

Fire-PSU report reveals cuts, savings to come

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

INITIAL steps to integrate Westmount's fire and public security departments could save the city \$300,000 a year but reduce security patrols, it was proposed in a report revealed this week.

The plan would restructure the fire department and combine management of both forces under a single director of protective services, according to the long-awaited merger report.



PAUL FORTIN
'Approves report'

The expected cost savings would result from filling a total of five existing and upcoming firefighter vacancies from the ranks of public safety officers who would not be replaced. This would reduce patrols of four officers to three.

These are listed as the first steps in merging the two forces to streamline services, bolster firefighting strength and reduce payroll and overtime costs.

"I'm accepting the report as is," said Councillor Paul Fortin, who has been overseeing the integration plan. "We're going ahead with the first steps."

Success of the merger "depends on who the players are," he said in making public the report prepared by city operations manager Bruce St Louis.

Two of these players are expected to be named at Tuesday's city council meeting with the appointment of both a new fire chief and a fire training officer, Mr Fortin confirmed.

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There's a wee spot o' trouble brewing



Repercussion Theatre thrilled a packed house at the opening of its Shakespeare-in-the-Park production of *Macbeth* Tuesday night. It plays again tonight and tomorrow, followed by two nights of *The Comedy of Errors* in Westmount Park. Rain does not deter these young thespians, they simply move indoors to Victoria Hall. For a review of the opening show, turn to page 11.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

City rents station parking lot to ease Victoria construction woes

Westmount has rented the Westmount train station parking lot to help ease anticipated parking problems during the reconstruction and beautification of Victoria avenue, city officials confirmed Tuesday.

The city reached an agreement with CP Rail last week, after several weeks of negotiation, to rent the lot for three months at a cost of \$1,000 per month, starting yesterday, Aug 1.

Construction work on Victoria avenue between Sherbrooke and St Catherine streets is scheduled to start on Monday.

A permit system will be used to give area businesses use of the parking lot, according to Bruce St Louis, city operations manager. At press time, he could not specify how the permits would be allocated. He did say area office buildings will be in dire need of parking.

Marianne Zalzal, Westmount's senior civil engineer, said one office building alone, 376 Victoria avenue, will need spaces for 50 to 60 cars. The number of spaces at the CP Rail lot at St Catherine street and Victoria avenue is not yet known.

Ward councillor Stuart Robertson has expressed concern residents on Winchester and Somerville avenues would have to put up with increased parking on their streets.

Fred Caluori, Westmount's director of public works, said businesses will remain accessible throughout the work, scheduled to last two months. Mr St Louis said the city rented the parking lot for three months in case of construction delays.

The plan to revitalize the Victoria-Sherbrooke commercial area was announced in December of 1988 in re-

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

sponse to requests by local merchants and residents.

Close to \$1 million has been budgeted for the reconstruction and beautification of Victoria avenue. Roads and sidewalks will be reconstructed for close to \$750,000 while an additional \$200,000 has been budgeted for street lights, waste baskets, benches, planters and additional trees.

Sidewalks will be widened to nine feet. At intersections between Sherbrooke street and de Maisonneuve avenue, sidewalks will protrude by an additional eight feet for esthetic reasons and to create "protected parking lanes."

Road width will be reduced by seven feet. At least 50 skyline honey-locust trees will be planted in the extensions at street corners and in the paving stone at the edge of the sidewalks. Grills will protect tree trunks.

About 25 planters for flowers will be located on the corners between two trees. Type of flowers planted will change yearly.

Construction work will be continued on page eight

School taxes to cost Westmounters \$2 million more; city loses \$85,000

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

"I'm furious because the homeowner has become the 'milch cow' for governments."

Tax bills will be sent out by the school boards this year for the first

time. Since municipalities are no longer collecting the tax on behalf of the boards, Westmount stands to lose an estimated \$85,000 in interest it would have earned by collecting the tax money Sept 30 but not remitting

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"It's that time of year again!!!"

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Group demands city return tax surplus

THE Westmount Finance Action Committee wants city council to return the city's multi-million dollar surplus to taxpayers through rebates and mill rate reductions.

The group is asking citizens to attend Tuesday night's city council meeting "to stop the hijacking of their tax dollars."

Rolland Benard, the watchdog group's president, said yesterday he hopes citizens will tell council members they don't want the accumulated surplus, expected to reach over \$10 million by the end of the year, "usurped into pet projects."

Three weeks ago Councillor Peter Trent outlined his recommendations for allocation of the surplus, stressing the need to create reserves for a rainy day by increasing contingencies and working funds.

Mr Benard said he feared the surplus might be used to fund the renovation of the library complex in Westmount Park or to railroad through other projects.

Westmount property owners are in for a shock when they open their school tax bills, scheduled to arrive at the end of August.

An increase of 127.5 percent in the tax rate means school boards will take an additional \$2 million from the pockets of Westmount taxpayers this fall to compensate for cutbacks in provincial funding, city finance officials said.

The jump in tax rate from \$.068 to \$.1547 per hundred dollars of valuation would increase school taxes on the average Westmount valuation of \$380,000 to \$590 from \$260.

"It's scandalous," said Councillor Peter Trent, council's finance expert, after receiving a report Tuesday from city hall detailing effects of the tax on Westmounters.

He said the government of Quebec obviously ignored the protest of municipalities across the province by allowing school boards to make up their shortfall in funding from the pockets of already overburdened property owners.

To make matters worse, he said, this is an increase "after income tax," money which in the last 10 years has been paid largely through general taxation.



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The Public Information Meeting of the Reddy Memorial Hospital Centre, in accordance with Article 126 of the Act respecting Health Services and Social Services, will be held on Thursday, August 16, 1990, at 10 am, in the Conference Room, ground floor of the Hospital, 4039 Tupper street, Westmount, Quebec.

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Maitre George R. Hendy,
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La séance publique d'information du centre hospitalier Reddy Memorial, en vertu de l'Article 126 de la Loi sur les services de santé et les services sociaux, aura lieu le jeudi 16 août 1990 à 10h, dans la salle des conférences sise au rez-de-chaussée, au 4039 de la rue Tupper à Westmount, Québec.

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Shakespeare in the Park: Repercussion Theatre's presentation of Macbeth at 8 pm in Westmount Park, also Friday.

Chapters series for kids 6 to 13 at 7 pm every Thursday until Aug 30 at Westmount Library. Drop in, cool off and listen to a chapter of a good book.

Seniors' swim: At Westmount Y from 2 to 3:30 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. No charge for seniors, even if not Y members. 931-8046.

Saturday, Aug 4

Shakespeare in the Park: Repercussion Theatre's presentation of The Comedy of Errors at 8 pm in Westmount Park, also Sunday.

Monday, Aug 6

Filmstrip series for kids at 7 pm every Monday until Aug 27 at Westmount Library. This week is Robert Munsch night. Everyone welcome. City hall closed for its first-Monday-in-August holiday.

Tuesday, Aug 7

City council meeting at 8 pm. **Adult Children of Alcoholics** meets every week at 8 pm in the basement of Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street west at Roslyn. 482-1608 or 849-8587.

Wednesday, Aug 8

Story hour: Today and every Wednesday, a 20-minute story hour for two- and three-year-olds, followed by a 20-minute storytime for children four to six years old and, after that, 20 minutes of story-telling in French. Readings begin at 10:30 am and 3 pm at Westmount Library.

Chance of baby ducks this year dwindling

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

Odds are there won't be ducklings in Westmount Park this year.

There is only one duck left sitting on eggs now. The rest of the eggs, which were scattered about the little duck island in the duck pond, have been picked up by city employees because they were neglected by the ducks, park superintendent Jean-Pierre Ricard said Tuesday.

Why didn't some parent ducks sit on their eggs?

"I don't know," Mr Ricard said. "I guess they didn't feel like it."

