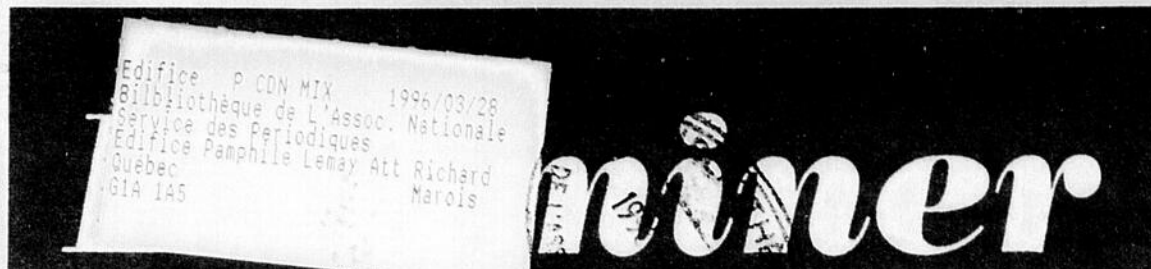


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Police will stay under MUC plan: mayor

Station 23 would cover Westmount, part of N.D.G. under latest proposal

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

Westmount will hold on to its police station under a plan recently announced by Montreal Urban Community police chief Jacques Duchesneau, according to the chairman of the Conference of Suburban Mayors, Westmount mayor Peter Trent.

Under the new plan, Station 23

would cover Westmount and part of neighbouring N.D.G., according to recent reports.

And while a Westmount station would still operate 24 hours a day, it would also probably no longer have a jail, Trent said.

"It's obvious that we'll keep our station," said Trent, who spearheaded a drive three years ago to keep a police station in

Westmount in the face of a proposed change to more centralized "superstations" across the island.

That proposal also called for mini-stations, containing just two to three officers per municipality.

"That's gone," Trent said. "And we can be proud that Westmount turned this thing around."

The mayors saw the new plan's specifics, including the number of

people to be assigned to each station, for the first time in a meeting with Duchesneau last week.

Details are still being worked out and some changes will be made, the mayor said. But he added that the plan is in "the right direction."

For the most part the mayors like the proposal, Trent said.

The emphasis in Westmount, as (See POLICE, page 2)

'Round 2' for rezoning of train station

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

The city is telling residents near the old train station to note some key dates coming up in a restarted rezoning process. Notices were hand-delivered last week.

Nearby residents complained they had not received sufficient notice of zoning amendments tabled this summer. The city has since restarted the process. The move will allow the residents another chance to sign a public register at city hall against the change.

The controversial site is one of several locations being considered for a new protective services building to house police, fire and public security forces, and the municipal court.

The proposed zoning amendments would allow for municipal use of the property.

Key dates are as follows:

On Sept. 5, a public consultation meeting takes place at 7 p.m. at city hall, 4333 Sherbrooke St. West.

On Sept. 14, the city clerk will publish a public notice (in THE EXAMINER) notifying residents living near the station that they have five days to petition the city to be included in the register.

Sept. 19 is the date by which petitions must be submitted.

On Sept. 28 the city will publish another notice that the public register is coming up. Oct. 5 is the date of the public register.

Anyone with questions should call the city clerk's office at 989-5318.

The plan is for the new building to replace the existing facility on Stanton Street, which for the fire department are cramped and in a state of decay.

If a new site cannot be worked out, the city would rebuild on Stanton.

No charges for sign switcher, police say

Homeowner hired private detective

Police say they won't be laying vandalism charges against a male prankster, age 48, who repeatedly removed a "house for sale" sign from one property and put it on another.

According to police, a private detective hired by the exasperated homeowner videotaped a male jogger removing the sign and placing it on another Summit Circle property on four separate days at around 4:45 a.m. each morning. The detective called police the fourth day, Aug. 26.

The man, a Prince Albert Avenue resident, admitted that he had been moving the sign as a joke and didn't even know who lived there. The Summit Circle homeowner is considering a civil action, police say.



Budding actors Jason Yearow (right) and Estrellita Sheafe put their spin on the Great Bard.

Doing a Double-take on Shakespeare

Actors from Centre Greene show their stuff at Westmount Park

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

If you enjoyed Repercussion Theatre's evenings of Shakespeare in the Park this summer, you might have got a kick out of some Shakespeare spoofing that went on at the park last week.

After a summer of fine-tuning, the Double Mask Theatre Workshop, which held court at Centre Greene this summer, put

the results of its work on stage at Westmount Park.

The performances combined improvisation and plays, including a spoof of Shakespeare's *As You Like It*.

"We've been working a lot on improvisation," said artistic director and producer Joseph Browns, who works together with acting teacher Jesse Todd.

"It's very hard work and very

difficult to do it well. It's an art in itself."

For help, especially with the Shakespeare, the Double Mask company (formerly Stages) worked in association with — who else — Repercussion Theatre and members of that troupe, including Cas Anvar, Sean Devine and Stephanie Baptist helped as visiting teachers to fine-tune the actors.

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Community Calendar is a listing of happenings in Westmount. Please mail announcements to THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER, 210 Victoria Ave., Westmount, Que., H3Z 2M4 or fax: 484-6028. Deadline is Monday noon.

Community Events

Canadian National Organization for the Widowed is offering the first Tuesday of every month Ongoing Support Fellowship for the Widowed. Starting Tues. Sept. 5 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. At CNOW, 4823 Sherbrooke St.

W., Ste. 230. For more info., call 931-3935.

Congregation Shaar Hashomayim celebrates its 150th anniversary on Sat. Sept. 16 at 10 p.m. at 425 Metcalfe Ave. with a reception and an audio-visual retrospective of the congregation. Selichot services will follow in the main sanctuary, 120 Cote St. Antoine Rd., Wsm. All invited to attend. For more info., please contact Cathy Rabinovitch at 937-9471, #139.

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom presents Book Lovers Forum II. Prof. Irwin Cotler will review Nuremberg 40

Years Later. Wed. Sept. 20. Coffee at 9:30 a.m., program at 10 a.m. \$6. Enter at 395 Elm Ave. Wsm. All Welcome.

Centre Greene is conducting registration for fall programs from Sept. 6 to 8, from 5 to 9 p.m. at 1090 Greene Ave. Registration also on for ballet program. For more info, call 931-6202.

University Women's Club Wine & Cheese, Sept. 14, 6 p.m. at 3529 Atwater (Badminton & Squash Club).

Osteoporosis Society of Canada, Que. Chapter, invites people who suffer from osteoporosis & those at risk of getting osteoporosis to join our self-help groups and/or our exercise programs which begin this fall. Groups will meet in Mtl. For info. + registration, call Carole Laflamme at 935-3726.

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom inaugurates a discussion & study service which encourages congregational

involvement at many age levels. The service, starting Sat. Sept. 16 will replace the regular noon Shabbat family service. Tel: 937-3575.

Heritage Montreal plans a walking tour of Westmount on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 2 p.m., meeting at de Maisonneuve and Atwater avenues. For more information, call 875-2985.

Meet new associate rabbi Barbara Borts, at a Bagel Breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. Rabbi Borts will speak about Jewish education, her experiences in England and the U.S., and her plans and aspirations for the Temple. For more information, call 937-3575.

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom Introduction to Judaism courses will commence on Tues. Sept. 12 at 5:45 p.m. The course will continue for 12 wks. For info, call 937-3575.

Tour of Montreal Holocaust Centre is being organized by Ohel Sarah, the Women's Study Group of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. Meet at the Holocaust Centre at 1:45 p.m. at 5151 Côte St. Catherine Rd. No charge. Group limited. For reservations and information, call 937-3575.

Auditions

Ballet Ovest will hold auditions for Nutcracker '95 on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. for boys and girls age 7 to 12, and on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. for advanced dancers age 13 and older. Girls must bring point shoes. Auditions will be held at Dorval High School/Ecole Secondaire Dorval, 1350 Carson Ave., Dorval. For more information, call 697-3438.

Lakeshore Light Opera Auditions for chorus and leads for its Feb./March '96 productions of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'The Pirates of Penzance' will be held in mid-Sept. For info., call 636-1189.

Lyric Theatre Singers will be holding auditions for new members in early Sept. Experienced singers of all ranges are encouraged to join. Audition times can be arranged by calling 487-5498. Sightreading ability would be asset.

Chorale Nouvelle de Montréal seeks experienced singers (tenors, basses and sopranos) for its fall performances of Saul by Handel. Choir rehearses Monday evenings at St. James United Church downtown. Phone 486-3669 for information and audition appointment.

Sweet Adelines Intl. Greater Mtl. chapter welcomes new members on Sept. 11, 18 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. All women who love to sing are welcome. Join us at St. Andrew's Dominion-Douglas United Church, corner Lansdowne 7 The Boulevard, Westmount. Parking avail. or take the #124 from Vendome or the #66 from Guy. For more info., call Bonnie Soutar at 483-6330.

(See more calendar on page 8)

Police will stay

(Continued from page 1)

in the rest of the MUC, will be on having more policing in the streets, Trent said.

He added that Duchesneau had promised the same number if not more patrollers on the streets, with fewer people behind desks.

"We're pushing down the responsibilities to the lower levels and giving more decision-making to the constables or sergeants," Trent said.

In the police force, some jobs will be taken over by constables through attrition, said the mayor.

