

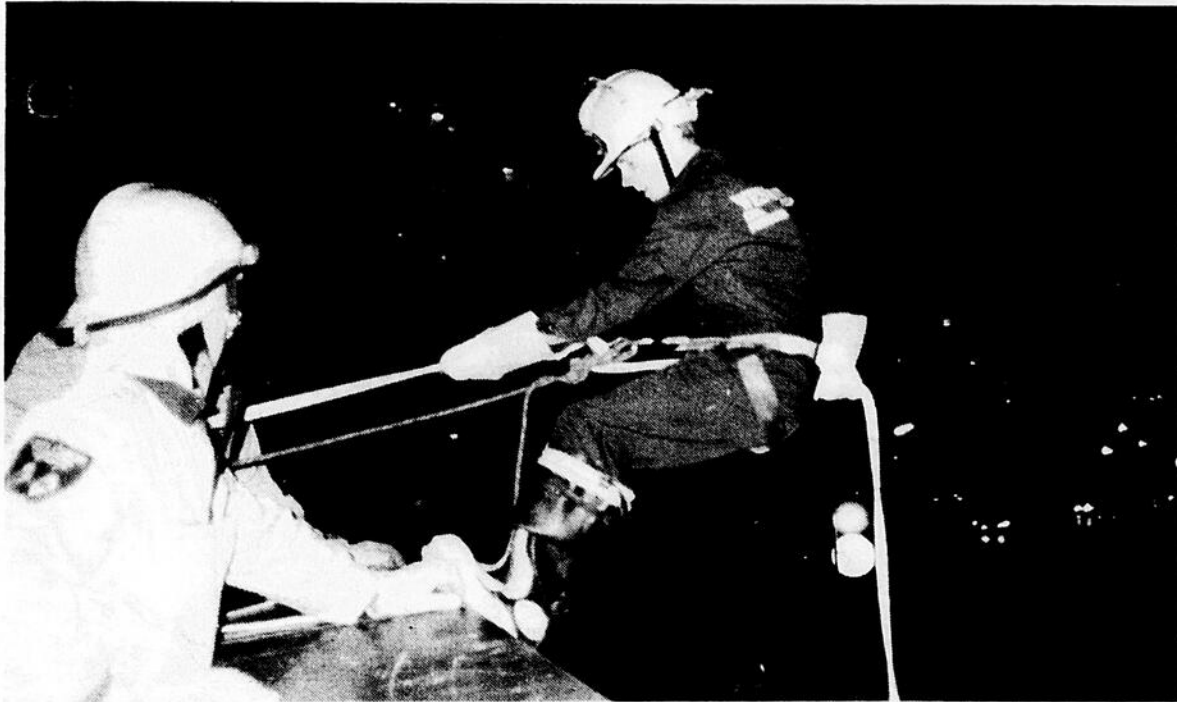
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OVER THE EDGE: Poised on the top of No 2 fire station at The Boulevard and Victoria avenue Wednesday night last week, Neal Ferguson, a volunteer in Westmount's Civil Protection Unit, was silhouetted against the western skyline as he attempted to repel down the side of the building. The evening's instruction on repelling techniques was provided by Westmounter Graham Covington, a seasoned mountaineer. Guest civil protection groups and volunteer firemen from Pointe Claire, Verdun and Montreal West also attended.

'Creates dangerous situation':

SPCA protests dog run deal; owners to stage mock funeral

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A last-minute plea for a stay of execution in closing the central dog run in Westmount Park tomorrow was made to Mayor Brian Gallery Tuesday by SPCA president Joan Clark, QC.

The request came in the wake of plans by local dog owners to stage a mock funeral on the dog run tomorrow night in protest.

The city's proposal to move the well-established run May 1 to an unfenced and unlighted site at St Catherine street and Lansdowne avenue "creates a very dangerous situation," the SPCA president said in an official letter to His Worship (see "You Say," page five).

"I urge you, Mr Mayor, to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Westmount Park dog run remain open until an appropriate site has been properly lighted, landscaped and fenced as previously agreed by city officials."

The alternative site at a busy intersection could result in dogs being lost or hit by cars, she wrote, in addition to causing traffic disruptions.

Dogs and owners are planning to converge on the former dog run across from the former dog run tomorrow night to stage a mock funeral.

Dressed in black, they intend to march south to the new site on the northeast corner of The Glen intersection, Beryl Parker, president of the Westmount Dog Owners' Association told THE EXAMINER.

This will be the first leg of a protest being mounted by the group.

The issue is expected to be taken up at Monday night's meeting of city council.

The decision to close the dog run was announced by city council last year in March when it also was agreed to landscape, light and fence the alternative site.

City council Tuesday last week decided to proceed with the closure of the run tomorrow while postponing the proposal to upgrade the new site (see story last week).

In her letter to Mayor Gallery, Miss Clark, a Town of Mount Royal resident, said co-operation between city officials and the Westmount Dog Owners' Association to promote responsible pet ownership had served as a model to other municipalities.

"In an age when most municipalities were faced with growing conflicts between those who own dogs and those who do not, Westmount was an oasis of calm and reason."

As a result, she said, similar dog-owner groups had been formed in the Town of Mount Royal and Pointe Claire.

The recent decision by Westmount council, however, had "sparked resentment and a sense of having been deceived among members of the Westmount Dog Owners' Association."

This was "certainly not a feeling conducive to a healthy working relationship with city officials," she said.

Decry firefighting operation:

Plaza fire suits against Westmount total \$68 million

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

LAWSUITS against Westmount totalling more than \$68 million had been filed by Monday in connection with losses from the Oct 26 fire at Alexis Nihon Plaza, city officials confirmed, the largest being a \$50 million claim by the Alexis Nihon corporation itself.

Although the six-month prescription period following the fire ended Sunday, four of the claims were served Monday. No known additional ones had been taken by noon yesterday.

All 21 actions have been served jointly and severally with the City of Montreal by insurers, tenants or others involved in the blaze, which burned the office tower at 1500 Atwater avenue, some seven percent of which lies in Westmount.

Most alleged negligence by firefighters in the spread of the fire beyond the 10th storey of the 15-floor tower.

Only three of the declarations differentiated between Montreal and Westmount firefighting operations:

- Alexis Nihon (Quebec) Inc alleged that Montreal firefighters assigned Westmount counterparts to stand aside, and that Westmount firefighters, yielding to Montreal authority, refrained from intervening in the building and returned to their station;

- An action by Allendale Insurance and the Catelli Inc food company claimed that both fire departments failed to ascertain the seriousness of the fire by deciding separately and/or together that Westmount firefighters were not needed;

- A suit by Dylex (Tip Top Tailors) claimed Westmount firefighters should have stayed on the scene "and immediately attacked the fire rather than leave and return to it some time later."

Westmount and mutual aid firefighters were committed to fighting the fire once it was known to have spread into Westmount territory.

The Dylex claim of \$57,000 followed a *mise-en-demeure* notice of claim, received after the 15-day deadline after the fire of Nov 13, 1986.

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Wallets found in hole in wall

Three wallets were found Wednesday last week in a hole in a wall of a bathroom of an office building at 1384 Greene avenue, police said. One had been reported stolen Feb 24 in police district 15 and was returned to the owner.

Police said all the wallets were believed to have been stolen and disposed of by being thrown into the hole.



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HAIG AT SHAAR DINNER: Former U.S. secretary of state and 1988 presidential candidate Gen Alexander Haig, left, shares thoughts with Westmounter Thomas Hecht, a State of Israel Bonds drive organizer, at Tuesday evening's fund-raising dinner at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue. For story, see page 12.

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NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER
By Capt Eric Neal
April 30 to May 6

True spring is here with blue skies and warm sunshine. In any month we can count upon pleasant conditions from three days before to three days after the full moon. Clearing after weekend showers, blue skies and warm sunshine will prevail through the middle of the week. Continuing fair along the St Lawrence Valley; northern regions will have more freezing rains mixed with snow, as will Vermont and some border counties.

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Long agenda faces city council Monday

Monday night's statutory May meeting of city council appears likely to be a lengthy session judging by the long list of business items designated for the agenda by press time yesterday.

Among them are grants to various city groups, including certain non-profit organizations, as well as annual assistance to the Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre and Arts

Westmount.

Other items reported for council consideration are:

- Adoption of amending by-law for electricity rates;
- Adoption of a by-law to appropriate \$1.5 million of surplus to the working fund;
- Public works tenders for one motor truck, cab and chassis as well as a new roof and tuck pointing for Victoria Hall; also repairs to roof over mess hall building at the Corporation Yard;
- Approval of purchases for supply of 198 mercury vapor lamps, various paints for inventory, deposit pickup service of moneys from 21 Stanton street and city hall to the Bank of Montreal, cable for inventory and alterations to south side of basement office area in city hall;
- Authorization to auction off unclaimed objects May 26 at 7:30 pm in the arena;
- Cadastral operations at 450 Côte St Antoine, 48 Roxborough, 69-71 Hallowell, 4500 de Maisonneuve, 5-7 Parkman Place and 515 Côte St Antoine;
- Presentation of Municipal Housing Bureau's financial statement for 1986;
- Further amendment to zoning by-law 978 for district R9, part 8, regarding railway land and calling for public consultation meeting;
- Light and power tenders, rejection of tender call for cable and calling of new tenders;
- Expenditures over \$5,000 for professional fees regarding plans for upgrading of library lighting;
- Announcement of Police Week May 10-16; and
- Pension agreement with MUC concerning transfer of former Westmount police white collar workers.



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WESTMOUNT Community Calendar

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, April 30

- ☐ **Red Cross blood donor clinic:** Ground floor of Alexis Nihon Plaza, 9:30 am - 8:30 pm
- ☐ **Seminar:** On transcendental meditation, Victoria Hall, 11 am - 3 pm
- ☐ **Lecture:** Bernie Goedhart will talk about "Motivating Children to Enjoy Reading," Montreal Children's Library, lower level of Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater avenue, 8 pm
- ☐ **Art exhibition:** Works of Tarshis-Shapiro at Westmount Public Library until May 3; on view during regular library hours
- ☐ **Art exhibition:** Paintings by Gabriel Contant, Galerie Westmount, 4935A Sherbrooke street west; until May 7
- ☐ **Art exhibition:** Recent works by painter Jean Beaudoin, Kastel Gallery, 1366 Greene avenue; until May 9

Friday, May 1

- ☐ **Operetta:** Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore*, performed by Westmount youngsters under the auspices of the Westmount recreation department, Victoria Hall, 7 pm; also Saturday, 2 pm
- ☐ **Musical revue:** *... And the Winner Is...*, Broadway's best award winners presented by The Arcadians, St Matthias' Church Hall, 12 Church Hill, 8 pm; continues May 2, 3, 8 and 9 with Saturday matinees at 2 pm; reservations: 482-7757

Saturday, May 2

- ☐ **Sale of used clothing:** Parish hall of St Léon's Church, 310 Clarke avenue, 9 am - 1 pm; proceeds to needy families
- ☐ **Nearly new garage sale:** 57 Forde avenue, 9 am - 4 pm; proceeds to the Auxiliary of the Montreal Children's Hospital
- ☐ **Writers' conference:** Annual conference of the Writers' Association for Romance and Mainstream, Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater avenue, 9:30 am - 4 pm; registration begins at 9 am; for more information call Betty at 697-2025 or Rose at 486-7659
- ☐ **Spring flea market:** Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve blvd west, 10 am - 4 pm
- ☐ **Science open house:** Discovery Room at Westmount Park School, room 304, 15 Park Place, 10 am - 2 pm; Oscar the skeleton, vertebrates and invertebrates, environmental section, chemistry experiments and more
- ☐ **Bazaar and bake sale:** 4625 St Catherine street, 1 pm - 4 pm; proceeds to Royal Montreal Regiment Cadet Corps activities
- ☐ **Ball:** Prelude ball, a fund-raiser for the Westmount YMCA, Westmount arena; for further information call Judith Webster at 937-0560

Sunday, May 3

- ☐ **Art exhibit and sale:** "Artisans '87," at The Study School, 3233 The Boulevard, 10 am - 5 pm
- ☐ **Tea and bake sale:** Sign of the Theotokos Church, 310 Clarke avenue, 2 pm - 5 pm

Monday, May 4

- ☐ **Art exhibition:** Recent watercolors by Gael Plant, Westmount Public Library, until May 16
- ☐ **Chess club:** Sponsored by Westmount recreation department, Victoria Hall, 7 pm - 10 pm
- ☐ **Meeting:** Montreal Camera Club, Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve blvd west, 7:30 pm

City will pick up neat garden debris

AS GARDEN debris and other materials accumulate on lawns throughout Westmount, the inevitable by-product of spring cleaning, citizens are reminded to properly package refuse to ensure its eventual removal.

City garbage contractors and public works crews are picking up garden debris provided it is packed in containers and plastic bags. Tree cuttings should be bounded and tied securely.

"It will help keep our city clean," Fred Caluori, the city's public works director, said Tuesday. "And it protects lawns."

Residents may also dump debris at Westmount's Corporation Yards, on Bethune street off St Catherine street, weekdays from 7 am to 11:30 am and 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Dog freed by car mishap shows up in Summit Park

A Laval dog which had been lost during a car accident Sunday was reunited with its family Tuesday after being found in Westmount's Summit Park.

The chow's owners were traced by public safety officers through a licence tag, according to Director Richard McEnroe, of the Public Security Unit, who pointed out the worth of dog licences.

Although the dog had been sighted by public safety officers the night before, it managed to evade being caught until a Westmount woman was able to lead it to officers.

Unknown to officers here, the pooch was anxiously being sought by its owners after the car accident, believed to have occurred in the area of Queen Mary or Côte des Neiges.

The full story came to light only after its family was contacted.

"The dog had apparently been left in a parked car which was hit in the side by another, breaking a window," Dir McEnroe said. "At the point of impact the dog took off and couldn't be found."

Monday night, however, PSO Denis Proulx spotted a dog running loose on the upper level but was unable to apprehend it.

He mentioned the dog to PSO Robin Rowan Tuesday morning, who, along with the dog catcher, made known that they were on the lookout for the animal. A resident of Willow avenue, walking her dog in Summit Park, managed to find the chow and bring it out safely.

Tuesday, May 5

- ☐ **Meeting:** Ninth annual general meeting of The Senior Scene Newspaper Inc, with speaker Rev William White of the Anglican Synod of Montreal, Atwater Library auditorium, 1200 Atwater avenue, 1:30 pm; all seniors welcome
- ☐ **Meeting:** St Léon school committee, at the school, 7:30 pm
- ☐ **Meeting:** Westmount Park school committee, at the school, 7:30 pm
- ☐ **Slide lecture:** Sponsored by the Westmount Public Library, France Bourgeois and Claire Gagné illuminate the Leonardo da Vinci exhibition at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts; lecture at Victoria Hall Lodge room, 7:30 pm; registration at library desk

Wednesday, May 6

- ☐ **Bazaar:** Sponsored by Na'Amat Pioneer Women, Victoria Hall, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- ☐ **Meeting:** Seniors of Westmount Action Group; guest speaker's topic, the Vial of Life program; Victoria Hall, 10 am
- ☐ **Luncheon meeting:** Rotary Club of Westmount, Victoria Hall, 12:30 pm
- ☐ **Annual spring rummage sale:** St Matthias' Church, 12 Church Hill, 4 pm - 7 pm
- ☐ **Bingo:** Victoria Hall, 7:30 pm
- ☐ **Forum:** Sponsored by Westmount Initiative for Peace, speakers will address the question "Is there a role for nuclear power in Canada's energy future?"; Victoria Hall east lounge, 7:30 pm

COMING UP

- ☐ **May 7, 8, 9, 10:** Ninth annual antique show and sale, Victoria Hall; Thursday, 4 pm - 9 pm; Friday and Saturday, 11 am - 9 pm; Sunday, 11 am - 6 pm
- ☐ **May 8:** Rotary Club of Westmount auction, at the arena, 7 pm
- ☐ **May 9:** Rotary Club of Westmount giant spring garage sale, at the arena, 10 am - 3 pm
- ☐ **May 9, 10:** Two-day intensive workshop for writers with award-winning writer Adrian Waller, at Victoria Hall; for information phone 634-2020

- ☐ **May 9, 10:** Mr Dressup, Westmount High School, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm; tickets available through Ticketron outlets

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Detector limits fire on Lansdowne

A fire in a wastepaper basket in a house at 598 Lansdowne avenue was put out by residents in the nick of time Saturday afternoon, fire officials report.

It was determined to have been caused by an ashtray being emptied into the container in a teenager's room.

Without the quick action, the fire could have resulted in "another Edgehill" blaze, Director William Timmons said, referring to a fire which spread rapidly through a large home at 157 Edgehill April 7.

The Saturday fire was discovered by the owner of the house shortly after noon and doused with a bucket of water.

When firefighters arrived they found the floor and base of a door jamb to be scorched resulting in about \$300 damage. Loss of contents was listed at \$20.

Residents were alerted to the fire by a smoke detector.

Car in flames at Digest garage

Fire caused an estimated \$1,500 damage to a car Friday morning in the garage entrance of the Reader's Digest building at 215 Redfern avenue, fire officials report.

The fire was believed to have resulted from a gasoline leak. Flames broke out in the engine compartment after the red 1981 Ford Mustang had stalled while being driven out of the garage by a woman living on Connaught avenue, police said.

Firefighters extinguished the blaze using a 1 1/2-inch stream shortly after being called at 11:49 am.

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'Scary' moments during rescue of Westmount Square window crew

By LAUREN SWEENEY

Firefighters spent more than two hours at 1 Westmount Square Monday afternoon helping rescue two window washers stranded on a platform outside the 14th storey when electrical power to the unit failed.

Lifelines were thrown down to the workers by firemen as a precaution during time-consuming hand-cranking operations to lift the platform to the roof of the 20-storey tower.

When firemen were called to the scene at 12:14 pm by a window washer inside they found maintenance personnel involved in the slow rescue operation on the St Catherine street face of the highrise.

The equipment had broken down twice earlier in the day, fire officials said.

Window washers Jean Cyr and R. Pouliot had been stranded about 30 minutes before anyone realized they were stuck.

They were finally raised to the roof shortly after 2 pm following some tense moments.

"For a while it looked scary because one of the men showed signs of nervousness," said Fire Director William Timmons.

It was at that point, he said, that firefighters had lowered the lifelines as a precaution in the event that the mechanical braking system should fail.

Cranking stopped

The cranking operation was interrupted by fire officials at one point when one of the inside window washers became increasingly concerned for the men's safety because of the earlier problems.

Dir Timmons commended the way the operation had been conducted by Lieutenant Tony Testa, the acting captain. "His size-up and tactics applied were second-to-none."

Joseph Pittarelli, the acting lieutenant, assisted along with seven firemen. Assistant Director Roger Laviolette also remained on the scene.