Louis McCann, the wildlife director for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, also wasn't sure why the duckies didn't sit on their eggs.

But one thing is for sure. If nothing sits on them, the eggs won't hatch.

Mr McCann theorized that perhaps activity in the park might have disturbed the ducks. But on the other hand, he said, the ducks are domesticated and should be used to that kind of stuff.

Taking the eggs away was the only thing to do, Mr McCann said. If broken, they would emit an odorous odor.

He also said the eggs might not have been fertile to begin with. Sometimes the females just lay eggs without copulating with males.

"This could happen with ducks," Mr McCann said. "It's not out of the ordinary."

But even if the only duck now sitting on eggs on the duckie island in Westmount Park did copulate with a male duck, it's still getting kind of late in the season to have baby ducks, Mr McCann said.

He said the incubation period for a duck egg is about 30 days. Usually wild ducks have their babies earlier in the year. It's harder to raise ducks in the fall when the wild ones are getting ready for migration.

"But maybe the domestic ducks' sense of season is different from their wild counterparts," he said.

The city rents the ducks from a farm. Last year was the first time ducklings, five of them, were hatched in the duck pond, Mr Ricard said.

Both Mr Ricard and Mr McCann implied that the conditions in the duck pond were not conducive to duck hatching.

Mr McCann said the key to hatching is for a duck to sit on the eggs to keep them warm. Tuesday afternoon, an EXAMINER reporter observed that the last nest of eggs on the duck island in Westmount Park was unattended.

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10:34 am: 1 Murray, burglar alarm;
1:46 pm: 498 Wood, broken water pipe;
7:23 pm: 80 Hillside, first responder unit to help resident upstairs;

July 25

8:58 pm: Area of Anwoth and Clarke, smoke scare (see story page 14);
9:14 pm: Lansdowne and de Maisonneuve, odor of natural gas, no leak found;

July 26

8:56 am: 51 Belvedere Circle, smoke detector activated by steam from shower;
11:58 am: 7538 Baily, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 12:01 pm;

July 27

12:44 am: 201 Metcalfe, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and St Laurent cancelled at 1:06 am, false alarm, two pullstations activated for no apparent reason;
3:39 am: Front of 5011 Sherbrooke, rescue of trapped motorist (see story page 8);
8:39 am: 206 Côte St Antoine, first responder unit for medical assistance;
1:54 pm: 397 Côte St Antoine, fire at dwelling (see story this page);
3:41 pm: 4926 Sherbrooke, defective air conditioner;
3:55 pm: 736 Lexington, fire alarm ringing;

July 28

1:08 am: 421 Mount Pleasant, smoke detector activated, defective alarm;
8:37 am: 4998 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for medical assistance;

July 29

3:11 pm: 258 Prince Albert, grease pot fire (see story page 14);
7:11 pm: 5465 Westminster, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 7:19 pm;
10:58 pm: Atwater and St Antoine, car fire in Montreal;

July 30

5:19 am: 6000 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 6:06 am;
4:20 pm: 754 Upper Belmont, fire alarm activated;
8:07 pm: 22 Burton, odor of gas traced to tanker truck making delivery at Claremont service station;

Wear, tear and twisted shaft winds down city floral clock

Westmount's floral clock is no Timex. It took a licking and recently stopped ticking.

"It needs a good overhaul," said expert clockmaker Roger Wiler.

Mr Wiler cares for the clock in Westmount city hall tower and has been solicited to repair the famous floral clock on Sherbrooke street at Lansdowne avenue.

According to greenhouse foreman Howard Neill, it's the first time in about 10 years the clock, which is at least 70 years old (but no one knows for sure), has suffered a major breakdown.

The clock has stopped before. But according to parks superintendent Jean-Pierre Ricard, it's the first time in 12 years an expert had to be called in. Mr Neill said other stoppages

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

were handled by city employees within a day or so.

But this breakdown is a doozy.

First of all, the main shaft at the centre of the clock is twisted.

So go to the store and buy a new one, you say?

And while you're at it see if you can buy a Rambler or a Hudson. The problem is the clock, which is propelled by an electric motor, has Model T Ford gears as its drivetrain.

"And there are no Model Ts around," Mr Neill pointed out.

So a new eight-inch-long shaft is being made by a machinist, a friend of Mr Wiler. The duo is scheduled to pick up the twisted shaft today.

So what else is wrong with the clock?

The gears have to be machined and

adjusted, rubber bushings have to be changed, the clutch must be changed and ball bearings in the electric motor must be changed. That's all.

It's just regular wear and tear, according to master clockmaker Wiler who is originally a Swiss and has been fixing timepieces for more than 20 years.

He says floral clocks which have flowers in the hands are rare because they are extremely heavy.

"The mechanism must work harder to support the weight of the earth," he said.

He says it's premature to estimate the cost of repairs, which could take about two weeks.

But after that Westmount's floral clock will be ticking until the next licking.

Even if there's no doubt, call the firefighters out

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Don't do it yourself when it comes to firefighting.

This lesson was learned the hard way last Friday by one Westmount resident who ended up with a basement full of smoke by trying to extinguish a balcony fire at 397 Côte St Antoine road, fire officials said.

The fire began when painters used a propane torch to remove old paint from the porch over the front door of the home near Belmont crescent.

"They tried to control it for 45 minutes before calling us," said Lieutenant Barry Coates who investigated the fire.

Painters and the owner poured water on the balcony from a garden hose, he said. They even drilled holes in the wood to get at the fire, unaware that smoke was working into the home through support beams in

the second-storey porch.

It wasn't till they finally noticed smoke filling the basement that they knew they were beaten and called the fire department.

It didn't take long for firefighters to douse the fire with a 1 3/4-inch hose, said Captain Graham Morrison. His crew answered the call at 1:54 pm.

A "fair amount" of smoke had to be ejected from the basement, however, and it was not known how much smoke damage was caused inside.

Fire damage to the balcony was estimated at \$1,000.

Painter's torches have caused many similar fires over the years in Westmount homes where old dry wood trim and balconies ignited easily from sparks and heat.

"We recommend the use of electric heat guns for removing paint, since they don't have an open flame," Capt Morrison said.

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Sad cycle of revolutions

REMEMBER the old Whittier poem? *Of all sad words of tongue or pen/The saddest are these: "It might have been!"*

Well, it's not true. There are sadder. I would change the last line to: "The saddest are these: it should not have been." To have seen the dream come true, to have celebrated it with joy, and then to see it disintegrate. That's sad beyond sadness.

I was thinking of this during the past week as the Cuban revolutionary dream of the good and decent life for all dissolved. I was in Havana three years ago and I wondered then how much wearier and dustier life would get before the end, the end being the end of Soviet subsidy.

It was heartbreak island. Havana with its vast boulevards and mansions was once the richest city in the Caribbean. Now 30 years after the revolution, it was a city of broken pillars, crumbling balconies, chipped carvings, rusting ironwork, peeling paint, courtyards with fountains long dried up and laundry draped everywhere and anywhere to dry.

Poverty of drabness

The poor owned it all now. One could imagine their pleasure at moving into such magnificence. But to walk its streets and peer into the dark interiors was to see a poverty of another sort, the poverty of drabness, where families seemed to sit day and night before a TV set as the only diversion.

Everywhere was scaffolding but little sign of activity. Everywhere work seemed to have started and been dropped. As if the whole of Havana ran out of labor or materials at once. Students, it was said, were repairing the old public buildings but only here and there was the occasional wheelbarrow in evidence. Students had, after all, built an incredible park in the first great fervor of the revolution. But how long can enthusiasm last?

People waited in long lineups at grocers for their rations of milk, meat and rice and at druggists for free medicine. In the hotels the indifference of employees must have made the many Soviet tourists feel at home. Could one blame the staff? Perhaps not.