Trent said the Conference of Suburban Mayors will officially agree to the plan in late September, when details such as the number of officers per station will be finalized, signed and publicized.



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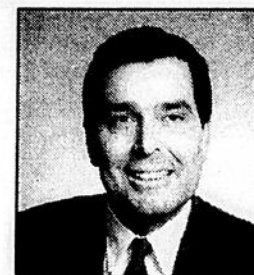
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Election bylaw on council agenda

A bylaw to regulate electoral posting on public property is on the agenda for next week's city council meeting, which will be held Tuesday night because of the Monday holiday.

Council will also be voting on a notice of motion to amend the parking meter bylaw. Council will also vote on the acceptance of public works tenders, including sidewalk repairs and landscaping for public library. Under approval of purchases, councillors will also vote to accept costs for the supply and installation of furniture at the library, the network cabling at the library, and the construction of underground conduits and transformer pads.

Other purchases include the supply of a snowplow with operator, two graders with operators and the rental of two loaders with plows. The city is also expected to agree to hiring a company to prepare plans and specifics for the conversion of the heating system from oil to gas in the city garages, store and arena, the supply and installation of conduits, the hiring of a firm for snow removal in the parking lots and renting of snowblowers. Other purchases are for repairs to the slate roof on the Westmount Park comfort station, as well as for the roof of the comfort station and substation in King George Park.

Election pushes back opening for renovated public library

Delay will add to rent bill by about \$12,000

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

The public won't get to see the results of the \$7.5-million expansion and renovation of the Westmount Public Library on Nov. 11, Mayor Peter Trent said this week.

The opening date is about two weeks later than originally planned, according to the mayor, but was put off after a ruling from Quebec election officials.

According to Trent, chief electoral officer Pierre F. Côté told the city that "anything that could favour — directly or indirectly — a candidate, meant holding an official opening could easily be considered as an electoral expense." Municipal elections in

Westmount are set for Nov. 6.

Trent said that to be on the safe side, the city rescheduled for second weekend in November. The construction schedule is still on time, Trent said, but the postponement will cost the city money since it will have to extend its lease for a temporary library location by one month.

The extra cost, about \$12,000, should be offset by a better price for landscaping, according to the mayor, since contractors will have more time to complete their work. It will also allow more time to set up the computer system, the mayor added.

The open house will be Saturday, Nov. 11. The library will be open for business on Monday, Nov. 13.

Legal action promised if minister moves to close Queen Elizabeth

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

Queen Elizabeth Hospital administrators are keeping mum on the legal front in the midst of a burgeoning battle to keep the institution alive.

"There is no legal case at the moment," said board representative Owen Ness this week.

Ness added that the hospital is rather hoping legal action would be the last resort — taken only if Health Minister Jean Rochon decides to agree with the Montreal Regional Health Board recommendation to close the hospital.

The hospital — and anyone else — has until Sept. 19 to try to convince the minister to keep the Queen E open.

Lawyer looking at Bill 83

A firm has been asked to look into the hospital's legal position vs. Bill 83, legislation allowing the minister to close the hospital and seize its assets, Ness said. Finding the right lawyer has been tough, he said.

In the meantime, the board is working hard on drafting an "observation" (a kind of argument for the hospital), Ness said.

While there's no indication the minister must pay attention to the observation, according to Ness the

minister did indicate he might discuss it with the hospital.

Contents of the observation should be revealed soon, he said, roughly the same time that it's sent to Quebec City.

The hospital's action committee is also working hard to convince employees and the public to get involved in saving the hospital.

A march is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 5:30 p.m. between Girouard Park and the hospital's main entrance. It will be organized by doctors and by the N.D.G. Community Council, a group the hospital is hoping will provide community leadership.

"It's extremely important that the community have a chance to lead the fight to save the Queen E," Ness said. "We've got to get it going in the right direction."

The hospital will also inaugurate its CT scan on Sept. 12 and will invite Minister Rochon. The Quebec government contributed \$500,000 toward the purchase and installation of the \$1.3 million unit.

Reddy employees march for hospital

Employees of the Reddy Memorial Hospital in Westmount held a march last Thursday to show they're not giving up the fight to keep their hospital alive.

The march, involving about 30 people, blocked off some traffic in front of the Tupper Street hospital.

Organizers say they'll hold a march every week until Sept. 19, the date Health Minister Jean Rochon is to give the final word on the hospital's future.

The hospital is also preparing an "observation," a last-chance argument for the hospital, to present to the health minister.

The Reddy Memorial Hospital was one of seven hospitals slated for closure in recommendations by the Montreal Regional Health Board.

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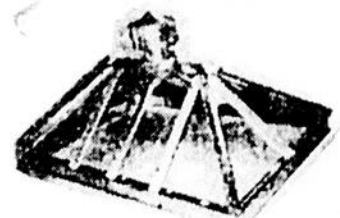
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Two Westmounters will play a key part in a celebration of photography taking place in the Sutton area from Labour Day weekend until Thanksgiving.

Belmont Avenue resident Cynthia Dinsmore is president of ArtsSutton, which is staging Artphoto/Sutton 95.

Featured in one of the exhibits will be the works of Westmounter Doreen Lindsay, an internationally known photographer.

In total Artphoto/Sutton 95 will feature exhibits of old photos from the area at Sutton Town Hall; early photographic equipment at the Heritage Sutton Museum; and two art photo exhibitions, one of emerging photographers and the second of three well-established, internationally-known professionals: Lindsay, John Max and Serge Tousignant.

Lindsay graduated from the Instituto Allende in San Miguel, Mexico, in 1957, then returned to



Doreen Lindsay

Montreal to study with Arthur Lismer at the Musée des Beaux Arts for a year. She stayed there as a teacher for five years while continuing to study and perfect

her techniques. She went back to Concordia, graduating in 1969 with an MA in Art Education. Since then she has been teaching and working and has spent a year in Italy on a Canada Council project grant. She has conducted numerous workshops and conferences at home and abroad, with the emphasis on older photographic processes including photogravure, cyanotype and related techniques, rather than those dependent on silver.

The intimate character of Lindsay's art lends itself to close-ups using these techniques.

The exhibit takes place at the ArtsSutton Gallery, 7 Academy St., Sutton, Que. Hours are Thursday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Also open on Monday Sept. 4 and Monday Oct. 9.

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STATION 23 LOG

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE

Robbery suspects arrested on subway platform

Monday's arrest of two men in connection with an armed robbery at the Toronto-Dominion Bank in Westmount may close the book on 14 other hold-ups in the region in the past two months, police say.

Montreal Urban Community police from Westmount's Station 23 were called to the local bank at about 10:10 a.m. Monday after a man jumped over the counter to the teller's side, pointed a gun at her and demanded that she give him money. When the man fled out the door of the bank, at Claremont and Sherbrooke, another armed man who had apparently been standing guard, followed.

Station 23 constables Danny Guy and Patrice Dupuis headed immediately to the Vendome metro station in N.D.G., where they found two men matching the suspects' descriptions on the platform.

When the constables approached, both suspects put up their hands. Police say they recovered the bank's money on one of the suspects.

The accused appeared in Quebec Court in Montreal on Tuesday.

Charged with armed robbery are Vasilius Tfof, 25, and Pierre Turcotte, 35.

Police later laid 11 more armed robbery charges against Tfof and two more against Turcotte in connection with robberies in municipalities across Montreal Island, including Westmount, between July 7 and Aug. 28.

Thieves smash and grab at Greene salon

Thieves made off with the contents of the cash register of Salon de Beauté Olivier on Greene Avenue sometime during the weekend, police say. The thieves apparently pulled off the back door handle, entered the salon, broke into the cash register and took off.

No leads yet in cell phone thefts

Police have no leads yet following a spate of cellular phone thefts from cars in Westmount over the past week. Eight thefts and one attempt occurred on Westmount streets, during the day and overnight between Aug. 22 and 25. In each case, the thieves had smashed a window to get at the cellular phones.

"It's a big problem," said Station 23 Constable Serge Vien, adding that without leads, police can't investigate. He added that one tactic may be for police to begin advising cellular phone companies so they can be more thorough in hooking up cellular phones.

Meat sends man to municipal court

A man, 43, who calls the Salvation Army his home is scheduled to appear in Westmount Municipal Court Oct. 18 on charges of theft, in connection with a shoplifting incident at the Fletcher's food market on Sherbrooke Street last week.

Employees spotted a man putting meat packages in his pockets while shopping and stopped him after he tried to leave without paying for them. A search revealed he had stowed away \$121 worth of meat.

Car stolen on The Boulevard

Thieves made off with a 1992 Acura Integra from a home on The Boulevard sometime between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. last Thursday. The car, worth \$20,000, was parked behind the house. CDs, in-line skates, and sunglasses were also in the car.

Dental society prez

The Alpha Omega Mount Royal Dental Society has announced the election of Dr. Joseph Szwimer as 1995-1996 president. Dr. Szwimer runs a private dental practice in Westmount. He has also been appointed president of the Federation of Dental Societies of Greater Montreal for 1995-96.



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Zoning not factor in police map

It now appears that local opposition to putting Westmount's new protective services building somewhere along St. Catherine Street, may not jeopardize the city's chances of keeping a police station after all.

