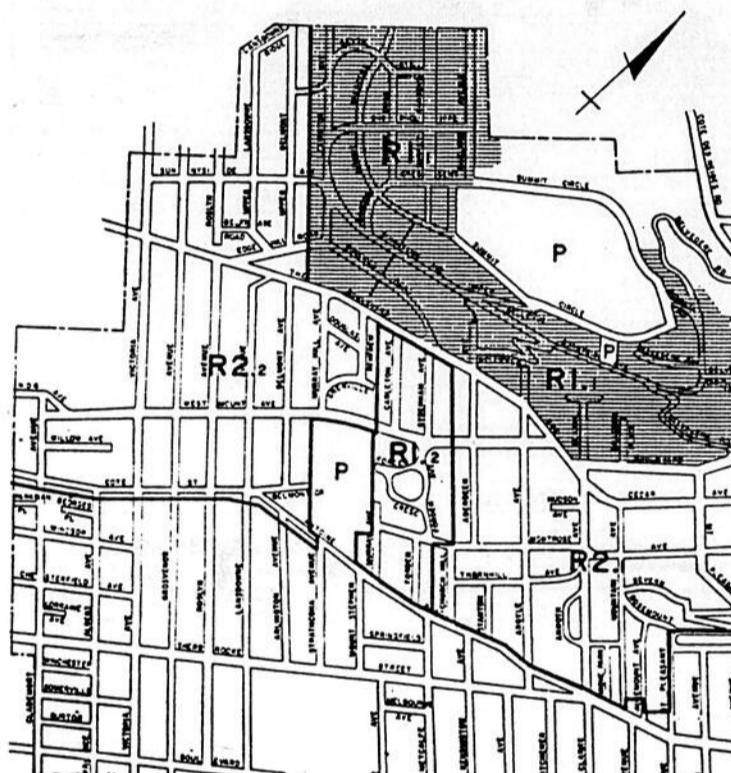
District R1

Part 1 Bounded to the east, by the eastern limits of the City; to the south, by The Boulevard; to the west, by the rear of lot lines on the west side of Lexington; to the north, by the northern limits of the City.

The whole as illustrated in the following sketches:



DISTRICT C7



DISTRICT R1.1

THAT the object and purpose of the said draft by-law is as follows:

- Grosvenor Avenue at Sherbrooke Street**
To modify the building lines on both sides of Grosvenor at the corner of Sherbrooke from 14 feet to nil.
- Ste. Catherine Street — East limits to Gladstone**
To modify the building line from the east limits to Gladstone Avenue from 3 feet to 10 feet.
- Belvedere Place**
To modify the building line on the south side from 25 feet to 15 feet.

THAT, in accordance with the provisions of Section 123 to 130 of the Act respecting land use planning and development (R.S.Q., Chapter A-19.1), the said draft by-law shall be submitted for public consultation regarding the object and the consequences of its adoption, at a public meeting called by the Council and chaired by the Mayor, said public meeting to be held on Wednesday, 15th May 1991 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Quebec, H3Z 1E2;

THAT, at the said public meeting, the Mayor will explain the said draft by-law and the consequences of its adoption and will hear the persons and bodies wishing to be heard;

THAT the said draft by-law is available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Quebec, H3Z 1E2, from Monday to Friday inclusive, during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN under my hand, at Westmount, Quebec, this 23rd day of April 1991.

Marie-France Paquet
 City Clerk



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AUX PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR UN RÈGLEMENT DE MODIFICATION VISANT LES DISTRICTS C-5 PARTIE 7, C7 ET R1

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Westmount Community Calendar

Today, April 25

Art exhibit at Galerie Westmount, 4912 Sherbrooke street, of oil paintings by France Trudel until May 5. 484-1488.

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

Saturday, April 27

African Dynasty dinner and fashion show at Victoria Hall to raise funds for the Sickle Cell Society. *Fashion Outrage* features Montreal Black Ebony models, special presentation by Black Designers of Montreal. \$40. 486-6542 or 482-7493.

Children's activities: Trading fun with baseball cards at Oink Oink!, 1361 Greene avenue, at 11 am. 484-0252.

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Saturday at 3:30 pm at Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street. Non-smoking. 499-3940.

Sunday, April 28

Children's theatre: Mirage Magik presents *The Quest for a King*, written by instructor Wayne West and directed by Fabienne Le Panse, at Victoria Hall at 3:30 pm. Free.

Ikebana: Exhibition and demonstration of Japanese flower arranging at Atwater campus of Dawson College, 3040 Sherbrooke street, 5th floor from 10 am to 5 pm and Monday from 10 am to 1 pm. Demonstrations today at 11:30 am, 1:30 and 3:30 pm. 484-1644 or 933-2210.

Lecture: *How to make friends and keep them* by Lee Lubin, public health educator, at a luncheon at the Leisure Institute of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington avenue. 12:30 pm, \$2.50 members, \$3 non-members.

Monday, April 29

Concert: Chorale Nouvelle de Montréal, directed by Brock McElheran, *An evening of opera in concert* at 8 pm at Westmount Baptist Church, Sherbrooke street at Roslyn avenue. Tickets \$10 and \$7. 486-3669.

Montreal Camera Club meets at 7:30 pm at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve boulevard. Print of the year and nature slide of the year competition. Guests welcome. Use rear entrance.

Tuesday, April 30

Children's theatre: The drama classes of the recreation department present two one-act plays, *Hoff the Cat-Dealer*, by Andrew Davies, and an excerpt from *Winnie the Pooh*. Performed by children aged five to 14, directed by teacher Collette Micks, the plays start at 7 pm, and are suitable for all ages. Free.

Public consultation: Meeting regarding the narrowing of Cedar avenue at city hall at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, May 1

SWAG meeting at 10 am at a new location: Community Room, 80 Hillside avenue. Guest speaker is Miriam Green, director general of Ville Marie Social Services, discussing services of the agency. All welcome.

Thursday, May 2

Student theatre: Students at Selwyn House present *Arsenic and Old Lace* this evening and tomorrow at 8 pm at 95 Côte St Antoine. General admission \$6; students and senior citizens \$3. 931-9481.

Antique show and sale at the arena, 4675 St Catherine with 60 dealers, until Sunday. Daily from 11 am to 9 pm, except Sunday, when it closes at 5 pm. \$4. 486-7195 or 481-1741.

Erratum

Due to an error in a schedule released by the Quebec Drama Festival, the title of Westmount's Eliza Berry's play named in the April 11 issue was incorrect. It should have been *Up and About in an Illegal State*. THE EXAMINER regrets the error.

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Children raising money for Kurds

Children here sympathize with Kurdish children, and those at Westmount Park School have proved it by bringing their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and loonies to school to give to the Red Cross effort to help Kurds trying to flee Saddam Hussein's rule.

The "Save the Children" campaign began in Helen Kanaras' Grade 2 class.

"They do current events every morning," she said. "Even though they're young, they understand what's going on, the suffering and the pain."

"They've been following the news and were so touched by the plight of the refugees."

The children debated how to help, suggesting clothes are needed, discussing writing a letter. Others said no, that they need food and money.

So the class decided to do some fundraising. One student thought the whole school could get involved, and they have.

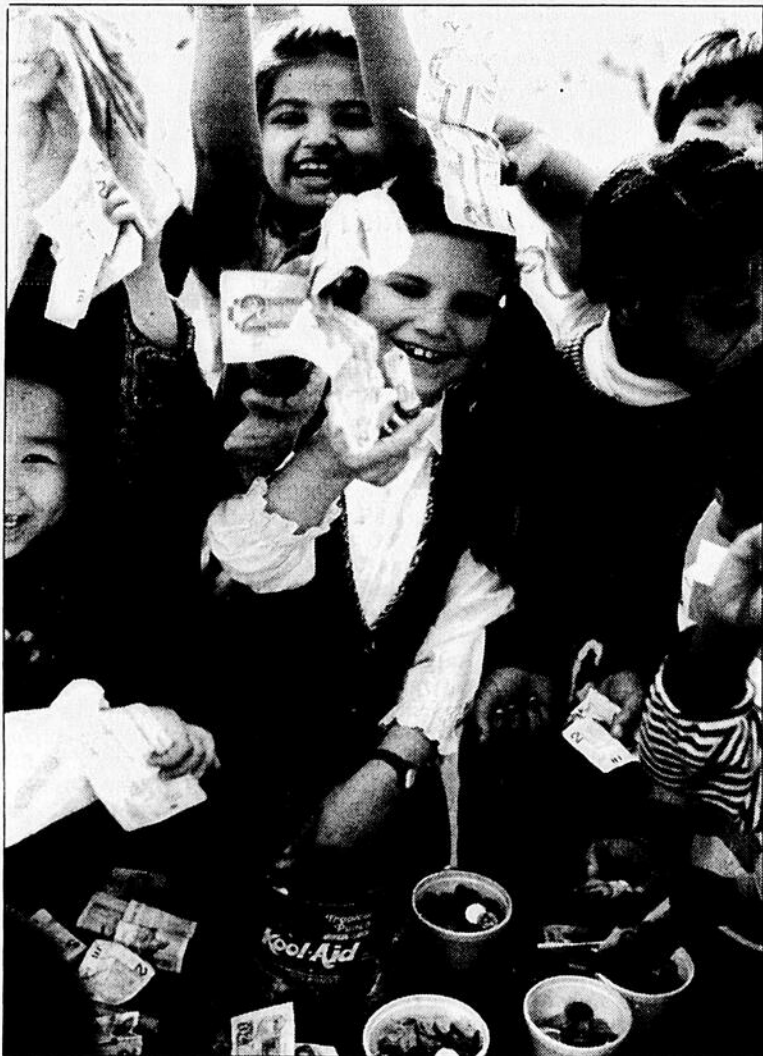
Hopes of raising \$200 to \$300 were quickly surpassed on Thursday, the first of two fundraising days. By Friday at 10 am, exactly \$578.56 sat in piles of coin and a box of mainly small bills in the Grade 2 classroom.

On Monday, the cut-off, \$713.47 had been raised.

Some parents donated \$20 or so, but the bulk was brought in by students.

"We asked for pocket change," said Ms Kanaras. But children have been bringing in jars filled with pennies, piggy banks and other symbols of their life savings.

The effort is doubly pleasing to the teacher; her children have just finished a unit on counting, and tallying up the change is terrific practice.



Children in a Grade 2 class at Westmount Park School triumphantly show some of the money their school raised to help Kurds in Iraq.

A cheque was to be presented to the Red Cross Tuesday. Readers who also wish to contribute may send cheques made

out to the Red Cross and marked "Kurdish relief" to 2170 René Lévesque boulevard west, Montreal, H3H 1R6.

WFAC says city opting for an outdated computer system

The Westmount Finance Action Committee says the city will purchase a dinosaur if it follows a consultant's recommendation to spend \$200,000 for a new IBM AS 400 computer.

A press release by the WFAC states the AS 400 is a dinosaur because it is not compatible with any other equipment or software but IBM and consequently doesn't offer access to the "enormous library of software packages designed for Quebec municipalities."

"The WFAC urges the new director general to acquaint himself with the present basic systems and procedures and to compare them to what is being done elsewhere," the April 20 document states.

Once that is done, "he should be in a position to rationally propose a solution which will not merely patch up a crumbling edifice."

The WFAC says the recently released \$50,000 consultant's report by LGS Group didn't give enough consideration to a cheaper alternative to the AS 400 — "a third party turn-key system."

This means an outside consultant would sell and maintain the city's hardware and software.

Councillor Peter Trent said at an April 2 council meeting that the city would delay deciding on a new central computer after hearing the WFAC's argument, which he said had merit. The city intended to meet with Dynobec Ltée which has 300

subscribers, including Outremont and Côte St Luc.

John Lehnert, president of the WFAC, says that in the long run this system would be cheaper. The LGS report states the IBM 400 would be cheaper over a period of eight years.

The press release says that the cost of an IBM RISC 6000 computer, necessary for a turn-key system, would be about the same as the AS 400 but the yearly software licensing fees would be cheaper than hiring an additional employee for Westmount's management information system/data processing department (MIS/DP), as the LGS report recommends.

Jerry Dolar, director of MIS/DP, had recommended buying an IBM AS 400 two years ago, but Mayor May Cutler opposed the request, saying the high cost of the new computer, then \$400,000, had to be justified to the taxpayers.