In my hotel room the utilitarian wall-to-wall carpeting had balls of dust and bits of dirt all over it. I remembered a report given me by a friend from China. She watched the chambermaid vacuum, moving the machine like a robot, going over the carpet quickly and only once. If dirt was not picked up, there it stayed. Ah, I thought, I guess the girl in Cuba does the same thing. The next day, however, when I saw her do my room, I realized I was wrong. She did not have a vacuum at all, only a broom.

No one starves now

But no one starves in Cuba now, I was told, and there was a good health scheme. I was taken to visit a model clinic and a nursery school. It was December 1987, but I felt I was walking the same path as those visitors to the Soviet Union during the 1920s and '30s.

One Saturday morning I made a trip across town to visit the flat, now a museum, where Castro and a handful of fighters had plotted the revolution. I climbed the apartment stairs to the top floor to find the door locked, without explanation and in contradiction to the sign. No one else was around. No one else was that curious. Did no one care any more?

At the airport I had a real *déjà vu* of the Soviet Union I had visited. Having risen at 3 am to arrive dutifully for take-off on time, I found no plane — nor an explanation. Only a shrug. After 8½ hours of peering hopefully through airport windows that had not been washed in recorded time, I left Cuba wondering, how long, oh Lord, how long?

Castro meant well

Yet I felt sorry for Castro. He meant well. Perhaps he too was weary, for he did not turn up for the annual celebration of his Cuban revolution on New Year's Day.

"Should not have been?" The revolution should not have been. What should have been? Simple in retrospect. Amid all the decaying magnificence of Havana, I mar-

velled at the stupidity and cupidity of the gambling czars that once controlled it. Could they not have spared a little of their winnings to feed the poor in the countryside, developed a humane government and staved off the revolution? How little it would have required in that large treasure island of superb climate, good farmland and good people.

Hannah Arendt, thou should be living at this hour. What would you say now about revolutions: the Soviet Union beginnings you understood so well, and now the Cuban? Perhaps you would have a chapter on the naïveté of revolutions. Is it just that they don't work in the 20th century, as they worked in the 18th when the Americans and the French were into them?

What is not naïve in politics? Perhaps it's recognizing that there is no quick fix, no system of government, not even democracy, that is foolproof. Perhaps it's realizing that all systems must be adjusted continually to needs and possibilities. Change can come slowly as long as one feels it is coming. I tremble for Eastern Europe if its people think democracy per se is a cure-all; it's only the best we've been able to come up with so far. And it needs continual vigilance and adjusting.

Castro is at the moment asking for opinions from the people of Cuba. It's a good sign. I hope changes for the good can come there without another revolution.

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What to do about Oka?

MANY wrongs have led to the impasse at Oka and Châteauguay. It serves no useful purpose to belabor the SQ for their ill-conceived attack on the Mohawk barricade; or to bemoan the fact that heavily armed, hooded goons are trying to dictate settlement terms.

Sally Aitken, our conscience at city hall, called me last week to discuss what we, as concerned citizens, can or should do. I have discussed the issue with many people including Pierre Cardinal, the MNA for Châteauguay. The consensus seems to be patience and calm.

From a humanitarian point of view, the Red Cross is the principal agency allowed to get food and medicine through and around various obstacles including overturned police cars, abandoned trucks, piles of dirt, concrete blocks, armed police officers and various and sundry women, children and warriors who man the roadblocks. I believe we should support the Red Cross and to that end I am sending them \$1,000.

The Equality Party has been discussing its role in the dispute. We were toying with the idea of taking food and supplies to the non-combatants. But we didn't want to look as silly as the NDP's awkward Audrey who was told to take her Steinberg cart to another check-out counter. Before we do anything we are going to meet with John Ciacchia, Chief Norton and others so that we have all the facts.

Jacques Parizeau's call to arms has a very hypocritical ring to it. If he and his acolytes sincerely believe in sovereignty, then it should be as legitimate for the so-called first nations as it is for *la nation québécoise*.

Moreover, the PQ's position is, I believe, racially based. Not only are they anti-Mohawk, their fundamental position is anti-English. I suggest that the PQ would be far less aggressive if the native peoples involved were francophones with a provincial rather than a federal bent.

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Let me close with a word about federal politics. I know I was not elected to mouth off about Brian Mulroney and Jean Chrétien but I do vote and (sometimes) pay taxes; ergo my right to comment. It now appears that the back-stabber Bouchard will be a major player in Ottawa over the next couple of years. He is an interesting individual and should not be written off as some kind of crazy.

Recently he wrote to Michael Meighen, two-time Tory candidate in Westmount. He tried to explain the agony of our times and to justify his treachery toward their mutual Laval classmate Brian M. What is peculiarly ironic about the letter is that it was written in English. Bizarre n'est ce pas?

We Say

St Louis right choice

CITY council or, perhaps rather, its new key administrative and financial committee, has got it just right.

It's got Mr Bruce St Louis, the bright, reliable and loyal current manager of operations to become, in two to four years, director general of Westmount.

Council is going about it in the right way. Mr St Louis is only 36 and our solons wisely have decided that, despite 15 years' service to the city, mostly in senior positions, he still needs exposure to some skilled top management before he is ready to take full responsibility for the day-to-day running of the municipal corporation.

He may yet prove those reservations short-lived. As a young engineer he came to Westmount and very quickly proved ready for the busy director of services post — the crossroads for very many of the things provided citizens by municipal employees. In the past, success in that office has been a direct stepping stone into the general manager's chair.

Meanwhile, Mr St Louis proved fully capable of running the electricity and power department, a technically and administratively exacting job. While about it he was able to provide able assistance where needed at city hall during the vacuum of leadership as the Patenaude administration wound down to its inevitable demise. It seems clear that he did not get caught up in that turmoil other than to work harder in the city's interests.

Some citizens have been concerned over the seeming lack of urgency being shown by council in filling the director general's office. It has been too many weeks since its controversial occupant was bought off and vacated it; in fact, it has been months since there was any effective administrative running of the city from that quarter. Mayor May Cutler and Councillor Peter Trent have done their best to keep things on track.

However, we have been on the verge of uttering some sharp criticism of the lack of succession. Indeed, we already have done so over such booboos as letting Fire Chief William Timmons leave on the basis

of hearsay (and likely biased) criticism of his abilities without actually weighing his qualities. This and other decision-takings should have been with the participation of a new director general, who must live with them.

Unfortunately, that situation likely is to obtain for a while longer as professional head-hunters are put to work finding an interim director general with the dual duties of running the city and training Mr St Louis. For such a position council has the right idea of looking for someone with proven leadership capabilities, perhaps recently retired and looking for a temporary outlet for his or her talents. We must hope that someone happens just to be lurking around, looking for such a challenge.

The right person could do much to help Mr St Louis, not in the nitty-gritty of municipal affairs about which Mr St Louis clearly would be the wiser, but in giving a fresh and efficient view to the way in which city hall should operate and perhaps making some tough structural and personnel changes while leaving Mr St Louis' hands clean.

However, if that search proves protracted council could do worse than accelerate Mr St Louis' appointment, perhaps as acting director general with right of succession. While an experienced mentor could steer the young trainee over the odd shoal, management skills are acquired by managing. Mr Louis has acquired much already.

The heir apparent already has shown clearly a mature sense of what is required of him in this remark last week to THE EXAMINER:

"We are public servants. We all have an obligation to keep council and the public informed and provide them with good services, not just at management level. They pay us good money to do this."

Those are not mere words. They connote promise and the right attitude toward a challenge.

Alright, council! Okay, St Louis!

I Say!

THE destiny of any nation at any given time depends on the opinions of its young men under five-and-twenty.

— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



Forty-five Years Ago August 3, 1945

A winning essay from a 12-year-old Staynor Park student on bicycle safety: "When you are on a road or street which has a lot of traffic do not get nervous or panicky, saying to yourself, 'I'm sure to bump into something,' because you are more sure to do that thing than when you 'keep a cool head.' ... Never hitch a ride onto cars or other fast moving vehicles. Because when you let go you are liable to bump into an onpassing vehicle. ... Never go over 15 miles an hour when riding a bicycle."

Thirty-five Years Ago August 5, 1955

"Make your child a miniature circus big-top tent for a magic summer hideaway. You need not be a star performer to make a tent from these local sewing center directions out of 5 1/2 yards of cotton, a card-table and an ordinary dime store plunger. The plunger, fixed by its rubber end in the center of the card-table, supports the top of the tent. Dye an old cotton sheet or length of factory cotton in a gay circus colour, shocking pink, chartreuse green or purple. Or use brilliantly-stripped denim."

Notable fact: "One cubic foot of solid coal will generate enough electricity to operate a frozen-food locker for 31 days."

Twenty-five Years Ago July 30, 1965

THE EXAMINER ran a tongue-in-cheek quiz *Are You a Lovable Husband?* Men were instructed to answer yes or no to the following: "Do you beat your wife once a week so she won't forget who's boss? Do you think your wife has an easy life with nothing to do but stay home, cook, wash the floors and take care of the children? Do you think your wife should be limited to 25 cents a week to spend on herself? Do you make an effort to be as untidy as possible so your wife will have to pick up after you?" At the end, the quiz instructed: "Check your answers, and, if you have answered yes to any question, change it to no."

Ten Years Ago July 31, 1980

"Opponents of the city's proposed overnight parking regulations... agree with city council that the existing four-hour parking by-law is unenforceable at night, as it now stands, that where possible the city should have a general policy of minimal on-street



overnight parking, and that parking stickers are, generally, a good idea for persons who have no alternative but to park on the street. The group is in sharp disagreement, however, with the principle of charging more than a minimal administrative fee to allow citizens to park on the street overnight. Numerous persons are in the process of circulating a petition and report great success in obtaining signatures from citizens in all parts of Westmount."

One Year Ago August 3, 1989

"It is now against the law in Westmount for distributors to leave circulars, flyers or unsolicited newspapers at homes or apartments so they are visible from outside. It is also illegal to distribute them in any public place or on any vehicle."

In a letter to the editor: "Every visit to a shop we burden ourselves with products that are wrapped in plastic, then re-wrapped at the cash then finally put into a plastic bag, and all that for convenience of the customer and, we believe, for hygienic reasons... The moral of this is that our city council could possibly pass a by-law prohibiting the free dispensing of plastic bags."

You Say

Seller of railway cottage pleased with award win

My congratulations to Charles Mappin, winner of the Association of Quebec Regional English Media best news story of the year

our M.P.
David Berger
says...



Whither tin plates?

USED by soldiers in the Great War and more recently by Meals on Wheels to deliver hot meals to the elderly, tin plates with covers seem to have gone the way of the buggy whip.

Elizabeth Walker, a volunteer with Ascension Advent Meals on Wheels, explained to

award for his July 27, 1989 article titled "Posing as private buyers, developers try to buy up heritage railway cottages."

This was a major story involving a prominent Westmount family, Geoffrey Chambers and his parents, Greta and Egan Chambers, and the giant CP Rail. CP Rail's public image in Westmount and Montreal has been irreversibly tarnished.

The TRAINS (Track Residents Against Insensitive Neighborhood Schemes) association which I founded after selling my railway cottage will keep a close vigil on the Glen Yards development to ensure they don't desecrate it.

Again, congratulations Charles Mappin. May his successor, Charles Abramovici, or Laureen Sweeney, be the winner in 1990 under a more pleasant scenario.

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me that the tin plates used until recently by Meals on Wheels reminded her of the ones used by her father in 1914. They were round tin plates with covers, and were known as *les gamelles des soldats*. Each day women from the village, known as *les vivandières*, would bring a hot meal to the soldiers in the trenches. They would bang on the plates, telling other soldiers that it was mealtime.

Meals on Wheels used similar plates with covers. Since the bottom of the plates fitted neatly into the cover of the plate below, they could be stacked without slipping. They were not only practical, they were environmentally friendly. "We are against pollution but we are forced to use disposable foil plates because the tin plates are no longer available," said Mrs Walker.

I happened on this intriguing story last Friday when I delivered a New Horizons cheque to Ascension Advent Meals on Wheels. Founded in 1966, Ascension Advent was located in the Church of the Advent on Wood avenue. Having outgrown the premises available in the church, it is now moving to a new home in Greene Avenue Community Centre. The government's cheque will help pay for the relocation.

Friday was an exceptionally hot day. Nonetheless seven volunteers went about their work with love and care as they do twice a week all year round. In addition to Mrs Walker, Friday's cast included Maureen Hanley, the president, Mary O'Neil, Deborah Cleyn, Deborah Reid, Evelyn de Barbieri and Leni Legler.

Up to now, Ascension Advent has served about 20 seniors. In their new home they should be able to serve 30. But there's a catch. They need more volunteers. So if you care to volunteer your services, or if you happen to know where to get some new tin plates, get in touch with Ascension Advent.

SCHOOL...

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it until April 1.

The change in tax collection was part of a municipal protest against the government's new policy.

"The truculence of Quebec is appalling," said an angry Mayor May Cutler, who also decried the attitude of the government. "We protested to them and they're just doing exactly what they please."

It was obvious municipalities had little clout to "yell like hell," she said.

"But I think when citizens all over Quebec open their tax bills the government will be in for a shock."

Westmount city council recently approved an expenditure of some \$2,000 for its share of the joint municipal protest organized by the Union of Quebec Municipalities.

The city's withdrawal from the *Villes, Villages et Campagnes*

Fleuris contest this year was part of a boycott of provincial events.

Mr Trent said he'll take his concerns to the city council meeting Tuesday night.

Information obtained by the city indicates the Island School Council, which is levying the tax, is scheduled to send out tax bills the end of August for payment Sept 30.

Technical problems, however, may delay the dates, said city treasurer Daniel Décarie yesterday.

The total amount expected to come from Westmount taxpayers for the school tax year 1990-1991 is about \$3.5 million, he said. This compares with \$1.5 million the previous year.

Wall hits car

A portion of plywood around a construction site at 3219 The Boulevard fell on a car Tuesday, July 24, public safety officers said. The vehicle was not reported to be damaged.

Burglars beat the heat doing break-ins

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It was not immediately known what was taken.

In another incident reported at 10:15 pm, a suspect broke a second storey window at the rear of a home on Anwoth road where valuable jewelry, cash and a purse were reportedly taken.

On Saturday morning, two more homes were hit.

In a house on Murray avenue, a woman awoke to noises at 6:30 am. She went downstairs and saw someone pass by outside the window. An outer door had been opened but no one had entered.

A few hours later a resident of Kitchener avenue discovered someone had gone into her house overnight and taken a wallet from her

purse that was near the door. Police said it appeared the door had not been properly closed. The wallet was found, minus money, in a nearby garbage can.

On Sunday night, a break-in was discovered at an apartment at 1 Rosemount avenue. Cash, foreign coins and Lebanese gold jewelry were reported stolen. It is not known how the front door was opened, police said. Once inside, however, the suspect used a knife to open a briefcase.

Earlier in the week a suspect entered an unlocked basement window on Sherbrooke near Metcalfe, making off with a television set and a VCR. A sound system was moved but not taken. The incident was reported on Tuesday, July 24. The place was broken into through an unlocked window.

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Fire department racking up \$200,000 in overtime costs

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Failure by the city to fill vacancies in the fire department, two dating back to last year, will bring the cost of overtime up to \$200,000 this year, city officials report.