MUC police Station 23 is currently on Stanton Street, along with the fire department, right next to Selwyn House school. It's a site not favoured by the MUC police, who have said they would prefer the station on a main artery, part of the reason the city is looking at new sites on St. Catherine Street.

But Mayor Peter Trent said this week that the new MUC police map should be finalized by November, several weeks before the city would have to hold its Dec. 10 referendum on the rezoning question. While a No to the zoning would likely force the city to rebuild on Stanton Street, Trent said he thought it unlikely that the MUC would go back on its commitment to Westmount at that point.

— Bernie O'Neill

MD fundraiser scoots around barriers in work, life



There are no barriers, says Kevin Harrison.

To appear on Labour Day telethon

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

It's not just having a business at the age of 20 that's unique about Kevin Harrison. The Westmount resident also runs his own life and his medical equipment business quite well thank-you, even though he has a neuromuscular disease called Charcot-Marie-Tooth.

CMT robbed the Concordia University student of the use of his legs, much of the use of his hands, and lately, his eyesight. "That's what's pissing me off," Harrison said of his weakening vision. But, he hastens to add, "Life is what you make it."

That outlook seemed to permeate Harrison's world last week, as he prepared at his family's Elm Avenue home for an appearance in the annual Muscular Dystrophy Telethon on Sept. 4. The event, which is the Quebec branch's main source of funds, raised just over \$2 million in 1994. This year, the

objective is \$2.3 million.

Of the money collected, half goes to research performed in major research facilities in Quebec, 30 per cent goes to support services and 20 per cent goes to the MDA administration and organization of the telethon.

The term MD applies to diseases which are mostly hereditary and which are characterized by a progressive degeneration and weakening of the muscles controlling body movements.

Harrison admits that he's not very knowledgeable about CMT. It wasn't something he wanted to know about, he says, but you get the feeling he was also too busy getting on with his life.

He knows that he has one of the worst cases. CMT usually strikes males in their late 20s, but it struck Harrison when he was 3 years old and began having trouble walking.

Harrison says today he can't do any physical activities like skiing or riding a motorbike. But he adds that, on the other hand, that might just make him appreciate life a little more. "There are a lot of people a lot worse off than I am."

"Life is great to me," he said. "There is life after disability - everybody has some kind of disability. Mine just took a physical form."

While Harrison says he owes the most to his supportive family, he also credits the Muscular Dystrophy Association, of which he is a member, for helping out, especially last year when it donated a \$3,000 scooter to replace his wheelchair.

The motorized two-wheeler — "like an all-terrain vehicle" — lets him get around much better and in more types of weather, he says, whereas the wheelchair meant he was usually housebound for the winter.

It's a big problem finding accessible places in Montreal, he said, but otherwise, most people are friendly, helpful and open-minded, even when there isn't access. While it hasn't been easy, Harrison pointed out that the disease has indirectly led to positive things in addition to his company.

If he hadn't been disabled, he says, he might never have started Medi-Unique, which sells and rents medical equipment. "I love to sell. I'm a born salesman."

Gas leak chokes off traffic flow on Greene Avenue

A broken gas valve caused Westmount firefighters and Montreal Urban Community police to close off Greene Avenue between Staynor and St. Catherine Street Monday late morning. Firefighters evacuated one building on Dorchester Blvd, fearing the ventilation system could draw

in the gas. Employees were let back in shortly before noon. Readings proved negative in nearby homes, although small amounts registered in the building where the gas leak occurred itself. Capt. Graham Morisson said the

gas dissipated once firefighters opened the windows. There were no injuries. The break was caused by a Gaz Metropolitan employee who was working on the valve entry in front of 1117 Greene Ave.

— Caroline Kutschke

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By Reg Morden

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We Say

Might be hard to focus on city election

Westmounters will spend their fair share of time in the voters' booth this fall if all goes according to plan. There will be a municipal election on Nov. 5. There will be a provincial referendum either just before that, or just after. And there may well be another referendum, or "poll," on Dec. 10 for residents living in areas of Westmount that the city wants to rezone for construction of a new police, fire and public security building.

While all of these balloting dates are important for the people involved, it is clear that the big, existential vote (to be, or not to be, a province) may well cast a shadow over the other municipal issues in the months ahead. In a situation like this, it will be important for local residents to put some extra energy into the focussing on the local election to make sure their concerns are heard.

Certainly it will be hard for a local voter to get worked up over a would-be city councillor's call for the "expanded use of composters" if it looks like our home province is going to be put through the mulcher in a provincial referendum the next week.

In fact, if the referendum starts going the

separatists' way come late October (let's hope not) we will all have a hard time focusing on the municipal vote here in Westmount. Not exactly like rearranging the deck chairs on a sinking Titanic, but pretty close. Perhaps picking your Titanic shuffleboard team, while an iceberg is only 100 feet off the bow, there for all the passengers to see.

In situations like that, people tend to focus their thoughts on the captain and the pilot, up in the wheelhouse. They tend to wonder whether their assistance might be needed up on deck. Or they just scream. The point is, who they are playing shuffleboard with pretty much fades into the background.

Which really shouldn't be the case here. If all goes as it should, the sun will rise after the provincial referendum most likely on a Quebec that is part of Canada. And those old questions of whether the snow is being cleared properly or the streets are being cleaned will seem as important as ever.

That's why residents interested in running for city council, or getting involved in the local campaigns, should not be discouraged by what looms overhead. Local concerns are still important. — **Bernie O'Neill**

You Say

More info on Tourette Syndrome

Thank you for helping to increase awareness about Tourette Syndrome by publishing Jack Brodie's excellent article on Aug. 24 ("Opening eyes and ears to Tourette Syndrome.") The initiative taken by THE

WESTMOUNT EXAMINER is appreciated by all of us who are afflicted or affected by TS.

Please note that Dr. Jeffrey Rubin, our chapter medical doctor, about whom the article refers is staff neurologist at St. Mary's Hospital.

Also, the Montreal English chapter of the Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada was founded through the effort of Ann and Peter Lawton, who were previously involved with the Saint John, N.B., chapter of TSFC.

Anyone needing information about Tourette Syndrome or our chapter, can call 731-0611. Our information and support meetings are held at St. Mary's Hospital on the last Tuesday of each month (December excl.) in Room 1301 at 7:30 p.m.

Matthew Cope
Somerville Ave.
WESTMOUNT

Steve Pally
Tourette Syndrome
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Montreal English Chapter

Our finest achievement

I have some good news for you, dear friends and gentle readers. You and I will have at least a two-month respite from these columns. It seems that, as we enter a municipal election period, any such scribbles could be considered by Quebec as giving unfair advantage. I actually would put them more in the category of self-inflicted libel, but there you are.

If I were not running again, I could write away with impunity. So this is my round-about way of admitting I might just seek another four years of mayoral fun and games. And that news is as stale as flat ginger-ale.

The same reason lies behind our decision to delay the library opening until after the election. Believe it or not, the costs of any such self-congratulatory event with its attendant tub-thumping, back-patting, and flesh-pressing could be considered to "favour, directly or indirectly, the election of a candidate" and thereby be an unauthorized election expense.

The library project has to be this Council's finest achievement. Three years ago, I said "it's time to reset and polish this jewel in Westmount's crown." But you can't polish a jewel without friction, and the history of the library project is fraught with conflict.

To mark the library opening, we will be printing a handout that will describe how the project came about and got done. So I spent last weekend putting together and summarizing my seven thick binders on the subject.

What struck me was how often I had to employ closure in the face of conflicting advice and opinions. There were three

Enumeration

We now know that the referendum will take place this autumn. The Premier, Jacques Parizeau, announced that it will be between Oct. 30 and mid-November. Keeping in mind the legal obligation to hold an election on a Monday, the most plausible hypothesis is the Oct. 30 date, since Nov. 6 is the day after certain municipal elections, for example, in Westmount.

Therefore, there are few chances of that date being picked. Nov. 13 may seem like an obvious choice, however, according to our electoral laws, advanced polling days (for those unable to vote on the actual election day) must be held seven or eight days before the election date. For a Nov. 13 referendum date, this would mean that advance polls would be held on the same day, once again, as the municipal elections, a highly unattractive scenario.

All this to let you know that a referendum will be held either as early as Oct. 30 (the eve of Halloween) or not before Nov. 20. Personally, I would choose the eve of Halloween. We can never be sure of anything and we best be ready ahead of time than later... We were ready in spring, therefore, for autumn, we are more than ready...

For the No camp troops, being ready has meant finding and training the 25,000 enumerators throughout the province of Quebec. In our riding, Westmount-Saint-Louis, we were one of the first ridings to complete our list of enumerators and the first riding in Quebec to begin and finish our training sessions for our enumerators. Yes, we are ready and we had better be

Our Mayor Peter F. Trent says...



aspects of the library project that were usually at odds: matters architectural, functional, and financial. Architects said to build two separate pavilions, library planners said to build one big box with movable walls and one entrance, and taxpayers told us to spend anywhere from nothing right up to \$12 million.

It was our job to balance these three forces without coming up with a building that was an awkward compromise. Then there's the question of taste. Do I rely solely on the architect's? Council's? My own? How can I presume to decide aesthetic issues on behalf of 20,000 people?

A few architects may feel we have compromised the integrity of the architectural concept, a few librarians may feel we have sacrificed operational efficiency on the altar of architectural elegance, and a few taxpayers may feel we can do without the leather chairs, bronze chandeliers, and slate roof. But most of you will find the balance just right.