MUC police said workers at Westmount Square did not consider the failure of such equipment to be unusual and no report was taken as a result.

Public safety officers also were on the scene.

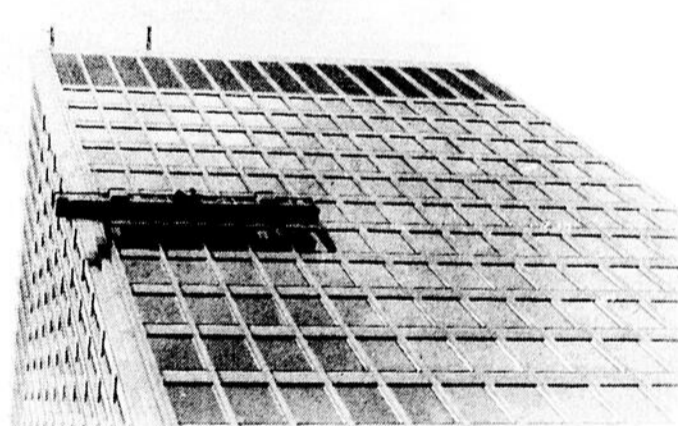
The only other window washing accident in Westmount recalled readily by fire officials occurred about 20 years ago at the building occupied by the Quebec Order of Nurses on Dorchester boulevard at Greene avenue.

At that time a scaffold had fallen and workers were rescued by Fireman John Pottle using an aerial ladder.

Ed McCavour, the city's assistant director general for operations, also remembers a similar-type incident in Saint John, N.B. when a man



Jeannette Béland, a receptionist in a lawyer's office on the 15th floor of 1 Westmount Square, opened the blinds in notary Robert Burke's office Monday to find a somewhat unusual sight. Window washers, stranded by a mechanical breakdown on their scaffold, had come acalling. A fellow worker, left, arrived moments later to reassure the pair, while Westmount fire crews oversaw the rescue operation.



Viewed from the ground, a pair of stranded window washers await rescue Monday from the upper reaches of 1 Westmount Square.

inspecting a foundry stack was left perched on top of a narrow chimney rim all day when a ladder tore loose and a rescuer had to be brought in from Newfoundland.

Curve crunch

Two cars collided Wednesday last week at 6 pm while negotiating the curve westbound on The Boulevard at Westmount avenue, police said. The accident occurred about 6 pm, resulting in more than \$500 damage to each.

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

April 21

12:27 am: 4795 St Catherine, car leaking gas;

April 22

9:58 am: 460 Elm, smoke detector activated by dust from saw during installation of new banister;

April 23

8:41 am: Front of 307 Grosvenor, burglar alarm;
6:18 pm: Stayner and Greene, firebox 121, false alarm (see story);
7:10 pm: 250 Kensington, apt 301, weak battery in smoke detector;
10:22 pm: 661 Grosvenor, defective light fixture in den;

April 24

7:38 am: Rear of 7 de Casson, light crews pumping water from sewer;
10:53 am: 101 Côte St Antoine, MacAuley Building of Selwyn House School, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 11 am;
11:49 am: Front of 215 Redfern, car fire;
7:00 pm: Rear of 4265 St Catherine, first responder unit (see story);
8:03 pm: 390 Lansdowne, defective burglar alarm;

April 25

2:08 am: 336 Metcalfe, Goodwin House, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Outremont and St Laurent cancelled at 2:14 am, defective alarm system (see story for this and subsequent four calls);
4:02 am: 336 Metcalfe, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Outremont and St Laurent cancelled at 4:06 am, defective alarm;
6:45 am: 336 Metcalfe, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Outremont and St Laurent cancelled at 6:51 am, defective alarm;
8:42 am: 336 Metcalfe, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 8:45 am, defective alarm;
9:09 am: 336 Metcalfe, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 9:14 am, defective alarm;
12:40 pm: 598 Lansdowne, fire in house (see story);
4:13 pm: Opposite 10 Winchester, car leaking gas;
9:41 pm: 4548 St Catherine, problem with natural gas stove;

April 26

5:14 pm: Summit lookout, garbage can fire (see story);

April 27

3:20 am: Area of 250 Kensington, smoke scare, fire in Montreal;
9:07 am: Sherbrooke and Redfern, first responder unit;
11:04 am: 6 Weredale Park, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 11:11 am, defective smoke detector;
12:14 pm: 1 Westmount Square, service call to assist in rescue of window cleaners (see story);
8:48 pm: 488 Wood, defective alarm.

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Nuke opponents to square off at Vic Hall

"Is there a role for nuclear power in Canada's energy future?"

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Invited speakers are Ian Wilson, vice-president of the Canadian Nuclear Association, and Dr Gordon Edwards, founder of Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility.

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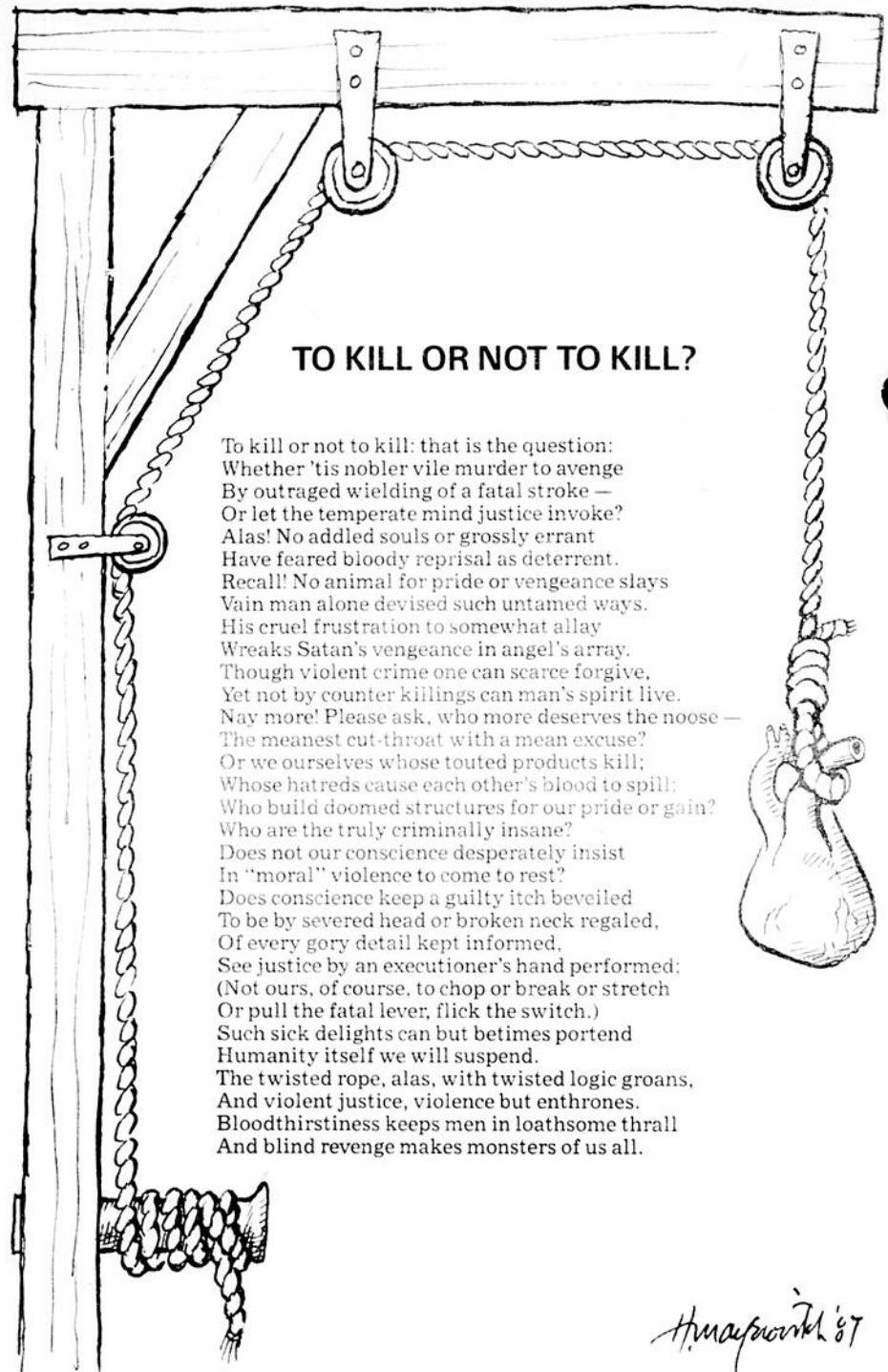
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You Say



TO KILL OR NOT TO KILL?

To kill or not to kill: that is the question:
 Whether 'tis nobler vile murder to avenge
 By outraged wielding of a fatal stroke —
 Or let the temperate mind justice invoke?
 Alas! No added souls or grossly errant
 Have feared bloody reprisal as deterrent.
 Recall! No animal for pride or vengeance slays
 Vain man alone devised such untamed ways.
 His cruel frustration to somewhat allay
 Wreaks Satan's vengeance in angel's array.
 Though violent crime one can scarce forgive,
 Yet not by counter killings can man's spirit live.
 Nay more! Please ask, who more deserves the noose —
 The meanest cut-throat with a mean excuse?
 Or we ourselves whose touted products kill;
 Whose hatreds cause each other's blood to spill;
 Who build doomed structures for our pride or gain?
 Who are the truly criminally insane?
 Does not our conscience desperately insist
 In "moral" violence to come to rest?
 Does conscience keep a guilty itch beveled
 To be by severed head or broken neck regaled,
 Of every gory detail kept informed,
 See justice by an executioner's hand performed:
 (Not ours, of course, to chop or break or stretch
 Or pull the fatal lever, flick the switch.)
 Such sick delights can but betimes portend
 Humanity itself we will suspend.
 The twisted rope, alas, with twisted logic groans,
 And violent justice, violence but enthrones.
 Bloodthirstiness keeps men in loathsome thrall
 And blind revenge makes monsters of us all.

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We Say

City hall kicks dogs

CITY council giveth; city council taketh away.

Our solons also once in a while pull a fast one.

They did so, literally, last week but were disappointed if they thought they might leave the organized Westmount dog-owners speechless.

It was the sort of action not expected of the usually courteous and considerate men and women who make policy at city hall.

It was the sort of thing done in the sort of way unlikely to be pulled on any other identifiable group of citizens of this community except, perhaps, a gang of felons.

Regardless of where one stands on the perennial issue of dogs — and positions run both extreme and emotional whenever it is stirred in Westmount — even avowed dog-haters would sympathize with the treatment meted out to our hardy canine admirers.

The administration needlessly has stirred up once more the feelings of some citizens that they have been done injustice, allegedly to placate other segments of the population.

To effect this dubious achievement council managed in one evening to a) meet and discuss the matter with the dog owners, b) then discuss it privately and decide to reverse an undertaking made a year before, and c) not inform, let alone discuss, the new position with those chiefly affected before going public.

Which, of course, is contrary to Westmount's usually sensible and considerate way of doing things. For instance, what might be expected to be the reaction of residents of a street to whom it had been promised parking would not be permitted, only to learn overnight that the undertaking had been abrogated, for whatever reason?

Even-handedness is expected of any governing body and it is not apparent in this situation. It is all the more surprising in that Mayor Brian Gallery, when an alderman, demonstrated that quality without fear or favor in introducing and carrying through a protested but necessary leash law and setting up designated free-run areas in the parks for Westmount's dogs. It was enlightened legislation and it balanced hotly opposed interests.

By and large, that law has worked well. There has been mutual tolerance and respect. Only a few nuts, on one side or the other, have gone on muttering for the impossible, such as a total urban ban on pets or complete freedom for the four-footed to roam at will.

Somehow, however, somebody at city hall has been listening to the inevitable malcontents, whoever and however many

they may be. Last year the decision was taken to shift the dog run from an otherwise little-used centre area of Westmount Park to the rather bleak triangle behind the artificial ice rink at Lansdowne avenue and St Catherine street.

This didn't enrapture the dog-owners but they won from Ald John Shingler, the commissioner nominally responsible for parks and recreation and dogs, the clear implication that council had decided to "ensure the safety of the animals and a pleasant physical environment for the dog-owners," according to council's own minutes of March 3, 1986. Also mentioned were plans for fencing, planting and possible landscaping and illumination.

A month later, at the council meeting of April 7, 1986, the minutes mention relative to the public question period: "Shingler... new dog run will be fenced."

It was against this background that council in its mid-month general committee last Tuesday evening met with the dog-owners, to whom no major change of plans was intimated. The latter went home (not realizing that there was to be an extraordinary mid-month public council meeting to follow at which their interests might be dealt with).

Meanwhile, mayor and aldermen in committee evolved their abrupt change of direction in providing for dogs, if not of attitude toward the dog-owners' association and dogs in general. As reported in THE EXAMINER last week, the Westmount Park run is to close as scheduled as of tomorrow and the Lansdowne alternative is, for the present anyway, to have nothing done specially to provide for the dogs and their owners.

Clearly, however, the construction of two large condominium projects at this busy intersection has changed some city thinking. These are nowhere near completion nor are their occupants identifiable, yet one excuse given at city hall for the about-face is out of consideration for the future condo dwellers, at the expense of the here and present citizens and their already well constrained pets.

The argument given out is specious. Else it signifies a sad lapse in planning at city hall. Those condos were proposals more than a year ago when the promise was given regarding the dogs.

It should not be beyond the imagination of any competent planner to devise a scheme which would accommodate future residents and existing dog-owners, esthetically and practically. All that is required is the will.

Of course, perhaps the will is lacking. We have had it intimated that there is no

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intention to spend anything on dogs. This from an administration which last year blew over a quarter of a million dollars on building a nowhere-to-nowhere bicycle path and landscaping a strip of Westmount Park.

With the new funds which surely are accumulating again for parks and recreation

use from hefty real-estate transfer duties, surely there is a case, at a fraction of that cost, for decently dealing with our dogs, too.

Meanwhile, we fear that anonymous anti-dog elements have got to this administration and are swaying its better judgment and fair-dealing.

Tax time a cinch

THIS is the first time we can remember getting our personal income tax returns off more than hours before the deadline, which this year is tonight.

It probably also is the first time we thus have had time to reflect on the cursed exercise before putting all the surplus paper away until next year.

We wondered, really, how much actual effort was involved as opposed to the great hoo-haw so many of us make over doing our annual citizenly duty to the tax collector.

We fed the key inputs for our federal return into a short spreadsheet program. To our great surprise we found it took no more than 26 rows, barely more than a screenful on our computer.

Most of those lines were the additions or subtractions done by the computer. For the average Joe with fewer tax-related involvements, it would be even simpler.

In short, there were only seven specific data items which we had to provide, four of these from easy-to-follow schedules or simple statements of our affairs.

We've saved our little program, hoping that next year our benign government will not have "simplified" things and changed the returns all around.

Then, instead of procrastinating and moaning much of the weekend maybe we'll be able simply to fill in the new numbers, do the job in minutes instead of hours, and get back out to the garden chores.

I Say!

DOCTRINAIRES are the vultures of principle. They feed upon principle after it is dead.

—David, Earl Lloyd George



You Say

Dog run decision met with anger and disgust

Sir: It is with anger and disgust that I learned of council's decision to move the dog



OUR M.P.
Hon. Donald J. Johnston
says...

Town hall meeting tame

THIS MONDAY we held a public meeting at Victoria Hall and my colleague, Lucie Pépin, was our special guest. Thank goodness we did not take over the main hall for the evening because attendance was most disappointing. In fact it was probably the worst turnout for a riding event since I was first elected in 1978.

The success or failure of such evenings in terms of attracting large crowds is hard to explain. We have enjoyed large turnouts in the past with people lined up at several standing microphones to address questions to me and our guest speaker. Is it because Liberals were in government at the time? Is it because there were more issues of major concern, such as Quebec's Bill 101?

I do not have the answer but I am concerned about the general level of apathy when it comes to the political process. There seems to be a reluctance to get involved. People are hesitant to voice criticisms publicly which they generally dispense privately in social gatherings. Too bad. That input to the political process is very healthy.

In fairness to those who did attend Monday's gathering, the quality of the questions and general discussion made the exercise worthwhile.

run without instituting the promised changes to the new location: in particular, appropriate fencing, without which the new run will be useless.

As reported, Mayor Gallery's statement that the move was "in the best interest of dog owners and the dogs themselves" is very strange indeed. If the mayor made this statement in sincerity, it bespeaks the same kind of abysmal ignorance that seems to become increasingly associated with politicians in high and not-so-high places. Alternatively, it must be seen as the kind of cynicism which is characteristic of dictators and despots, past and present.

Alderman Shingler's backtracking on last year's promises to have the new area fenced in bespeaks the same kind of callous cynicism.

One thing seems clear. It is obvious that the present administration has no sense or feeling for Westmount as a community.

This is terribly sad as it signifies the loss of the major ingredient that used to make this town special and attractive. (Possibly these people do not even know the meaning of a "community.")

Finally, given the reference to condo developments, one cannot help but speculate what self-interests could possibly motivate the decision-makers in this matter. Clearly, community interests must rank indeed very, very low.

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Restore park dog run says CSPA president

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

Mr Brian O'N. Gallery.
Dear Mr Mayor:

I was concerned to learn of the City of

Westmount's reported intention to eliminate the dog run in Westmount Park.

In an age when most municipalities are faced with growing conflicts between those who own dogs and those who do not, Westmount was an oasis of calm and reason. In Westmount, a solution had been found in cooperation with the Westmount Dog Owners' Association.

This association worked with the city
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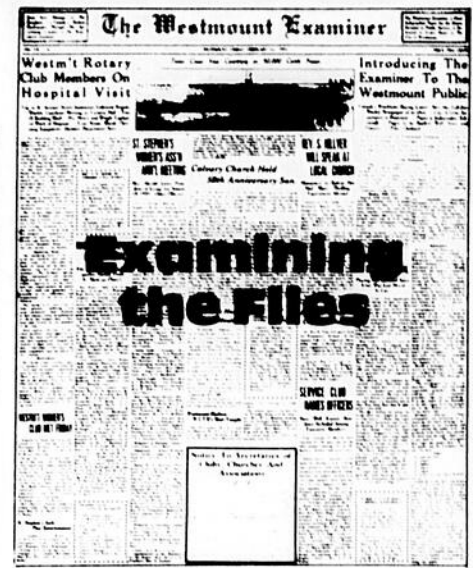


OUR M.N.A.
Hon. Richard D. French
says...

Public opposes strike ban

TWO YEARS AGO, the National Assembly passed a major reform in labor relations legislation, under which public sector unions are compelled to supply essential services during strike action. Since then, whenever unions have failed to respect this requirement, the government has not hesitated to introduce special legislation to enforce such respect, where necessary ending strikes.