Overtime in 1989 nearly doubled over the previous year with two retirements, bringing the total cost of overtime up to \$143,486. It is expected to more than triple this year with the added departure of three senior officers.

Existing officers worked to compensate for the empty senior spots, causing overtime to soar.

"A serious shortage" in fire brigade manpower would be addressed in combining the fire and public security departments by using public safety officers to fill firefighting ranks, according to a merger report prepared by city operations manager Bruce St Louis.

The recommendation was made to city council members in a closed-door meeting July 6 by Mr St Louis.

The report, released Tuesday by Councillor Paul Fortin, states the plan would reduce total combined payroll of the departments, including fringe benefits, to \$3.7 million from \$3.9 million in 1990.

It would further result in \$100,000 in overtime savings.

The plan calls for moving five public safety officers into firefighting positions on shifts over the next 18 months as vacancies occur. The PSOs would not be replaced.

This would require the city to abandon its policy of hiring only trained firefighters or fire-academy graduates.

While the PSU would maintain five patrols, it would reduce the number of men in each patrol from four to three.

The plan would, however, keep firefighting strength at the minimum shift size of eight. Though the 44 existing firefighting positions (excluding senior officers) divide into

four shifts of 11, sickness and days off usually result in shifts falling below this number. Unfilled vacancies further reduce the size, requiring men to work overtime to keep numbers at the minimum of eight deemed necessary for safety purposes.

If this situation is allowed to continue, according to Mr St Louis, "there is no telling how high overtime costs could climb, to say nothing of the stress and fatigue being imposed on the men requested to work all this overtime."

He recommended the first two steps be undertaken simultaneously.

The first step is to create a strong management team to:

- Complete and maintain the emergency measures plan;
- Assume responsibility for the city's administrative traffic committee;
- Co-ordinate services with Montreal Urban Community police;
- Work on mutual aid fire system replanning; and,
- Revitalize the volunteer Civil Protection Unit and increase its use as a support group.

The greatest challenge facing the new management team is to educate both firefighters and public safety officers to the "logic" of a more complete merger, St Louis wrote.

The second step is to fill firefighting vacancies with public safety officers to address "a serious manpower shortage."

The report concludes by asking council to provide fire and public security personnel, now in a state of limbo, with a commitment on where they might stand regarding jobs under merger plans.

This prompted Mayor May Cutler to visit both departments three weeks ago to assure personnel no one would be out of a job though their positions might change.

FIRE-PSU...

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The fire brigade has been without a chief since William Timmons retired last April. The training officer position is new, as is elimination of assistant fire directors. Both changes were recommended several years ago by Mr Timmons.

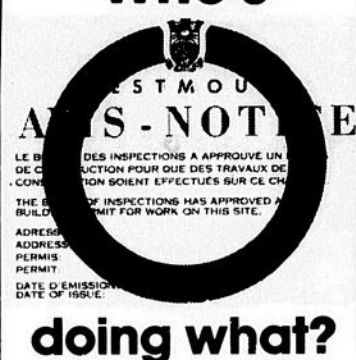
Under the new structure, these two senior fire officers would report to a director of protective services. So would the two senior officers in the public security department.

Mr Fortin was to meet yesterday with Mr St Louis to draw up a job description for the new "super boss" position. The description was requested by a candidate being considered for the job.

It is hoped that an appointment can be made early next month, Mr Fortin said.

Mr St Louis, 36, who was told by the city last week that he would assume the top position of director general in two to four years, would be ultimately responsible for overseeing a merged department of protective services.

His report outlines only the first two steps in the merger process. He said "further plans of action" would be inappropriate without review by the yet-to-be-named director of protective services.

Who's

doing what?

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

July 23

7 Ingleside: for Jacqueline Rio by Plombrie Francis Kukovica, install eight plumbing fixtures, \$4,750;
462-464 Grosvenor: for J. Serrano by self, stairs, landscaping and driveway, \$3,000;

July 24

None.

July 25

745 Upper Roslyn: for Marcel Bergeron by self, iron grill, \$200;
54 Oakland: for Josée Lacoste by contractor yet to be determined, alterations, \$15,000;
18 Willow: for Louise Remillard by contractor yet to be determined, fireplace upgrading, \$3,000;
610 Belmont: for Jan and Mary Schutz by self, fence, \$1,300;

July 26

352 Lansdowne: for Lorna and Simon Tardif by L'Eau Courante Enrg, repairs to bathroom, \$15,000.

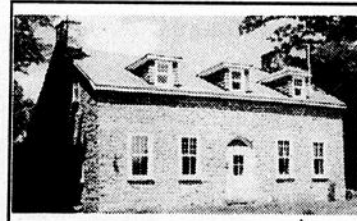
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Local minister urges support of Mohawks by writing MP, donating food

Reverend Hubert van Ginhoven criticized federal and provincial governments for their handling of the Mohawk stand at Kanesatake in Sunday's Westmount Park United Church bulletin.

In his sermon, Mr van Ginhoven asked parishioners to support the Indian cause by writing letters of protest to their members of Parliament. He also asked them to donate food and money.

"Of course I am dead set against bearing arms (on either side of course), but we have to admit inept politicians have created a storm out of a tempest in a teacup," Mr van

Ginhoven wrote in the church bulletin.

Three weeks ago yesterday, Sûreté du Québec officers stormed a barricade erected on the golf course land Kanesatake Indians say is theirs.

Mohawks were trying to stop the expansion of a golf course into a forest they claim as ancestral land. In sympathy, Mohawks at Kahnawake blocked access to the Mercier bridge.

Mr van Ginhoven stated that the federal government overreacted by calling the incident an armed insurrection, saying that hindered negotiations.

"If the will is there, a solution can

be found, but not when we fan a fire." The Indian dispute is not new, he wrote.

"The Indians' discontent is out in the open and finally we, Caucasians, have to realize that for centuries we have neglected the plight of the aboriginal peoples, nations.

"Having catered to the so-called French-Canadian nationalism (because there are six million of them) the federal and provincial governments are opposed to listening to other tribal nationalists. Why? Because there are fewer."

Mr van Ginhoven called for the federal government to begin negotiations, that alleged police harassment of Indians cease and that food and medicine be allowed through police barricades.

"Christianity is not restricted to sitting in church," he said from the pulpit. "Christianity has the entire world as its church... with all its troubles."

Expressed sympathy

After Sunday services two Westmount residents expressed sympathy for the Mohawk cause, but Sheila McDonough had some reservations on the "complex issues."

While she said more should be done to make the Indians feel at home in Canadian society, she questioned the Warriors' legitimacy as representatives of the Mohawk community.

She has heard media accounts of their connections with "illegal" bingo halls on other reserves and said they are not a traditional Indian organization.

June Ellingsen was unequivocal in her support of the Mohawks. She

said the greed of the Oka town council was responsible for the latest incidents.

"Society as a whole is to blame for the fact that there is a Warrior society," Ms Ellingsen said.

Last week, United Church of Canada officials visited congregations at Oka and Kanesatake. The church has asked federal and provincial governments to negotiate with the Mohawks.