Mayors meet with Ryan over transfer payments

Mayor May Cutler was expected to travel to Quebec City for a one-day trip yesterday with other suburban mayors to oppose the reduction of

transfer payments by municipal affairs minister Claude Ryan to municipalities.

The group was scheduled to meet

with Mr Ryan as well as members of the caucus.

The trip was planned to underline the common front of the mayors against the Ryan reforms, according to Yolande Laurin, director general of the group.

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Ridiculous accusations

MOZART once said that to give a concert before a Salzburg audience was like playing to empty chairs.

It seems that speaking in the presence of Councillor Joan Rothman is like speaking to an empty chair. Not only does she not appear to have listened to anything I have ever said, she doesn't seem to have read anything, either.

How else to explain the goofy attacks made on me in her column last week in THE EXAMINER?

Where once, in all said or written, have I suggested turning Victoria Hall into a "proper" theatre? I have always proposed a multi-use hall.

Where again, said or written, have I suggested turning our library into "a copy" of the Côte St Luc library? The Côte St Luc library is a model in how it reflects the needs of that community. I have always urged the restoration of our Westmount Library to its former splendor, adding what is necessary to make it easier to use and easier to work in.

When did I ever say the citizens of Westmount are more interested in "sweat" activities than in the arts? It's our city councils that have concentrated on athletic activities. The 1987 budget (just before I was elected) allocated only \$5,000 to "cultural" activities in contrast to \$1,319,000 for athletic-related activities. Now, as populations grow older, cultural activities, especially those that people create themselves, have grown in importance, and it's time to pay attention to them as well. This is going on in cities right across Canada.

Why would I want to "buy" old cast-iron fire alarm boxes as sculpture for our parks? We already own them. I just want to see them installed. Cities less affluent than Westmount have sculpture in their parks: Lachine, Verdun, Montreal North, Montreal East, LaSalle, Ste Anne de Bellevue. We have none. My suggestion was that we recycle our 80-year-old cast iron fire alarm poles as the beautiful antiques they are, veritable *objets trouvés* that are also part of our heritage. Another way of getting sculpture into our parks without paying for it.

And when did I ever suggest bringing a symphony orchestra to Westmount?

Now, for Councillor Rothman's crusade to buy chairs for Victoria Hall and her accusation that I have put that "deteriorating" building on hold.

Victoria Hall as a building is *not* deteriorating. One of the problems with it is precisely that it was built so solid, it is structurally almost impossible to change inside or out, even if we wanted to, which I doubt. It is a monument.

What it needs is the addition of technical services to make it more useable. I have been trying to get them since I came into office. When I was given no budget to work on it in 1988 or 1989, I did what I had done earlier when I wanted to get some art into our bleak city hall. I looked around for what I could get *free* and was able to convince the Council of the Arts of the MUC to lend us *without charge* their specialist on community halls.

The resulting report of Pierre Bertrand dated Oct 16, 1989, still stands as the best recommendations for making Victoria Hall *multi-useable*: air conditioning, a sound system, a screen, a lighting system and a lowered stage to bring audience and speakers/performers closer together. It also recommended the purchase of 500 new chairs that would be comfortable to sit on while at banquet tables and while attending meetings, lectures, dance, music, theatre and anything else that might go on from a stage.

The council did not see fit to go ahead with these recommendations but it did buy 50 new chairs for the hall last year and has budgeted to purchase another 50 this year. (Is Councillor Rothman unaware of this?)

The council now feels that the library is the most urgent priority and should be done first. Victoria Hall is on hold because it will probably have to serve as a temporary library during renovations to our main library, with other activities being moved to schools, churches, etc around town. Not exactly a time to do major refurbishing and refurbishing.

It has taken a lot of work to get the council to the point of undertaking any major project. If the council now wants to do the library first, so be it.

Since I came into office, I have tried to get things done, *not* postponed. To make a big issue of chairs as Councillor Rothman is doing at this point is not quite the equivalent of moving them about on the Titanic. It's worse. After all, *they* didn't know it was going to sink. We presume Victoria Hall will be there for a long time.

I do wish Councillor Rothman had used the chairs she has sat on for the past three years at council, committee and public meetings to listen more carefully, that she read my writings more carefully, so that when she sat down to write a column attacking me she would be accurate in her facts.

Or is it that she has made these ridiculous accusations so often privately that she no longer realizes they are of her own manufacture?

our M.P.
David Berger
says...



Chrétien's proposals

SPEAKING to a group of Liberal MPs and senators recently, Jean Chrétien said that he had the feeling that enough had been said about Canada's constitutional problems, that it was time for him to speak his mind. He did just that in a speech in Montreal on Sunday.

"We do not need any more Green Papers and White Papers," said Mr Chrétien. "Canadians in all parts of the country want to put constitutional issues behind them and want their politicians to get on with the very serious problems of the economy, competitiveness, the environment and social justice."

Mr Chrétien invited the prime minister to make public a detailed and concrete constitutional package by June 1, and set out in detail the kind of package Liberals would support.

To begin with, Mr Chrétien asked for a declaration of the nature of Canada. This would set out the will of Canadians to live together in a federal state, the operational principles of that state, the values which we

share, our commitment to two official languages, a recognition of our diverse cultural heritage, a recognition of the distinctiveness of Quebec society, a recognition of the role of aboriginal peoples.

His proposals also includes a commitment to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the free movement within Canada of people, goods and capital, and a reformed Senate.

With respect to the division of powers between the federal government and the provinces, Mr Chrétien believes that powers should be exercised by the level of government that can handle the matter best.

The essential focus must be an arrangement which best serves the needs of people, not governments or bureaucrats or politicians. Any new arrangement must provide the flexibility to meet the changing demands and challenges of the future.

The Liberal leader believes that such a proposal should be referred to a joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons. The committee should hold wide-ranging public hearings and report back to Parliament by the end of year.

This would enable the federal government to present the proposals to Canadians in a national referendum early in 1992.

Randolph Churchill once said that the duty of the opposition is to oppose. Mr Chrétien rose above the role of the leader of the opposition. He took the lead in outlining detailed proposals for dealing with Canada's constitutional problems.

I Say!

I have learned to seek my happiness by limiting my desires, rather than in attempting to satisfy them.
—John Stuart Mill

We Say

Seeing through glass darkly

CONSULTATION?

The word is getting bandied about carelessly in Westmount these days and we must ask if the complainers about its alleged absence really know what they are talking about.

The Westmount Municipal Association vice-president, Mr Stanley Baker, dumped on city council at last week's municipal meeting for what he said was the taking of decisions in advance of asking citizens what they thought, in this instance on three particular subjects.

We have several questions.

First, why do the citizens of Westmount elect their mayor and councillors?

We always thought the prime purpose was to delegate to representatives the responsibility for making decisions in the citizens' behalf.

Part of that role is an assumption that solons are chosen because of their knowledge of the city, of the general wishes of the residents, for their known good sense, honesty and fairness in weighing any conflicting interests, and for ultimate decisiveness.

Generally, another qualification is to recognize major questions which require more than ordinary deliberation, such as surveying those likely to be affected, seeking outside advice and even consulting formally with the interested public, whether or not such action may be required by law.

In view of this, we are in quandary over Mr Baker, and others, complaining because they felt council had made decisions with regard to closing part of Summit Circle, narrowing Cedar avenue and re-seeding two park dog runs.

The first matter actually proves the opposite. Councillor Peter Trent had an idea about closing the little-used bit of road

and floated a trial balloon. He then chaired an excellent consultation meeting and already action has been taken on what citizens at that meeting requested.

The Cedar avenue thing has been beaten to death. Our complaint is the untoward prolongation of the issue and now, heaven forbid, council's decision to hire outside consultants!

And since when is maintenance work in parks, particularly dog runs, a capital issue? The only thread of justification for public complaint, and that only for dog owners who may be temporarily discommoded, is that there appears to have been no announcement of the work.

Indeed, it is in the realm of communications, not consultation, that the city administration can be faulted. Announcements of the city's intentions are inclined to be hit and miss.

Professional public relations went by the board here some years ago in a misguided economy measure, leading Westmount into all kinds of avoidable embarrassment. Officials close to situations tend not to be conscious that it is the little things, not the major ones, which promote complaint.

Also, some solons have the capacity for mis-speaking. For example, Councillor Paul Fortin did no one any good, particularly his own reputation for good sense, by blurting out on the Cedar issue that his mind was made up; this when, clearly, council as a whole regrettably had not and has since proved it by consulting "experts."

There would be a good deal less demand from the citizenry for "consultation" if there were more resolution and clear public communication of such decisions to everyone.

With all the planning afoot for more refurbishing of the hall and of the public library, provision should be made for a suitable room or rooms for such an exhibit. Right now, one of the smaller, under-used rooms of Victoria Hall might be put to use to remember the 10 distinguished Westmounters honored so far, and those who must in the future be added.

There is no doubt that some of the items on view last week were merely loaned for the occasion. However, most families and friends would be honored to be asked to provide these and other items as gifts or long-term loans if they were assured that there were to be suitable care and use for them.

Heritage, in our view, is more appropriately preserved and honored in this way — involving people — than some of the efforts to prevent renewal of notable but old properties.

A number of persons who were privileged to attend the recent Victoria Hall ceremony imaginatively honoring distinguished former residents of Westmount apparently have had a similar idea.

It is to have some permanent result, beyond the satisfaction of knowing that a grateful city remembered those whose lives have had an important impact on the community, the nation and even the world.

Simply put, it is to create a "Hall of Fame," a room or place in the city which could house an on-going exhibit of memorabilia which could be visited by citizens, visitors, researchers, and specially children learning their city's and country's history.

The portraits, the decorations, the mementoes, the uniforms, the videos and the other artifacts thoughtfully gathered and presented in the concert hall last week for the guests to admire would make an excellent start for a permanent exhibition.

EXAMINING THE FILES

Forty-five Years Ago
April 26, 1946

"After four long years of limited activity the Business Association of Westmount are launching a gigantic post war program to regain the important part they played in this city previous to the outbreak of war... At the present time several new projects are on the horizon, and it is the intention of the Association to not only encourage more home shopping but to instruct merchants and their employees in good public relations between the firms they represent and the consumer."

Headline: "Earthquake!" Story: "Single rumbling tremor, first earthquake shock felt here since the Cornwall million dollar disaster in September 1944, lasting less than a second, was felt with most intensity by residents of Notre Dame de Grâce and Westmount shortly after midnight Saturday. Many reported pictures had been set swinging on walls, chinaware in cupboards upset and beams in roofs had creaked threateningly. The rumble was believed by many to be merely that of a heavy passing truck."

Thirty-five Years Ago
April 27, 1956

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"Visitors to the 'Y' Monday night saw that dog training pays off. The occasion was the graduation night for the Westmount Y.M.C.A. dog training classes. Dogs that attended the classes gave a demonstration of their skills."

Twenty-five Years Ago
April 28, 1966

"Kids always get a bang out of firecrackers. Usually it's a bang on the back of the head from an elder. But, sometimes it's a bang in the face from the cracker... Firecrackers are against the law in Westmount, as they should be in any well-run community." But children at St. Leo's School had some, and were interviewed. "Sure I got some, you want one, mister?" "No sonny, I don't want one. But tell me, where do you buy them?" "Oh, we get 'em on Atwater, you're not allowed to sell them in Westmount, you know." "Look, tell me how you light the crackers." "That's easy, I use wooden matches." "Aren't you a little young to be playing with firecrackers and matches?" "Heck no, there's nothin' to it, you light the match, then the cracker and throw both of them."

Ten Years Ago
April 30, 1981

"A 15-year-old Westmount boy has made restitution for more than \$700 damage he and two out-of-town friends caused to seven properties in eastern Westmount north of Sherbrooke street March 28, according to police."

"A young girl was shot in the hip at 3:20 pm yesterday in Selby Park, east of Greene avenue near the Ville Marie Expressway. She was transported to the Montreal Children's Hospital for treatment."

"A 60-year-old resident of the apartment building at 235 Clarke avenue was apparently 'cleaned out' by drinking pals during a night-long party last Wednesday, police said... after the party was over, (he) discovered the loss of close to \$2,000 worth of goods."

One Year Ago
March 29, 1990

"Westmount's failure to bill 11 companies at 2 Place Alexis Nihon for business taxes until it was too late to collect has cost taxpayers at least \$200,000 in lost revenue and may be only the tip of the iceberg, it was revealed yesterday."