At the moment, the striking workers in the MUCTC are respecting the requirement to provide essential services. I am fully aware of the frustration, inconvenience, and expense which even this form of strike action occasions for various Montrealers. We must recognize, however, that the next step would be to deprive public sector workers of the right to strike. While there would be vocal minorities strongly for and strongly against such a measure, I am bound to say



Forty-five Years Ago April 30, 1942

"Westmount ended 1941 with a surplus of \$5,694, despite the increased cost of municipal government during wartime, it is revealed in the city's annual report issued this week. The report covers salvage, public health, parks and playgrounds and other departmental activities. No fatalities were reported during the 12 months on the streets of the city due to accidents, and the number of persons injured totalled 129, a reduction of 12 from the previous year. The fire loss total is given as \$29,500, well below the five-year average."

Thirty-five Years Ago April 25, 1952

"Westmount no longer owns the only floral clock in Canada but come June 1 the famous timepiece will be as big and beautiful as ever. Many people want to know what makes the Westmount clock tick and does it keep accurate time? 'It's just a matter of motor gears and spindles operating under the ground,' explains E.J. Anderson, park superintendent. 'The gears,' he adds, 'are from an old Ford car.' The clock runs rain or shine, but the mechanism must be removed from the ground before the first frost. With the exception of the war years the Westmount floral clock has been sitting on a grassy bank in front of Victoria Hall since 1926."

Twenty-five Years Ago April 27, 1962

"Alfred J. Pick, ambassador to Peru for Canada, has been visiting his parents Mr and Mrs J.T. Pick of Westmount before taking up his new appointment in Ottawa as chief of the Department of External Affairs, Latin American division. Mr Pick has brought along two of his children, Paula and Lawrence. Their mother, Mrs Alfred Pick, is visiting in Australia with their newest addition to the family, for two months."

Fifteen Years Ago April 27, 1972

"Selwyn School can boast that both the Liberal and Conservative prospective candidates in the next federal general election in Westmount are old boys of the school. Hon Charles Drury and Michael Meighen are going to have a chance for a pre-hustings bout Monday afternoon at their old school here when the SHS Debating Society holds the finals of its inter-house tournament with the provocative resolution 'that the people of Canada should re-elect the present government.' The sitting member and his challenger are to be guests of honor and judges."

Five Years Ago April 29, 1982

"Westmount tax protest organizers are planning to lead over-burdened homeowners to the Quebec National Assembly May 5, to continue the fight that began here two months ago. Details will be revealed tonight at a public tax revolt meeting starting at 7:30 pm at the YMCA to organize workers and taxpayers into a proposed Westmount homeowners' association, THE EXAMINER has learned. The local leaders plan to rent buses to take Westmounters, as well as any others who want to join in, to Quebec City in support of a motion to rectify municipal taxation."

that I do not believe that Quebec society as a whole is ready to support it.

Rest assured that should the MUCTC be unable to supply essential services, the government will not hesitate to act.

Officers halt late loading

Late night work was stopped on the construction site at the rear of 1369 Greene Avenue Wednesday night last week when gypsum board was being loaded from two large trucks onto the second storey of the build-

ing, public safety officers said. When workers were asked to stop the activity at 10:05 pm, officers were told the work had only just started. PSOs held firm and the work was packed up.



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By Reg Morden

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Pair of student meter maids first female PSU employees

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two of three students who took to the streets this week as part-time city parking inspectors became the Public Security Unit's first female field personnel.

Although the force has a woman secretary, no females had worked previously as either public safety officers or parking inspectors.

The part-time inspectors are West-

mount resident Philippa Klein, 17; Anne Macdiarmid, 21, a member of the city's volunteer Westmount Civil Protection Unit who lives in Montreal West, and Michael Ribicki, 22, of Westmount.

Although the students will report to the PSU, they are considered part of the city's white collar workers, explained Gordon Black, the city's director of human resources.

The position pays an hourly wage of \$8.50 for approximately 10 hours a week.

Ms Klein has just completed her first year as a history major at Mount St Vincent University in Halifax, N.S.; Ms Macdiarmid is completing second year social work at McGill and Mr Ribicki is finishing second year commerce at Vanier CEGEP.

The female presence in the PSU follows repeated requests by citizen Norma Udy at city council meetings for the city to hire women as public safety officers.

She had been told that when suitable candidates presented themselves, they would be hired.

PSU Director Richard McEnroe told THE EXAMINER he intends to arrange the ticketing schedule so that the women will not be ticketing alone in dark, remote areas.

The part-time ticketers are to be

equipped with portable radios (walkie-talkies) but will not be uniformed.

Instead, they will be identifiable by the PSU crest on fluorescent arm bands as well as the "billet-doux" left behind on windshields.

"We will use the part-time inspectors primarily during Forum events to enforce the reserved parking areas," Dir McEnroe said.

The job, he says, will provide about 10 hours of work a week.

When Forum events dwindle during summer months, the students will be put to work ticketing parking meters on Thursday and Friday nights as well as Saturdays, he said.

The three were shown around the office Friday and taken to the Forum area where they helped ticket during Monday's wrestling match and Tuesday's hockey game.

The city already employs four full-time parking inspectors.

Two arrested for firearms at gun show

Two out-of-town men were arrested Saturday at a gun show held in the Westmount arena and one was charged with possession of restricted firearms without a permit, police report.

The 36-year-old resident of Peterborough, Ontario, was released on a condition to appear in Westmount Municipal Court June 17 on the charges.

The other, a 42-year-old man from Sydney, Nova Scotia, was referred to Quebec provincial police for further investigation.

Ten restricted handguns were seized from one; 80 from the other. These included various types of revolvers such as .38 calibre, 9 mm and a 357 Magnum.

Both men had been arrested following a check of persons at the show by two constables from the Sûreté du Québec force.

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City heritage study contract goes to Montreal architects

By PETER BLACK

More than a year after it first agreed to the project, city council last week selected a Montreal architecture firm to undertake a heritage study of Westmount properties.

Beaupré et Michaud Architects, a small Montreal office, was awarded the \$47,200 contract by city council last week. In doing so, council was obliged as well to vote \$4,000 more city money for the project.

The reason for the shortfall, a city official explained, is mostly due to the tardiness of the city's application for a grant under a provincial heritage property inventory program. The program was cancelled at the end of 1986 leaving officials to "scrounge" money from remaining uncommitted funds. While the city had hoped to receive a \$30,000 grant, it had to settle for \$28,000.

The funding for the heritage study comprises the \$28,000 grant plus \$15,000 from the city's original commitment of \$30,000. Since the price tag for the study is \$47,400, council had to come up with the extra \$4,400.

The remaining \$15,000 is to go towards preparing a publication on the findings of the heritage study. That project is to be undertaken next year.

Pierre Beaupré and Josette Michaud are known for restoration work on older properties. A current project is the restoration of the 302-

year-old Fort de Belmont, at 2065 Sherbrooke street west.

Ms Michaud is the author of numerous brochures on various buildings in Old Montreal, and the editor of a book designed to familiarize children with the architecture around them. She is featured in an article in the April French-language edition of *Châtelaine* magazine on five prominent Quebec women architects.

The other nine firms competing for the study contract were: Le Groupe Harcart, Cardinal & Hardy, Sotar, Julia Gersovitz, Pluram, L'Atelier, Pierre Landry, Blais & Trudel and Le Groupe Intégration. Quotes received from the firms ranged from \$37,300 to \$70,000.

Along with price, the bids were evaluated on the basis of the competence of the architects, the methodology proposed and quality of work previously completed by the firms.

Ready by fall

Beaupré and Michaud, according to the project specifications, are expected to have the study done in 20 weeks, ready for sometime in September or October.

The general object of the study is to "develop and establish an instrument to be used to manage heritage resources." More specifically, the study calls for:

- A history of human occupancy of Westmount, including the main historical, economic and sociocultural events shaping its development;
- Maps detailing the stages of development in the city;
- An analysis of the type of architecture constructed prior to 1940;
- An analysis of the urban landscape, parks, public places, landmarks and vacant areas;
- A record of "exceptional isolated elements, accessory buildings of value";
- Preparation of a detailed inventory card for some 400 buildings thought to be of heritage value, including a photograph, date of construction, architect and as much other information as possible.

Much documentation for the project exists already in city hall files, such as a 90 percent complete photographic inventory of heritage façades, and records of dates of construction.

The study is intended to streamline the functions of the city's architecture and planning commission and could lead to legally entrenched protection of significant Westmount architecture.

Neighbor's ladder used in jewelry theft

Jewelry valued at \$20,000 was stolen from a second storey master bedroom on Oakland avenue Friday night while two children slept in nearby rooms and a maid was in the basement, police said.

A neighbor's stepladder found nearby was used by the burglar in climbing into a bathroom window on the second floor between 9 and 10 pm.

The maid discovered the theft after hearing a noise and finding the window open. She closed it and awaited the return of the owner before reporting the incident.

Among the missing items were gold chains, a pearl necklace, earrings and a watch.

It was not known whether the burglary was related to other recent ones in the summit area.

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City seeking green thumbs

Westmount, as reported recently, is reviewing the formation of a community garden association. Any residents interested in participating are asked to submit a request in writing to: Director of Services, 4333 Sherbrooke street, Westmount H3Z 1E2.

All applications must clearly state the applicant's name, address, telephone number and must be received

before May 8, according to a city hall news release.

In addition, city hall wants all persons who participated in the former Sherbrooke street near Greene avenue site to remove all personal equipment and materials prior to May 15. The site is now proposed for development as a condominium building and is to be cleared following this deadline.

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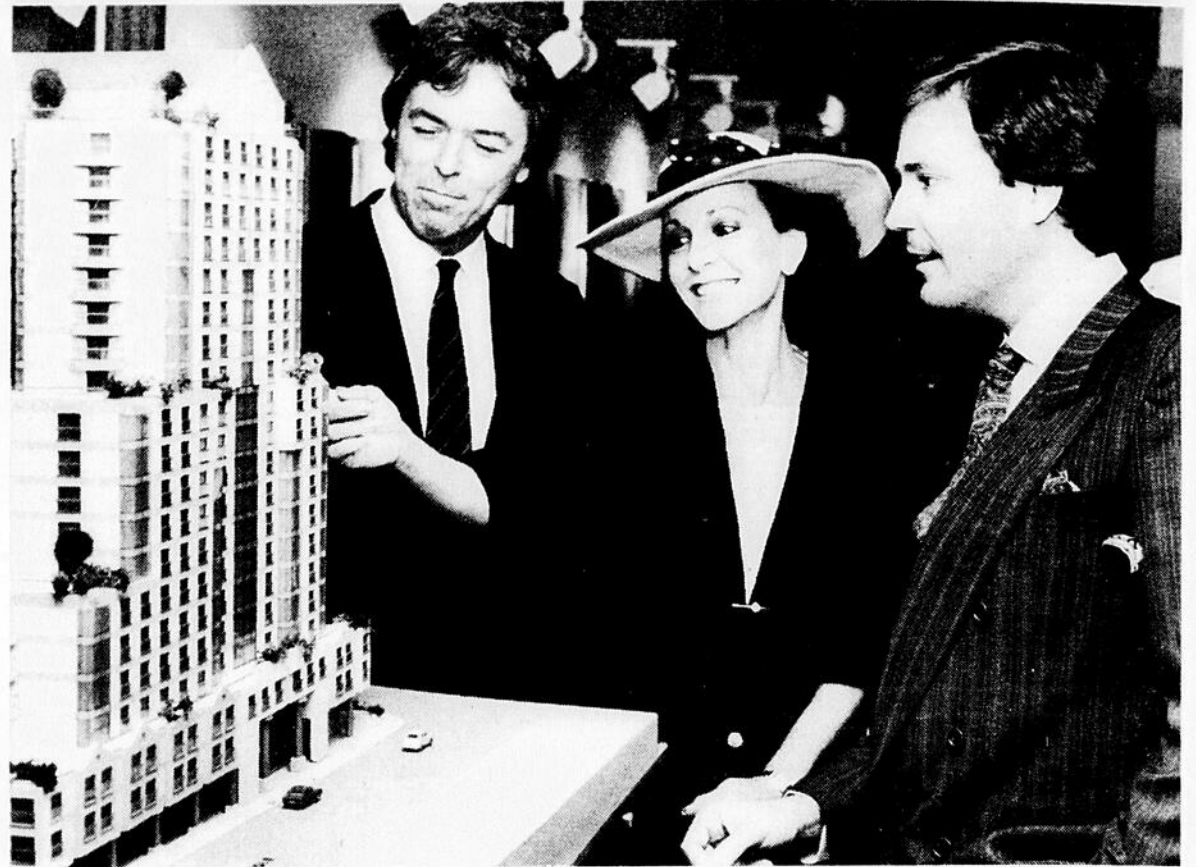
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Admiring the maquette of their latest condo venture are, from left, Larry Boland, J.J. Jacobs and Richard Weldon. Messrs Boland and Weldon are partners in Rhomcorp Developments, the initiator of the No 1 Wood avenue and Manhattan projects. Ms Jacobs is the exclusive broker for both projects as well.

1 Wood, Château creators combine for downtown project

An architect and developers whose respective projects are battling it out for the ultra-luxury condo dollar on St Catherine street in Westmount have buddied-up for a similar project downtown.

Rhomcorp Developments, the principals behind No 1 Wood Avenue, and Henri Colombani, the mercurial architect creator of Château Westmount Square at Greene avenue, have joined forces to take a piece of Manhattan architecture and plunk it on the corner of Lincoln and Guy streets.

The 20-storey, 140-unit project, called Manhattan, emulates the post-modernist architecture now flourishing in New York City, and is designed to integrate with surrounding buildings. Unit prices start at a level marginally lower than other downtown condo space: a 2,000 square foot penthouse sells for \$500,000, while a 650 square foot pied-à-terre is tagged at \$79,900.

The building is described as a zigurat-type design, with terraces inset at various levels of its ascent. The usual standard amenities for large condo buildings — sauna, pool, sundeck, party room and exercise room — are slated for the \$25 million project.

On the ground level, units are to feature design elements complementing neighboring three-storey retail buildings.

Manhattan is to have an exterior of pink and grey brick and green-tinted glass.

Two hit

Two vehicles sustained over \$500 damage Wednesday last week after colliding southbound on Victoria avenue near Windsor avenue, police said. The mishap occurred at 2 pm. One was a brown Oldsmobile driven by a Montreal woman, the other was a dry-cleaning truck.

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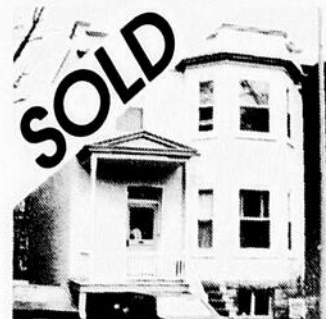
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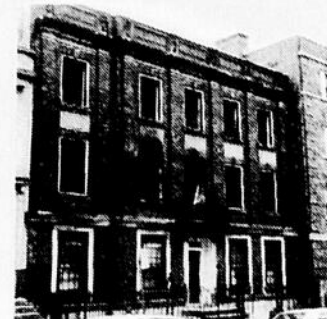
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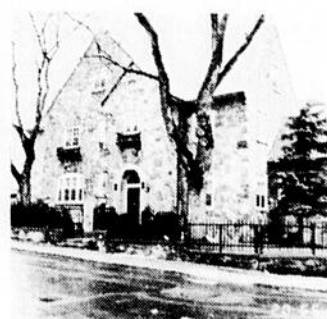
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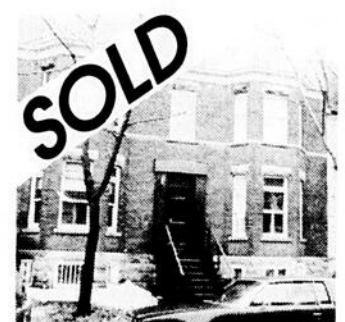
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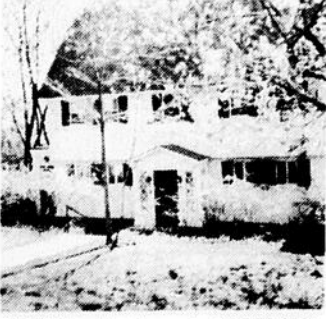
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City traffic plan would chop Cedar addresses: residents

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Although some residents of east-bound Cedar avenue may resent the traffic passing their front doors, those living in a cluster of five homes immediately west of Clarke avenue fear they could end up losing their street.

Their protest to the city's recent traffic proposals, one of about 140 submissions under review at city hall, concerns the rerouting of east-bound traffic onto The Boulevard west of Clarke by closing a short portion of Cedar at that point.

Residents claim this would leave their homes without easy access to a street since they would be set far back from The Boulevard.

It would also, they fear, change their civic addresses to The Boulevard, entailing costly legal work.

Not so, however, says Bruce St Louis, chairman of the city's admin-

istrative traffic committee.

The actual plan, if implemented, is not exactly as it might appear, although the proposal is labelled to "remove existing roadway and convert to grass."

Private lane created

According to Mr St Louis, "the plan is to create a narrow private lane which would still provide access to the houses," he said. This would create an exclusive type of enclave for the grouping of homes located between 3310-3296 Cedar but maintain front door access.

"I don't see any need to change the civic numbers," he added. The public lane could still be known as Cedar."

Although the concern of residents in this block was voiced at the public consultation meeting April 2 by Dan



Clustered along a short section of Cedar avenue west of Clarke, these five homes may have their street replaced by a front lane or driveway.

Pleshoyano, 3306 Cedar, it was reinforced with an added letter to Mayor Brian Gallery April 6, a copy of which was sent to THE EXAMINER.

Modifications to The Boulevard-Cedar-Clarke intersection as presented in the traffic report are priced at \$28,000.

Residents of the houses affected are further concerned that increased traffic on Clarke resulting from the modifications would make access to a private lane servicing the rear garages of the homes "almost impossible."

A further report on the traffic proposals is expected to be ready for city council consideration at the start of June.

Numerous petitions and submissions have requested the city not to implement radical traffic changes.

Street garbage to go to court

Court proceedings are to be taken in connection with recent complaints of garbage being left out overnight at the rear of an office building on Sherbrooke street near Wood avenue, public safety officials said.

The latest report was recorded Sunday night, a copy of which was sent by the Public Security Unit to city hall.

Summit sweep nets five; police want tougher laws

MUC police investigated 60 parked cars and used Westmount's park curfew to disperse numerous young persons hanging around the summit lookout early Sunday, officials said.

Five tickets were issued during the check of cars between 1:20 am and 2:15 am, one for honking a horn unnecessarily, another for someone drinking alcohol in a car.

Police said the crackdown would continue at the lookout with application of the city's by-laws concerning park areas (see story last week).

Lieut Ghyslain Côté, who co-ordinated the weekend push, suggests that parking be prohibited at the

lookout parking area after 11 pm and that it be limited to 30 minutes throughout the day.