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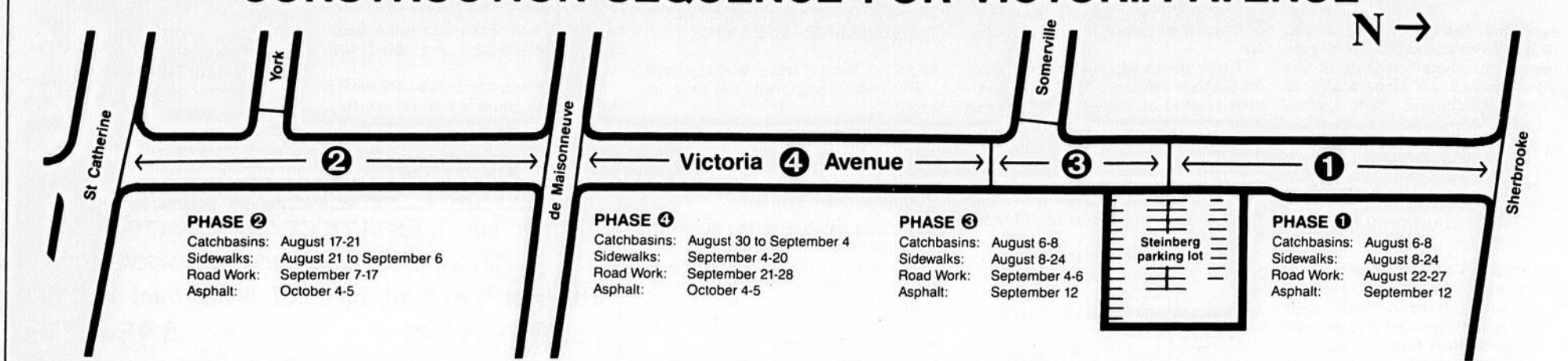
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CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE FOR VICTORIA AVENUE



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ducted in four stages with sections of Victoria avenue being closed off to traffic and parking at different times.

In each sector, work will begin with the installation of catchbasins and sidewalks before proceeding with road work and, finally, asphaltting.

Stretches of Victoria avenue will be closed to traffic and parking during the latter two stages. Mr Caluori said access to pedestrians will be maintained. Boards will be used to

allow customers to enter shops during excavation.

City officials received a tentative work schedule from Demix Construction this week. Ms Zalzal said poor weather and unforeseen problems during excavation, including the removal of old tramway tracks, could affect the dates.

According to the schedule, Phase I will start Monday on the strip between Sherbrooke street and the middle of the Steinberg parking lot. That strip is expected to be closed to traffic for road work Aug 22 to 27 and for asphaltting Sept 12.

Once that strip is accessible to traffic, road work will begin on

Phase III, between Somerville avenue and the middle of the Steinberg parking lot. That strip is expected to be closed to traffic Sept 4 to 6 for roadwork and Sept 12 for asphaltting.

The area between de Maisonneuve and St Catherine has been dubbed Phase II because it will be worked on at various stages during the pro-

gram. According to the schedule, that strip will be closed Sept 7 to 17 and October 4 and 5.

The strip between Somerville and de Maisonneuve boulevard, Phase IV, is expected to be closed to traffic Sept 21 to 28 and Oct 4 and 5.

Mr Caluori said the Somerville intersection is crucial for traffic circulation because it will provide access to Victoria when other entries are closed. The middle of the Steinberg parking lot was used as a border between phases to maintain access there for customers and delivery trucks.

Ruth Shine, owner of the Bead Emporium and a member of Westmount's beautification committee, would have preferred if the construction work had started earlier, as planned. The construction work was delayed when Westmount's request for a loan by-law was postponed by provincial bureaucratic red tape.

"We don't know how this will disrupt businesses," she said. "But it will disrupt traffic, that's for sure."

Alan Pearson, owner of Westmount Baseball Cards, said "drop off" businesses, where people often

double park, could be adversely affected by the construction work.

Work should be accelerated by the use of "high early-strength concrete" which only takes three days to dry compared to the seven days for regular concrete, Mr Caluori said.

Coun Robertson said the construction work will create "quite a disruption" but thinks it will go very well.

"It's like taking medicine," he said. "It will be over with quickly."

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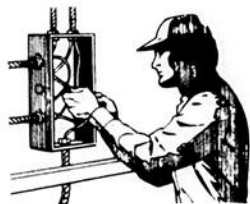


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City holiday this Monday

Westmount municipal offices will be closed on Monday for the civil service holiday. The closure includes city hall and all offices.

The library and pool, however, will observe regular Monday hours and the day camp run by the recreation and culture department will operate as usual.

Parking inspectors have the day off so tickets will not be issued for either street maintenance or chalking of tires for on-street parking. Public safety patrols will be on duty, however, so you take your chances regarding parking meters.

Suzuki pried off accident victim

Firefighters were called to extricate an N.D.G. man trapped in his Suzuki Samurai early Friday when it was involved in a "violent impact" in front of Murray's restaurant on Sherbrooke street, public safety officers said.

The top of the vehicle had to be removed to get the driver on to a back board, said firefighter Glenn Kipps of the first responder unit. Hydraulic tools were used by Fmn Yves Théberge to cut rolls bars, roof and a section of the rear.

The victim was transported to hospital by Urgences Santé suffering hip, neck and internal injuries. He lived nearby on Sherbrooke street.

The driver of the second vehicle involved, a Jeep Cherokee, was reported to have cut his head hitting it against the windshield which was shattered by the impact. He also was taken to hospital.

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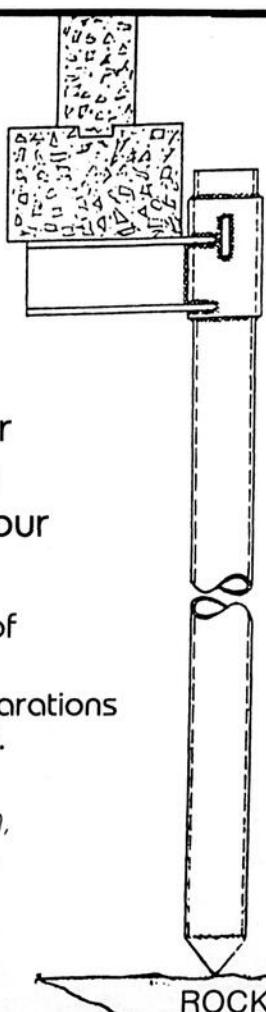
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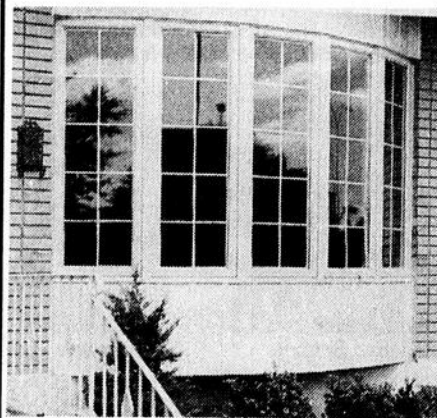
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Is there peace in a calmer world if business of war flourishes?

By ALISON RAMSEY

On Monday, 45 years after the bombing of Hiroshima, members of Westmount Initiative for Peace will gather with other peace groups to commemorate the first — and last — use of atomic bombs against an enemy nation.

From our comfortable perch in the present, with German reunification to point to as a heartwarming affirmation of peaceful co-existence, isn't it time to take a break from beatnik politics?

"All that is happening is talk and ambiance. When you look at what's going on behind the talk, there's very little," said the president of the Westmount group, John Lehnert.

"The world is armed to the teeth, as it was during the worst parts of the Cold War. They have agreed to reduce troop strengths and intermediate missiles. They never agree to reduce major warheads. We haven't come very far, physically."

While "no one is seriously saying the Cold War is still on," he said, "enormous, staggering investments in military hardware" remains.

The business of being prepared for war, whether it occurs or not, has a devastating effect on funding for other programs that are needed now, not in some future, he said.

"A (military) budget of \$300 billion U.S., give or take a half-billion, and this money is a failure to non-military research, a failure to compete in many non-military areas. It is, as a result, a failure to have resources for social programs and for

foreign aid," said Mr Lehnert of the United States.

"I feel the U.S. public has no idea how far and how fast it's slipping behind economically, and the impact of defence on that whole problem," he said. "Sooner or later people will say, 'Is it really true we can't have housing for the elderly because of two bombs?' I don't see how it can be forever put off."

Started in 1985

The Westmount group began in response to United States policy. Specifically, it started in 1985 during the Reagan administration, earmarked by its enthusiasm for military buildup.