SENSITIVE, IN AN ELECTION YEAR, TO CRITICISM ABOUT NOT CONSULTING CITIZENS, COUNCIL ROLLS OVER BACKWARDS



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



A question of privilege

LAST week Robert Libman, MNA for D'Arcy McGee and leader of the Equality Party, rose in his seat in the National Assembly and asked the minister of energy if she could confirm the fact that certain aluminium smelters had a sweetheart deal with Hydro-Québec whereby they paid only 1.5 cents per kilowatt/hour for electric power while it cost Hydro 2.4 cents to produce it; and the same amount of electricity is sold to ordinary consumers like you and me for 4.5 cents.

Mme Bacon, the minister, refused to confirm or deny Mr Libman's assertion and she walked out of the house in a huff.

The reason she was so annoyed is because Hydro had promised to keep these arrangements secret and the companies involved had gone to court to obtain an injunction to prevent the media from publishing the information.

But none of them had considered the question of parliamentary immunity.

Under the National Assembly Act, no member can be sued or arrested or threatened for what he or she says in the National Assembly and what is revealed in the house can be reported on with impunity.

Consequently, Mr Libman's question was widely reported and commented upon last week by him and by the media across the country.

Then wham! Later in the week Mr Libman received a threatening notice from lawyers representing the huge aluminium companies. The gall of trying to muzzle an elected member is almost without precedent.

We immediately went on the offensive. I moved a motion to bring the offending corporations and their lawyers before the bar of the National Assembly. At the time of writing I don't know what the outcome will be but I rather suspect that the government will side with Hydro and move to protect the beneficiaries of this incredible generosity.

Stay tuned - it could be an interesting contest. Hydro-Québec vs Robert Libman. My money is on my leader.

You Say

Cedar residents state position on proposals

Editor's Note: This letter is much longer than usually accepted by THE EXAMINER. The exception is made because this is the sole letter on the Cedar traffic question we have received from Cedar residents while we have published many, taking a large amount of space, from those on The Boulevard.

It is time that the residents of Cedar avenue state their position.

Firstly, to reply to Mr Hoppenheim ("You Say" last week), the Cedar avenue point of view presented to the city is not that of Judge Greenberg alone.

On June 12, 1987, Judge Greenberg prepared a petition concerning the terrible speeding-safety problem on Cedar. It was taken around by another Cedar avenue resident, was signed by persons at 24 of the 34 residences on the Westmount portion of Cedar (we have included the two houses on the west side of the Cedar-Mount Pleasant intersection, which have their civic numbers on Mount Pleasant) and submitted to city hall. (It should be noted that only one resident approached refused to sign. Having no young children, he said he liked the speeding cars. The others simply could not be found at home.)

Again in June 1988, a second petition was circulated and then presented to the city, this time signed by 28 Cedar residents.

In 1989, having learned that Cedar was scheduled for reconstruction in 1990 as part of Westmount's normal road-rebuilding program, a meeting was held on Nov 6, 1989, at which were present 26 Cedar avenue residents.

At that meeting, 11 persons were selected to form a steering committee, the CATSC (Cedar Avenue Traffic Safety Committee). They are the signatories of this letter. (We could well have gathered 30 signatures, were it not for THE EXAMINER's publishing deadline.)

Some people have suggested that there was something improper about forming a committee and meeting with city authorities. Not at all! When the question of Grosvenor avenue being designated an artery in the Westmount development plan was a live issue before city council last year residents of that street were advised to form a com-

mittee. That is precisely what Cedar residents have done, in keeping with a long-standing tradition in Westmount.

The issue to be addressed at the April 30 public meeting involves three things: safety, safety and safety; that is, for Cedar, for The Boulevard and for the other streets in the area.

A resident of Cedar is worth no more, but
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Consider Montrose too in pondering traffic

We should like to bring the following to the attention of Westmount city council and its traffic director.

Free traffic flow means the ability to move from one point in the city to another in a reasonably direct fashion. It does not mean large numbers of commuters taking the same short cut through residential areas twice a day, five days a week, in order that they may avoid traffic lights or cut a couple of minutes off their commute.

Montrose avenue, parallel to The Boulevard and Cedar avenue, enjoys neither the width of the former nor the one-way nature of the latter to limit the effect of through traffic. It has a park on one end and a girls' school on it. Its residents, and the children who walk along it, incur the dirt, noise and traffic hazard of its being used as a commuter thoroughway. The spillover of this adversely affects people who live on Forde, Aberdeen, Argyle, Mountain and, via Rosemount crescent, the Priests' Farm area.

The residents of Montrose avenue and adjoining streets are unhappy with the traffic situation as it is now. A complete and permanent narrowing of Cedar avenue, diverting further traffic along our streets, can only worsen a situation for which a remedy is already overdue.

Please be aware that this is not a Cedar/Boulevard problem. It is a Montrose/Cedar/Boulevard problem.

Dr Richard Lalonde

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Storm creates small mud slide which takes out city bathroom

While this weekend's rain and wind storm did not cause a major blackout in Westmount, it did cause a mini-mud slide which damaged a wall at the Glen power house.

A soil expert is being called before repairs are started, said Fred Caluori, Westmount's director of public works. There are no cost estimates yet.

"Our biggest concern is that more material might come down," he said.

The mud slide cracked a second-floor bathroom wall at the southeast end of the Glen road power house.

"Needless to say, it's out of order," light and power director Danny Ponzoni said of the bathroom.

The incident occurred sometime between Sunday night and Monday morning. The last time there was a mud slide on the slope was in 1975-76 when new garages were built atop, at the Corporation Yards. The embank-

ment was too steep and had to be modified, Mr Caluori said.

Mr Ponzoni said this incident caused a minor inconvenience to the light and power department. Concrete light pole bases which were stored in the area of the mud slide had to be moved.

Only two homes were temporarily without power Sunday during the storm which had winds of up to 100 kilometers per hour, light and power officials said. There were no wide-scale blackouts.

The high winds felled a ham radio antenna at 652 Lansdowne which also cut the power line into the home. The power line was repaired that night, as was one at 4470 St Catherine.

Also, two sets of traffic lights were damaged by the high winds, one at The Boulevard and Grosvenor and one at Park Place and St Catherine.

Taxes take a bite out of hot dog joint

Neighborhood restaurant folds after 22 years

Don't believe the sign on the door. Mark's is closed — for good.

After 22 years, restaurateur Mark Shinder of Le Restaurant Metcalfe (Metcalfe Coffee Shop) at 4458 St Catherine street has called it quits.

He put a "closed for renovations" sign on the door Friday. Monday and Tuesday people could be seen looking through the door of the ultimate greasy spoon.

They knew something was up. Mark hadn't renovated in more than 20 years.

The sign should have read: "End of an era, closed for good due to hard times."

It should have read: "Mark has put 22 years of his life into this joint and due to the recession, taxes, rising expenses, rent and the GST he has to close because it's just not profitable anymore."

It also should have read: "And it hurts Mark an awful lot to talk about it so please leave him alone and let

him go quietly because that's what he wants."

While he never said so, it was clear Mr Shinder didn't want a story written about his departure and it pained him to talk about it. When later told he was a Westmount institution he was genuinely surprised, and laughed.

There was not even a tinge of anger or bitterness or anything but sincerity in his story. There were no bad guys and no complicated excuses, just "that's the way it is." Nothing fancy. It just wasn't profitable anymore. Case closed.

"I worked too long, too hard for too little money," Mr Shinder said.

Colleen Thatcher, a regular of four years, said she noticed a considerable drop in customers at the eatery in January when Mr Shinder had to apply both the GST and provincial sales tax to his prices.

Mr Shinder said he knew three months ago he was going to close. He

told the waitresses, Rita and Edith, one month ago and the customers at the very end.

"I tried to keep it a secret," Mr Shinder said Tuesday. "I didn't want to hash everything out with everybody... I couldn't take it. It's very upsetting."

The closing is also upsetting to many customers. There was a lot of hugging, kissing and tears when he told those he was closing, Mr Shinder said.

Ms Thatcher described Mr Shinder as a very warm, friendly man who will be missed by many. She said the eatery was always full of regulars who seemed to rely on the people at the restaurant.

"It was an important place to a lot of people," she said. "It's a loss for the immediate neighborhood. Many people will miss the restaurant as a regular part of their day and lives," she said. "And we'll miss the people who work there in particular."

Former EXAMINER editor Kathleen Hugessen wrote in a 1989 story that Mr Shinder hadn't changed a thing in the "quintessential greasy spoon" in 20 years. Ms Thatcher said that was part of Mark's charm. Used books and lottery tickets were sold along with steamies and french fries, with Mr Shinder using his booming voice to give and check on orders. Customers came from local businesses and schools.

"I met a lot of wonderful people, interesting people," Mr Shinder said. "I made a lot of friends... I'm 64 now. It's time to pack up."

His lease ends April 30th. He will leave the equipment there because it might help the landlord rent the eatery.

Tuesday afternoon he was in the restaurant taking inventory. He will try to return some stock to suppliers. Customers looked through the window and waved at him. He waved back with a smile.

In 1989 he told THE EXAMINER, "I can see the end in sight. I would like to retire. I haven't given it much thought but it's in my mind... It's like people waiting for the 6/49... You'll know when the store is closed, I've won the 6/49 and I'm gone."

Tuesday Mr Shinder said, "After 22 years in business I'm retiring... I don't feel that old but I'm going to take my pension... Everything comes to an end."



Mark Shinder has rung up his last frites at his fast-food business at the corner of Metcalfe avenue and St Catherine street. This photo was taken in 1989.

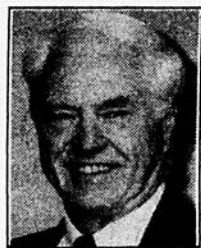
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The second man put his money in a savings account. With interest added, he has some \$18,000 in his savings account today... and the purchasing power of perhaps \$9,000 in 30-years-ago dollars.

The third man put his money to work in a conservative real estate investment. With this \$10,000 cash and a mortgage loan, he bought a small apartment building. He lived rent-free in one apartment, and the income from the others more than paid off his mortgage and maintenance costs. He could sell his property for at least \$50,000 on the present market. At least one of the three friends lived happily ever after.

Crackdown on summer antics starts Monday

Local Montreal Urban Community police will launch their annual summer parks campaign Monday with special emphasis on excessive noise, alcohol, bicycles, skateboards and dogs.

Since the two-month program focuses much of its attention on Summit Park, it has called its operation by that name this year, according to crime prevention officer Gaston Bernier.

"We will give special attention to speeders on Summit Circle, spinning of tires and people who drink alcoholic beverages while sitting in parked cars."

Such offences bear \$300 fines for the driver on the first offence and \$200 fines for each passenger.

The fine for spinning tires is \$30. Westmounters are reminded that a midnight curfew can be imposed if police feel questionable activity warrants emptying a park.

Bikes and skateboards cannot be ridden in parks and dogs must be leashed at all times except in designated dog runs where they must be accompanied by their keepers.

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Silence on the phone may be the only clue about vanished girl

By ALISON RAMSEY

Top former ECS student Supoorna Chattopadhyay turned 18 this February. But there was no celebrating at her father's Victoria avenue home.

She disappeared 15 months ago from the Allan Memorial Institute.

Her father, Paresh, has reminders, including a medicare card which arrived after she vanished.

"I don't have that much hope" that she will return, he said, though he thought she might show up after she had the freedom of being an adult.

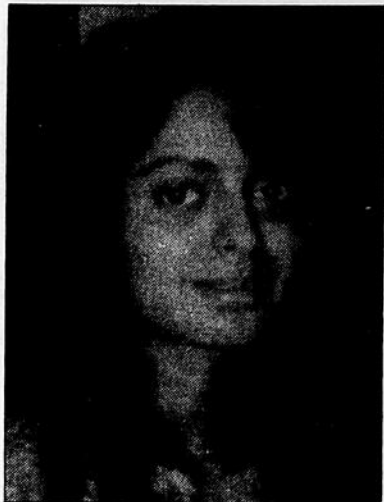
There is no sign of her, except perhaps, in the intermittent telephone calls he receives.

"The person doesn't put the phone down right away. They wait, maybe 10 seconds, then hang up. There is just silence. Only once, a month ago, I heard a faint noise of an elderly lady in the background. It certainly was not a public telephone.

"I suspect it could be she."