His recommendations follow those made last week to THE EXAMINER by Director Gilbert Côté, commanding officer of station 23, who called for a parking ban on one side of Summit Circle as well as the posting of park rules.

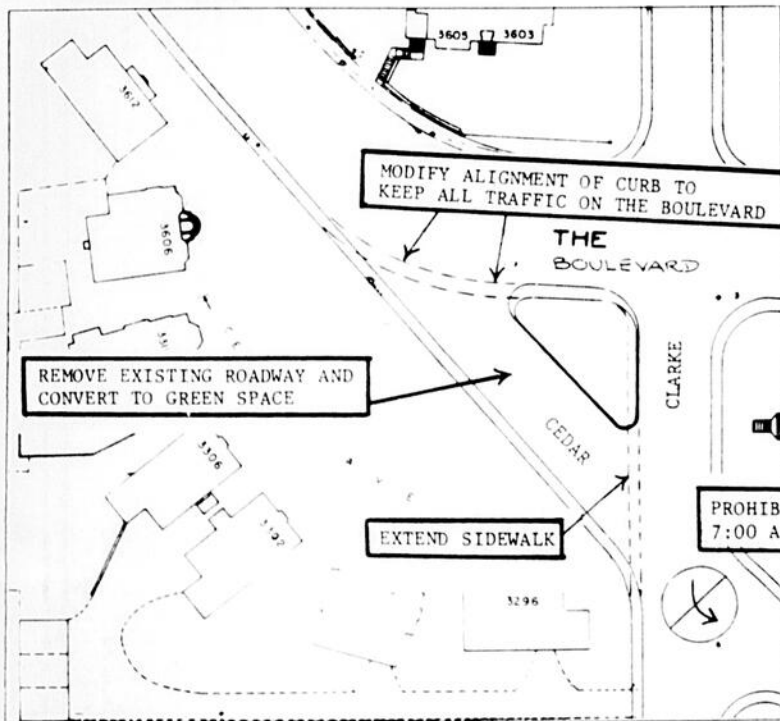
Parents collect too-drunk son

Parents of a 21-year-old LaSalle man were called Friday to pick up their son who had passed out after being found huddled against a building at 4265 St Catherine street, public safety officers said. The young man was described as suffering from an overdose of alcohol. He was discovered at 7:01 pm.

Fire officials said the first responder unit crew remained with the man until his parents arrived.

Key found

A gold key found Saturday on the trunk of a Public Security Unit patrol car parked outside the library was taken to local MUC police station 23. The key was fastened to a water-filled tag containing two floating hearts.



Map from the city's traffic report shows the proposed changes at the Cedar-Clarke-The Boulevard intersection. The five homes immediately west of Clarke have civic addresses on Cedar and residents fear problems if Cedar is closed and they have to change to Boulevard addresses.

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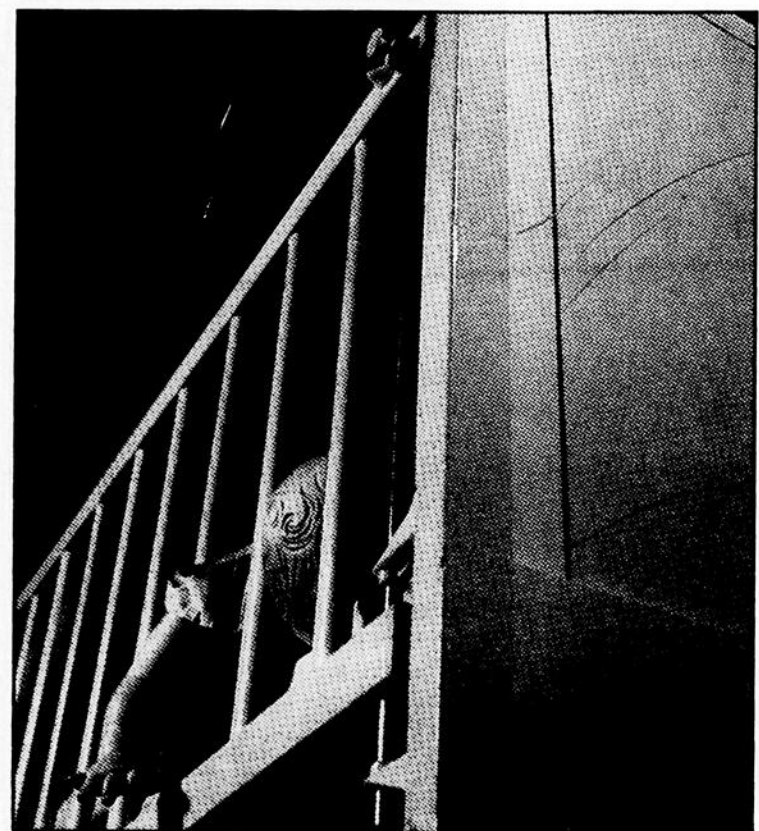
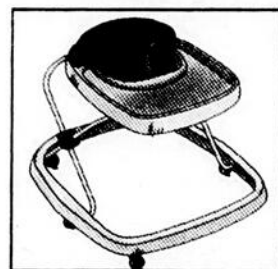
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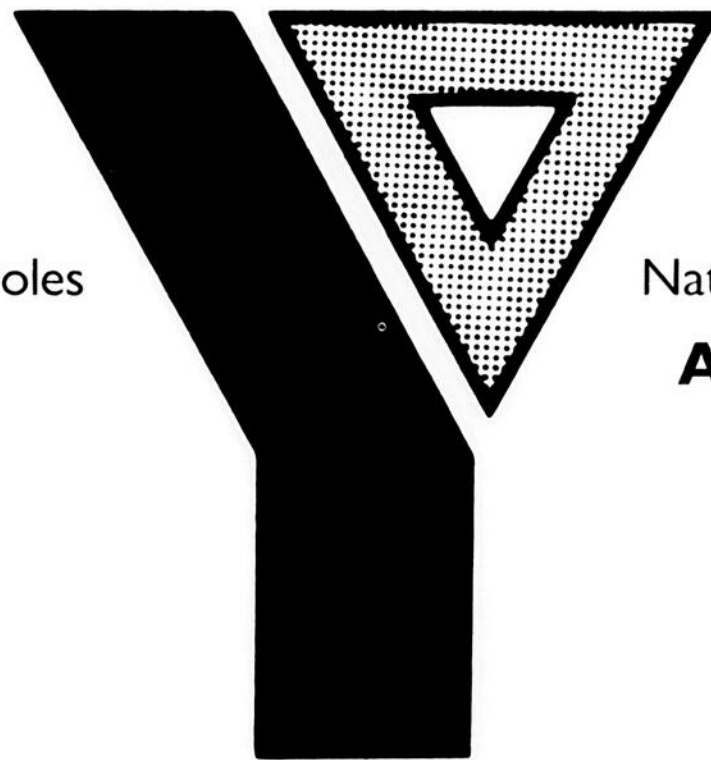
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MONTRÉAL



Outremont MP Lucie Pépin was the guest speaker Monday at a town hall meeting in Victoria Hall organized by St Henri-Westmount MP Donald Johnston, right. Riding association president Robert Cowling presided.

Guest of Donald Johnston:

**I'll fight for child care
MP Pépin tells Liberal meet**

By PETER BLACK

One of St Henri-Westmount MP Donald Johnston's constituents was guest speaker at his town hall meeting Monday night — Outremont MP Lucie Pépin, Quebec caucus president and Liberal critic for women's issues.

While Mrs Pépin, a resident of Marcell avenue, is now a Johnston constituent, that situation may change for the next election when a proposed riding redistribution would shift her residence into the N.D.G. fiefdom of fellow Liberal MP Warren Allmand.

An earlier proposal of the electoral boundaries commission would have united Westmount and Outremont ridings. In Mr Johnston's words, he and Mrs Pépin "were almost married a few months ago."

No matter where she is qualified to vote, Mrs Pépin vowed at the meeting of some 40 mostly Liberal supporters in Victoria Hall to fight everywhere across Canada for a better child-care system.

"I was a fighter for birth control. I

think I'll be the same for child care," she declared.

The former head of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women said, "In 1987, child care is not a women's issue, or a welfare issue — it's a societal issue."

Fathers want services

She said some two million children are looking for day-care spaces in Canada, with the most desperate need among children up to three years of age. She noted that more and more it is fathers who are demanding services for children and although many couples would like to have a second child, with care costs ranging from \$500 to \$800 per month per child, the financial sacrifice is too great.

Mrs Pépin said the Liberal Party position is twofold: to open more day-care spaces through direct funding of provincial programs and to develop nationwide quality standards for daycare centres.

She said the party's policy does not call for total government funding for an expanded day-care system, but for a combination of contribu-

tions from users and, possibly, the private sector. Government funding should be no higher than 50 percent, she said.

She cited the day-care centre at Lavalin in Montreal as a "sensational" example of a private industry initiative.

An expanded day-care system, contrary to the utterings of some business leaders, would be good for the economy, Mrs Pépin said, with a potential 200,000 jobs created.

Society does not have the luxury of ignoring the question of adequate child care, Mrs Pépin said. Given the rate of teenage suicide even today "if we don't (improve child services), 10, 15 years from now we'll be in very, very bad shape.

"We have to invest in our future." Mrs Pépin was introduced by St Henri-Westmount Liberal Association president Robert Cowling.

Bike found

A burgundy and grey bicycle was turned in at local MUC police station 23 Monday afternoon last week after being found in front of 241 Melville avenue, police said.

**Didn't yield,
gets ticketed**

A Dollard des Ormeaux motorist was ticketed Sunday afternoon after failing to yield the right of way at Princee Albert avenue to a car travelling west on de Maisonneuve boulevard, police said.

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At West End Gallery:

Ingrid Harrison wants paintings to be experienced with senses

Seven years ago, turning her back on the glittering life of a socialite, Westmounter Ingrid Harrison took a step in a new direction, and entered the competitive world of art.

The Estonian-born artist, who first studied painting as a young child and later during her middle years, has some 26 works exhibited in a one-woman show, which opened last night at the West End Gallery, 1358 Greene avenue. It runs until May 13.

Her style and the medium she uses reflect the influence of Brueghel; she covers her canvas with street scenes and buildings the way the Flemish master covered his with people.

"I get my ideas from walking around an area in the town and get-

By MARY GREEN

ting the feeling of it," says Mrs Harrison. "I want the viewer to have an emotional and physical identification with what I paint. This cannot be expressed in words until it happens. For instance, when you see a street alive with people and cars and typical Quebec architecture, I want you to feel you can follow it just as I did discovering it."

To date she has had four shows, all of them a sell-out.

Allergic to oil paints as a medium, Mrs Harrison stopped using them five years ago. Instead she makes her own mix of acrylics and emulsions. Applying it in layers on the canvas, she has developed a technique that

gives the illusion of oils.

The artist showed remarkable talent in art as a youngster. After the family — her father had been a successful brewer — fled in a trawler, crossing the Baltic Sea with 30 other refugees during the Nazi occupation, they landed in Stockholm.

In Sweden she was enrolled at age nine in the Academy of Gothenburg, where she studied until she was 14. "I was considered a child prodigy," she says.

But she did not pursue art as a career. Instead Harrison, who came to Quebec in 1951, chose to marry and have two children. Then a friend asked her to help out in a children's library. Always a perfectionist, Mrs Harrison went back to university to study that, too. She then ran the library in Lower Canada College, while her children were growing up.

With her second marriage to a highly successful businessman, Mrs Harrison further enjoyed life as a socialite, pursuing a glamorous, festive existence. Travelling extensively, her home was anywhere and everywhere in the world.

Benefits and balls

What does a socialite do? "You shop all over the world, and go to benefit parties and balls. You travel in style. Money is no object. You wear beautiful clothes and jewels and are seen."

In 1974, after she separated from her husband, Mrs Harrison decided to return to art, where she had once shown great promise. To do it properly, she enrolled in a four-year study course at Concordia University. The ideas for her present subjects started with a classroom assignment.

"I came back to school with a sketchbook full of drawings of the student ghetto around McGill," she says. Her teacher, John Fox, encouraged her to work on that as a class project. She has developed this con-



Ingrid Harrison in her studio.

cept ever since in everything she does — recreating the environment with suburban and urban street scenes (that include Shaughnessy Village), as well as painting people.

"I am trying to show what can be seen of the wonderful life around us," says Mrs Harrison. "I want people to be able to smell the rain and feel the wind and snow. I think myself into a painting. I am also trying to capture light in such a way

that it represents life, and the contrasts of the life force around it."

Now, though she often receives invitations to balls and parties attended by the social set, she turns them down and prefers to paint instead, all day long. And whatever she creates, she has art lovers waiting to acquire it.

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First mayors' chambers rededicated at Vic hall

Former Westmount mavors E. Prud'Homme and James K. Ward were rehonored with newly dedicated Victoria Hall rooms last fall.

After renovations to Victoria Hall were completed in September, the east and west wing lounges, on the main floor, were renamed the Salon Ward and the Salon Prud'Homme respectively.

The former mayors had had Victoria Hall's two basement rooms named after them until the rooms were lost to adjacent construction of Manoir Westmount in 1978.

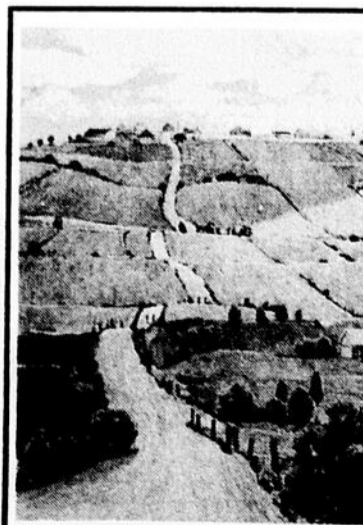
Mr Prud'Homme was the first mayor of Westmount's predecessor, the Village of Notre Dame de Grâce, in 1874. Mr Ward was mayor of the

Village of Notre Dame de Grâce from 1875 to 1879 and mayor of the Village of Côte St Antoine from 1879 to 1883.

The City of Westmount was only chartered as such in 1908. It was incorporated as the Village of Notre Dame de Grâce in 1847; the Village of Côte St Antoine in 1879; the Town of Côte St Antoine in 1890 and, in 1895, the Town of Westmount.

Victoria Hall's three other rooms retained their identity after renovations — the concert hall on the main floor and the Club and Lodge rooms upstairs.

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LAUNCHING AGENDA: The *Montreal Women's Agenda* was launched Thursday last week at the Double Hook book shop. The book, as well as being a handy-sized agenda, is also intended to be a directory of services of interest to women. The agenda was produced by Joan Blake, left, and Judy McDougall, who says that the agenda is not necessarily feminist. One of the fun parts of the agenda involves the listing of your birthday on the appropriate date for a small fee. Work is now under way for the 1988 agenda.

Change book-buying rules, libraries tell gov't probe

Calling for provincewide regulations and a cessation of retail book purchasing, Westmount's chief librarian Rosemary Lydon, as president of the Quebec Library Association, last week presented a five-page brief to the commission studying public libraries in the province.

While Westmount was not officially among the 13 municipalities and 12 organizations expected to address the commission, headed by Philippe Sauvageau, it had representation from Miss Lydon.

"The library committee didn't feel it was worth presenting a brief," Miss Lydon explained Monday. "It felt it would be more effective to present our briefs directly to Richard French (Westmount MNA and communications minister)."

The emphasis on public libraries in Quebec has been sharpened since the provincial government's decision to slash funding by close to one-third last spring.

"It created quite an outcry," Miss Lydon said.

Because of its long tradition and municipal support, Westmount's library is an exception to the other-

wise dismal state of public libraries in the province, she added.

"We have concerns, but we're not in the same boat as other libraries."

Miss Lydon said she would like to see the Public Libraries Act, passed in 1964, "given some teeth." Ignored voluntary guidelines must be replaced with actual regulations establishing uniform standards and structures for public libraries across Quebec, she said, similar to the type of library standards enforced by other provinces.

"There must be some coordination and support for public libraries," she explained.

In addition, Miss Lydon, together with the Westmount library committee, feels strongly that the Quebec government should rescind a 1980 law requiring libraries to buy books at retail rather than wholesale prices.

She said not only library purchasing is affected by the law — originally proposed to breathe some life into the retail industry — but publishers and authors suffer as well from a decline in book buying.

Billets sought for contestants in music test

Westmount families are being asked to provide temporary quarters for contestants in the 19th annual Montreal International Music Competition.

The competition this year is devoted to the violin, and takes place at Place des Arts from May 30 to June 17. The average age of the candidates, 22 women and 31 men from 16 different countries, is 23.

Families are expected to provide food, lodging and moral support for contestants who come from all cor-

ners of the planet.

American participation is the strongest, with 18 competitors coming mainly from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington. Next is Canada — seven candidates from Montreal, Ottawa, Calgary and London, followed by the People's Republic of China with six, France with

four and Japan with three representatives. South Korea, Great Britain, Poland and the U.S.S.R. are each represented by two musicians, while Belgium, Italy, Sweden, Iraq, Israel, Hong Kong and the Philippines have one candidate each.

Persons interested in hosting a competitor should call 735-5083.

Chamber music evening planned

Montreal Symphony Orchestra clarinetist and Westmounter Michael Dumouchel and pianist Margaret Wada are to present an evening of chamber music by Debussy, Mozart, Weber, Karg-Elert and Brahms next Thursday at 8 pm at the Fraser-Hickson Institute, 4855 Kensington avenue, N.D.G.

Admission is free.

Winning slides to be selected

The slide of the year is to be selected by the Montreal Camera Club Monday at the group's regular meeting at 7:30 pm in Westmount Park Church.

Judging and selection of members' slides in the pictorial division is to take place.

Officer spots Montreal fire

A garbage can fire in the Métro entrance at Cabot Square was put out early Sunday by Montreal firefighters using an extinguisher, public safety officers said.

A large amount of smoke had been noticed by a Westmount PSO from across the street at 3:20 am and firemen were called. The park lies in Montreal territory.

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YMCA Prélude transforming arena for party paradise

THE Westmount arena is being flooded with truckloads of equipment today, as Prélude organizers work quickly to transform the 30,000 square foot structure into a May ball paradise.

Some 800 guests are expected to attend Saturday evening's lavish, \$150-a-person black-tie fund-raiser in aid of the Westmount YMCA.

Proceeds of the dinner-dance are earmarked for the \$3 million project to expand and renovate the 75-year-old Westmount Y next year. What shape the arena will take remains the city's best-kept secret.

Prélude chairman Judith Webster would only say that "it should be a pretty big party."

A handful of Prélude tickets are still available by calling Mrs Webster at 937-0560.

Students' work strutted at SBC art school show

More than 400 works by a wide cross-section of art students, many of them Westmounters, will be on display at the Saidye Bronfman Centre's school of fine arts annual student exhibition until next Thursday.

Drawing and painting, printmaking, photography, ceramics, sculp-

ture, jewelry and graphic design works will be featured in the centre's newly expanded gallery, revealing the creativity of more than 1,400 Montreal area residents enrolled in the school's classes. All work is selected by the school's faculty of prominent artists.