Cynics might also say it's nice I have got so much satisfaction out of spending other people's money. But to use tax money wisely, you have to treat it as your own. Public money is squandered when no one is accountable, when buildings go up without passion, without confidence.

I am unabashedly proud of our new library and what Council, staff, and some dedicated citizens did to achieve it. The final verdict rests with you.

Ta-ta for now.

Our MNA Jacques Chagnon says...



ready because in a referendum: EVERY VOTE COUNTS. This means that in a riding like ours, where we all share the conviction that a strong Quebec belongs within a united Canada, we must get out and vote in great numbers to guarantee that our view will be heard. When we say every vote counts, we mean that the night of the referendum, once all the ballots in every riding have been counted, a final tally will be done for the whole province of Quebec. In other words, if we get a big majority for the No in our riding it may be counterbalanced by possible strong Yes majorities in other ridings. This is why every vote counts in our riding as in any other riding.

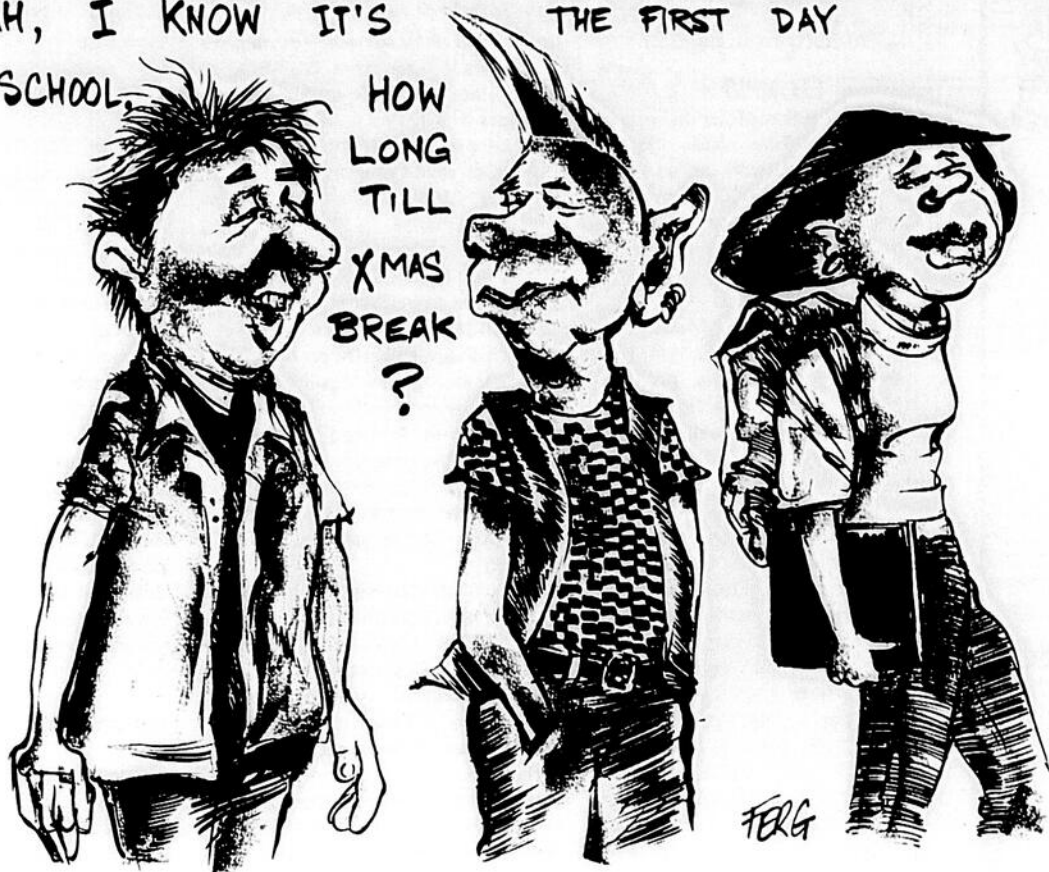
However, to have the right to vote, YOUR NAME MUST BE ON THE ELECTORAL LIST. It is a basic prerequisite.

The enumeration of voters, which will result in an electoral list to be used also in the municipal elections of Westmount, will take place between Sept. 5 and 10. It is therefore of the utmost importance that you answer your door when the enumerators pass by your home and make sure that every person residing in your home, who has the right to vote, will be enumerated.

It is imperative because every vote counts!!

P.S. Please do not hesitate to call my riding office for information at 395-2929.

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EXAMINING THE FILES

60 years ago

Aug. 30, 1935

VIEW OF CANADA MUDDLED: "On the eve of his departure for England after having lived in Westmount for almost seven years, G. Steele-Morgan...stated that the impression he is carrying back to England with him is a very muddled one. 'I see a multitude of baffling problems,' he said, 'but no one apparently ready to take the hard straight road in an attempt to find solutions. I hear a lot of talk and I see on every side procrastination and nothing being done.'

50 years ago

Aug. 31, 1945

NEW VICTORY LOANS COVER ALL: "Canada's Ninth Victory Loan will open on October 22nd and will be the biggest ever floated in this country, the Honourable J. L. Hsley announced today. The Loan will cover Canada's borrowing needs for the next twelve months, the Minister of Finance explained, making it unnecessary to have another campaign next spring."

40 years ago

Sept. 2, 1955

FILM SPARKS SAFETY DRIVE: "Westmount traffic safety officials were well satisfied today, at the effect of a new motion picture on traffic safety. A special showing of the film Devil Take Us was held last night at the Avenue Theatre, sponsored by the Westmount Police Department, and attended by traffic officials from all the island."

30 years ago

Aug. 27, 1965

VALUATION ROLL HIKE UNJUSTIFIABLE: "Among the complaints regarding the new Valuation Roll, THE EXAMINER has received a letter from Richard B. Holden, 11 Melbourne avenue, of the firm of Pare, Ferland, Mackay, Barbeau, Holden and Steinberg who said he is prepared to take the matter to court. In his letter addressed to the Westmount Municipal Association, Holden said he thought the executive of the Association should have its Finance and Legislation committees study the recent decision of the City to revise its Valuation Roll."

20 years ago

Aug. 28, 1975

BILL 22 UNFELT: "Well over 7,500 students of all ages are expected to be in Westmount for the start of school next week. Bill 22, which many feared would have a considerable effect upon the populations and types of education children would be receiving during the first full year of operation, seems to have made no difference whatsoever in Westmount, in either French or English schools, public or private."

10 years ago

Aug. 29, 1985

PCB TRANSFORMERS TO BE REPLACED: "Dawson College plans to replace the 13 PCB-filled electrical transformers located on its new Mother House site as soon as possible, hopefully before December, officials told THE EXAMINER yesterday. The clean-up of leaks from one of the units would be undertaken only after completion of a study to ascertain what interim repairs to the units might be required, Peter McAuslan, Dawson secretary-general explained."

— Caroline Kutschke

Taking a summer off as video censor

My kids spend their summers away from Montreal. After they leave, I learn to live with the quiet, the relatively clutter-free environment, and something that feels like freedom — but isn't.

Each August, I adjust to their return, accept a new level of sound from the stereo, avoid the socks that breed in the living room, remember how the television works.

When we go to the video store to rent a film, I have to remember to look at the sticker on the box. This, I tell myself, is responsible parenting. My son rolls his eyes as I tell him something marked 13+ is too old for him. "Mom," he says in that voice.

If I've seen reviews of the film and they are resoundingly and convincingly bad, I'll stick to my guns. Otherwise, I'm usually a push-over. I tend to draw the line at the 16+ ones — even for myself.

I haven't quite figured out how the movie raters go about their job. Every time I think I've got it worked out, a movie appears that blows my theory. Maybe a censor is replaced and the new person brings with him or her a subtly different view of sex, violence and obscenity.

For the longest time, it seemed that violence was okay. It was sex and dirty talk that were verboten. Nakedness, lasciviousness, kissing, bedroom scenes and talking about them were enough to push a film up into the 16+ level.

Blowing up crowded supermarkets, detonating large vessels filled to the gun-wales with humanity, or blasting people into hamburger were all acceptable so long as none of those involved were having sex or saying bad words.

There are, however, periods during which sex gets the green light and violence is reserved for the over-16s. Sometimes there's an alarming variability within classifications. The alert parent can only try to be aware of such things.

There are questions a parent should learn to ask before making a video selection. Do I want my kids to watch murder, maiming and mayhem; or lust, sex and full-frontal nudity? How hard will it be to convince my children that I really don't want them to say that word if they've just heard it 12 times in a movie? 24 times? once a minute?

To make the selection that much harder, videos are booby-trapped. My kids enjoy the main attraction well enough, but they'd be upset if they missed the previews — as I would have been, in the good old days, if we'd arrived at the cinema too late for the cartoons.

Previews are there to entice us, to make us want to see the film. They show us the juicy bits. If the film is about a dog saving an entire town from a flash flood, you've got to expect the preview to show some dog and some water. If the film is a wild sex romp, the preview will undoubtedly have a few titillating moments intended to tan-

Beside the Point

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talize the susceptible. If the film is one of graphic horror and viciousness, guess what the preview will show.