He did not know why she would fail to talk, "unless she is prevented from speaking. We had a good relationship. I think she liked me very much, though I used to restrict her hours. She liked absolute freedom."

When she disappeared, Supoorna was 16 years old, weighed 120 pounds



SUPOORNA CHATTOPADHYAY

and was five feet, four inches tall.

She liked mixing with older people, and would lie about her age. She was rebellious and had run away before, once to Toronto.

"She was taken with the hippie thing," said Mr Chattopadhyay.

Her rebelliousness landed her under Youth Protection but she escaped, used a different name, colored her hair and began working in a shopping centre. Discovered, she was brought back by police, placed again under Youth Protection and later released to her home.

After drinking tea laced with drugs she said someone had slipped her, Supoorna was taken to the Montreal Children's Hospital then transferred to the Allan Memorial. She was on medication, back at home and under the care of a doctor, when she left again, saying she was kidnapped for \$5,000. Her father knew that to be false.

Once again under Youth Protection, once again at the Allan Memorial, she walked out and hasn't been heard from since.

The house is empty now that Supoorna is gone. Her mother was killed in a traffic accident in 1988. Mr Chattopadhyay, a teacher at the Université de Montréal, is philosophical.

"There's nothing I can do. It's outside my control."

Even though Supoorna is now an adult, she continues to be sought by Child Search, and police in both the U.S. and Canada. Only when she has been missing for five years will the official search end, according to police.

Young lovers hide from rain beneath trap door

Some people will smooch just about anywhere.

This is a story about "lovers and other strangers," according to public security reports. It all began Saturday afternoon when a public safety officer entered the comfort station in Westmount Park about 1:50 pm and encountered a man in his late 30s seated on a bench.

The man, who struck him as acting strangely, reported that there were lovers in the workers' section of the comfort station which is normally kept locked. The man was ushered outside and the officer proceeded to the employees' section which, as he anticipated, was all in order.

Six judgments in Westmount Municipal Court reveal hefty fines levied in March and April against owners of local residential and commercial buildings regarding violations of fire, building and sanitation regulations.

Former owners of the apartment building at 339 Victoria avenue were fined \$1,200 plus costs for failure to maintain the building clean and free from the accumulation of garbage. They also failed to provide the required storage bin for garbage, city records reveal.

The ruling was rendered by Westmount municipal court judge William P. Shaw against 116581 Canada Inc which owned the building when court proceedings were initiated April 26, 1990. The case took nearly a year for resolution. Previous fines of \$900 were handed down on Jan 13, 1990.

One of Westmount's newer condominium buildings also amassed a total of \$600 plus costs in recent rulings for violations of the city's fire by-laws.

Westmount St Catherine Street Condominium Association, c/o Mr G.J. Turner and Proman Ltd, pleaded guilty to all charges concerning the building at 4476 St Catherine. These were failure to provide an inspection certificate for the fire alarm, failure to maintain the alarm in proper working order and as per approved plans and failure to maintain the garbage area free of combustible materials.

At the time of sentencing, the inspection certificate remained outstanding, inspectors said. Problems with the fire alarm and combustibles had been corrected, however.

In another case, Les Investissements Peniche Inc, of LaSalle, and Armel Corporation of Toronto were fined \$400 plus costs for sanitation infractions at the apartment/commercial building at 389 Claremont/4968-72 Sherbrooke. They pleaded guilty to failing to maintain the building and premises clean and free of garbage as well as failing to keep all garbage sealed in plastic bags and stored in the garbage storage bin. Conditions were reported as satisfactory prior to sentencing.

Mr A. Luxenberg, owner of 4560 St Catherine street, was fined \$300 plus

Stolen car found

A stolen car was recovered last Friday outside 4016 St Catherine street, police said. The 1978 Pontiac Phoenix was reported stolen the previous day in Lacolle near the U.S. border.

On a whim, before leaving, he opened the trap door in the floor where he found two very surprised — and embarrassed — young lovers.

The couple wanted to get out of the rain and what better place than a filthy furnace room, commented the officer. "Did he kick them out?" asked one young man hearing the story. "What a shame!"

The lovers were described as a boy from Town of Mount Royal and a girl from St Henri. Their ages were not recorded.

No damage was reported to the building and it was not known how they gained entry.

Building owners fined for infractions

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

costs for failing to maintain the apartment building's required emergency lighting system in proper working order. He pleaded guilty as charged and all was reported in order at time of sentencing.

In one of two municipal court rulings April 16 by Judge A. Keith Ham, Gustav Levinschi Foundation, owners of the apartment building at 52 Academy road, were fined \$300 and costs for failure to obtain the re-

quired building permit and plumbing permits prior to renovating. They pleaded guilty as charged. Permits were reported to have been issued prior to sentencing.

In the other case, 151040 Canada Inc, which owns the private dwelling at 558 Roslyn avenue, pleaded guilty to not obtaining the required permit for installation of an exterior exit (fire escape) at the rear of the building. No building permit had been obtained at time of sentencing, according to inspectors.

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Continuing meter thefts not investigated

Was a mysterious car accident related to the latest rash of parking meter thefts?

Police said they did not know any of the details related to the hit-and-run incident last Thursday about 3:35 am on Dorchester boulevard in which a double-headed meter was knocked over and one of the heads taken.

Though the accident has been turned over to the Montreal Urban Community's hit-and-run squad, the meter thefts are not under investigation at this time, police said. They are believed to be related to last

year's thefts in which a suspect is still before the courts.

It is unlikely that the disappearance of a meter head in the traffic accident is related, said Lieutenant-Detective Jean Laflèche.

A 1983 Volkswagen car fitting a witness' description was recovered soon after on Grey avenue. It is registered to someone living on the west side of Claremont avenue in N.D.G.

Meanwhile, meters continued to be broken into last week for a loss of about \$464, police report. Coin cylinders servicing 11 meter heads were stolen in the west end along Sherbrooke street near Victoria and Claremont avenues as well as in the lane behind the Pascal store.



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Apartments raided

Two Plaza Tower apartments at 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard were broken into last Friday by someone using either a lock pick or a master key, police said. A JVC video machine was reported stolen along with a telephone from one apartment on the 25th floor while jewelry was taken from one on the 27th floor.

Another unit on the 27th floor also was broken into, without signs of forced entry, on April 8.

Where were they going?



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

April 16

2:06 am: 716 Grosvenor, first responder unit for medical assistance;
10:44 am: 4141 Sherbrooke, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 11 am, sprinkler alarm accidentally activated by workmen cutting pipe on sixth floor;

April 17

10:34 am: Melville and Sherbrooke, smoke scare in Westmount Park (see story page 12);
11:57 am: Melville and de Maisonneuve, spilled flammable liquid (see above);
10:22 pm: 250 Kensington, first responder unit for medical assistance;

April 18

1:00 pm: 4350 St Catherine, Westmount High, first responder unit for medical assistance for teenager with breathing problems;
8:51 pm: 5475 Westminster, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 8:58 pm;
11:11 pm: Redfern and de Maisonneuve, for gas leak from car, overfilled gas tank;

April 19

9:11 am: 4300 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for medical assistance;
11:19 am: 5 Douglas, smoke detector accidentally activated by painters;

April 20

Nil;

April 21

1:25 am: 239 Kensington, first responder unit for medical assistance;
3:11 pm: Opposite 4769 Sherbrooke, car accident (see story page 8);
5:30 pm: Opposite 79 Bruce, service call, light standard broken in storm;
5:44 pm: 4556 St Catherine, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 5:52 pm, burnt food;
6:28 pm: 597 Victoria, service call, broken skylight in storm;
7:52 pm: 652 Lansdowne, antenna fallen on power line in storm;
8:18 pm: 4998 de Maisonneuve, flood from storm;

April 22

7:47 am: 4873 Westmount, first responder unit for medical assistance;
11:16 am: 729 Upper Belmont, strange odor, emptying of stagnant water from pool;
1:40 pm: 6 Park Place, person locked out with pot left on stove, entry gained by firefighters from ladder;
2:37 pm: 7 Renfrew, smell of gas, none detected;
4:22 pm: 4646 Sherbrooke, first responder unit;
6:22 pm: 5725 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Hampstead cancelled at 6:28 pm.

40 years and counting



Pharmacist Henry Goldenberg, 67, is celebrating his 40th year in Westmount today. He invites his customers to party with him; refreshments will be served. Mr Goldenberg says his secret to success is giving personal service.

Photo by CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

Cars collide in heavy rain

A woman was taken to hospital by Urgences Santé after the car she was riding in collided with another at Roslyn avenue and Sherbrooke street during heavy rain Sunday, police said. She is a 26-year-old resident of 1 Wood avenue.

The impact occurred in high winds and driving rain about 3:05 pm as a southbound Porsche was hit in the front by a westbound Mazda. Both sustained more than \$500 damage. The Porsche was driven by a 36-year-old resident of 1 Wood, the Mazda by a 17-year-old boy from Kent avenue in N.D.G.

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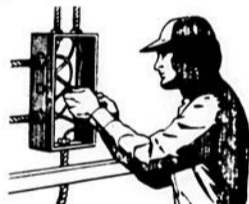
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STATION 23 LOG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

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

Boy, 15, charged in holdup

A 15-year-old boy from Dollard des Ormeaux was charged in connection with an armed hold-up of a 17-year-old boy at Place Alexis Nihon last Thursday afternoon, police said. A knife was seized.

The victim was approached at 4:30 pm by two teenagers. One produced a knife and asked for money. The victim handed over \$3 and alerted a building security guard who arrested two suspects. One managed to get away when the guard asked the pair to follow him to the office to await MUC police.

Questionable man offers girl ride

A man in a red pickup truck offered a ride to an 11-year-old Westmount girl last Thursday morning as she was walking to school along Montrose avenue at Mount Pleasant, police said. When the girl said nothing, the driver told her he would pick her up after school. He never showed up. The incident occurred about 7:45 am. The man spoke English, was aged about 35 and described as Asiatic.

Rest stop not the best stop

A woman ended up paying about \$70 to sit on a bench at Sherbrooke and Victoria last Friday, according to police reports. She sat down at the bus stop for a few moments to rest while taking a walk and left her wallet on the bench when leaving. It contained credit cards and \$30. The wallet was valued at about \$40. The woman lives downtown.

Car out of control

A car was reported to have rolled backward across the street from 4700 St Catherine street last Thursday. The 1990 Volkswagen sustained less than \$500 damage, police said. The mishap occurred about 10 pm; it caused no other damage. The car mounted the sidewalk on the north side of the street, according to public safety officers, who called police to the scene.

Jewelry shoplifted

A 39-year-old woman from Queen Mary road was charged with shoplifting jewelry worth \$112.88 from the Pier 1 store at 4823 Sherbrooke street last Thursday, police said. The suspect was reported to have been followed into the Pascal store next door where an arrest was made.

Stolen car in hit-and-run

A Toyota that hit a Ford on St Catherine at Wood and fled the scene Wednesday last week turned out to have been stolen the day before in Verdun, police said. The car's licence plate and description were recorded by the victim, an N.D.G. man. His own vehicle, a 1990 model, sustained light damage. The hit-and-run car remained on the loose.

Bus hits Mercedes

A 1987 Mercedes was struck by a bus while parked Wednesday last week near the Pascal store on Sherbrooke street east of Victoria, according to police. It sustained more than \$500 damage. The car belonged to a woman from Shorncliffe avenue. The bus sustained less than \$500 damage.

Car stranded

A 1970s-vintage green car was dumped without licence plate or serial number on Cedar avenue Monday last week, police said. The car was spotted by public safety officer Louis Leger and taken to the city's pound. It looks as if it stalled once too often and was simply abandoned, commented crime prevention officer Gaston Bernier.

Compost bins may now cost twice as much

Composting bins purchased through the city will now cost \$50 instead of \$23, unless council decides otherwise.

The allotted 324 subsidized bins had all been sold by Tuesday, said Fred Caluori, director of public works. The operational and environmental services standing committee will recommend to council that it should no longer subsidize further purchases of composting bins, Mr Caluori said, but continue to sell them at \$50.

"Which is still a bargain," Mr Caluori said. Retail price is about \$90.

Council, at its May 6 meeting, could decide otherwise. In the meantime, residents who want a bin will be asked to pay \$50 and, if council decides to continue to subsidize more bins, the money will be refunded, Mr Caluori said.