The climax of a year of intensive classes, the annual student exhibition marks a first public showing for many students' work. Of broad appeal to art lovers of all ages, the exhibition will also feature a display of art by the children and teens department, emphasizing the important role the school plays in providing training for budding artists.

The school offers students an important opportunity not available elsewhere in Montreal: the chance to display their work in the centre's public gallery. And, through the gallery's own acclaimed exhibitions, students are exposed year-round to the best of national and international contemporary art.

For more information about the exhibition and registration for spring/summer courses, call the school, 5170 Côte St Catherine road, at 739-2301.

Antique show at Vic Hall for four days

The merchandise and expertise of some 30 antique dealers is to be gathered together for four days next week in Victoria Hall during the Westmount Antique Show 1987.

The show, in its ninth year, offers an opportunity for antique fans and collectors to peruse an exceptional showing of pieces under one roof.

The show opens 4 pm next Thursday and continues Friday and Saturday, from 11 am to 9 pm and Sunday, from 11 am to 6 pm.

Admission to the hall is \$3. For more information call 486-7195.



Leonardo lecture at city library

Art lecture duo France Bourgeois and Claire Gagné, known as "Coup d'oeil sur l'art," present a slide lecture on Renaissance whiz-kid Leonardo da Vinci Tuesday in the Lodge room of Victoria Hall, beginning at 7:30 pm.

The program is intended as a prelude to the Museum of Fine Arts exhibition on Leonardo coming this month.

For more information call 935-8531, local 290.

"PINAFORE" SETS SAIL: The drama and choir classes of the Westmount recreation program under the direction of Bev Adams will present their version of Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore* Friday, 7 pm, and Saturday, 2 pm, in Victoria Hall. Some of the 170 children between ages five and 14 who are participating are, kneeling in front, Sebastian MacDougall as Ralph Rackstraw and Katherine Rother as Buttercup. Standing in back are, from left, Nishi Aubin as Josephine, Joanna Heathcote as Cousin Hebe, Alana Klein as Dick Deadeye, Paul Rother as William S. Gilbert, and Alex Shingler as Sir Joseph Porter.

Annual Rotary sale, auction coming to arena May 8-9

Each year the Rotary Club of Westmount organizes a giant garage sale that has become a Montreal tradition. The garage sale, this year held on May 9, is preceded by an auction on the Friday evening prior to that Saturday. At the auction, many valuable items obtained from generous donors are offered to a bidding public. Both are held at the Westmount arena.

The funds raised are used for worthy projects. In the past 12 months, the club has purchased a small bus (with electric chair lift) for a group of physically and mentally handicapped people. It has also co-funded a senior citizens' communication system linked to a hospital, so that

emergency calls can be made even if the telephone is not within reach. This gives tremendous security to those elderly living alone.

Any donations of surplus stock, obsolete inventory of consumer goods, salable used goods no longer wanted by households such as furniture, books, kitchenware, sporting goods, toys and books are most welcome.

To arrange for pickup, call 935-3344.

The auction takes place from 7 pm onwards, with a preview at 6 pm. The garage sale is from 10 am to 3 pm.

The Rotary Club looks forward to large support from the public.

Fosters to visit zoologists' group

Esteemed nature photographers John and Janet Foster are to give an illustrated lecture on their journey to the High Arctic. The event is set for Sunday in Leacock Hall at McGill University, at 8 pm.

The pair's visit is largely the result of the efforts of Westmounter George Midgeley, past-president of the Zoological Society of Montreal.

Admission to the presentation is \$5. For tickets and more information call 845-8317.

Author Holden gives reading

Westmount author Hélène Holden is to give a reading from her latest novel, *After the Fact*, for the Canadian Cultural Programmes, literature division, May 11 at 1:30 pm.

The event is to be held in the Royal Bank auditorium in Place Ville Marie, regardless of the transit strike. For more information call 937-7937.

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of things to see or do

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Borders

by RICK KERRIGAN

Play it again, Sam!

If it weren't for the repertory cinemas and the Montreal Conservatory of Cinematographic Art, Montreal film-lovers would be stuck with nothing but first-run movies (VCRs notwithstanding), the majority of which are not worth seeing. A good film, like a good book, should be kept for re-use but the nature of the medium makes the storage and viewing of films by individuals a rather difficult task. This is where the conservatory and rep houses come in. By bringing back the best films, often relating to a theme or a common director or nationality, they act as libraries and they educate us. Beginning Sunday and running until June 15, the conservatory is featuring films under the twin themes of "Remakes" and "Requests." Under the latter heading we are offered films such as *Casablanca* and *Citizen Kane*. Under the "Remakes" heading we will get different versions of such films as *The Big Sleep*, *Carmen* (four versions), *Cat People*, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, *Seven Samurai*, *The Magnificent Seven* and *A Star Is Born* among others. Screenings are in room H-110 of Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, and for information you can call 848-3878. You can pick up a schedule there. Admission to the films is a reasonable \$2.

Film benefits shelter

A benefit screening of the National Film Board Studio D's film *Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief* will be given Tuesday, 7 pm, in the NFB Cinema, 200 Dorchester boulevard west. The film was made by Carol Geddes, a native Canadian, and it is a documentary about other native women who have achieved success in a variety of careers. A panel discussion will follow the film. A donation of \$3 is suggested for admission and proceeds will go towards the establishment of an emergency shelter for native women.

A relative genius

The Saidye Bronfman Centre Theatre, 5170 Côte St Catherine road, is presenting the one-man show titled *Einstein*, opening tonight and running until May 31. The play was written by Gabriel Emanuel, is directed by Gordon Wiseman and it stars Peter Boretski as the genius himself. The play starts with Einstein demonstrating his theory of relativity and then looks at incidents from his life. The play builds to his painful decision to encourage the development of the atomic bomb. Performances are Saturdays to Thursdays. Curtain time Sundays to Thursdays is 8 pm. On Saturdays it is 9 pm. For ticket information or reservations call 739-7944 or 739-4816.

Now plays at McGill

The McGill Players' Theatre is presenting premieres of new plays by young playwrights during May and June at the Players' Theatre, 3480 McTavish street. The first production will include two one-act plays: *Hot Apple Turnover* by James Nadler and *Easter* by Tomas Mureika. The former is a "a scathing, experimental play, reminiscent of Greek tragedy, dealing with sex, McDonald's, and the American dream." The latter is "an apocalyptic vision of the last two people on the planet." This is the start of a new direction at Players' Theatre which will see it presenting experimental works, original plays and old favor-

et for its last concert of the season Sunday, 3:30 pm, in Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west. The quintet comprises flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn and for this concert the group will add a piano. The program will include works by Ibert, Mozart and Dvorak. For ticket information call 932-6796 or 487-2822.

Rock for independence

"The Parvarim," an Israeli folk and rock duo, will be performing at the Université de Montreal stadium Monday, 8 pm, as part of the Israel independence celebrations sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation. Also on the bill will be a Yom Hazikaron ceremony and a cantata and the Harimon Israel dance group. There also will be a six-projector slide production of Ben Gurion's life and work. For ticket information call 934-0804.

No instruments allowed

The Tudor Singers of Montreal will be going a cappella for a concert "in praise of music and other ecstasies" Friday, 8 pm, in Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west. The first part of the program will feature Britten's *Hymn to St Cecilia* and be devoted to the pleasure of music. The second half will look at love, nature and reverie through the songs of John Gardner, Paul Hindemith and Anne Boyd respectively. The concert will conclude with three versions of Shakespeare's *It Was a Lover and His Lass* by Thomas Morley, Donald Patriquin and Ward Swingle. Tickets are available at Ticketron counters or by calling Teletron at 288-2525.

Concert on Sunday

The Studio de Musique Ancienne de Montréal will give a concert of vocal and instrumental music Sunday, 8 pm, in Notre-Dame-du-Très-Saint-Sacrement, 500 Mont Royal street east. On the program will be works by Blow, Jenkins, Lawes and Purcell. Guest soloists will be Danièle Forget, soprano; Suzie LeBlanc, soprano; Michael Colver, countertenor; and Stephen Grant, bass. Tickets are on sale at Archambault music store, Lettre-Son, and at the church. From Friday to May 15 the orchestra will be raising funds. If you would like to lend your support call 843-4007.

A candlelight concert

I Musici de Montréal will present a

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concert Sunday, 8 pm, in Salle Claude Champagne, 200 Vincent d'Indy street, and it will be a concert with a difference. For the performance of Haydn's "Farewell" symphony, the house lights will go down and the orchestra will perform by candlelight, as was done in the work's original performance. Also on the program will be works by Corelli, Weber and Prokofiev. For ticket information call 272-9721.

Voices in concert

L'Ensemble Vocal Les Jamésiens will give their annual concert Saturday and again on May 16, 8 pm, in Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west. Alice Poulin-Parizeau will direct works by Haydn and Brahms, contemporary songs, and songs from the Renaissance. Tickets are available at the door.

More voices in concert

The Island City Singers will join forces with the Lakeshore Band for their spring concert Tuesday, 8 pm, at the Unitarian Church, corner of Sherbrooke and Simpson streets. The program will comprise Victorian part songs and Edwardian pieces from Gilbert and Sullivan to Sousa. Tickets are available at the door.

A man and his donkey

Gabriel Gascon, actor, and Robert Lemieux, guitarist, will perform *Platéro et Moi* by Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco from Tuesday to the end of the month at the Maison de la Culture, 5290 Côte des Neiges road. It is an opera for narrator and guitar inspired by the writings of Spanish poet Juan Ramon Jimenez. The opera is about the poet and his faithful donkey. Tickets are free but they must be picked up at the maison or at a Banque d'Épargne in the district.

Exhibitions about town

"In search of things ancient, things exotic ... Montrealers travel the world" is the unwieldy title of an exhibition of 70 artifacts brought back by 19th century Montrealers from their travels to exotic places. The exhibition will be at the Redpath Museum of McGill University from today until June 7. ... The recent oil paintings of Italian paint-

er Francesco Alberti will be at the Maison d'Art St-Laurent, 916 Decarie boulevard in St Laurent, from Sunday to May 10. ... "3/3/3" is the title of an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Anita Shapiro, Robert Venor and Phyllis Weldon at the Conseil des Artistes Peintres du Québec, 4060 St Laurent boulevard from Tuesday until May 22. ... Sculptures by Lisa Keedwell and an installation by Georgiana Chappell will be at the Powerhouse Gallery, 3738 St Dominique street, from Saturday to May 23. ... The recent watercolors and oils of Loretta Tarpin and David Roffey will be at the Galerie Alliance, 680 Sherbrooke street west, from today until May 22. ... "The River and Bush" is the title of an exhibition at La Musée historique d'Argenteuil in Carillon from Sunday through the summer season. It comprises photos, color reproductions and maps concerning the timber trade on the Ottawa River. The museum is at the north side of the Carillon-Point Fortune ferry.

Bits'n'pieces

The big flea market just off the ET Autoroute in Bromont opens Sunday for 28 consecutive Sundays until Nov 8 and it will open Saturdays July 4 to Aug 29. Admission is free for customers. If you want to be a vendor call 1-243-0112 or 0471. ... The Montreal Hobby Show takes place Friday to Sunday at the Verdun Auditorium, 4110 LaSalle boulevard. ... Claire Stern will review Alice Parizeau's *The Lilacs Are Blooming in Spring* today, noon, at the Jewish Public Library, 5151 Côte St Catherine road. Admission is free. ... The Canadian Association for Music Therapy will hold its conference today until Saturday, at the Hôtel du Parc. For information call 485-0855. ... Frank Chalk will speak on "A town that cared: Le Chambon and the Holocaust" Tuesday, 8 pm, at the Jewish Public Library, 5151 Côte St Catherine road. ... Dr Ronald Cridland will speak on "Heart disease: Prevention and recovery without drugs or surgery" tonight, 8 o'clock, at the YM-YWHA, 5700 Westbury avenue. There is an admission charge.

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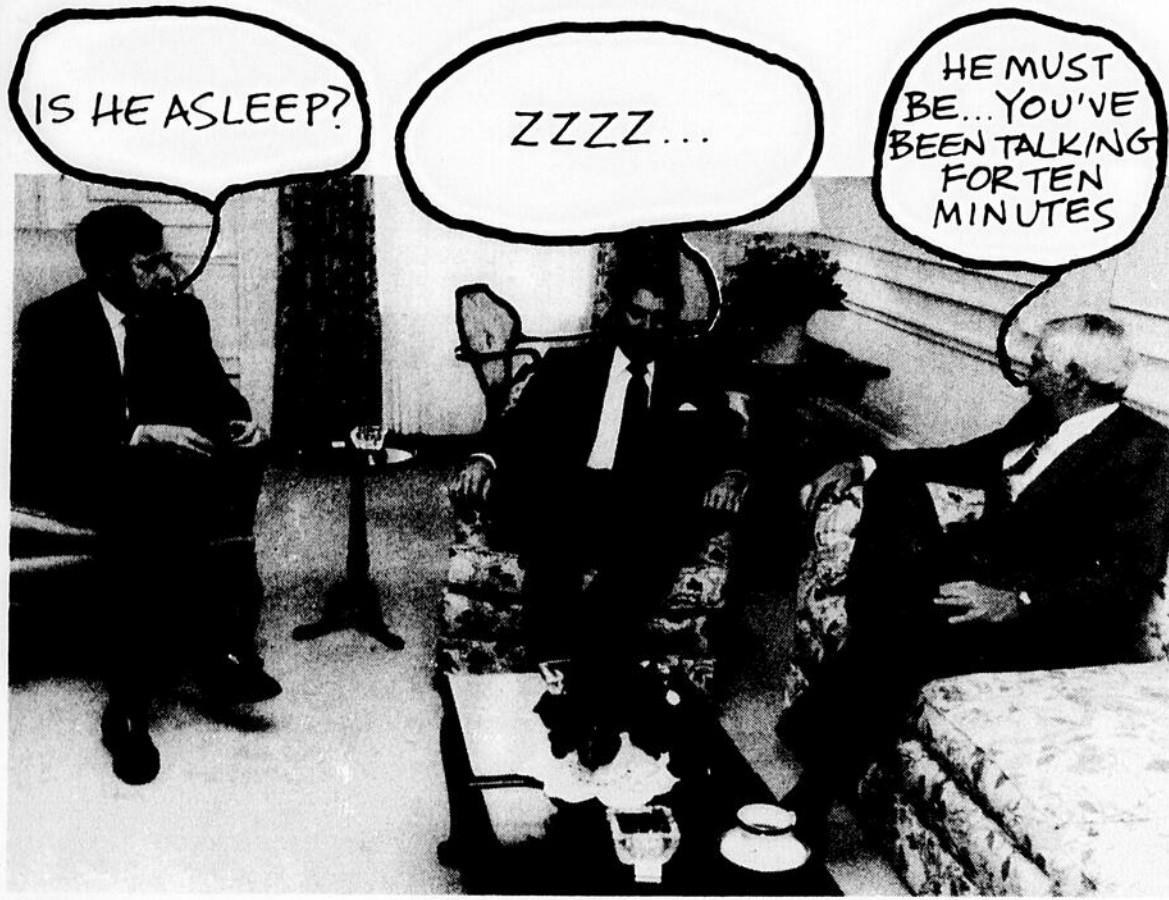
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The winner of our latest Fill-the-Balloons contest is Trevor Giles, 343 Olivier avenue, who submitted this terse yet incisive description of what really transpired when our MP Don Johnston and Liberal leader John Turner met with U.S. President Ronald Reagan recently in Ottawa.

For his efforts, Mr Giles will receive a three-year renewal to his EXAMINER subscription.

The distinguished judges were impressed with the quality and quantity of the entries received. Second place and a two-year subscription renewal has been awarded to local author Edward O. Phillips, 487 Grosvenor avenue, who delved into his bag of Shakespeare quotes for the following:

Johnston: "When shall we three meet again? In thunder, lightning, or in rain?"

Reagan: "Fair is foul and foul is fair. Hover through the fog and filthy air."

Turner: "When the hurly-burly's done, When the battle's lost and won."

Third place and a one-year subscription goes to a comics fan from Town of Mount Royal, Nelson Burton Jr, 170 Simcoe avenue. His entry:

Johnston: "Hey, Ronnie, did you catch Doonesbury last week?"

Reagan: "Don't remind me. That Trudeau is a real pain in the butt."

Turner: "Trudeau? Don't I know it!"

A couple of honorable mentions are worth noting. This entry came from Paul S. Echenberg, 623 Sydenham avenue:

Johnston: "... and besides the forests and streams, even Westmount is showing signs of deterioration from the acid rain!"

Reagan: "Yes, Mr Johnston, I know it's a big problem. Say, isn't that where my good friend Brian Muldoon used to live?"

Turner: "That's right, Mr President, but I am afraid he has deteriorated too far to save!"

Don Munro, 4373 Westmount avenue, offered the following:

Turner: "Mr President, what is it?"

Reagan: "Well, after three bowls of that French-Canadian delicacy 'poutine' I think I have to go to the little commander-in-chief's room!"

Johnston: "I told you you should have had the 'McD-L-T'!"

And a special mention for our longest-distance entrant, George A. Furse of Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, who was staying in Westmount while visiting his mother at Manoir Westmount. He had his president saying: "About that free trade. Nancy says she'd like to try running a small state."

Thanks to all those who took the time to enter. Keep your eyes tuned to THE EXAMINER every week — you never know when another spectacular Fill-the-Balloons contest might be announced!

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EACH year approximately 1,200 Canadian children of under 15 years lose their lives in accidents. A much larger number are hospitalized because of serious injuries and far too many of those are handicapped for life. It is a heavy price to pay for accidents that often are preventable. The Canada Safety Council is conducting its 1987 Child Safety Week from May 1 to May 7.

Child Safety Week serves a vital purpose in focusing attention on the potential hazards children can encounter in their active lives and in reminding adults of the role they must play in making sure that children, as much as possible, are protected from avoidable risks.

Governments and public security authorities, including police and firemen, do a great deal in this area, regarding it as a prime responsibility to watch over the safety of children. But parental authority is primary; indeed, all older persons, even youths, can have a big influence how younger ones behave where safety is involved.

Fire claimed the lives of 459 children in the three years from 1977 to 1979. Because children are fascinated by fire, it is the duty of adults to set a good example of fire prevention that teaches and protects the young. Although fire accounts for about 12 percent of accidental deaths in children, drownings take an even greater toll, claiming 15 percent.

More than 75 Canadian children are killed on bicycles and thousands are injured each year. Traffic accidents account for more than 500 deaths annually.

Many accidents can be prevented.