Which is all well and good so long as previews retain a certain class-consciousness. Problems arise when a preview forgets itself or finds itself in the wrong denomination. A 13+ film I find acceptable may be accompanied by a 13+ preview I blush (or shudder) to encounter.

Imagine settling down with your child — at home or in the cinema — to watch something gentle and innocuous, only to discover you must first weather clips you wouldn't show to a hardened member of the vice squad. You quickly learn that kids just hate it when you stick your hands over their eyes, your fingers in their ears.

It all comes back to me with my kids. When my children leave for the summer, there's that thing that feels like freedom but isn't. When they come back, I realize that feeling was just being able to stop scanning for hazards such as inappropriate previews on videos or at the movies. And I realize it was a silly thing to confuse with freedom.

Letters are welcome

Letters are welcome and every effort will be made to print them, space permitting. The more concise the letter, the better its chances of being printed. Letters must be signed and bear the writer's address and daytime phone number for identification purposes. Letters should be sent to: The Editor, 210 Victoria Ave., Westmount, Que., H3Z 2M4, or faxed to 484-6028.

I Say!

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— Archbishop C. Garbett

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Community calendar

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Pat Walsh, watercolour and mono-print artist, will show slides and talk about her life and work as an artist. Tues., Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the McClure Gallery. Entrance fee: \$5, free for friends of the Centre.

Recreation

Open House at the Visual Arts Centre on Sun., Sept. 10, 1-4 p.m. Join teachers in activities. Activities available for children. Teachers will be on hand to answer questions. Free admission. For more info., 488-9558. **Registration for fall session** at the Visual Arts Centre starting wk. of Sept. 17 is on now. For courses offered, check in brochure or call the Centre at 488-9558 for info. and registration.

Girl Guides Monklunds District will be holding registration on Tues., Sept. 5 from 7-8 p.m. at the Westmount Park School gym. Mtg. times & locations for groups: **Sparks** (5&6 yrs.) not yet determined. **Brownies** (7&8 yrs.): Tues. from 6:15-7:45 p.m. at St. Andrew's Dominion Douglas Church basement. **Guides** (9-12 yrs.): Tues. from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Wsmt. Park

United Church basement. **Pathfinders** (12-15 yrs.): Tues. from 6:30-8:30 at Wsmt. Park United Church basement. **Rangers** (15-17 yrs.): Mon. or Tues. from 7-9 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church. Guide Co. which met on Weds. at St. Matthias' Church is looking for new Guider-in-Charge. Please bring daughter's medicare card as there is a health form to be completed. For more info., phone Joan Dickson at 487-2947 btwn. 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Floral designer Kathryn Lamb will share her techniques of gathering, drying and arranging autumn wildflowers, pods & berries. A 'weed walk' will be included in the program (weather permitting). Sun. Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fee includes materials. Contact the Visual Arts Centre for more info. at 488-9558

Bridge Club Championship Game & Luncheon will be held on Tues., Sept. 19 at 11:45 a.m. at Shaar Hashomayim Duplicate Bridge Club, 450 Kensington Ave., honouring Harold Frye, our director who will be retiring after 15 years. Cost \$10/person and lunch incl. For reservations, please contact Mavis Solloway at 486-0458 or Rhoda Sabbath at 488-8691. **'Embrace the Morning Sky'** daily

from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. in Westmount Park by bicycle path with Tai-bu-chi-toh, an amalgamation of improvised Butoh and freeform Tai Chi. Free. Info: Sun Ying, 932-6875.

Exhibitions

Exchange '95 exhibit of ceramics by visiting Czech artists continues at the McClure Gallery of the Visual Arts Centre until Sept. 2. For more information, call 488-9558.

Annual Teachers' Exhibition features personal works of the Visual Arts Centre's faculty members. Works will be on view from Sept. 8-29. The public is invited to the opening, Thurs. Sept. 7 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Several of the artists will be present.

Recent works by Sylvie Héту and Linda Schneider-Granatstein will be on display at the West End Gallery, 1358 Greene Ave., Westmount. Mon.-Sat. from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Kids' stuff

Activity Club for children ages 6 to 12, 4 p.m., Thursdays at Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Info: 931-2304.

Storytime for pre-schoolers on Wednesdays at the Victoria Hall location of the Westmount Library. Stories begin at 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m. No registration or fee. Info.: 989-5229.

Westmount Pre-School, a parent-run co-op, is registering 3 & 4 yr. olds now. Call 934-5636 for info.

Seniors

Centre for Creative Lifestyles, a division of the Golden Age Association, will open a mini-centre at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom this fall. There will be a gala opening in Westmount Square on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Judy or Joyce at 739-4731.

Golden Age Assoc. Fall course registration will start with the bridge and computer depts. on Tues. Sept. 12, 9:30-noon. Registration for program dept. courses incl. fine arts and crafts starts Tues. Sept. 12, noon-4 p.m. For more info., call 739-4731.

Contactivity Centre will be offering a course in collaboration with the Visual Arts on Impressionism with Honor Robertson. This course starts on Tues. Oct. 3 and runs for four wks. Lectures conducted with slide & video presentations. More info: 932-2326.

CLSC Metro Westmount Service, 300 Victoria Ave., is offering a course: Dealing with Memory Changes to help seniors facing normal forgetfulness as they age. It will be offered starting Sept. 13 for four consecutive Wed. mngs. from 10 a.m. to noon. Free of charge and open to Wsmt. & dwn. residents. To register or obtain more info., call Cheryl Jackson at 487-4670.

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CLSC Metro Westmount Service, 300 Victoria, is offering a "Learning About Arthritis" course to help anyone dealing with this problem. It will be held for 4 consecutive weeks on Monday afternoons, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. beginning Sept. 11. To register, call Nancy Grant, M. Sc. N., at 487-4670. The program is free of charge.

Yiddish Hour of Golden Age Assoc. presents Cantor David Bagley of the Chevra Kadisha-B'nai Jacob Congregation, accompanied by Mrs. Klara Bagley on Tues. Sept. 5 at 1 p.m. in the Riva Gesser Auditorium. All are welcome. For more info., call 739-4731.



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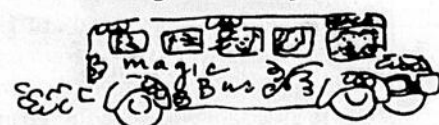
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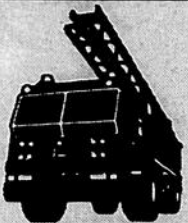
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12:31 p.m. 1255 Greene: first responder for medical assistance; assisted Urgences Santé in transporting patient suffering cardiac problems to Reddy Memorial Hospital.
1:40 p.m. 426 Mount Stephen: sparking wires; electrician to attend.
5:42 p.m. Bruce/Dorchester: false alarm.
6:38 p.m. 4221 St. Catherine: defective smoke detector.
9:03 p.m. 5800 Cavendish, CSL: cancelled en route.
11:47 p.m. 4331 de Maisonneuve: alarm defective.

Wednesday, Aug. 23

5:26 a.m. 4331 de Maisonneuve: defective alarm.
9:04 a.m. 5790 Parkhaven, CSL: cancelled en route.
9:45 a.m. 4574 Sherbrooke: defective fire alarm.
1:10 p.m. 5760 Parkhaven, CSL: cancelled.
6:17 p.m. 5370 McDonald, CSL: cancelled.
9:05 p.m. 7 Park Place: paint fumes set off smoke detector.

Thursday, Aug. 24

12:39 a.m. 4465 de Maisonneuve: wires down, Light and Power contacted.
10:56 a.m. 5140 McDonald, CSL: cancelled en route.
12:44 p.m. 1050 Dunkirk, TMR: cancelled en route.
9:47 a.m. 4060 St. Catherine: first responder for medical assistance for man, 27, suffering from back pain; released by Urgences Santé.
4:07 p.m. 4560 St. Catherine: defective system.

Friday, Aug. 25

6:11 a.m. front 4040 St. Catherine: flower pot smouldering due to discarded cigarette.
7:15 a.m. 333 Grosvenor: smell of gas complaint; nothing found.
9:31 a.m. 201 Metcalfe: first responder for medical assistance.
10:09 p.m. 4488 St. Catherine: defective smoke detector.

Saturday, Aug. 26

9:39 a.m. 327 Kensington: flooding due to broken water valve; area cleaned and plumber and electrician contacted.
12:54 p.m. 3123 St. Antoine: false alarm.
6:57 p.m. 7155 Côte St. Luc, CSL: cancelled en route.
8:05 p.m. 335 Elm: burglar alarm.
8:29 p.m. corner Argyle/ Montrose: water leak in the road; Montreal Waterworks aware, repairs scheduled for next week.
12 midnight 4560 St. Catherine: defective alarm panel.

Sunday, Aug. 27

5:40 a.m. 554 Grosvenor: burglar alarm set off, no reason found.
5:52 p.m. 7 Park Place: smoke detector set off by smoke from cooking.