"Now people feel there are no more peace issues. All I can repeat is nothing is really changed."

In Canada, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's knee-jerk support of the U.S. invasion of Panama "shows that the Canadian government is certainly not providing any leadership."

"It's all a mysterious thing. People are saying we don't have a problem anymore. Then even *Time* magazine is saying we have 12,000 missiles pointed at the Soviet Union... the military, industrial complex has never been shaken."

Gradual reduction would not reassure Mr Lehnert.

"If there is a really large reduction, that would signal that action is being taken," he said. "Anything less than 90 percent would not be impressive. Once people see they don't need that 10 percent, then get rid of the rest."

Until then, clamoring for change is necessary, he said. Some will raise their voices at Jarry Park on Monday at 6:30 pm. A ceremony of Japanese lanterns, made that day, is featured.

More Meals on Wheels possible due to move

Meals on Wheels, formerly working from the kitchen at Church of the Advent on Greene Avenue, has received a federal grant of \$8,287.

The group sought a three-year grant for twice that amount, but will re-apply after 18 months in hopes of getting another grant.

The money is for the group's relocation to the Greene Avenue Community Centre. The move required a new freezer, two stoves, refrigerator, pots and pans. The grant covered those expenses as well as an electric hot box to ferry the hot lunches to the group's clients, who number about 20 now. The meals are made and delivered twice a week.

That number may grow to 30 be-

cause of the enlarged capacity of the new kitchen.

"We may take on another route," said organizer and volunteer Maureen Hanley. Funds do not restrict the number of meals that can be prepared and delivered, she said. Money can be raised, but volunteers are harder to come by.

The grant was formally handed

over on Friday, but all the new appliances have been bought, said Ms Hanley.

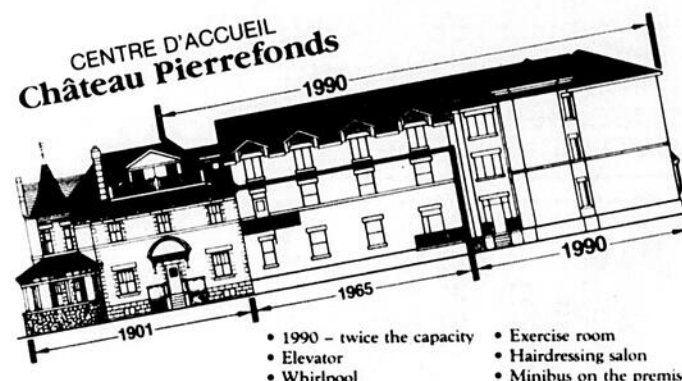
The electric hot box does away with a charcoal-heated box used since the group first began in 1966. The box, imported from Germany, may be sold to another group, she said, but its coal-drawer would have to be replaced.

Support group for families of alcoholics starts

The Westmount Adult Children of Alcoholics group has started a new 12-step meeting every Tuesday at 8 pm in the basement of Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street west at Roslyn Avenue. It is anonymous, confidential and free.

ACOA is a fellowship of men and women with a common bond of having been born or raised in a home or environment where addiction or a dysfunctional family system was present. The group uses the 12 steps and 12 traditions adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous as principles in the program of living one day at a time.

Anyone working on personal growth, family issues and the healing of the child within is offered a safe and supportive environment at meetings. For more information about the Westmount group, call 482-1608 or 849-8587. For information about other ACOA groups, call 937-4392.



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Former resident Helen Marden dies at 98

A former longtime Westmount resident, Helen (Pinkham) Marden, died July 21 at Pierrefonds Manor. She was 98.

Mrs Marden, described by friends and family as a very private woman, lived on Renfrew Avenue near The Boulevard for some 30 years. She lived for the past few years at the home for the elderly in Pierrefonds.

She is survived by her husband, Hollis Marden, daughter Eleanor (Lee) and grandchildren Barbara, living in Montreal, and Gordon, living in Ottawa.

Mr Marden is a retired senior vice-president at Domtar Inc and former president of both the Mackay Centre and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. At 97, he is an honorary president of both institutions.

Private services have taken place.

Seniors Olympiad deadline Friday

The Golden Age Association, 5700 Westbury Avenue, is holding a Seniors Olympiad Monday to Wednesday. Deadline for registration in any or all events is Friday. For more information call 739-4731.

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Military, business leader Maj-Gen Walford dies

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 pm today at Westmount Baptist Church for Major General Alfred Ernest Walford, a longtime Westmount resident with a distinguished army career, who died Monday at the Montreal General Hospital. He was 93.

"He was a man dedicated to his community and his country," his son, Harvie Walford, said yesterday.

Maj-Gen Walford was described by his son as a true officer and gentleman and a great family man who was well liked by all who knew him.

He was born Aug 20, 1896 on St

Antoine street below the tracks in Westmount.

He attended the former King School in Westmount and Westmount Academy. He joined the Canadian Army in 1914 and, during the First World War, he was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery at the battle of the Somme.

After the war he joined his father's accounting firm, Alfred Walford and Sons, where he became one of the first chartered accountants in Quebec. In 1922 he married Olive M. Dyke. In 1929 he became the chief financial officer for James A. Ogilvy's Ltd.

In September 1939, at the outbreak of the Second World War, he joined the Canadian armed forces again, eventually becoming chief administrative officer for the Canadian forces.

He was awarded several medals including the Commander of the Order of the Bath and the Commander of the Order of the British Empire, both of which were granted by King George VI.

After the war, he returned to the business world, which included being treasurer and director of Henry Morgan and Co Ltd from 1946 to 1961 and a president of the Montreal Board of Trade.

He has lived in Westmount at various times and was a lifelong member of the Westmount Baptist Church.

Maj-Gen Walford was a Boy Scout for 81 years. He and Robert Mackay (who is still living) were the two longest-living members of the Boy Scouts of Canada movement, Harvie Walford said.

His wife, Olive, died last March after 67 years of marriage.

Maj-Gen Walford is survived by his only child, Harvie Walford, also a former longtime Westmounter, four grandchildren, two great grandchildren and two brothers and two sisters.

The Westmount Baptist Church is expected to be full for the funeral.

"It's a reflection of what a great fellow Ernie Walford was," his son said.

Foster parents sought for handicapped boy

A foster family is being sought for David, a cheerful mixed-race child with intellectual and physical handicaps.

He wears glasses, and is very small for his five years. Because he is young, Ville Marie Social Services hopes he can stay in a family setting for a long time.

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Rotary seeks 'quality' members

The Westmount Rotary Club is looking for new members, with an emphasis on quality and not quantity, according to Morris Zimelstern, chair of the membership and Rotary information committee.

At their regular luncheon meeting on Wednesday last week, Mr Zimelstern said the local service club wants to increase membership by 12 to 15 members this year.

The Westmount Rotary Club now has 57 members. Mr Zimelstern said the club loses members for various reasons including, old age, moving and business commitments.

Traditionally, new members have been asked to join by Rotarians. Potential members must go before a nominating committee and meet other Rotary criteria.

In an effort to increase member-

ship, Mr Zimelstern asked three Rotarians to small talks about themselves and their jobs.

Klaus Bremer said he was not asked to join Rotary but asked to join. He was a Shriner. He did not have time to speak about the "highly charged business of being an electrician."

Hogan Kierulf, a realtor, spoke of how Westmount Realities and the Royal Bank used to monopolize membership at the local Rotary club.

Dave Flam said that he is an orthodontist, "a dentist specializing in the prevention and correction of malocclusion and misalignment of jaws." Besides teaching and lecturing, Dr Flam said he is also an expert witness in court for the Order of Dentists.



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Macbeth an accomplished, haunting performance

It would have been difficult to seat any more people in Victoria Hall Tuesday evening, when the gala opening of Repercussion Theatre's Shakespeare-in-the-Park Festival was forced inside by weather.