The following safety precautions are issued by the Canada Safety Council in the hope that they might help save a child's life:

- Store pesticides safely, keeping them out of reach, such as in a locked cabinet or on a high shelf — pesticides are harmful, some are deadly;
- Never leave children alone in the home or unattended even for a few minutes, since this has been found to be a major reason for the high incidence of child fire deaths;
- Teach children to use matches as a tool under adult supervision and not for play, impressing on them that improper use can cause serious burns or death;

- Never let a child operate a power lawnmower and when using one see that children are not in the immediate or adjacent area of the work;
- Inspect bicycles for safety, paying particular attention to brakes, wobbly wheels, sharp edges and incorrect size;
- Ensure that bicycles carry reflectors and reflector tape to make them easily visible to motorists;
- Teach pedestrian safety and impress upon children never to assume that a motor vehicle will stop;
- Instruct children to follow playground rules and be responsible for their own safety;
- Encourage them to warn other children of hazards they may not see, specially

in the playground;

- Always keep firearms unloaded and locked away;
- Hot, scalding liquids should be kept out of reach. Turn all pot handles to the back of the stove;
- Avoid infant suffocation by keeping thin, airtight plastic out of crib or carriage;
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A 75th anniversary luncheon and annual meeting for the Junior League of Montreal are to be held May 11 at the Chateau Champlain Hotel. All members, past and present, as well as representatives of all community organizations with whom the Junior League has been involved are invited.

Three Westmount past presidents, including mother and daughter, are involved in anniversary celebrations. As well, Mary Cousens, president during the Junior League's silver jubilee (1936-37), proudly heralds the Montreal Volunteer Bureau's 50th anniversary. Mrs. Cousens was a founding member of the first board of directors, the Volunteer Bureau being the first of its kind in Canada, created to effectively train and use volunteers in social agencies and charitable organizations throughout greater Montreal.

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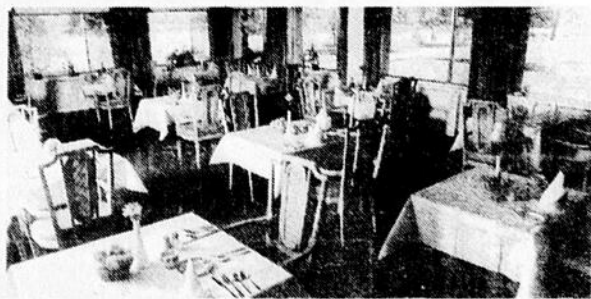
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the league in 1945-46, and her daughter Sandra, president in 1982-83, are both still actively involved in community affairs.

The Montreal Junior League was the first Canadian League to be formed outside of the U.S. Since its inception in 1912, more than 2,700 members have contributed their time and talents to serve the needs of Montreal as trained volunteers and over \$2 million has been raised and returned to the community.

From the operation of a summer camp for girls to volunteer work in hospitals, museums and libraries, the Junior League of Montreal is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Today's funds are generated by the league's La Ligue, a clothing consignment shop situated on Victoria avenue, headed by Westmounter Kitty Lackenbauer. Projects in Westmount are the Discovery Room, a hands-on learning experience in the natural sciences, located in Westmount Park School, and Project Lead.

Co-chairmen for the luncheon are Mrs. Harrington and Pattie Cleghorn, another Westmounter, who has been a member of four Canadian Junior Leagues. "In the event we missed out on some old-timers, please call the league office at 486-9866 for tickets. The reception starts at 11:30 am," Mrs. Harrington says. "A few surprises are in store and many fond memories."

Guest speaker for the event is Virginia Austin, president of the Association of Junior Leagues.



McDougall talks to career women

Barbara McDougall, minister of state for privatization and the status of women, this month's *Saturday Night* coverperson and a rumored potential candidate for any vacancies that may occur at the top of the Progressive Conservative Party, is the invited guest speaker of the Montreal Career Women's Network Monday at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Her address is to concern her twin ministerial responsibilities.

The dinner meeting gets started with cocktails at 6 pm. Tickets for the dinner are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 875-0595.

Westmount Junior League members helping to organize the 75th anniversary luncheon are, seated from left, Hazel Harrington, Mary Cousens and Sandra Harrington. Standing from left are Nan Carlin, Kitty Lackenbauer, Pattie Cleghorn and Penny Baudinet.

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NEARLY NEW SALE

Na'Amat Pioneer Women "Dorot Kanot" Chapter Nearly New Sale on May 6 at Victoria Hall Salon Ward, 4626 Sherbrooke street west, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. All invited.

TEA & BAKE SALE

Sign of the Theotokos Orthodox Church will hold a tea and bake sale on Sun, May 3, between 2 pm and 5 pm, at 310 Clarke (corner de Maisonneuve) in Westmount. Come see our Mother's Day gifts and White Elephant! For details please phone 481-5093.

FUTURE OF NUCLEAR POWER IN CANADA

"Is there a role for nuclear power in Canada's energy future?" This question will be addressed by Ian Wilson, vice-president, Canadian Nuclear Association, and Gordon Edwards, outspoken critic of nuclear power. East Lounge, Victoria Hall, Wed, May 6, at 7:30 pm.

RECEPTION

Montreal Na'amat Pioneer Women are holding a special reception Saturday to honor Mr and Mrs Gerry Rosen as Parents of the Year for their work with Na'amat Day Care Centres and Homes, at the home of Mr and Mrs Arnie Stolovitz in Hampstead under the patronage of the Israeli Consul Ruth Yaron. For information call 735-1679.

SPRING FLEA MARKET

May 2, 10 am to 4 pm, Webster Hall, Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve, corner Lansdowne. Buses: 138, 24, 90, 63.

RUMMAGE SALE

Ladies' committee RMR Association branch #14, 4625 St Catherine west. Rummage sale, May 2 between 1 pm and 4 pm. Everyone welcome.

UNITY CHURCH LECTURE

Rev Marvin Anderson returns to Unity Church with three lectures and a one-day workshop on the theme "The Creative Process." Sun, May 3, 11 am, lecture; Tues, May 5, 7:30 pm, lecture; Sat, May 9, 1 pm to 5 pm, The Metaphysical Interpretation of the Seven Days of Creation (Genesis); Sun, May 10, 11 am, lecture.

BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

Royal Montreal Regiment Cadet Corps 2862 will hold a bazaar and bake sale Saturday May 2 from 1 pm to 4 pm at 4625 St Catherine street west in Westmount. Proceeds will be used to buy equipment and support cadet activities.

The Best Age

with

DOROTHY SIROTA



I had a very interesting visit at Concordia University's centre for mature students this week. I guess when I think about the term "mature student" I think of one who has returned to university after an absence of a few years, or of a student who is a little older than the average. But here at Concordia, the term takes on special meaning for us, as it includes men and women who are 60-years-old and up.

About 250 students over 60 are registered in Concordia's regular classes with young students, as part of the auditor program that allows them to attend classes without writing exams and assignments. Many other older people register for a degree program, and a few special senior scholarships are available every year. And some people elect to take courses as occasional or independent studies students.

This is a comparatively new and exciting phenomenon, and as the visibility of older people in the university classroom increases, so does understanding and consideration between generations. Why are older people going back to school? Are they looking for new careers after a life of work? Not necessarily so, I'm told. Many people never had the opportunity to go to school. Some had started, a long time ago, but had been obliged to go to work, even though they'd always wanted to learn. For some, the opportunity to earn a degree is like a longtime dream come true. But for many others, it's the stimulation, the challenge, the sense of self-gratification, and the fun that comes with intellectual activity. They love being with and being accepted by the young students and professors, and they are recognized as regular participants in the classroom.

At the centre for mature students,

**Vial of Life
SWAG subject**

A Westmount public security officer is to address the Seniors of Westmount Action Group (SWAG) Wednesday at 10 am at Victoria Hall.

The officer is expected to speak on the Vial of Life program which attempts to encourage people, especially the elderly, to store important medical information in a vial, preferably in a refrigerator. The vials serve as a time-saving measure in event of an emergency.

a senior students' committee made up of more experienced students is coordinated by Ashley McGain, and is there to advise and help new arrivals at registration or to help them adjust to the new environment of the university.

In addition, the seniors have organized the Sparkler's Club, which presents guest lecturers and plans occasional parties. Many of the changes in the Concordia program for mature students were initiated by 84-year-old Willie Schiff who had been a cutter in the dress industry during his work years, but had maintained a broad interest in literature and philosophy all his life. Twelve years after enrolling as an independent studies student, Mr Schiff is still an active student, and the program he helped get under way has become a model for universities of British Columbia and Prince Edward Island.

Mr Schiff says, "Being a student is so beautiful! It is not easy at first, but you won't regret it."

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Auxiliaries group celebrates 35th

The Association of Hospital Auxiliaries of the Province of Quebec, a non-profit organization, celebrates this year its 35th anniversary under the honorary patronage of Thérèse Lavoie-Roux, minister of health and social services, and a Westmount resident.

Phyllis Waxman, also a Westmounter and president of the AHAPQ, is to preside at the annual meeting to be held at the Bonaventure Hotel May 14 at 9 am.

The theme "35 Years Later" emphasizes the evolution of volun-

tarism and the importance of the role of hospital auxiliaries. In this era of tight hospital budgets, more than 35,000 volunteers, from every walk of life, give millions of hours in time and energy to promote the well-being of hospital patients.

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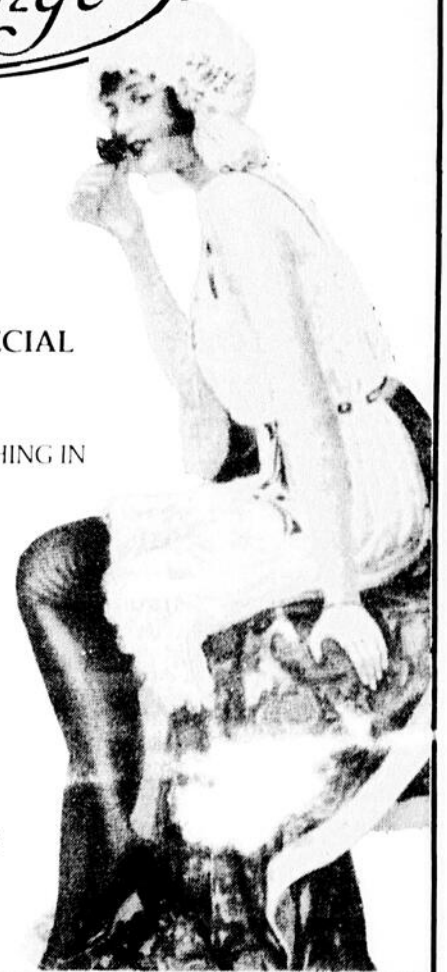
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CRAFTS FOR THE STUDY: The Study School for Girls, 3233 The Boulevard, will hold a fund-raising craft fair Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm, at the school. Westmounters creating craft items for the sale are, in front from left, Sheila Silverman, Marcia Elvidge and Heather Faith. In back from left are Jennifer Marchand, Giovanna Ten Broeck, coordinator of the event, and Lynn McMahon. The sale, under the title of "Artisans '87," will include hand-thrown porcelain and stoneware, smocked dresses, glass ornaments and lamps, oil paintings, knitwear, porcelain jewelry, woodwork and other items.

Epilepsie group meets Monday

Epilepsie Montréal's anglophone parents' support group meets on Monday at 7:30 pm at the Catherine Booth Hospital, 4375 Montclair avenue in Montreal.

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Tree swallows' boundless energy source of endless entertainment

By ELSIE MITCHELL

If you see a pair of tree swallows swoop down early one fine spring morning to inspect the nesting box you've just put up for them, you hope against hope you'll have these song-birds for tenants in your garden.

The suspense builds up. While one of the pair folds its long wings to get in through the hole, the other suns itself on top of the box. From inside comes a constant stream of lovely liquid notes.

The inspector finally emerges and the glossy blue-green birds that are pure white underneath take off as suddenly as they came — dodging wires and branches as they climb into the sky and disappear around the corner of the house.

Did they like the box facing east so the first rays of the sun would warm it in the morning?

Are they off to make other inspections?

For centuries the reappearance of this lively swallow bursting with life and pleasant twittering has been a sure sign of spring. Certainly tree swallows are among the earliest of their species to return to our area in the spring. They seem hardy enough to survive cold snaps because they can subsist on berries and seeds when it's too cold for flying insects. Insects, though, are their main source of food.

Specially adapted to aerial life, these agile fliers spend most of their daylight hours wheeling and diving and turning as they chase insects. Even their courtship consists in swift chase that enables the male to show his prowess as a flyer.

One of the few times you'll see them on the ground is when they're collecting nesting material. So if a



Mature tree swallow

few days after the inspection of the box you see them on the ground in your yard, you can breathe easy, they've decided to use your nesting box.

Then a few days later you may see one of them trying to get a feather into the nesting box. This can be quite an amusing sight as the bird tries a number of ways to get the feather held crosswise in its beak through the round hole. This particular species of swallow lines its nest with feathers, generally white ones. They seemed to use chicken feathers at one time but it would be surprising today if some of the white feathers don't come from the ring bill gulls that you see in every park.

When the eggs have hatched, you hear a continual noise in the box which swells with the arrival of the parent to feed them. Later still, the nestling tree swallow comes to the hole and fixes its bright eyes on the sky waiting for an adult to materialize. When the parent does come swooping in, the nestling stretches out its neck eagerly with its bill wide agape. There are generally three young ones in the box.

Part of the fun of having these swallows nest in your yard is the chance it gives you in the long June evenings to watch the endless energy of the adult birds flying in again and again, beaks crammed with insects.

feeding a young one and in almost the next second, taking off again for more. And this goes on till the light has completely faded.

Then one morning, sometime around the first of July, you find all is quiet in the box — the young have flown. Although swallows have used the box I've put out now for quite a number of years, I've never actually seen the young make their first flight.

Reports from people who have seen them say the young launch out, then sometimes fall fluttering almost to the ground before they get the hang of flying and rise into the air and zip off with their parents for a short while.

You may see them flying around the neighborhood for a couple of days but they don't use the box again.

If you're putting up a box — and now's the time — the height to place it above the ground is 10 to 15 feet. This means the adult can come out with a swoop — and the flight of the tree swallow, circling and changing course as it chases insects, is something you never tire of watching.

Annual meeting of SWAG June 3

The annual meeting of Seniors of Westmount Action Group (SWAG) is scheduled for June 3 at 10 am in Victoria Hall.

As yet no agenda or guest speaker has been announced.

Alice's fitness classes offered

Fitness classes taught by Westmounter Alice Lehrer have resumed at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church.

Classes are held for an hour a day at 8:30 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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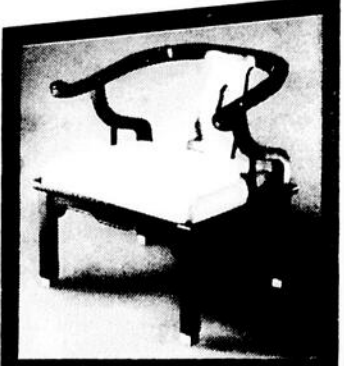
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Poet Irving Layton speaks at AJCS event

A champagne breakfast, lunch with one of Canada's leading poets, a matinee performance of the play *Einstein* and a tour of communal agencies make up the agenda for "Montreal in the Morning," on May 13.

The events mark the Spring Education Program for Women's Division of the Combined Jewish Appeal — an event which annually attracts many volunteer workers. Irving Layton, regarded as Canada's most prolific poet, is to be the luncheon guest for those participating in the day-long event.

During the morning, the volunteers will gather at the Nathan and Maxwell Cummings Golden Age Centre on Westbury Avenue for a champagne/orange juice breakfast and to hear AJCS executive director John R. Fishel talk about community needs. The workers will tour the Golden Age Centre, then continue on

to experience the activities of a number of other agencies including Centre Communautaire Juif, Pollack Residences, the Jewish Vocational Service Sheltered Workshop and Maimonides Hospital and Geriatric Centre.

Mr Layton, always a controversial figure, speaks at the noon luncheon, to be held at the home of Mr and Mrs David Overman, 217 Normandy drive, Town of Mount Royal. A special matinee performance of *Einstein* at the Saidye Bronfman Centre winds up the day.

Joan Lazarus is chairman of women's division of Combined Jewish Appeal, which is the fund-raising arm of AJCS.

Ruth Ballon is associate chairman responsible for education, while the program arrangements were under the direction of co-chairman Naomi Deckelbaum and Rhoda Granatstein, a Westmounter.

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SAFDIE TRIBUTE ARCHITECTS: At work planning the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University's Moshe Safdie Dinner of Tribute recently are arrangements committee chairpersons, from left, **Marcia Shuster**, co-chair; **Lillian Mauer**, vice chair; **Irene Lipper**, co-chair; and **Rita Salomon**, vice chair. Mrs Lipper and Mrs Salomon are Westmounters. The dinner takes place on May 10 at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Westmount. Proceeds will endow a chair in memory of Leon Safdie in the department of urban studies at Hebrew University. For further information, phone 932-2133.

Catholic women meet Saturday

The 66th annual convention of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, Montreal archdiocesan council, is scheduled for Saturday at the Château Champlain Hotel.

Business sessions will take place in the Caf' Conc following registration at 8:30 am. A mass is to be celebrated at 11:30 am, followed by a luncheon at 12:15 pm in the Salon Viger. Michael Goldbloom, outgoing president of Alliance Quebec, is the scheduled guest speaker.

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Jerusalem Mayor Kollek Safdie tribute speaker

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek is to be the guest speaker at the May 10 tribute dinner at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue honoring architect and former Westmounter Moshe Safdie.

Mr Safdie, the architect of such internationally renowned projects as Habitat in Montreal, the National Gallery in Ottawa, and Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, is to receive the Hebrew University's Scopus Award, the highest honor Friends of the University bestows.

According to dinner organizer Westmounter Stephen Lipper, "As the mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek has played a crucial role in showing the world that Arabs and Jews can live together in harmony and mutual respect. He does for the people of Jerusalem what Moshe Safdie is doing for its architecture — weaving the strands of various traditions into an organic whole."

Mr Kollek founded the Jerusalem Committee, an international advisory body of scholars, architects, religious leaders and artists that helps the city deal with its problems and plan for its future.

Mr Kollek has also had a close relationship with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, on whose behalf the dinner is being organized.

A longtime Friend of the University, Kollek frequently appears at the university's board meetings and convocations. In 1977, he received the Hebrew University's honorary doctorate, and his admirers created a fund in his name that annually awards fellowships and scholarships for graduate and doctoral students at the Hebrew University.

Mr Safdie is the architect for the reconstruction of Mamillah, the former no-man's-land that lay between East and West Jerusalem before the Six Day War. The project is being developed into a pedestrian mall that will contain shops, offices and a hotel, all constructed in a manner befitting the area's historic nature.

"Given Moshe's vital role as an architect and planner, not only in Jerusalem, but around the world, we



Teddy Kollek

could not possibly have come up with a better speaker," Mr Lipper said.