The city pays \$45.07 for each composting unit. The city intended to subsidize 216 units but took an additional \$2,500 from its contingency fund for another 108 units.



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Vandals hit seven houses

Civic numbers were ripped off houses, porch lights broken and flower planters overturned in a wave of vandalism that hit at least seven houses early Saturday, public safety officers report.

A group of rowdy teenagers were seen in the area about 1:23 am but it was not known if they were responsible.

Homes affected were located on Côte St Antoine road as well as Arlington, Strathcona, Roslyn and Grosvenor avenues.

A car also was damaged outside 26 Arlington avenue, police said. The 1985 Volkswagen Jetta sustained damage on one door as well as the licence plate cover and the mirror on the passenger side.

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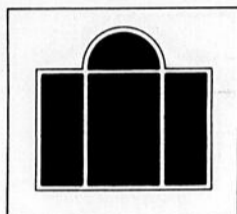


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Summit meeting a model for Cedar avenue

Traffic changes should not be made in Westmount unless they have majority support from area residents, Councillor Peter Trent says.

That was the criteria he used in burying the plan to close Summit Circle and he hopes the same policy will be used by city council to decide the proposed narrowing of Cedar avenue, he explained Monday.

"The onus is on us to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that changes will not materially affect people on other streets. I don't think we should dump one person's problems in another's back yard."

"I'm watching this one (Cedar) like a hawk."

Mr Trent, said he was "sitting on the fence" in the Cedar-Boulevard issue which will be submitted to public consultation April 30.

The Summit Circle consultation meeting was a model for others, said Maureen Kiely, a resident of The Boulevard who is spearheading opposition to the Cedar plan. She told THE EXAMINER she had attended it last Thursday to gain insight into what might be expected at the Cedar meeting.

"I was very impressed; it was a very civilized. Peter Trent was very open right from the start and told everyone if they weren't happy with the plan then we won't do it. That was very reasonable. I don't think anybody went away unhappy."

Cedar avenue meeting Tuesday

Continued from page one

avenue, but lists eight design changes being considered.

Mr St Louis said it is not a final plan but a report of where the city is at now.

"But it tips our hat in the direction we're leaning," Mr St Louis said.

The information package clearly shows a tilt towards the narrowing of Cedar avenue along its entire length.

Designs the city is considering include widening the sidewalks from 1.4 metres to 1.8 metres, narrowing the overall width of the road from 7.5 metres to 6.6 metres and "using streetscape changes" (such as peninsulas) to restrict moving traffic to one lane.

Mr St Louis explained that this would result in the road being further narrowed about 2.1 metres, for a total one-lane width of about 4.5 metres. By comparison, Dorchester boulevard, with parked cars, is about 5.1 metres wide, Mr St Louis said.

Other design changes outlined in the information package include: realigning the layout of Cedar on the approach to the Mountain avenue intersection to reduce accidents; flattening the street so that the south side is the same height as the north side to prevent vehicles from sliding on to the south sidewalk; maintaining the stop sign at Mountain and Cedar and adjusting the traffic lights at Mount Pleasant to control speeding or, "as an alternate solution," install traffic lights at Mountain and interconnect them with lights at Clarke and Mount Pleasant to control speeding, with tests to be carried out on traffic lights on The Boulevard, which have been desynchronized to reduce speeding.

Mr St Louis said council will make the final decision as to what changes are made on Cedar avenue.

The information package states that area residents will be kept abreast of all developments, including design changes and the results of future traffic surveys.

Mr St Louis said that process might take two to three months. Cedar avenue is scheduled for reconstruction this year.

Most councillors waiting for public meeting to make up minds on Cedar

Five of seven Westmount city councillors are undecided on the issue of narrowing Cedar avenue, two are for it while Mayor May Cutler is dead set against any traffic changes.

"The whole matter should have never been brought up," Mayor Cutler said Tuesday.

She said Cedar avenue residents knew when they bought their homes that they were in a high-traffic area and it's almost impossible to change one street without affecting others.

"You can't move on Sherbrooke and ask for less traffic," she said. "It's best to leave the streets alone... You can't move a stop sign three inches without someone getting upset. How are you going to change a whole street?"

Councillors Paul Fortin and Daniel Tingley both said they are for the proposed narrowing of Cedar avenue unless someone could convince them otherwise. Mr Tingley said Tuesday night the primary concern is safety on Cedar avenue and he hasn't heard a better solution than narrowing the street. He said traffic experiments showed a minimal diversion of traffic on to The Boulevard.

The other councillors said they wanted to hear what citizens have to say at the public consultation meeting Tuesday evening before deciding.

Councillor Peter Duffield said he supports the new objective of main-

taining the same traffic volume on Cedar avenue.

"We have learned that no matter what you do, people will still use Cedar."

He said he didn't think narrowing Cedar would shift more cars on to The Boulevard. An experiment narrowing the entrance to Cedar showed a minimal shift.

Purchasers knew

Councillor Joan Rothman, while undecided, said the people who bought homes on Cedar knew of the traffic situation. She believes narrowing Cedar along its entire length would indeed shift traffic to The Boulevard, where there are three schools.

Councillor Sally Aitken said that something has to be done about the corner of Mountain and Cedar, which she said is unsafe. Narrowing the street is a possibility but she wouldn't be for it if it meant traffic would be diverted on to The Boulevard.

"Council heard the message loud and clearly that that is not acceptable because of the schools," she said.

Councillors Peter Duffield and Rhoda Vineberg are both firmly sitting on the fence on the issue.

All are awaiting the public consultation meeting.

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Two theatre offerings for children at Vic Hall

Knights, sorcerers, cats and bears will take the stage

By JANET COUTTS

Uther Pendragon, the king, has been killed in a great battle. Two boys and their sidekick sorceress overhear an evil knight plotting. He plans to take the throne.

So off the three young people go, on a quest for the true king.

The script, *The Quest for a King*, is written by teacher Wayne West for Sunday's presentation at 3:30 pm by Mirage Magik at Victoria Hall, in the first of two student performances for the whole family next week.

Mirage Magik, the bilingual musical theatre school run through Westmount's recreation department, will present *The Quest for a King* in English. Mr West and Fabienne Le Panse, who directs and does the choreography for the show, are working on a French translation to be presented at a later date.

The eight teens of Mirage Magik will have their numbers augmented by a few adults, notably René Bernardin who, like Mr West and Ms Le Panse, is a graduate of John Abbott College's theatre department. Mr Bernardin, a gifted comic actor, plays Sir Percival, a loyal Pendragon knight.

Four flautists from the south shore, a mother of one of the young actors and her medieval flute ensemble, will provide the music.

Stephanie Belding and Suzin Schiff, two more of the adults who have given time to help Mirage Magik students, will dance to the medieval tunes and provide interludes between the scenes of the play.

Magician Mark Littman likely will not be present, but it is he who taught the cast how to perform the magic in the play, and who provided the equipment needed for special effects. Costumes have been borrowed from Lakeshore Players.

One-act plays

"The kids have come a long way in the past two years, and so have I," says Mr West. He particularly likes the idea that his francophone actors are capable of performing in English.

The youngsters on their quest travel great distances and fight evil knights and wicked sorcerers. In the end, their quest leads to King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

Tuesday at 7 pm, two days after Mirage Magik, Victoria Hall will once again be visited by student actors. Children from the drama classes of the recreation department, taught by Westmounter Collette Micks, will offer two one-act plays.

The younger children, those from five to nine years old, will present *Hoff the Cat Dealer* by American playwright Andrew Davies. They tell the story of Mr Hoff, who finds a talking cat.

Mrs Hoff wants to be rich, and feels the cat will provide the means.

The cat offers a choice: would the Hoffs rather learn the magic word that controls all cats, or would they choose a lifetime friendship?

This show has a cast of more than 20 youngsters, and the littlest ones are the cats.

The second play, with actors aged nine to 14, is a scene from *Winnie the Pooh*. The cast of eight will tell the story of what happens when Kanga moves into the forest.

You remember that all the other toys are frightened of the new creature, the quintessential mother. She makes them all clean up and gives Piglet a bath, because she wants Roo to have the correct kind of friends.

Ms Micks has a BA in English from McGill University and has been teaching drama part-time for four years. The rest of the time, she is a nursery school teacher.

"I have been with the kids for a long time," she says. "I used to be a playground leader in the Summer Fun program.

"It's tough, because we have classes only once a week, but my philosophy is that the children should have as much fun as possible, and some have been with me all along."

If the actors for both Sunday and Tuesday are half as enthusiastic as their teachers, both events should provide a good time for the whole family. Admission on both occasions is free.

Benefit dinner, fashion show at Vic Hall

On Saturday at 6 pm African Dynasty will hold a dinner and fashion show, *Fashion Outrage*, at Victoria Hall to raise funds for the Sickle Cell Society.

The fashion show will feature the Montreal Ebony Fashion Models in the most outrageous 1991 spring and summer wear and accessories of top Quebec and international designers. There will be a special presentation by the Black Designers of Montreal.

Cuban trumpeter and jazz singer Barbara Araya and South African singer and dancer Lorraine Klassan will perform.

A door prize of a trip for two to the Caribbean will be drawn.

Fashion show co-ordinator and commentator is Gemma Raeburn; Dale King is the choreographer.

The goal of the evening is to raise \$10,000; tickets are \$40 and can be obtained by calling 486-6542 or 482-7493.

Cast for Oz being sought

Rathbone Theatre School is holding auditions for next year's production of *The Wizard of Oz* at Victoria Hall in the spring.

Auditions, open only to registered students of the school, will be held at the Dorval Community Centre, 1335 Lakeshore drive, Dorval on May 5 from 2 to 4 pm. For more information call 636-5248 or 486-2876.

Opera evening

Chorale Nouvelle de Montréal, directed by Brock McElheran, presents *An Evening of Opera in Concert* Monday at 8 pm at Westmount Baptist Church, Sherbrooke street at Roslyn avenue. Tickets are \$10 and \$7. To reserve call 486-3669.

Band plays

The Westmount-based pop band Oliver's Army will play Station 10, 2071 St Catherine street west, tonight. On the same bill is Corpus. For information call 934-0484.

Sparling at the library

Westmount novelist Sharon Sparling will be giving a short reading from her new novel, *The Nest Egg*, at Atwater Library at 2 pm on Saturday, April 27. She will also be available to talk about the book and sign copies. The reading is free.

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Stubborn people and animals are believed responsible for damage to fences and newly-planted shrubbery in Summit Park.

Temporary fences designed to protect newly-planted shrubbery were cut and some shrubbery was clearly damaged by animal teeth, a walk through the bird sanctuary in upper Westmount with Claudette Savaria, Westmount's horticulturist, showed Friday afternoon.

One fence along the path near the Summit road and Summit Circle entrance to the park had been pulled back and tied. New shrubbery planted there had been almost totally destroyed.

The shrubbery was planted to block a small path. It was being closed because overuse had compacted the soil so hard the roots of trees couldn't breathe. So the soil had been aerated near the trees.

But citizens, who didn't want to walk an extra 10 feet, cut the fence intended to protect the new shrubbery, to give it a chance to grow to block that path naturally and protect the trees.

"Those plants are supposed to narrow that path," Ms Savaria said. "If destroyed, it's not going to do the job."

The city has already spent more than \$200,000 to renovate and restore the park. The final phase of the project begins this spring. Ms Savaria said contractors couldn't be asked to replace the damaged trees.

"If people still walk along the paths what is being done becomes useless," Ms Savaria said. "People have to make an effort to give the shrubs a chance to establish themselves."

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

In other areas, some newly-planted shrubs were clearly chewed by some animals. Ms Savaria said she didn't know what animals caused the damage, perhaps racoons or dogs who are seen along the summit paths daily.

Officials and councillors are loath to blame dogs for any damage because of the strong dog lobby in Westmount. No official said the dogs

were responsible for the damage to shrubs planted all along the paths where the dogs are walked. No dogs were seen chewing at branches.

During further restoration this spring, some secondary paths will be closed while others will be propped up. The damaged fences will be replaced.

"I hope people will understand the purpose of those fences," Ms Savaria said.



Claudette Savaria, Westmount's horticulturist, surveys damage in Summit Park.

Mysterious white substance bursts into flame in park

By LAUREN SWEENEY

Firefighters were called twice to Westmount Park Wednesday morning last week when a mysterious white substance that had been spilled on the ground ignited spontaneously in the gazebo area.