Monday, Aug. 28

1:05 a.m. 4114 St. Catherine: defective alarm.
2:21 a.m. 319 Melville: water leaking through ceiling due to broken water pipe.
5:19 a.m. 4574 Sherbrooke: defective fire alarm.
6:05 a.m. 4119 de Maisonneuve: fire alarm, no cause found, alarm company to check.
8:41 a.m. 2 Westmount Square: first responder for medical assistance; patient transferred to the Montreal General Hospital.
10:35 a.m. 636 Clarke: first responder for medical assistance; patient transferred to Montreal General Hospital.
11:14 a.m. 1117 Greene: gas pipe leak due to broken valve; gas main shut, area evacuated, buildings aired out and readings taken until situation normal.
11:54 a.m. 4162 Dorchester: defective alarm.
12:41 p.m. 4300 de Maisonneuve: first responder for medical assistance; patient transferred to Jewish General Hospital.

12:52 p.m. 29 Windsor: electrical trouble.
1:37 p.m. 235 Metcalfe: first responder for medical assistance; patient taken to Royal Victoria Hospital.
3:14 p.m. Westmount Park: first responder

for medical assistance to treat 4-year-old boy who fell off a tree while playing near the comfort station; suffered cuts to face; Urgences Santé transported youngster to Montreal Children's Hospital.

9:23 p.m. 4119 de Maisonneuve: smoke detector activated, no cause found.
11:02 p.m. area St. Catherine/ Greene: smoke complaint; originating from St. Henri; crew returned to station.

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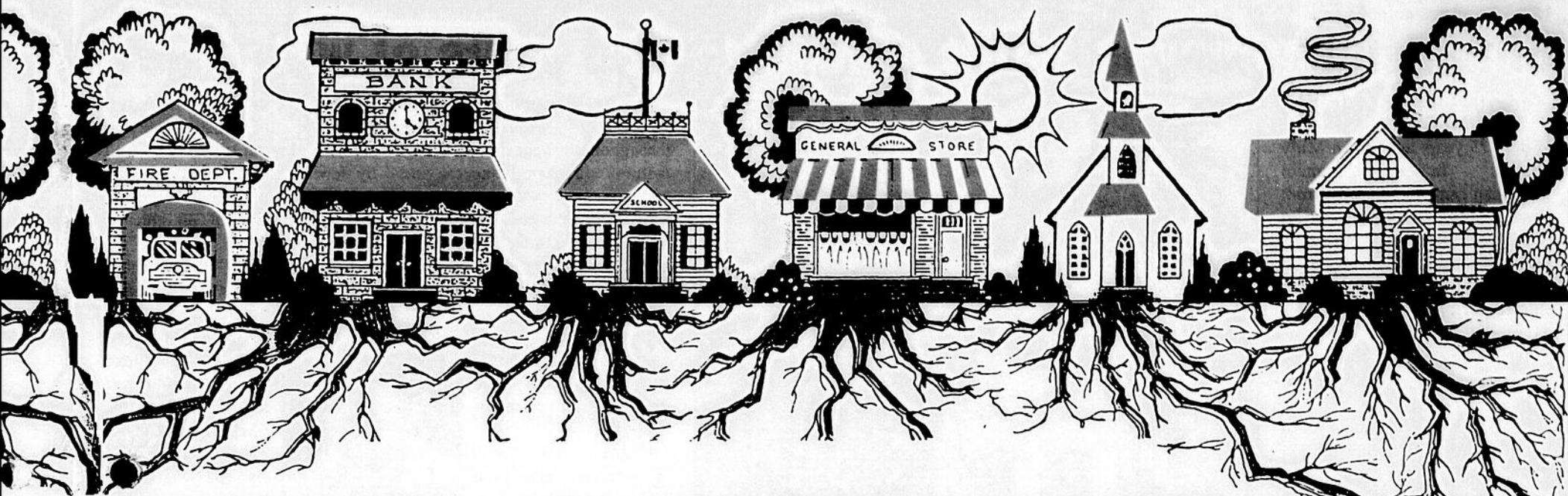
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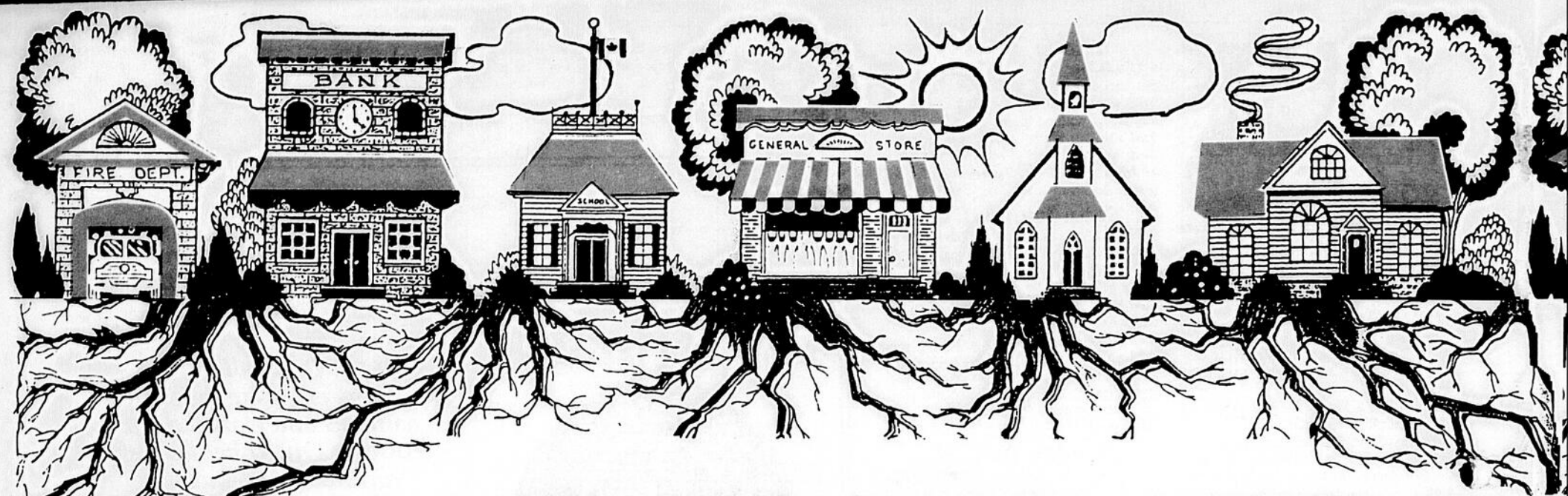
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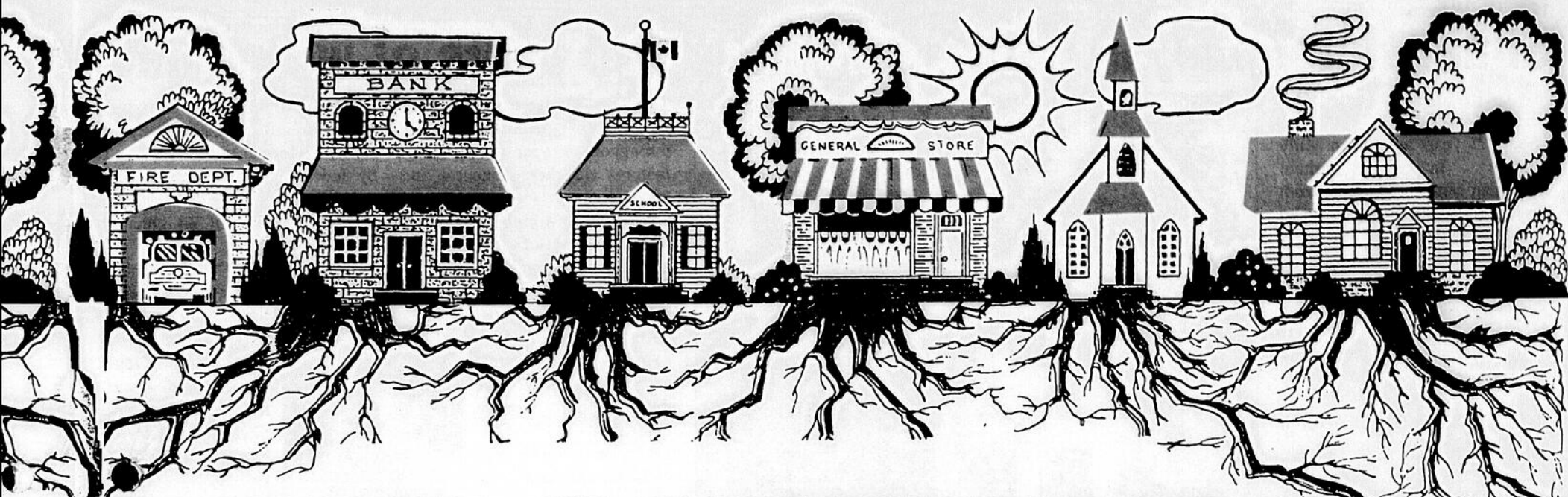
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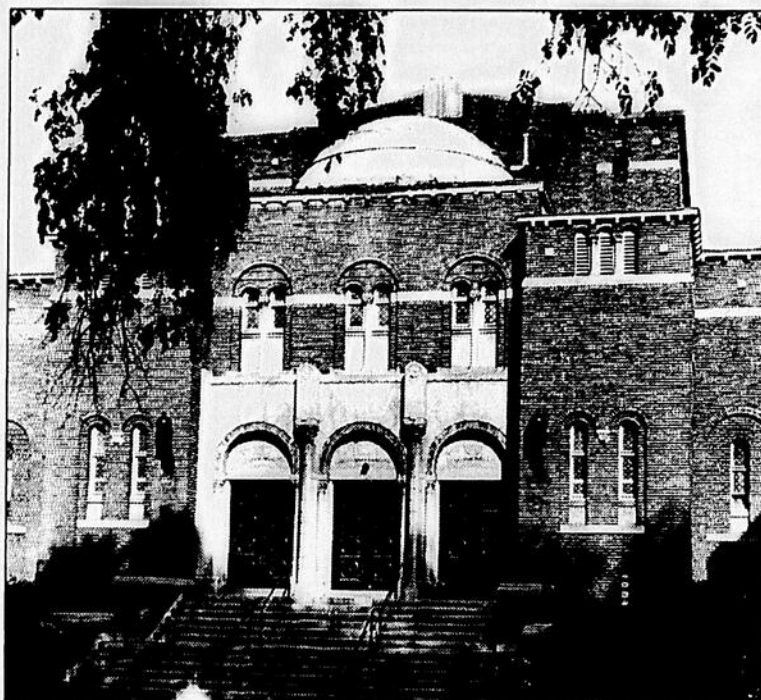
Shaar Hashomayim set to celebrate 150 years of welcome