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Vous pourrez voir les "silos," trois photos reçues cette semaine de Choloteca. Le Padre Guy Plante envoie la photo d'un "silo" dans sa simple expression et un groupe qui a déjà fait une expérience de coopérative. Le Père Plante nous écrit dans une lettre datée du 14 avril 1987:

"Ces 'silos' sont très rudimentaires: des papiers de sacs de ciment sur le plancher, des tiges séchées de maïs comme murs et des pastilles contre les 'bibites'."

"Cela ne se bâtit pas tout seul: l'éducation est fondamentale et se fait à base de travaux en groupes, de réflexion sur leur réalité. Ce sont des gens très humbles. Ce groupe de Santuario vit dans les montagnes, trois heures à pied pour venir à Choloteca. Avant ils vendaient leur récolte à bon marché à des gens de Choloteca. Au moment de la disette, ils devaient aller acheter leur grain à gros prix à Choloteca et payer en plus le transport pour le Santuario.

"Maintenant ils entreposent leur récolte dans ces silos et au moment de la nécessité, ils achèteront leur grain à meilleur compte, sans intermédiaire, et ne paieront pas de transport de Choloteca à Santuario! Mais le plus beau ce n'est pas le domaine économique, même s'il n'est pas négligeable! C'est l'éducation qui se fait peu à peu.

"Ils finissent par croire qu'ils peuvent faire mieux et surmonter cette montagne de l'ignorance collective qui a permis depuis toujours cette forme d'exploitation.

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SLICING THROUGH THE YEARS: A special 75th anniversary cake for St Matthias' Church was cut Sunday by **Rebecca Oliver**, great-granddaughter of the late Canon Gilbert Oliver, rector from 1928-56, and daughter of **Rev David Oliver**, left. **Sandra Cameron**, right, people's warden, assisted. The celebration took place at a reception following the morning service led by guest preacher **Rev Stephen Eardley**, of St Philip's Church in Montreal West. Those attending were welcomed by **Trevor Bishop**. Rector's warden **Raymond Ulyatt** was one of the organizers.

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Children will have a special day in Sunday School beginning at 10:30 am. Jane Wigglesworth of St Barabas Anglican Church is to present a puppet workshop for the children. Mrs Wigglesworth is an art teacher and the director of the St Barabas Puppet Theatre Group. She will involve the children in a presentation of the story of Zacchaeus for the congregation during the coffee hour following the 11 am service.

All are invited to enjoy this Puppet Ministry.

Rummage sale at St Matthias'

St Matthias' Church will hold its annual spring rummage sale Wednesday at the church, 12 Church Hill, from 4 pm to 7 pm.

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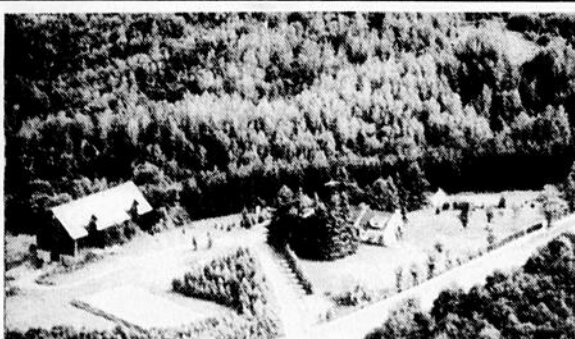
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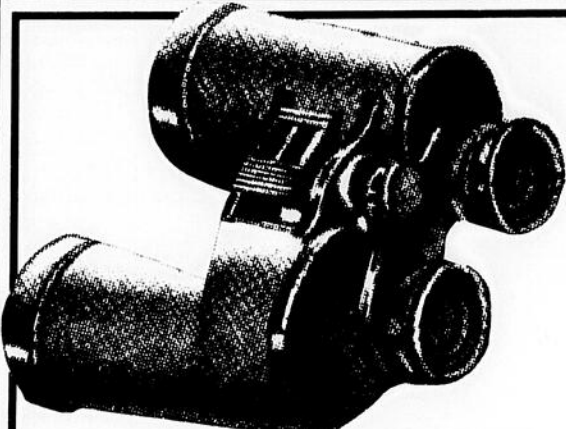
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Although the boy denied pulling the alarm, PSOs said he was readily able to describe others he said were responsible.

It was not believed possible for him to have seen anyone from where he had claimed to be. His mother was informed of the incident.

City crews are in the process of removing the alarm boxes; however, those intact are still operational unless otherwise marked.

Woman bumped from chair

An 84-year-old Westmount woman was knocked out of a wheelchair Monday last week by a car backing up in a parking space beside Victoria Hall, according to police reports.

The victim, a resident of Manoir Westmount, was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital by Urgences Santé but was not reported to have been seriously injured.

The mishap occurred at 11:15 am. The driver of the car, a black 1982 Nissan, was identified as a 24-year-old Verdun man.

Meter mangled for coin trove

A meter coin canister was found broken into Tuesday last week in front of the Reddy Memorial Hospital, police report. About \$100 in coin was believed to have been taken. The coin represented money from two meters.

The theft was discovered during collection of the meters and damage was estimated at about \$100.

Loss unknown after burglary

It was not known what might have been taken from a home broken into overnight Friday-Saturday on Claremont avenue, police said.

Entry was gained by forcing a lock on the front door, probably using vice-grips or pliers, and causing \$50 damage. All rooms appeared to have been searched.

Bike bent

A bicycle sustained heavy damage after being locked to a pole in the garage at Alexis Nihon Plaza Friday, police report. The blue three-speed Apollo was believed to have been hit by a car, causing the frame to bend resulting in \$75 damage.

Open locker

A \$250 Peugeot bicycle was stolen from a locker in the apartment building at 288 Grosvenor avenue overnight last Thursday-Friday, police report. The locker was broken into by removing screws from the door hinges.

Tipsy Connecticut Yankee summoned to Queen's court

A 33-YEAR-OLD man from Fairfield, Connecticut, was charged with impaired driving Wednesday last week, police said, after he had flagged down public safety officers for directions at St Catherine street and Lansdowne avenue at 3:05 am.

Officers, who became suspicious of the man's condition, followed the car east until they were able to stop MUC car 23-3, which intercepted the visitor at St Catherine street and Greene avenue.

Police officials said the car was stopped when it was noticed going very slowly. The man was sent downtown to headquarters so arrangements could be made for his court appearance.



BROOKE'S LAST DAY: Brooke Clibbon concludes 13 years of service at the Westmount children's library today. As the assistant to the children's librarian, Mrs Clibbon was a favorite of students, particularly during story hour. She is off to the University of Western Ontario to study to become a professional librarian.

Late visitors not burglars?

Nothing was reported missing from a house broken into on Lansdowne avenue last Thursday when a neighbor called police to report two men breaking into the home north of Sherbrooke street, police said.

No suspects were found on the scene although constables reported a rear door had been forced open.

Car rear-ended on Sherbrooke

The driver of a car that was hit in the rear Wednesday last week on Sherbrooke street at Grosvenor avenue sustained knee and back injuries, police said. The victim, a 32-year-old N.D.G. man, was reported to have refused transportation to hospital.

The accident occurred about 10:54 pm when the driver of the second car was distracted while looking for Victoria avenue, police said. She was driving a grey 1987 Toyota.

Both vehicles sustained more than \$500 damage.

Were home

When MUC police were called to check out two suspicious-looking men at the rear of a house on Blenheim Place Wednesday afternoon last week they found out the pair lived there, public safety officers said. The men had been reported to a Public Security Unit patrol at 2:50 pm.

City fire dispatchers attend course

Four dispatchers from the Westmount Fire Brigade will be attending a course on radio communications and emergency dispatching Sunday in Vergennes, Vermont.

The one-day course is designed to provide guidelines for the use of radios in the fire service including the do's and don'ts of radio and telephone procedures during emergency situations.

The fire dispatchers also handle calls to the city's Public Security Unit.

The course is one of several taking place this weekend at the 17th annual Addison County Regional Fire School, sponsored by the state department of education, the Vermont State Firefighters Association and the Addison County Firefighters Association.

Attending from Westmount are: Tony Suarez, Claudette Gauthier, René Bouchard and part-time dispatcher Robert Schartz.

Aversion move attracts smash

A car travelling south on Clarke avenue struck a parked car on the other side of the street Wednesday noon last week, causing over \$500 damage to each, police report.

The accident was caused when the car swerved to avoid hitting a vehicle pulling out of a parking space ahead. No injuries were reported.

Lost mower

A yellow Turfglider lawn mower was turned in at local MUC police station 23 Sunday afternoon after public safety officers found it under a bench at the side of the Royal Montreal Regiment armory at 4650 St Catherine street. It was described as being in excellent condition.

You Say

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to promote responsible pet ownership and to negotiate times and locations where dogs would be allowed to run and play. So successful was this solution that similar dog-owner groups have been formed in Pointe Claire and the Town of Mount Royal in an attempt to resolve similar conflicts in those municipalities.

However, the principle on which the entire dog-owners association concept is based rests on the continued cooperation between dog owners and the city. Recent moves to eliminate the dog run from Westmount Park have sparked resentment and a sense of having been deceived among members of the Westmount Dog Owners' Association. This is certainly not a feeling conducive to a healthy working relationship with city officials.

When the dog owners were told that the Westmount Park dog run was going to be moved to another section of the same park as part of the park's renovation, they were agreeable to the move. Then, when the final plans for the park were presented, there was no dog run included in them. Again, the Westmount Dog Owners' Association was willing to compromise, and agreed to the city's proposal of a new dog run at Lansdowne avenue and St Catherine street — a dog run which, they were told, would be lighted, landscaped and fenced. Now, the Westmount Park dog run will reportedly close on May 1, and the area designated as an alternate dog run is not only unlit but there is no fence. This creates a very dangerous situation which could result in dogs being lost or hit by cars, with resulting traffic disruptions.

I urge you, Mr Mayor, to take the

necessary steps to ensure that the Westmount Park dog run remain open until an appropriate alternate site has been properly lighted, landscaped and fenced, as previously agreed by city officials.

Joan Clark, QC
President, CSPCA

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Rejection of recycling called disappointing

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

Alderman Peter Duffield
Commissioner of Public Works
WESTMOUNT

Dear Alderman Duffield,
I was disappointed to read your negative remarks concerning the recycling of garbage in last week's WESTMOUNT EXAMINER. The fact that Westmount's recycling effort in the 1970s was a failure shouldn't prevent us from trying again, along the lines of the LaSalle experiment. An affluent community such as this, with a high proportion of well-educated and informed citizens, should be setting an example in this respect.

From personal experience I know that it takes very little time and effort to sort out bottles and newspapers when putting out the garbage, and the satisfaction of knowing that one is helping to conserve natural resources makes it very worthwhile. Surely the earth cannot continue to absorb the tremendous amounts of non-biodegradable rubbish that our society throws out. Let's give recycling another try.

June Paterson

359 Melville avenue
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NOT REALLY SO NEW: The five newest MUC police recruits to arrive at station 23 two weeks ago had a unique quality. Although none was older than 24, all came from other police forces: Longueuil, Greenfield Park, the RCMP, St Romuald and St Hilaire. They were shown around the Westmount station and municipal court by Cst Michel Caza, right. From left: Constables Isabelle Allard, Jean-Luc Doucet, Marco Blain, Donald Lemieux and Michel Picard.

SUITS...

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insurers of Petro-Canada, the Zurich Insurance Company, the city's own insurer is named as a plaintiff against Westmount, claiming an amount of \$27,075.

Six-month period

Most claimants were expected to file their actions within the six-month prescription period. City clerk Robert Wilkins said, in his personal opinion, claimants might have six months to file after the date of their claim notice which had to be made by Nov 13.

The difference, he noted, would be one of legal interpretation of article 585, section 5, of the Cities and Towns Act, which states:

"No action in damages shall lie unless such action be instituted within six months after the day on which the accident happened or the right of the action accrued."

Five of the claims, totalling more than \$7.8 million, had been served by Wednesday last week (see story last week).

The other 16, totalling more than \$60.4 million, were served at the end of the week and Monday, two smaller ones in Provincial Court, all others in Superior Court.

Plaintiffs in these are:

- Alexis Nihon (Quebec) Inc, \$50,000,000;
- Allendale Mutual Insurance Company and Catelli, regarding Catelli, \$5,000,000;
- Air Canada, \$300,000;
- Irving Ludmer and Irving Ludmer and Associates Inc and Ludco Enterprises, \$37,500;
- Prudential Assurance Company Limited, regarding Hindley and Associates, \$25,000;
- Hindley and Associates, insurance brokers, \$400,000;
- Dylex (Tip Top Tailors), \$57,000;
- Bell Canada, \$500,000;
- Steinberg Inc and its subsidiaries: Ivanhoe Inc, Aligro Inc (Miracle Mart), Les Centres Commerciaux Steinberg Limitée, Les Immeubles Steinberg Limitée, La Fondation Steinberg Inc, Les Entreprises Steinberg Limitée, Les Locations Steinberg Inc, Pik-Nik Inc, Valdi Foods (1986) Inc, Franchise Plus (1986) Inc, Les Franchises Parade Inc, La Hot-Doguerie Rascal Inc, Franchises 5-16-11 Inc, Multi Restaurants Inc, Les Services Alimentaires Intercité Inc, La Fiducie des Avantages Sociaux de Steinberg Inc, \$1,000,000;
- Petro-Canada, \$1,000,000;
- Aetna Casualty and Surety Company and others, members of the Canadian Industrial Risks Insurers (CIRI) listed as: Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company of Canada, Canadian General Insurance Company, Château Insurance Company, Chubb

of Canada, The Continental Insurance Company, Co-Operative Fire & Casualty Company, Dominion Insurance Corporation, The Dominion of Canada General Insurance Company, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, The General Accident Assurance Company of Canada, Guardian Insurance Company of Canada, The Halifax Insurance Company, The Hanover Insurance Company, Herald Insurance Company, The Home Insurance Company, INA Insurance Company of Canada, Insurance Company of North America, Le Groupe Commerce, Phoenix Assurance Company of Canada, Reliance Insurance Company, Royal Insurance Company of Canada, St Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Sun Alliance Insurance Company, Travelers Indemnity Company of Canada, The Travelers Indemnity Company, Underwriters at Lloyds, United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, Zurich Insurance Company; all regarding Petro-Canada and its subsidiaries and affiliates, \$950,000;

- Les Services Alimentaires R.M.D. (Rôtisserie du Village), \$100,000;
- Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, \$7,936;
- Electrolux Canada, Sara Lee Corporation of Canada Ltd, and Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, \$1,015,000;
- Sovereign General Insurance Company and Halifax Insurance Company and Federation Insurance Company of Canada and Ecclesiastical Insurance Company regarding 140948 Canada Inc (Rôtisserie du Village), \$23,084.01;
- Continental Hair Stylists Place Vertu Inc and Continental Hair Stylists (Alexis Nihon Plaza) Inc, \$8,000.

Served previously

- The five served previously were:
- The Commerce and Industry Insurance Company of Canada and the American Home Assurance Company, together seeking \$5,358,446.86 regarding Steinberg Inc;
 - Chubb Insurance Company of Canada, \$1,642,013 regarding M.B. Processing Limited, Arnold Steinberg, Steinberg Inc and M. Dobrin;
 - Affiliated FM Insurance Company and Imasco Limited, seeking \$37,648 for damages to the Pharmaprix store;
 - Allendale Insurance Company, \$700,000 regarding Air Canada premises;
 - American Home Insurance Company and Cigna Insurance Company of Canada, \$25,000 also regarding Air Canada.

An inquiry into the blaze by Fire Commissioner John McDougall was suspended March 25 after lawyers for the Alexis Nihon Plaza Corporation filed a Superior Court writ of evocation seeking a new probe. The motion is to be heard Monday.

Bike found

A 10-speed Raleigh bicycle was taken to local MUC police station 23 last Thursday after being found in front of 4466 St Catherine street, public safety officers said.

Itchy, skinny squirrels saved, find new home

Three baby squirrels were taken to the Animal Hospital of Westmount Tuesday last week after falling from their nest in a tree at 4875 de Maisonneuve boulevard, public safety officers report.

They were found to have fleas and be slightly underweight but otherwise in good condition.

When a woman at the hospital asked to care for them, she was provided with flea powder, a can of condensed milk and wished good luck.

Summit fire in trash doused

A fire in a trash can at the summit lookout was doused Sunday afternoon using a pressurized water extinguisher, fire officials report.

The smouldering container was noticed about 5:14 pm by citizens who flagged down an MUC police patrol. No one knew how it started, police said.

Public safety officers also were flagged down en route to the fire call at Lexington and Sunnyside avenues by a woman who reported seeing two men beside a blue car drinking and urinating. The car could not be found but a licence plate number was turned over to police at the scene of the fire.

Brakes balk, cop car crashes

Local MUC police cruiser 23-2 sustained less than \$250 damage last Thursday when it hit a post in the rear lane at 1267 de Maisonneuve boulevard, police said. The mishap occurred about 4:30 am when the vehicle had braking problems after stalling.

Jetta entered

A grey 1984 Volkswagen Jetta sustained \$300 damage last Thursday when someone broke a side window between 6 and 7 pm when the vehicle was parked on Roslyn avenue north of Westmount avenue, police said. The car belonged to a resident of the street.

At Toronto conference:

City fire chief offers tips on fighting highrise blazes

Firefighters should be able to go to a highrise fire in a taxi, Westmount's fire chief told a seminar on fire safety in Toronto yesterday morning.

This would be possible if tall buildings were designed to contain all necessary firefighting equipment in the same manner as ocean liners, Director William Timmons said.

"Occupants (of a highrise) should be able to control and contain the fire as if it occurred in the mid-Atlantic."

Speaking from a prepared address, Dir Timmons was the keynote speaker at the one-day session on fire safety education and training held by the Canadian Fire Safety Association at the Skyline Airport Hotel.

Firefighting in a highrise building is "any fireman's nightmare," he said.

The fear, he said, results from the fact that fire safety precautions in most tall buildings are inadequate.

A highrise building, he noted, was the vertical equivalent of a one-storey horizontal structure two blocks long that had exits at only one end with the added disadvantage that occupants could not jump from windows.

Under both MUC and Quebec provincial regulations, he said, a building's management has the responsibility to establish an overall workable fire plan and organize emergency evacuation.

Prevention measures

Dir Timmons presented the seven following recommendations for preventing highrise fires and minimizing fire damages:

- All highrise buildings should be fully equipped with operative wet sprinkler systems to extinguish or contain fires until arrival of firemen;
- Fire detection and alarm systems should be connected to central stations or fully labelled and supervised annunciator panels to provide quick detection;
- A fully trained and well-organized private fire brigade should be formed under direction of building management;
- Standpipe and hose connections should protect all sections of floors along with a reliable and adequate supply of water;
- An emergency power supply should be provided to ensure proper operation of fire protection equipment;
- All floors must be compartmentalized,

including installation of automatic fire dampers on all ducts, to prevent vertical spread of smoke and hot gases; and,

• All connections for fire department apparatus should be adequately signed.