The incident sparked a search for someone who might be carrying a dangerous chemical in the park where many children were playing, fire officials said.

No one was found. Identification of the substance has not yet been received from the Montreal Urban Community arson squad where samples were taken for laboratory analysis, Fire Chief Jim Adams said Tuesday.

"My concern was that someone might be running about the park with a large amount of corrosive substance."

He said a trail of the white substance led along a park path to the gazebo area where some was spilled on the metal trap door covering access to underground water pipes. The trail disappeared in the grass.

The chemical had already eaten its way into the cover and was bursting into flame spontaneously. When burned, it left a rust-like residue, he said.

The firemen were first called for fire in the park at 10:34 am but they found only condensation on the top of the two-foot-square metal trap door.

They were called again at 11:57 am for flames from paving stone. It was then that a white substance resembling pigeon droppings was seen igniting.

Chief Adams said numerous emergency workers were informed, including police, public works, health and government environment officials.

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Birding offers an ever-changing landscape

Birding is a great recreational activity for seniors. It widens your horizons. Through enjoying birds you become more aware of the natural world. As you marvel at the diversity of species that have evolved you begin to understand the need today for conservation measures.

Another big plus of taking up birding is that it gets you out of doors.

Birding doesn't have to be an expensive hobby. You can buy a moderately priced pair of binoculars and a field guide and bird anywhere. Most people start in their own backyard or a park to get a feel for the size of birds you're seeing magnified seven or eight times through your binoculars. Soon you know what's sparrow-sized, crow-sized or larger.

Then you can enjoy field trips to places like Cap Tormente below Quebec City where, in the fall, you'll see one of the greatest spectacles of bird migration.

The greater snow geese stop off at Cap Tormente to feed en route from their nesting grounds in the Arctic to

their wintering grounds in the marshes of Delaware. As they wing their way up the St. Lawrence in wave after wave, you're astounded by their sheer numbers and the beauty of their white plumage glistening in the sun as they come in for a landing.

You can also see birds in faraway places like the fabulous birds of paradise in the jungles of New Guinea or Darwin's finches in the Galapagos.

The unexpected is what makes birding exciting at any level of expertise — you never know what you're going to see any time or anywhere.

Then there's the thrill of seeing "our own" warblers, that come here to nest every spring, among the Maya ruins in Palenque. You look at these small colorful birds and wonder how they are going to make it across the Gulf of Mexico and then most of the length of the continent to their nesting grounds.

Of course, some of them don't make it. There are so many man-made hazards. That's what the Christmas Bird Count and nesting studies and bird banding and also

taking part in the Feeder Watch program are all about. To find out what's happening to our bird life. According to one long-term study on songbirds in Ontario, of 56 species, 12 showed significant decreases. White-throated sparrows, for instance, were down to almost half of their numbers in 1961.

That's another plus for birding. It's one of the few sciences today where amateurs can make a contribution.

But birding as a hobby is fun. There's many a laugh when you bird with congenial people.

Try it. You won't be alone. The bird watching population across North America has increased from eight million 25 years ago to between 20 and 30 million today.

— Elsie Mitchell

Editor's note: The supply of contributions to this column has run low. If submissions do not increase soon, the column will disappear from these pages. We are on the lookout for submissions by seniors on any topic or experience, past or present. Maximum length is three typed, double-spaced pages. Please include full name and phone number for verification. Send to THE EXAMINER, Seniors Say, 155 Hillside avenue, Westmount H3Z 2Y8 or fax it to 932-5700.

COMING EVENTS ÉVÉNEMENTS

Notices for this column should be sent in writing to: Coming Events, 155 Hillside avenue, Westmount H3Z 2Y8. Text should be accompanied by payment of \$7.00 plus GST for maximum of 50 words. Only announcements of specific events sponsored by non-profit groups permitted in this column.

Super Rummage Sale

Westmount Park Church, Friday, April 26, 7-9 pm and Saturday, April 27, 10-1 pm. 4695 de Maisonneuve West (corner Lansdowne). Bargains galore, clothing, footwear, kitchenware, books, records, linens, etc. Boutique of collectables. Tell all your friends to come.

MGH Auxiliary raised \$10,500

The 39th annual meeting of the Westmount branch of the Auxiliary of Montreal General Hospital was held April 23.

Funds raised during 1990 from activities of the branch were reported

at \$10,500, and are earmarked for patient care, to help buy special equipment and for the Auxiliary Research Scholarship Fund.

Guest speaker was Westmount resident Joan Winsler.



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B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation gives awards at annual meeting

The B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation holds its annual meeting Wednesday at 8 pm at the Faculty Club, Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, seventh floor, room 765.

Guest speaker is Joe Schwarcz, science editor for CJAD, chemistry teacher at Vanier College and adjunct professor at McGill University. His topic is *Sense, Nonsense and Science*.

Hillel will honor alumni. The award for contribution to the foundation goes to Barney Grosser, past-president and volunteer.

The second award goes to broadcaster Joe King who has made an

impact as director of public relations of Allied Jewish Community Services.

A third award goes to film producer Pierre Lasry for contributing to Canadian culture. Student leaders Shmari Dergel, president of McGill Hillel; Rhonda Lehrer, Concordia Hillel president; Johanna Elhadad, president of Centre Hillel; Stephanie Margolese, president of Marianopolis Hillel; Doron Goldstein, president of Dawson Hillel; and Mordechai Brodt, president of Vanier Hillel, will be recognized for their contribution.

The meeting is open to the public and friends of the awardees. For more information call 845-9171.

Pet of the Week



Tyler is a year-old male collie who is available for adoption at the SPCA, 5215 Jean Talon street east. He is very friendly and good with children. The adoption fee is \$95, which includes a medical examination.

New free mag for gardeners

City Gardener is a new, non-profit magazine for amateur gardeners, meant for sharing techniques and ideas. The quarterly publication will cover a range of topical issues, from compost to pest control, from hydroponics to rooftop gardening. It will feature a kids' section and recipes for gourmet garden meals. The publishers hope most articles will be written by readers.

City Gardener is free; the first issue will be available May 1 and sent to anyone who asks for a copy.

Send your name and address to 4815 Queen Mary road, suite 5, Montreal H3W 1X1.

Imasco makes \$500,000 gift

Westmounter Purdy Crawford, chair of the board and chief executive officer of Imasco Ltd, has announced a donation of \$500,000 to the *Share the Vision* campaign for the Université de Montréal, the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole des Hautes Études Commerciales.

The donation is in the name of Imasco and its companies: Imperial Tobacco Ltd, Pharmaprix/Shoppers Drug Mart and the UCS Group.

The three educational institutions estimate their most urgent financial needs at \$75 million. The minimum objective of the *Share the Vision* campaign was set at \$50 million.

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The course will be taught by Jack Ng. Registration deadline is May 3. Cost is \$20 for members, \$40 for non-members.

For book lovers

Book Lovers Forum II Sunday Series of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom will present Prof Morton Weinfeld reviewing *Member of the Tribe: on the road in Jewish America* by Ze'er Chafets on Sunday, April 28 at 2 pm, at the temple, 4100 Sherbrooke street.

The \$5.50 admission includes GST. Coffee will be served after the review and everyone is welcome. For information call 937-3575.

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The climax of the annual fundraising raffle by the Air Cadet League of Quebec took place Friday evening at the Royal Montreal Regiment armory on St Catherine street with the drawing of winners of four Mazda automobiles. From left to right, André Halley from Cellulaire Canada, retired car dealer Harold Cummings who organized the raffle, Air Cadet league president André Courville and Yves Allard from Mazda Canada prepare to draw the four winning names. The winners are from around the city, and the country. None are from Westmount.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

Israeli street festival to draw 20,000

More than 20,000 people are expected to take part in the annual March to Jerusalem and Israeli Street Festival on Sunday, May 5.

The march begins at 7:30 am in

front of Cummings House, 5151 Côte St Catherine road, followed at 1 pm by the street festival on Westbury avenue between Côte St Catherine and St Kevin street.

Co-sponsors are the YM-YWHA and the Jewish Cultural Association. Theme of the march is *We are one people! We march together!*

Funds raised by the march help support special projects by youth in Israel through the cultural association.

The theme of the street festival is *With love to Israel*, and it will include many new activities, live entertainment and Israeli food. There will be an arcade of rides and games for the very young. In Children's Village, youngsters will be encouraged to make gifts to send to Israel.

Weather permitting, rides in a hot air balloon will be provided by El Al airline.

Sponsor forms for the march are now available in schools, synagogues, major Jewish organizations, and at AJCS, 5151 Côte St Catherine Rd. For information on the march call 345-2626 or 735-1725 for information on the street festival.

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Dinner to raise the roof at Greene avenue centre

On Friday, May 31, at 7 pm, the Greene Avenue Community Centre, 1090 Greene avenue, will host *A Special Spring Evening* — a flower-filled fundraising dinner to help put a new roof on the centre.

A neighbor and friend, René Pankalla, will cater the dinner. There will be floral door prizes ranging from flowered tablecloths from La Cache to gardening books from Double Hook.

The City of Westmount will match donations for capital improvements to the centre.

Entertainment for the evening will include a mariachi band and, perhaps, flamenco dancers.

The dinner costs \$50 and tickets are available at the centre, or by calling 931-6202 or 937-9741. Tax receipts are available. Those who are unable to attend the dinner are asked to send a donation.

Volunteering diploma earned through LIFE

Project LIFE (Leisure Involvement and Fulfillment for the Elderly) is part of the quality of life program run by Jewish Family Services, now in its ninth year.

Project LIFE is headed by a music therapist, a social worker and a recreationist. Student animators lead recreational activities with seniors.

Project LIFE is said to be the only community volunteer program that offers direct contact with seniors liv-

ing in group foster homes and allows students to participate on a part-time basis.

The project runs June 24 to Aug 16 and will give participants interested in the health or helping professions practical work experience. A weekly training session with guest lecturers will cover different aspects of volunteering. At the end of the project, volunteers will be awarded a project diploma. To register call 485-1112, ext 311.

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Why councillors are, or aren't, running in election

Here is what councillors had to say about their positions in respect to standing for re-election Nov 3:

Sally Aitken

"No, I'm not running. I don't want to get stale," Mrs Aitken said. "I knew what it was I wanted to achieve. Now it's time to move sideways."

Mrs Aitken, who has served as councillor since 1983 in Ward 4, said she has always believed one should have an objective when seeking municipal office and leave when the mission is completed.

Here is a proud record in the social service field, changing zoning to permit nursing homes, fighting for seniors' residences, bringing seniors together, introducing the Healthy Cities concept and encouraging environmental concerns.

Peter Duffield

Mr Duffield, who was acclaimed without opposition in Ward 8 for each of his two terms, announced in the last election he would not seek a third term. He explained his reasons again last week:

"Eight years is enough on council because council needs someone new with a different perspective and be-



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

April 15

424 Lansdowne: for L. Boucher by 2849865 Quebec Inc, fireplace, \$2,500;

340 Victoria: for Mr Anglin by N.D.G. Plumbing, install two plumbing fixtures, \$1,000;

4999 St Catherine: for Immeubles Réalité by Creccal Trust, renovation of suite 227, \$1,000;

4999 St Catherine: for Timex Canada by Creccal Trust, renovation of suite 310, \$1,500;

41 Devon: for Thibodeau and Dupont by J.P. Lambert, seven fixtures, \$4,500;

April 16

60 Oakland: for Mr Marois by Roger Chaver Inc, water entrance, \$900;

4150 Sherbrooke: for Jean Silver by Benoit Lavallée, three fixtures, \$2,000;

April 17

372 Kitchener: for A. Isaacs by Beaconsfield Construction, interior renovations, \$5,000;

455 Roslyn: for D. Schouella by Les Développements Abitec, interior renovations, \$70,000;

April 18

252 Kensington: for R. Chodos by Greatbear Building, bathroom alterations, \$7,500;

454 Grosvenor: for D. Paquet by Plomberie Verdun, roof drain repairs, \$200;

April 18

4141 Sherbrooke: for Globe International by Developpan Management Inc, office renovation, \$60,000;

4216 de Maisonneuve: for Manoir Olivier by Mydec Construction, repairs to building, \$130,800.

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By LAUREN SWEENEY

cause councillors themselves need a certain degree of freshness to be responsive to the public."

He felt it's time for someone else to give of their "volunteer time" and would be "delighted" to discuss the work of a councillor with anyone who might be interested in running, he said.