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

Some 75 years ago, when Milly Lande's father Abraham Bronfman came to Montreal from western Canada, wanting to attend religious services as a practicing Jew, he went to a synagogue on McGill College Avenue. When he entered the sanctuary, recounts his daughter, he was noticed by Moses Heilig, who upon spotting the stranger relinquished his seat to him.

"That was the beginning of a long and steadfast friendship that has continued to the next generation. It was the beginning of a happy and meaningful association with the Shaar Hashomayim for our entire family," Lande said, as the synagogue gears up for a year of activities celebrating its 150th anniversary in 1996. "How wise my father was!"

It's a sentiment felt by many among the congregation, which has grown steadily since the granting of its charter as the first



The Shaar Hashomayim synagogue prior to 1967.

Ashkenazic synagogue in North America in 1846.

Now the oldest and second-largest synagogue in Canada — it has a 1,600 family unit member-

ship, with 4,000 people expected to attend high holidays — the Shaar is looking back on its history through a series of events over the year, some of which are open to the public.

It all starts Sept. 16, with a choral Havdallah Service and presentation of Tapestry Torah covers with words and music, created by members of the congregation. A reception and retrospective exhibition of 150 years of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim follows, as will a Torah scroll processional and Selichot service in the main

sanctuary. The activities are one of five major events occurring throughout the year, in addition to lectures, lunches, concerts and services.

In October, a presentation will be made of a coat-of-arms commissioned by the governor-general's office. In November, the Shaar will be gearing up for a gala philharmonic orchestra under the direction of Stephen Glass.

A special 150th religious service open to the entire community is being scheduled for May 13. The closing dinner/dance gala is set for June 12.

"The congregation has been a trendsetter in the Jewish community from its very inception 150 years ago," says Rabbi Emeritus Dr. Wilfred Shuchat, first appointed assistant rabbi in 1946.

"Its most important gift to Canada is its effort to raise that community to a high spiritual level," adds Rabbi Shuchat, who will be writing up much of the synagogue's history in a commemorative book to be released next year. "The Shaar has always joined hands with every effort to make a society a better place in which to live."

At first incorporating the congregation of English, German and

Polish Jews, the synagogue's two streams of influence stem from the authentic Jewish tradition formed by Jewish scholarship emanating from Lithuania, and from the English tradition of enlightened conservatism.



Milly Lande

By September 1886, the congregation had moved to its second home on McGill College Avenue where it was incorporated as the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue in 1918. By 1921 its membership was so large that it moved again to the present site on Kensington Ave. That building underwent an expansion in the early 1970s, with membership at 1,750 families and 4,000 individuals and a need for more educational and recreational facilities.

Its revamped version included the main synagogue with seating for 2,000, a new chapel seating 300, a new community hall accommodating 1,000 and a new

(Please see SHAAR, page 17)

Seniors' city life is Temple topic

On Sept. 12, the Entre Nous Group of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom will host Derek Drummond, director of the McGill School of Architecture, who will speak on "Life in the City for Seniors." The talk will take place at 1 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. It will follow a brown bag lunch. Information: 937-3575.

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To address CJA



Betty Kane, chair of the United Jewish Appeal National Women's Division, will address Montreal's Lion of Judah category of the Combined Jewish Appeal, Women's Division, on Sept. 12 at a reception hosted by Nancy Cummings and Marc Gold at their Westmount home.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Sunnyside School was among first local nursery-kindergartens

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Conditions were however very different. Montreal as a whole, and Westmount along with it, was thriving. In the decades spanning the turn of the millennium Westmount's population tripled. Municipal services were improved and expanded and transportation extended throughout the community.

Yet in spite of these increased amenities and its proximity to the metropolis of Montreal, Westmount continued for some

KNOW YOUR WESTMOUNT

By Aline Gubbay



years to maintain a remarkably rural aspect. This made it very attractive to families with young children, but schooling became a problem.

Until the 1890s, there was only one public school in the district,

"Westmount," formerly "Cote St. Luc Academy." So small private schools mushroomed to meet the demand.

One of the first, and longest-lasting, at the nursery-kindergarten level, was "Sunnyside." Its princi-

pal was Frances Brown, daughter of Irish-Scottish settlers who first built a house in Ontario which they called "Sunnyside." In 1880, they moved to Montreal.

Frances, the eldest of eight children, had had an excellent education which included college and art classes. She dreamed of starting a school of her own and when her brother built a large home on one of Westmount's newly-opened streets, Melbourne Avenue, she seized the opportunity to gather a few children together in the dining room and began teaching.

The class soon outgrew the dining room and moved into the newly-built Victoria Hall. Music

and gym were added to the curriculum and on fine days, classes were moved out of doors under the trees of the nearby park.

Elinor Brown, a niece of the principal's, has left a memoir describing some of the school's day-to-day activities. "In the winter, the third form helped the beginners with their outdoor clothes. Red River coats, sashes and tuques, mittens and over stockings. These were worn over the shoes but under the rubbers.

"In class, the children sat at trestle tables with school bags hanging from their chairs. They were allowed to talk quietly about their (See SCHOOL, page 17)

Visual Arts Centre gearing up for 50th anniversary in 1996

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

Westmount's Visual Arts Centre recently launched its program guide, heralding both the next two seasons' activities as well as its 50th anniversary.

The event marked several changes in activities at the centre, which started off as the Potters Club, and was eventually incorporated in 1951. The centre moved into its current home on Victoria Avenue in the early 1970s, in what was the Biltcliffe grocery and hardware store, built in 1910.

A chance to browse is offered on Sunday, Sept. 10, during the centre's open house, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Courses at all levels are offered in the Department of Fine and Applied Arts, ranging from drawing to sculpture.

Open house set for Saturday, Sept. 10

Youths will also have a chance to benefit from courses aimed directly at them through the centre's introduction of School Field Trips-Art for elementary students to complement its regular programming of winter school break activities and art parties for children.

The centre will also offer a subsidized programme for seniors in

the Mature Students Department, where four new courses and more workshops have been added. They are tailored to 12, eight and four week sessions.

Other events include a visit to the Tom Hopkins studio and Friday afternoon Café Video meetings.

Special events hosted by the cen-

tre include an exhibition of ceramic sculptures by visiting Czech artists this month, as well as a 20 year retrospective lecture in September by painter Pat Walsh.

Also on the agenda are lectures by glass artists Elena Lee and Françoise Apel, basket weaver

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Shaar gears up for activity season

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

There's plenty to do for all at the Shaar Hashomayim synagogue this coming fall and winter, especially in school activities.

New this year is the pre-United Synagogue for Youth group for children in Grades 7 and 8.

"We'd like to try and harness the energy there, to empower them to lead their own lives and activities," Rabbi Daniel Elkin explained.

The regular USY group has already started this season with its first meeting this week. Youth Services is run by teenagers, to encourage them to get involved and to take over in a leadership capacity. This year is particularly

exciting for everyone because of the upcoming 150th anniversary of the synagogue, said Rabbi Elkin, adding that the synagogue is gearing up for the event with a host of activities. The foundation school is already organizing activities for young families. This includes Hebrew speaking courses for young parents.

This season, the Shaar will be emphasizing Hebrew conversation, especially through audio-visual material from Israel, the Rabbi said.

The school has also bought new texts from the United States which are more child-centered, he said. The school aims to teach the children to be more active while learning about and fostering Hebrew values.

The Home and School program is very active this year, said Rabbi Elkin, adding that there will be many family education programs.

The schedule of P.A.L.S. Family programs has also been set for the coming year.

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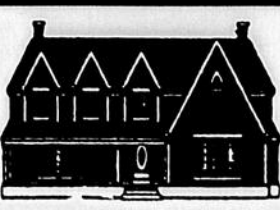
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School was alma mater for Dunns, Shearers

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work without disturbing the lessons in progress. Fifteen minutes before closing time at 12:30 p.m., the children turned their chairs to face Miss Brown, who read to them from a favourite book. While the story was being read, the children sat as quiet as mice, hands folded in laps and feet crossed, listening to every word.

Sunnyside was probably the first school to schedule a winter "break." Miss Brown thought it was a long

session from Christmas to Easter and a break for everyone, children and teachers, would be helpful.