Faulty alarm rings 5 times at seniors' home

A fire watch was maintained at Goodwin House, the nursing home at 336 Metcalfe avenue, Sunday morning while repairs were made to the alarm system, fire officials report.

The alarm, which had gone off five times for unknown reasons between 2:08 am and 9:09 am, kept summoning local firefighters as well as mutual aid counterparts since the residence is coded for automatic mutual aid response.

The system was finally ordered silenced so repairs could be undertaken.

Fireman Jean-Guy Charest remained on the site as a precaution from 9:20 am until the work was completed at 12:30 pm.

Trucks munch car sandwich

A parked car was pushed into a parked construction truck Saturday afternoon by an excavation truck backing down the hill in front of 644 Victoria avenue, police report.

The accident occurred about 3 pm, causing more than \$500 damage to the car, which was sandwiched between the two trucks. It was a blue 1983 Pontiac belonging to a Montreal resident.

Outboarded

A 10-year-old Claremont avenue boy lost his \$300 skateboard to a young man in Westmount Park Saturday afternoon, police said. The boy had agreed to lend the board to the older person who then ran off with it. The thief spoke English and wore blue shorts as well as a short-sleeved shirt.



CAN HELP: Margaret Suttie, the Reddy Memorial's director of nursing, left, and Betty O'Connor, a member of the Victorian Order of Nurses, addressed the Rotary Club of Westmount recently on "Can Help," an assistance program for newly diagnosed cancer patients and their families. Relatively novel support services of this kind are crucial, Miss Suttie said, as "one in three families in North America will be affected by some form of cancer."

World-leading learning centre helps kids with disabilities

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Leonardo da Vinci, Winston Churchill and 11-year-old Fred have something in common: learning disabilities. It is estimated that more than 10 percent of Canadian children have some form of learning disability.

Fred looks no different from any other child. He can see and hear perfectly well. In fact, he has above-average intelligence. He just doesn't learn in the same way most people do and this can turn a typical journey through the educational system into a nightmare.

Help for children like Fred can be found at the McGill-Montreal Children's Hospital Learning Centre. At the centre, children learn to deal with their difficulties and, in many cases, to overcome them.

It enables children to compete in the regular school system and to go on to lead fulfilling lives.

Founded in 1960 by the late Sam Rabinovitch, the centre originated as a clinic at the Montreal Children's Hospital. In 1971 it moved into its own downtown premises at 3640 Mountain street and became formally affiliated with McGill.

Recognized internationally as a pioneer and leader in the scientific study and clinical treatment of learning-disabled children, the centre serves a three-fold function: providing clinical services, conducting research and educating the public.

The clinical services include a detailed assessment to identify a child's strengths and weaknesses, and to plan a program to enhance his learning. Progress is closely monitored.

This is done in consultation with the child's parents, teachers and doctors. Some children receive intensive treatment including weekly one-on-one teaching sessions at the centre; others receive only periodic consultations and a remedial program at their own schools.

Research is continuous at the centre. Staff and students at the university and the hospital collaborate with the centre's own staff in research projects on the nature, causes and treatment of learning disabilities, as well as on various aspects of cognitive functioning.

The educational side involves instructing teachers about learning disabilities and how to help children who have such difficulties deal with them.

The centre also conducts a variety of conference presentations throughout Canada and abroad, educating professionals on the subject and on its latest findings. The centre disseminates its information as far afield as possible to benefit the most children.



Friends of the Learning Centre gala committee members are finalizing arrangements for the May 14 bash at Place des Arts. From left, seated, are Westmounters Sara Colby, Hinda Roseman, director of the Friends, and Liane Taran. Standing, left, are Angela Lipper and Lillian Mauer, who have an art shop on Greene avenue.

he can't overcome them, learn how to live with them and to work around them," she says.

The exact causes of learning disabilities still elude the medical profession. They appear to be biological in origin, but can come about for a variety of reasons. Learning disabilities are known to run in a family.

Mrs Gollick feels the existence of a learning disability in a person is not entirely negative. "The kind of brain organization which leads to learning disabilities may have other advantages. For instance, these are often artistic people who have an extraordinary sense of three-dimensional visualization."

The first step is to identify the problem. Frequently, learning disabilities are ignored or go unnoticed for too long.

Schools teach math, reading, writing and problem solving in a particular way that may be suited to the majority of pupils, but certainly not to all. These others may not grasp the process in the same way.

This often results in inaccurate labels such as "stupid" or "lazy," which can lead to humiliation, anger and despair on the part of the child.

The parents also suffer. They may not understand the problem and blame themselves for what they perceive as a failure in their child.

If the learning disability is never diagnosed, the child could face innumerable difficulties later in life. Once recognized, however, the problem can be dealt with. Children can learn to compensate. They acquire proper strategies to tackle tasks in ways suited to them. It is not that they are incapable of learning, but that they learn in a unique manner.

The centre sees more than 600 children a year, and its work reaches out directly and indirectly to thousands more. There is, however, a waiting list for its services and many more children could benefit from its work. The only stumbling block is money, financial.

All services given by the centre are

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receives some funding from its affiliated institutions — McGill, the Montreal Children's Hospital and the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal — there is no direct government money. Therefore, a large chunk must come from fund-raising.

Another Westmount resident, Alan Edwards, who has been involved with the centre for 16 years and is the current chairman of the management board, has played a significant role in raising funds.

"Of the current annual operating budget of \$800,000, more than half must be raised from private sources," he says.

The Friends of the Learning Centre was established in January 1984 to secure the centre's financial future and to increase public awareness of the centre and its work. Under the direction of Hinda Roseman, Friends has been actively seeking money. One source has been the "Gala Benefit Evenings" at Place des Arts.

This year's gala, to be held May 14 at 8 pm, features the opening night of the spectacular Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre. Mrs Roseman has been busy organizing the event.

"The Gala is always a smashing affair, and judging by ticket sales, it will be as well-attended this year as in the past," she says. "The evening includes a reception afterwards which the dancers will attend."

Tickets, at \$125 per person, can be obtained through Friends of the Learning Centre at 2020 University street, suite 1250, or by calling Mrs Roseman at 844-0698. Tax receipts will be issued by McGill.

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The professional staff at the centre is dedicated and highly qualified. It comprises nine psychologists, eight remedial teachers, a social worker, a speech therapist and an art therapist. As a team, they carry out the various aspects of the centre's work.

Several staff members are residents of Westmount, notably Margie Gollick, the chief psychologist, and Maggie Bruck, the head of research.

Beyond her plentiful experience and qualifications, Mrs Gollick is a warm person with whom students feel quickly at ease. She says that an important part of the remediation process is a sympathetic school which will alter its program to accommodate a child's particular needs.

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Champion debaters from Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School for Girls are, from left, Deborah Vineberg, a Westmounter, Sasha Johnston and Erica Trister, of Montreal and Town of Mount Royal, respectively.

ECS' top talkers triumph in debate test

On April 13, at Chambly County High School, Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School repeated as junior debating champions of the Quebec Student Debating Association as Westmounter Deborah Vineberg and Sasha Johnston defeated Trafalgar School's best in an exciting final round.

The resolution, debated in a cross-examination format, was: "Resolved: Is television more beneficial than harmful?" Forty-four teams from 18 private and public schools participated in this annual debating tournament, which featured top students from grades seven, eight and nine. Other Westmount schools participating in the competition included Selwyn House, Trafalgar and St George's.

ECS junior debaters also captured individual honors as Karen Schwarz finished in 10th place while Marika Jarislowsky of Westmount finished in sixth place among the 10 top speakers of this tournament. With an excellent effort, Erica Trister placed first overall as the best individual speaker in the tournament.

When asked for his appraisal of his team's efforts, Rick Barrett, the ECS coach, replied: "I am extremely proud of the girls' many debating achievements this year and winning this championship is the icing on the cake. My congratulations to Sasha and Deborah for a truly superb effort and to Erica for her splendid standing as the top speaker. Well done!"

In building for 15 years:

Westmount Park School's Verdun influx sends preschool program packing

By THOR VALDMANIS

Increased enrolment coupled with the closing of Lorne School in Verdun has adversely affected two longtime tenants at Westmount Park School.

Westmount Park Preschool has learned it will not have its lease renewed by the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal at the end of June. The two large rooms the co-operative daycare has occupied for 15 years on the ground floor of WPS are now required to accommodate increased enrolment levels at the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten levels in September.

In addition, with the anticipated influx of some 60 students from Lorne School in Verdun, which is closing in June as a PSBGM cost-cutting measure, Giant Steps is losing the three third-floor rooms it has used in the building since 1982.

Unlike the preschool, however, which is scrambling to find new premises in time for next fall, Giant Steps, a school for children suffering from neuro-integrative dysfunction, will be relocated in two new rooms elsewhere on the third floor for the 1987-88 academic year.

Narnia Daycare, the Montreal Oral School, Outreach and the Discovery Room programs are all to remain intact, despite an expected expansion of the WPS enrolment from the present 280 to 342 students in September.

"We had to make some tough decisions," Westmount Park Principal Richard Eggleton said Monday. "We tried to take the route that would hurt the community least."

Mr Eggleton explained the preschool program was hardest hit, despite their loyalty to WPS over the years and "exceptional program,"

because they occupied the large bottom-floor rooms which were necessary for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten expansion.

"We're quite upset about having to leave," Cathy Wells, the chairman of the preschool, said last week. "Obviously it hurts, but what can bitterness do?"

Serving some 54 children between the ages of three and four, the daycare co-op is looking for another home in the community.

"The Y has provided us with a list of places they've checked," Mrs Wells said. "They've been very helpful. But we're still having a little difficulty finding a place."

The Westmount YMCA itself is making temporary provisions for its programs next year while its existing structure gets a \$3 million face-lift.

Without being specific, Mrs Wells,

a Victoria avenue resident, would only say the preschool is looking at two possible locations.

Darlene Berringer, the director of Giant Steps, said Monday that while her school would have less space next year with the room changes, "we can handle it."

Giant Steps, with 52 students and 55 staff members, may have reduced student enrolment next year with the success of integration programs. However, even with identical numbers next year, Giant Steps will still function "very well" in the two new rooms, she maintained.

Westmount Park School began taking on a number of tenants years ago in an effort to keep the elementary school open despite declining enrolment.

Current increases in enrolment next year, especially at the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten levels, bode well for the future of Westmount Park School, Mr Eggleton maintained.

Preschool fair Saturday

The tenth annual Westmount Preschool spring fair is to be held on Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm in Westmount Park directly in front of the Westmount Park School.

This popular event features pony rides, a petting zoo, clowns, muppets, many game booths, a snack bar, garage sale table and many other attractions. In case of rain, the fair will be held in the classrooms of the preschool, located in Westmount Park School, ground floor, entrance from Park Place.

Popular local entertainer Jonathan will perform a magic mime

routine.

Mayor Brian Gallery has been invited to attend and to officiate at the opening.

Westmount Preschool is a non-profit cooperative nursery school for three- and four-year-olds. The school was set up 15 years ago and provides scholarships to children with handicaps and to those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The annual spring fair is the preschool's most important fund-raising event and has come to be viewed by the community as the harbinger of the summer season.

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Study girl Wendy Chiu on to speaking finals

Students dug deep into personal reserves of courage as lines were forgotten and words over-emphasized during the semi-finals of the annual Montreal Rotary public speaking contest last week.

Performing in a packed and noisy Salon Ward at Victoria Hall, the

WPS library to move down from 'heavens'

A number of renovations to the Westmount Park School are scheduled over the summer.

The school's library, now "up in the heavens" of the third floor, is being moved down a flight of stairs to a more central location, WPS Principal Richard Eggleton said Monday.

"Right now, it's isolated from the flow of the school," he explained. "The strength of our program is language arts, so the library must become the focal point."

In addition to an enhanced, "student-oriented" library, other summertime modifications to the school include a renovated art room on the ground floor and a revamped third floor.

speaking talents of the four grade 11 participants were, on occasion, held hostage to memory.

Local student Wendy Chiu of The Study braved the gazes of some 60 guests and members of the Rotary Club of Westmount, however, and was selected for the finals over Ofer Avital of Riverdale High School, Lucy Niro of St Pius X High School and Karmjeet K. Grewal of LaSalle Catholic High School.

Miss Chiu won with an often witty five-minute address on "Fitness: a substitute for feeling."

Describing herself as a "lethargic couch potato," a slim and seemingly fit Miss Chiu recounted her futile attempts at exercise. After finding that the walk home from work last summer was anything but a "piece of low-cal cake," she gave up the "no pain, no gain" philosophy for good, she declared.

To the delight of Rotarians, Miss Chiu said she would forgo the muscle fad in the public interest. For, if she were to get fit, she reasoned, "whom would the fitness fanatic have to compare with?"

Mrs Chiu is bound for the Montreal Rotary finals where she competes for a top prize scholarship of \$750 against three other regional finalists May 12 at the Chateau Champlain.



Some of the city's top junior orators competed last week before the Rotary Club of Westmount. From left are winner Wendy Chiu of The Study, Karmjeet K. Grewal, Rotary organizer Steve Sadler, Lucy Niro and Ofer Avital.

The annual Montreal Rotary contest began in 1939 to promote the art of public speaking at the high school level. Steve Sadler, a principal organizer of the event, told fellow Rotarians.



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NEW UNITY HEAD: Unity Boys' and Girls' Club, 1090 Greene avenue, has a new director in **Shaun Lynch**, 27, who was appointed April 14. Mr Lynch, an MBA student at McGill University, already has a degree in psychology from Bishop's University. A sports buff as well, Mr Lynch has worked for the Canadian Olympic Association and the Canadian Federation of Sports Organizations for the Disabled. The new director intends to improve Unity programs to help children develop their full potential by providing social, recreational and cultural activities. Unity can be reached at 931-6202.

Camp offers facilities for family vacation

Thousands of Westmount children have enjoyed the pleasures of Camp Nominique in the Laurentians over the camp's 63 years in operation but now the camp operators are hoping whole families will come and make use of the facilities.

For the fourth year, owners Peter and Jean Van Wagner this summer will be opening the camp for a week in August to entire families.

And why not? The recreation facilities of a camp can be enjoyed equally by adults as by children and they provide a wholesome atmosphere for a fun family holiday. And nobody has to write letters to those left at home.

This year's family holiday week is scheduled for Aug 15 to 23. Some people will come for the entire period, others just for a weekend. The length of stay is flexible.

Guests sleep in large tents on wooden platforms which are situated in a beautiful grove of white birch trees on the shores of Petit Lac Nominique. The program includes windsurfing, sailing, canoeing, rowing, fishing, golf, archery, riflery, field athletics and games on three playing fields.

Other facilities include a wood-

working workshop, basketball and volleyball courts, a theatre, three buildings for indoor activities, nature trails, a tree farm and half a mile of sandy beach. Food is prepared by 12-year veteran chef André Juneau.

Guests can choose to be as active or as sedentary as they like and, while special events are offered, all activities are optional. Most visitors choose to go on one- to three-day wilderness canoe trips in nearby Parc Papineau-Labelle.

Parents can enjoy activities with their children or on their own, leaving the youngsters in programs with the camp's staff.

Information about the holiday camp program is available in Montreal by calling Peter or Jean Van Wagner at 694-4020.

Boarders pulled from city pool

Two groups of young men were caught skateboarding in the Westmount swimming pool last week, public safety officers report. Other groups had been evicted the previous week in efforts to protect the surface of the pool.

Two Westmounters discovered there Monday night last week were reported as being known to public safety officers as skateboard enthusiasts rather than troublemakers.

MUC police had to be called two nights later, however, when three 17-year-old N.D.G. boys were found hiding in the deep end of the pool with all their equipment at 11:50 pm.

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SWEET REVENGE: After defeating the Montreal Irish in the Quebec rugby consolation finals last fall, Westmount (left) was shut out 9-0 in a grudge match Saturday at St Julie. The Irish took the chippy exhibition match on the strength of three successful penalty kicks by fullback Brian Gorman. The regular season for both squads begins next week.

Wet delays clay debut

Westmount's clay tennis courts should re-open early next week.

"It is very unlikely they'll open this weekend, because the courts are still wet," John Garland, Westmount's superintendent of parks and recreation, explained Monday. "But

probably early next week."

Hard surface tennis courts have been open for the past three weeks throughout the city.

Westmount's clay courts are located in Westmount Park (four courts) and Stayner Park (two).

Outing club heading out

The Montreal Outing Club gets the spring cycling season under way Saturday with a gathering at 7:50 am at the Atwater Library.

For details on the day's itinerary call 482-7256.

Eight purged from park

A group of eight youths was evicted from Westmount Park Saturday evening after an old glove was found smouldering at the rear of 325 Lansdowne avenue, public safety officers said. The glove, which was surrounded by twigs, was removed.

The youths claimed to know nothing about the fire, discovered at 7:12 pm.

Piece of bump treasured item?

Someone removed a section of the speed bump outside 347 Kensington avenue Saturday afternoon and then replaced it, leaving the bolts protruding, public safety officers said.

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QUEBEC'S BEST: Westmounter Samantha Howick, standing right, and her teammates from the Questo rhythmic gymnastics club are to represent the province at the Canadian Junior Qualifying Championships in Toronto May 14. The 13-year-old student at The Study earned the right to compete after she and 11 other Questo gymnasts won every category they entered at the provincial championships. Samantha also competed at the Canada Winter Games last February.

Yum Yum truck chips vehicle

A Yum Yum potato chips truck struck the rear of a car attempting to park in front of 371 Claremont avenue Friday morning, police said. Less than \$250 damage was reported to each vehicle. The mishap occurred about 11:35 am south of Sherbrooke street.

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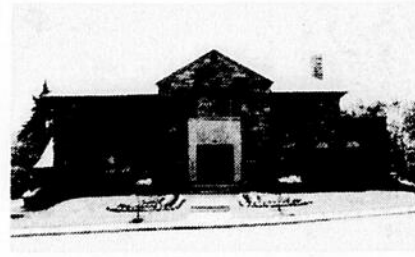



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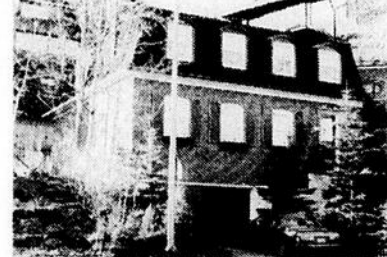
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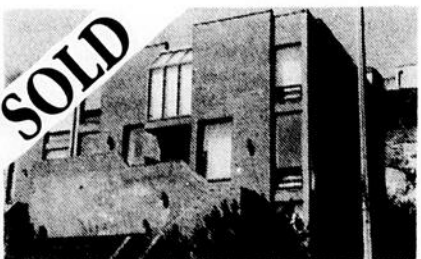
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