Paul Fortin

"No, I won't be running again," said Mr Fortin, who represents Ward 7. "In a way I'm sad because it (council) was a good group to work with. I would like to continue my association with the city but doing something that doesn't have as fixed a schedule."

Mr Fortin, a lawyer who specializes in writing mining laws for Third World countries, is out of the country for long periods at a time and says the regular council commitments are difficult to fit into his agenda.

He's taking on other "volunteer" responsibilities with more flexible timing but hopes to be able to continue his liaison with the city in some other less demanding way. He has served most of his time as commissioner of public safety and fire and chair of city council's traffic committee.

Joan Rothman

"I'm going to seek another term on council and when I make a decision about the mayoralty I'll probably discuss it with THE EXAMINER," said Ward 6 councillor Mrs Rothman. "Right now I'm sounding out people."

She said she wants to be on council for a third term because "I'm truly interested in the welfare of the city and I'm concerned about the future." She said she is worried about the impact of Montreal's increasing economic problems on Westmount.

Mrs Rothman said the timing of this year's election is "a political

bombshell for anyone seeking election" since it will come soon after deposit of the new valuation roll by the Montreal Urban Community. "You'll have to be very brave."

Daniel Tingley

"At this point in time, I don't think I'll run again," Mr Tingley said. "I don't have the time it takes."

Mr Tingley, a lawyer who now chairs city council's recreation and community services committee, is in his first term representing Ward 3. He is also a member of the finance and administration committee and has served as commissioner of administration. He has been a strong supporter of city hall staff.

Peter Trent

"Yes there's a possibility of me running for mayor," Mr Trent said, "and I stand behind the statement I made about a month ago that I'll never run unless there's strong support for me. If I don't run for mayor, I'll pursue other directions so I think it will be unlikely that I'd run as councillor."

He also won't oppose Mayor May Cutler, he said. "That still holds."

Mr Trent has represented Ward 2 since last January when he was acclaimed to fill the vacancy left by Phillip Aspinall's resignation.

Rhoda Vineberg

"Yes, I'm running again," Mrs Vineberg said enthusiastically as if there shouldn't have been any doubt that she would.

Though she first won her seat for Ward 1 in a by-election during March 1985, defeating Allen Nutik, she was unopposed in 1987. Having been fire commissioner, public works commissioner and then light and power commissioner, she has recently taken over the responsibility of chairing city council's operations committee.

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no less, than a resident of The Boulevard or any other street in the area. School children who walk along and cross Cedar are as deserving of protection, no more but no less, than those who walk along and cross The Boulevard.

At the time of the 1987 meeting at Victoria Hall, The Study was a particular concern. Later, when traffic lights at Braeside were installed to enhance the safety of those children, you heard not a word of protest from Cedar avenue residents, even though the resulting slowing down of traffic on The Boulevard inevitably diverted some traffic onto Cedar. That is because we are in favor of safety.

St George's Elementary, further west on The Boulevard, gets all the traffic both ways. Aside from the traffic tie-ups there, from a safety standpoint, they have no problem, being protected by the traffic lights at their corner and a crossing guard.

Remember that the current test is two-pronged. Most people appear to have lost sight of the second one. They are, as noted in the letter of Mr St Louis of Sept 18:

1. Entrance to Cedar narrowed to one lane;
2. Traffic signals on The Boulevard between Sydenham and Mount Pleasant interconnected at 40 km/h. Also, the Edgell-Sydenham and Aberdeen lights are set out of sync in both directions. They are always opposed. This has considerably slowed traffic and enhanced safety on The Boulevard.

There are some undisputed facts about Cedar avenue traffic. When THE EXAMINER reported on April 9, 1987, on the April 2 meeting at Victoria Hall, the article led off: "Cedar avenue is a traffic zoo, most speakers agreed at last Thursday's public consultation meeting."

Let us tell you, it still is a traffic zoo, and a dangerous one. It has been and still is a speedway, a racetrack.

There is a psychological factor of a one-way street, with no inhibiting effect of on-coming traffic. They speed, two abreast, and they race. This phenomenon is exacerbated by the fact that the sight line eastward from Mountain is a straightaway till Ramezay, also widening after Daulac like an inverse funnel.

Thus, because of the configuration, downhill from Clarke to Mountain, the sharp curve there and the inverted banking of the curve and beyond towards the south with the slope of the terrain, cars frequently lose control and go off the street onto the south sidewalk and lawns on that side.

This occurs mostly in winter but also in summer. It was more so before the stop sign was installed at Mountain in September, 1987, but it still occurs. Remember also the well-known sports figure killed in an accident at Cedar and Mountain some years ago.

The worst two victims of this phenomenon are 3274, at the southeast corner of Mountain and Cedar, and his immediate neighbor, 3270. The family at 3274 has resided there since 1976. In that time, there have been more than 15 accidents involving that property. Some examples: a truck over-

turned with a load of lumber on the lawn; one time, a car flipped onto the lawn; trees planted by the city along the front of that property mowed down by cars coming onto the lawn; once, his car parked in his driveway, more than 15 feet in from the street, hit and run by a car which lost control; another time, his car parked on the north side of the street, opposite his home, hit and run with more than \$3,000 damage; more than once, cars have lost control, have come onto and across his lawn, across his driveway, and through the hedge and onto the lawn of 3270; and once, the family came home from the country after a winter weekend and saw traces in the snow which clearly indicated that a vehicle had come onto their property and then been removed and found blood stains on their front door handle and knocker and around the doorbell. Members of that family never walk on the sidewalk (south side of Cedar) in front of their home because they consider it too dangerous.

It is that sidewalk where many children of ECS walk to and from school, between 8 and 8:30 am and about 3:30 pm. It is very dangerous and the board of directors of that school are very concerned about the safety of their children.

As well, children going to St George's Secondary and to and from other schools south of Cedar also walk along and cross Cedar. When the Rev Murray Magor was principal of St George's, he wrote to the city in April 1986 to complain about the danger to his students who walk along Cedar. The student entrance to that school is on Ramezay between Cedar and The Boulevard. Hence, their students use both those streets.

Another danger point is the intersection of Cedar and Mount Pleasant. When Dr Maureen Keily, a principal activist for The Boulevard residents (3200), met at our request with Mr Cleghorn (3234 Cedar), she was honest in admitting that her young son, who attends Selwyn House, crosses Cedar at Mount Pleasant and not The Boulevard twice each school day and that she is very concerned about his safety.

A third hazardous point is at the very entrance to Cedar. One of the residents of the five Cedar avenue houses west of Clarke, a physician, has frequently been called out of his home in the middle of the night to tend to accident victims there.

Cedar was not reconstructed as scheduled in 1990 because of the differing opinions then among the residents. Thus, instead of rebuilding and then seeing the results, the city prudently decided to first run a test. Now, the Cedar residents are in agreement and prepared to accept the city's proposal as a compromise.

As to the five houses on Cedar west of Clarke, prior to the test, they have not access by car to Cedar, they never could park on Cedar and during certain hours they were not even permitted to stop their vehicles in front of their house, even on the north side. Every resident on a residential street is entitled to have parking on at least one side, for the residents, service and repair people and visitors.

Unlike some years ago, when orthodoxy in traffic management was to widen streets and create speedways, currently, for urban residential municipalities like Westmount, the accepted concept across North America is to narrow streets and choke traffic, thereby controlling speeding. This concept was not invented for Cedar. When Côte St Antoine was rebuilt, the 4.5 feet sidewalks were widened to six feet on the south side and much wider along most of the north side. When Argyle and Metcalfe were rebuilt last year, the sidewalks were also widened to six feet.

That is the new standard which Westmount adopted a few years ago, applicable to residential streets when rebuilt. The result of same is to narrow the roadway by three feet. It is the same for Cedar now and will be, likewise, for The Boulevard when it will be reconstructed in 1994 or sooner. Hence, we are dealing primarily with a widening of sidewalks and the consequent narrowing by three feet of rebuilt residential streets.

The city has planned to rebuild 27 residential streets over eight years, starting in 1990. The Boulevard was originally scheduled for 1994. However, at the April 9 meeting at city hall, the councillors were in favor of accelerating that schedule. Grosvenor is slated for rebuilding in 1991 and Victoria as well one year soon.

Cedar can serve as the prototype for all those streets and therefore enhance safety for all. When The Boulevard's turn comes, we will not oppose what the city will plan to enhance safety there.

When Cedar was totally closed for July and August 1989, for the installation of water mains, all eastbound traffic was on The Boulevard. Since there was no school then and generally lighter traffic in summer, instead of 7,400 cars per day (as counted in the test from 8 am to 6 pm), let us say there would have been only 5,000 per day. If The Boulevard had carried that many cars, it would have been more than double the usual load. Yet, there were no problems and no complaints. The reason is simple: a good part of that traffic shifted away to other routes, such as the expressway. After Cedar re-opened, they all came back.

It is well known that at least 70 percent of the Cedar-Boulevard eastbound traffic originates from west of Westmount, and even west of Decarie.

If Cedar and The Boulevard are each reduced to one lane of moving traffic eastbound, this would be a 50 percent reduction of the pre-test capacity of four lanes (two on Cedar and two on The Boulevard). That would reduce the total traffic volume because traffic, like water, seeks and finds its own level. If traffic is forced to go through more slowly, many drivers would opt for other routes downtown, such as the expressway.

For The Boulevard residents, would it not be better to carry 35 to 40 percent of 4,000 cars per day rather than the pre-test 31 percent of 7,400 cars per day? In absolute terms, there would be fewer cars for The

Boulevard and fewer cars for Cedar.

As to the "waste of taxpayers' money" being decried by The Boulevard residents for this "unnecessary project" (Mr Hoppenheim last week), surely they are aware that the Cedar roadway is literally falling apart and must be rebuilt. There is absolutely no difference in cost as between rebuilding 22 feet of street plus 12 feet of sidewalks as against 25 feet of street plus nine feet of sidewalks. It is 34 feet total either way.

Also, the cost figure of "several hundred thousand dollars" for the peninsulas as suggested by Mr Burke ("You Say," March 28) is totally off base. The true cost is well below \$20,000.

As to the peninsulas proposed, they are needed to create a visual boundary in order to keep traffic to one lane. Only if kept to one lane can the speed be controlled, no racing or passing, and safety enhanced. In the current test, traffic is choked to one lane from the mouth of Cedar until Clarke. Then, once east of Clarke, they fan out into two lanes and speed and race.

Even this only increased the eastbound traffic load on The Boulevard by four percent. This is truly insignificant.

If the peninsulas, as proposed were on the south side west of Clarke, the north side from Clarke to Mount Pleasant and again on the south side from Mount Pleasant to Daulac, there would be two advantages: a change in the sight line from a straightaway and the possibility of protected no-parking loading and unloading zone for six cars on the south side of Cedar next to ECS.

The same concept of protected no-parking loading and unloading areas on each side of The Boulevard near each of The Study and The Priory can be implemented when The Boulevard is rebuilt.

Some Boulevard residents have expressed the fear that if Cedar is limited to one lane throughout, it will put more traffic onto The Boulevard. That fear is unfounded. The choice by each driver is made at the fork. Once chosen, left or right, the car is committed. Thus, one lane for the rest of Cedar will simply keep the 65 percent who choose that street in single file and hence controlled and slower, instead of two abreast and racing.

We do not consider the residents of The Boulevard to be our enemies and we hope they do not see us as their enemies. We do not seek to simply shift our traffic and safety problem onto them. We want to promote safety both on Cedar and on all adjacent streets.

If, in order to improve safety on Cedar, which has the most serious speeding and safety problem, worse than any other street in the immediate area, if the net result is to cause a four percent increase of the traffic on The Boulevard east of Clarke, this is truly insignificant.

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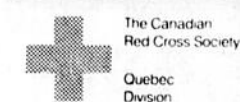
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Westmounter honored for 50 years in priesthood

Westmount native Msgr Matthew Dubee was honored recently for 50 years in the priesthood.

Msgr Dubee, 78, is a former rector of St Patrick's Church, who served there from 1971 to 1985.

He was born in Westmount in 1913, of an Irish mother and French-Canadian father. He studied at Loyola College then social economics at Georgetown University before entering Montreal's Grand Seminary. He has been chairman, chaplain or director of several English Catholic institutions, including the Father D'wod Home.