Among the pupils who attended Sunnyside were Mary and Danny Dunn, both blind. They were helped by children assigned, each day or week, to be their guardians. Mary became a well-known pianist and Danny, a minister. Other early pupils were children of the Shearer family: Atholl, Douglas and Norma, the last two going on to distinguished careers in Hollywood.

Sunnyside School continued in existence into the 1920s by which time Westmount's five public schools, covering grades from elementary to high school, were well established.

But the excellence of Miss Brown's school with its many innovations, will always merit an honourable place in the story of education in Westmount.

Next week: "One of the finest school buildings in the Dominion."

Shaar kicks off 150th celebrations on Sept. 16

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Kiddush Hall. There were also four new classrooms, a new library, a new museum, a youth meeting lounge with an office, as well as a garden area used for a large Succah and a playground.

"It's really a house of assembly," says Lande, a former president of the synagogue. "There's a lot going on — there's something for everybody."

There's a great future to look forward to, she added, pointing to the young families who make up the congregation.

They want the traditions to contin-

ue, Lande said.

In a similar vein, Lande also cites the broad education given to children in the synagogue's schools, as well as the Shaar's record for producing generations of community leaders active in a variety of fields.

While the average lifespan of a synagogue or congregation spans about 25 years, a strong foundation is often cited as the key to the Shaar's longevity.

A large part is also due to the talented lay and religious leadership of the synagogue — "and a little mazal

— luck, good fortune and fate," says Rabbi Ira Grussgott. "The Shaar has had a proud tradition for doing its own thing, above the fray of denomination and being true to itself."

Rabbi Grussgott said the 150th anniversary is a time to take stock of where people and things are. He added that the synagogue will continue to be respectful in adhering to Judaic law while at the same time being responsive to the needs of a changing society.



Rabbi Grussgott



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HEALTH & FITNESS



Grocery store shopping tips for leaner and healthier eating

With so many different nutrition claims bombarding us in the grocery store, grocery shopping can be a confusing experience as we

attempt to stock up on nutritious, well-balanced foods for ourselves and our families.

Shopping for healthy eating can be made easier by knowing that

many packaged foods have nutrition information right on the label. All packages have an ingredient list; some products choose to

make nutrition claims or provide nutrition information.

Here are some basic tips provided by Health Canada designed to

make shopping for healthy eating a little bit easier.

• *Choose lower fat foods more often.*

Some food products list the amount of fat in grams per serving under the heading "nutrition information." To determine the amount of fat in a serving of a product, check the nutrition information on the label for grams of fat. Compare the fat content of similar products and choose the lower-fat one.

• *Choose whole grain and enriched products*

Buy grain products that are whole grain or enriched. Look at the ingredient list for grains such as whole wheat, wheat bran, oats or rye. You will know if a food is enriched if the ingredient list includes nutrients like iron, niacin, riboflavin and thiamin. Whether or not the label says so, all white flour and foods made from flour, such as bread, are enriched.

• *Understand the dairy case*

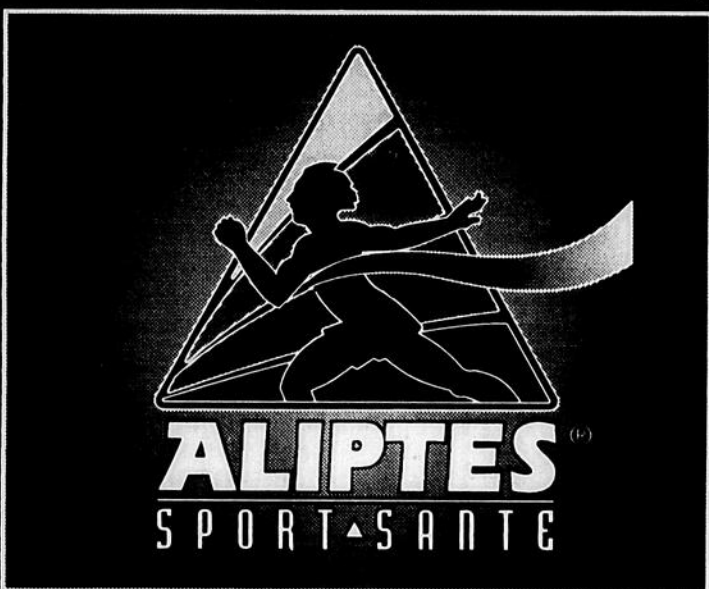
Milk products, including milk, cheese and yogurt, are labeled as a percentage of butter fat or milk fat (% BF or % MF). You can compare the labels of these products to find the ones that have a lower fat content. Choose milk that is one or 2 per cent BF/MF or less and block or sliced cheeses with 15 to 20 per cent BF/MF or less.

• *Lean side of meat and alternatives*

Meat, poultry, some fish as well as eggs, nuts, and seeds can be major sources of fat. Choose leaner cuts of meat and trim visible fat and skin from meat and poultry before cooking. Deli-style meats can be higher in fat and salt so choose these less often.

And in the meantime, you can do some recycling by taking along shopping bags and boxes to the supermarket, by not using a bag at all when you have only one or two items, and by trying to purchase goods with minimal packaging.

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Rhythm and grace



Westmount gymnast Adeline Saliba performs in the provincial rhythmic gymnastics championships last year. Rhythmic gymnastic and ballet classes will soon be starting up at sports and community centres and private schools.

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Straight talk on sitting up straight

If your job involves doing work at a computer keyboard, be sure to practice proper body mechanics. This means good posture.

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- input materials should be eye level so that you don't have to bend your neck over your work.

— From the Canadian Physiotherapy Association.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Being sedentary all your life doesn't mean you can never get fit

Thanks to new research and a greater understanding of the benefits of physical activity, experts now believe that vigorous activity is not the only way to improve fitness levels and an overall sense of well-being. Experts now claim that all activity — from low to moderate to vigorous — has important benefits.

"This new approach — call it 'Active Living' — is a return to the basics. It's playing in the park, taking the dog for a walk, going

Walking, dancing, cycling can also add to your vitality

dancing, cycling to the store. It includes sports, aerobics and running. It's active, healthy living in which everyone, young and old, the fit and the not-so-fit, can participate," says Morina Reece of Fitness Canada.

Even if you've been sedentary all your life, starting now with moderate physical activities will benefit your health. With this in mind, let's try to dispel some of the old

myths about physical activity and learn more about this new approach to being active:

Myth No. 1: *I must do at least 40 minutes of vigorous activity a day in order to achieve any benefits.*

Fact: Any amount of physical activity that you add to your daily routine will help you discover vitality and enhance your well-being.

Myth No. 2: *If it doesn't hurt, it*

won't work.

Fact: Physical activity isn't meant to be painful. On the contrary, it should add pleasure, fun and excitement to your life. Pain is a warning sign that you shouldn't ignore. If something hurts, stop or change your activity until it is pain-free.

Myth No. 3: *You need a lot of expensive equipment to be physically fit.*

Fact: Comfortable clothing, sturdy shoes and your own momentum will do.

Above all, remember that being active is fun. Never forget that the "play" approach to physical activity is key to discovering your own vitality and well-being. And so is a concern for the environment around us. Walking to work and cycling to the store not only make sense for our physical well-being; they make sense for our environment, too.

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Lawn bowling club results are rolling in

As the season is drawing to a close for the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club the results of the club games are starting to come in. The Men's Singles are over and were won by Bob Dumont. Jim Finch was second. Fred Dawson took the consolation round.

The Willie Brown Ladies Doubles saw Agnes Ramer in 1st place, Leonorah Turner in 2nd and Joan Lloyd in 3rd.

Richard and Irene Menear were

runners-up in the "C" group at the "Fete de Lachine" match. The final game was played at Riverside on Sunday.

The Federation Mixed Pairs is being played this week. Fred Dawson and Blanche Senez are the entrants from Westmount. Sunday two teams will be going out to Verdun to play in the Federation Junior Fours. This is for players with five years' experience or less.

— Jean Place



Ping-Pong pals

It looks like a case of younger brother to the rescue as Westmount youngsters Nancy Choi, 9, and Won Kyu Choi, 8, play some doubles Ping-Pong at the Westmount Arena last week. For those interested in playing, paddles are available at the pool desk.

Photo by CLIFF SKARTSTEDT

New sports and recreation guide hits local homes

The 1995-96 Westmount sports and recreation guide is out. It was to be delivered to homes Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Residents who have not received a copy can pick one up at the Sports and Recreation Dept. office, 4675 St. Catherine St.

Again this year, courses run the gamut, from skating instruction for the kids to line dancing for adults.

New this year for adults is an evening bridge club, open to anyone who enjoys a relaxing evening

game. The cost is free. Hands will be played at Victoria Hall. First meeting is Monday, Oct. 16 at 8 p.m., when the general structure of the club will be discussed.

Also new for adults is Kin Ball, a co-operative game designed to enhance cardiovascular endurance. It is a non-contact sport played indoors with a 4 1/2-foot-diameter ball weighing less than 2 pounds.

Also new will be an indoor gardening and plants course headed by local gardener Richard

Turcotte, a longtime houseplant amateur and current president of the Westmount Houseplant and Hydroculture Club.

New for kids is a Houdini Magic Club for ages 7 to 9. Instructor is Alan Greenberg. This class will introduce the aspects of the stage presence, first tricks in magic, juggling and clowning.

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