He was known, as a young man, for his interest in drama, going to

New York to see plays when possible, and a "debonair and so active" man, according to friend Mae Nadig.

"Every girl in Westmount wanted to marry him," she said. "He was leading scorer in football for Loyola."

According to Ms Nadig, Matthew Dubee was taken on a trip around the world by his father to see if he would change his mind before becoming a priest. His father was secretary-treasurer of the Montreal Tramway Company, whose signature was found on all streetcar tickets.

Msgr Dubee was honored at a mass April 6.

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Unlocking key to symbols at St A-D-D

Symbols are everywhere. In early times they aided communication with a pre-literate society. Today images still have a language of their own, whether it is a company logo or McDonald's golden arches. In the church, the cross, the fish and many other symbols convey visual messages.

This Sunday after morning service at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church there will be a mini-workshop on the theme of *Symbols in the Church and in the World*. Everybody, all ages, is invited to bring a bag lunch and participate. For more information call 486-1165.

Les Soeurs de Ste-Marcelline

Une célébration regroupant toutes les jeunes filles du secondaire de la Villa Ste-Marcelline a eu lieu la semaine dernière en l'église St-Léon. En même temps que les fêtes pascales, y était commémoré le centenaire de la mort de Soeur Marina Videmari. Co-fondatrice des Marcellines en Italie, cette femme exemplaire reste aujourd'hui encore un symbole de charisme, de culture et de foi.

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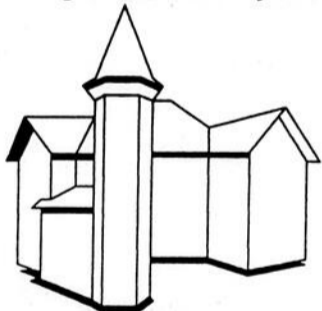


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Free classical music festival at Marianopolis

The Montreal Classical Music Festival, sponsored by Alexis Nihon Corp, is continuing at Marianopolis College, 3880 Côte des Neiges road, until Monday.

The festival's purpose is to encourage and develop the love of music in participants; to give the community the opportunity to enjoy free concerts and become aware of a large range of classical styles.

First, second and third-place awards will be given in 16 age groups, and special awards will be given for best interpretation of a Canadian composition, best interpretation of a work by Mozart and

best overall performance.

Participants range in age from six to 28.

Gala concerts will be given Tuesday and Wednesday, April 30 and May 1, following the festival, by all first-place winners, who are expected to number about 20. The concerts, like the festival, are free, and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Both concerts are at 7 pm.

The nine first-place winners from eight to 16 years old will have the opportunity to perform in the Discovery series of the Montreal International Music Festival at Place des Arts in September.

Westmounter Rose Goldblatt is artistic director of the festival; adjudicators are Westmounter Laure Fink, Francine Chabot and Dagmar Rydlo of the Royal Conservatory of Toronto.

Fashion show benefit tonight at Centennial

Centennial Academy students are holding a fashion show to benefit the Lamplighter Foundation, which helps children with cancer.

Called Rap '91, the show is tonight at the school, 3641 Prud'Homme avenue, starting at 8 pm. Admission is \$8 and tickets can be bought at the door.

Students from all grades will be modelling formal, casual and beachwear fashions from such stores as Le Château, La Cache, Jacob, Classy and Body Glov.

The students have been working on the show for several months. It will last about an hour and a half.

Reading help is available

Figures for illiteracy in Quebec are shocking, but there is help available for those who need to improve their reading or writing skills.

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In the Montreal area, a number of groups will provide help and information. Among them are McGill Literacy Council, 3480 McTavish street, Montreal H3A 1X9, 398-6826 and RECLAIM (Reading Council for Literacy Advance in Montreal), Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, Adult Services, 3449 University street, Montreal H3A 2A8.

Weekend workshops at the Visual Arts Centre

The Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, offers two workshops on the weekend of May 4.

The first is called *Renewal Through Art*, and it requires no previous art experience.

Montreal art psychotherapist Jacqueline Wilson will lead a group to celebrate renewal and resurgence of life by offering a guided approach to personal symbolic expression, emphasizing image-making through a broad Jungian approach.

The three-part workshop starts Friday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 pm; Saturday it runs from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm and Sunday from 10 am to noon. Cost is \$130 and includes materials.

The second workshop, *Making Slides of Your Artwork*, is more pragmatic: on Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, Kay Aubanel will give a demonstration session on taking success-

ful slides of two or three-dimensional artwork. The course will cover film choice, pointers for natural and artificial light, controlling framing and exposure and how to avoid mistakes. Examples will be shown and discussed. Participants are asked to bring their 35mm cameras. Cost is \$35.

To register for either course, call 488-9558.

Firstfruits a compilation of young writers

Firstfruits '91, an anthology of more than 100 works of art and creative writing by high school students throughout Quebec, including students from ECS and St George's, will be launched at the Jewish Public Library on Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium, 5151 Côte St Catherine road.

More than 500 works, written in English, French, Hebrew and Yiddish, were submitted by students from more than 20 schools.

Author W.O. Mitchell will be the guest speaker of the evening. His *Who Has Seen the Wind?* has been required reading for high school students since the 1950s.

Two awards will be presented at the evening, the Igelfeld Award for Yiddish writing and the Editorial Award for excellence in more than one language. Prizes for excellence in categories of prose and poetry in English, Hebrew and French will be awarded.

Firstfruits '91, edited by Marcia Mermelstein, Howard Richler and Michael Tritt will be on sale at the launching and at the library for \$7. For more information call 345-2627.

The Study art sale May 3 to 5

The Study is holding an art exhibition and sale with a by-invitation-only vernissage on Friday, May 3. It is open to the public Saturday, May 4, from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, May 5, from 11 am to 3 pm at the school, 3233 The Boulevard.

The vernissage will include a silent auction to sell work by Marion Dale Scott, Ethel Seath, Bruce Le Dain and Ann McCall.

During the exhibit there will be a silent auction that allows the public to bid on works by Robert Bateman, Mary Anne Winterer and Ethel Seath.

More than 100 paintings, sculptures, photographs and prints will be on display, representing the work of established artists from The Study community as well as the works of senior arts students still at the school.

Proceeds from the sale are for the benefit of The Study School Building Campaign. For information call 935-9352.

Y youth dance Friday evening

The Westmount YMCA is having another of its Friday Night youth dances on April 26.

The dance is for youngsters between the ages of nine and 12. The dance begins at 7:30 pm and lasts until 9:45 pm. Cost is \$1 for Y members, \$2 for non-members. Deejays provide the music.

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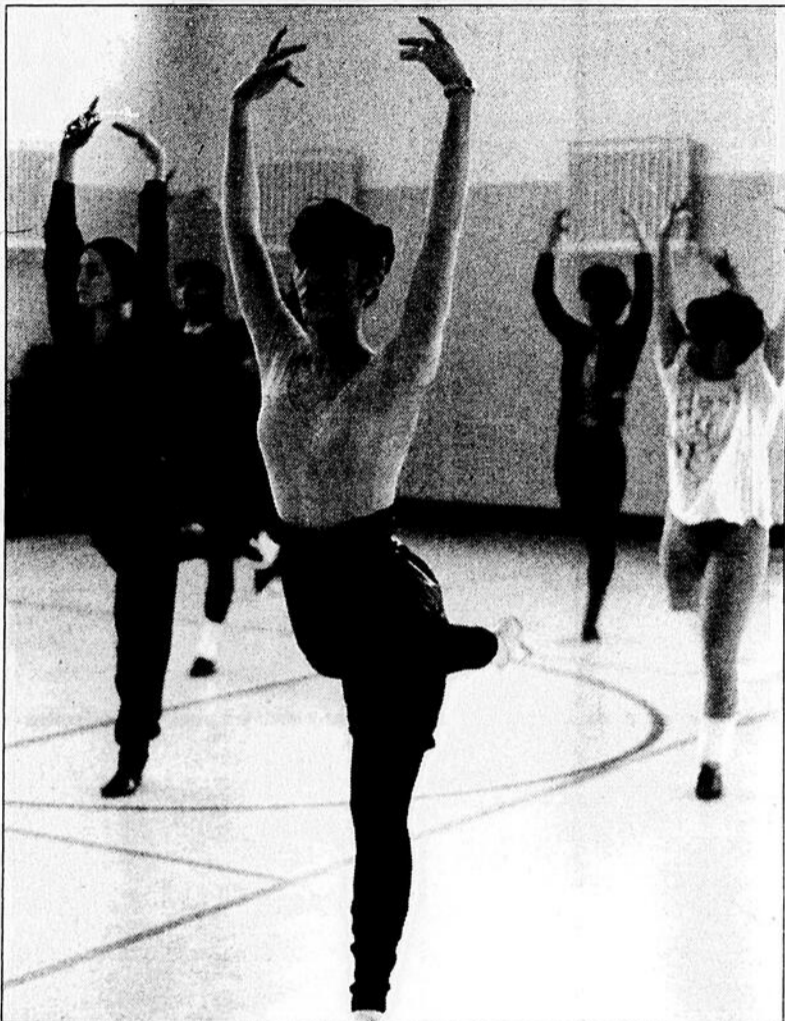
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Jazzing up ballet



A student shows graceful style learned in the jazz-ballet class given at the Greene Avenue Community Centre.

Women planning softball games

A group of young women in Westmount, from 25 to 35 years old, are trying to organize softball games in Westmount Park.

The games are intended to be friendly, and organizers wish potential players to know that the teams are being formed to create friendships and maybe organize other activities, as well as for softball.

There are currently eight women in the group. If you would like to join, contact Kathy at 365-4575 or call 937-2678.

Locals earn yellow belts

Westmounters Anthony Joseph, 10, and Anthony Dewar, 9, passed their Kyokushinkai Karate yellow belt exams on April 17, a recreation and culture official said.

Stephen Guy, a Westmount sports supervisor and brown belt, said 24 hours of courses are required before taking the exam, which consists of basic punching and kicking techniques. The test includes performing the first kata, a set of form movements, against an imaginary opponent.

The first belt is white. The others, in ascending order are, yellow, orange, green, blue, brown and varying levels of black.

The department's karate program, taught by black belt Manuel Tadros, will continue next fall.

New local runners' group participating in fun run

The 12th annual YMCA fun run is taking place on Sunday, April 28; it is the first organized run for Westmount's Runners Anonymous.

Whether or not you sign up for \$13 at the downtown Y the day of the race, you are likely to have some contact with the run, if you are out and about that morning.

The run begins at the downtown Y but loops through Westmount. The route runs along de Maisonneuve boulevard to Redfern avenue, heads north to Sherbrooke street then east back to Stanley street downtown.

The fun run is a 5K, 10K or 20K run, depending on how many times you want to run the route, once, twice or four times.

The registration fee includes a runner's buffet and T-shirt. Day care

is provided at no charge.

The run starts at 9 am. More than 800 registered last year.

Registration is only at the downtown Y, 1450 Stanley street, by 5 pm today or on the day of the run.

Runners Anonymous is the name for a group of about eight people who are members of the local Y and meet in front of the building for early morning runs. They started up in the first week of March and are seeking more members.

The group runs for about an hour Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:15 am, Wednesdays at 6 am and Sundays at 10 am, except for this Sunday, when the fun run is on.

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Helpers needed for Family Day

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"We need help," said Peter Wallace, Westmount's recreation administrator.

Volunteers are needed to staff carnival booths and help out during various races.

To volunteer call the recreation department at 935-8531, local 212.

Bikes stolen

Two bicycles were stolen from the back of a car parked overnight last Thursday behind 4800 de Maisonneuve boulevard, police said. Both had been chained to the car. One was a Kawasaki, the other a Rockport.

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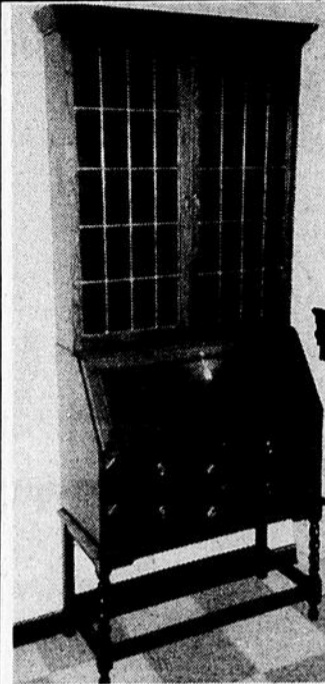
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