And they were glad in the end that they put up with the discomfort (those hard wooden chairs that cut off the circulation just behind the knee), and stayed when the play had to be stopped in mid-sentence because of a fire hazard backstage.

The young professional troupe carried on after the company's associate director, J.M. Henry, informed the audience that the cast and crew would find out who had pronounced the forbidden name and deal with the culprit later.

"Once again, welcome to our world," he added.

The world of Repercussion Theatre as we saw it here was one where problems are seen as challenges, and where challenges are faced with relish. Moving indoors meant, for example, that actors couldn't stick the point of a sword into the turf and



"Sleep no more! Macbeth does murder sleep." Played by Bruce Dinsmore, Macbeth indeed banishes all yawns, as does his powerfully compelling Lady, played by Jennifer Heywood-Jackson.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

have it stand up. It meant electrical and lighting problems. It meant falls had to be taken differently on the hard floor. It meant lowering the sets, and diminishment of the atmosphere of gloom. Their acceptance of the challenge meant that we saw fine theatre anyway. The audience gave them a deserved standing ovation.

Repercussion approaches Shakespeare's writing as though he was one of their good friends, someone they went to school with, perhaps. They respect his work mightily, but that doesn't stop them from having a good time with it.

So even *Macbeth* has its lighter moments, and *The Comedy of Errors* gives the cast plenty of chance to try all kinds of mugging, satire, acrobatics and other antics.

Believable portrait

In *Macbeth*, Bruce Dinsmore gives the title role a believable portrait of a man driven mad by ambition and his expediency in fulfilling it. And Pierre Boudreau makes an effective Banquo, especially after he becomes a ghost. Scott Nichol is a warm and human Duncan, Daniel Brochu — still a Dawson student — deserves mention for his crystal-clear enunciation in his role as Malcolm and Jennifer Heywood-Jackson is powerful as Lady Macbeth. She has wonderful presence.

After *Macbeth* is plagued with visions of a victim, during a dinner party, she delivers "You have displaced the mirth," with such a portrayal of wifely rage that a wave of laughter washes through the audience, breaking the tension of Macbeth's raging descent into madness.

Alain Goulem is a comfortable, dependable Macduff, and his bewildered grief when he learns his wife

and children have been murdered moves us all.

The witches — ah, the witches. They are a family of pill-popping street people, malevolent and vicious. They make you want to avoid the late-night Métro and other underground places.

The sound design, by Michael O'Hara, with some input from resident musical director Jennifer Morehouse, is wonderful. It sets, enhances and sustains the mood of foreboding and terror throughout.

But really, how much did the audience like it? Well, the performances are free, and no one is pressured to make a donation, though the company announces they'd be welcome. I peeped into the witches' cauldron

after most people had gone home, and saw a drift of bills with a number of 20s peeping through. A standing ovation doesn't cost anything, and sitting for two hours on uncomfortable seats requires only stamina. But when you get folks to voluntarily part with folding money... you've really got something.

Macbeth, directed by Cas Anvar, is at Westmount Park tonight tomorrow night. *The Comedy of Errors*, co-directed by Jennifer Morehouse and Robert van der Linden, is playing in the park Saturday and Sunday. All performances start at 8 pm. They play around the island until Aug 21. Call 489-7983 for information.

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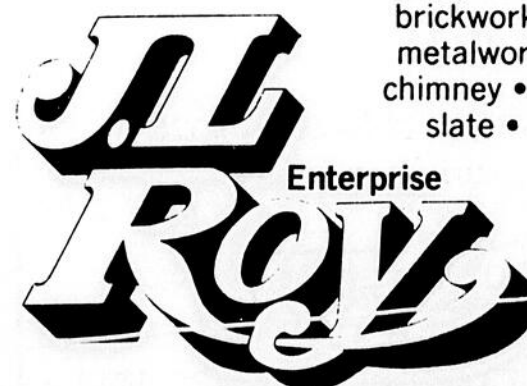
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Judge Montgomery died July 15 at the Montreal Extended Care Centre after a lengthy illness. He was 77.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Orr Martin, and six children of whom two, John, and Phyllis Galbraith, continue to live in Westmount. Sandy resides in Montreal West, Janet (McLaine) and George are in Ottawa and George lives in Winnipeg. There are 16 grandchildren.

Judge Montgomery retired from the bench in 1987 at the mandatory retirement age of 75. He was chancellor of the Montreal Diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada, its top lay position, for 20 years.

He was an avid sailor and bird watcher, serving as president of the Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds.

Familiar figure

Throughout the 50 years he lived on Westmount avenue and on Melville, Judge Montgomery was a familiar figure in the Summit Park bird sanctuary during spring migration period. Three years ago he had urged that the park's status quo be preserved.

He was instrumental in establishing the bird sanctuary at Philipsburg, where his great enjoyment was the family home. He preferred the quiet life to the society scene in town, recalled his son, John, who described his father as having a mind of his own.

"He was always marching to the other drummer, one step ahead. He sailed when everyone else was motorboating. He drove the six of us children around in panel trucks converted into vans when it was in style to have a station wagon. And he cross-country skied when everyone was going downhill."

"He also lived to sing and would wake us up in the morning at Philipsburg singing to the dog and cranking away at the stove until the house shook."

Before his assension to the bench, he worked with the law firm Brown, Montgomery (now Ogilvy Renaud) co-founded by his attorney father, also George Hugh Montgomery. He specialized in land rights and was instrumental in putting together the land deal for the sale of Nuns' Island to developers in the mid-1950s. He also spent much time assembling land for clients at Thetford Mines.

Judge Montgomery held the rank of an artillery major in the 37th Field Battery in the reserve and was awarded the MBE for his service as legal counsel, controller and a director of Federal Aircraft Limited under the department of munitions.

Fat fire fought

A quick-thinking cook covered a flaming grease pot Sunday afternoon, preventing it from igniting the kitchen at 258 Prince Albert avenue, fire officials report. The resident put the lid on the pot after it caught fire when left unattended. The fire was out when firefighters arrived shortly after 3:11 pm.

Cooks cause scare

Barbecue cooking was believed to have caused a smoke scare at Anwoth road and Clarke avenue Wednesday evening, July 25, fire officials said. Firefighters were called out at 8:58 pm to track down the odor. After combing an area between Mountain and Anwoth from Sherbrooke to Westmount avenue, the source of the smell was attributed to a number of barbecues in use at the time.

He was born Sept 26, 1912, in Montreal and attended Selwyn House, Bishop's College School and McGill University.

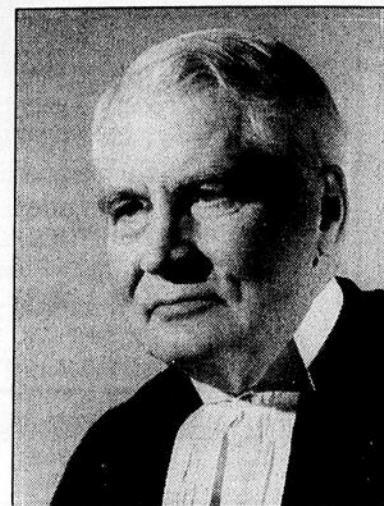
He graduated in law in 1936, winning a travelling scholarship to the University of Paris where he met his wife, a resident of Edinburgh.

They were married in 1938 and moved to Westmount.

He came from a line of clerics on both sides of the family. One grandfather was rector of St Paul's in Philipsburg, another member of the family was bishop of Quebec.

Judge Montgomery served as rector's warden of St Matthias as well as advocate, vice-chancellor and chancellor of the Montreal diocese.

He was a governor of both the Montreal General Hospital and the Douglas Hospital. He also served on the board of the SPCA.



Justice George Montgomery

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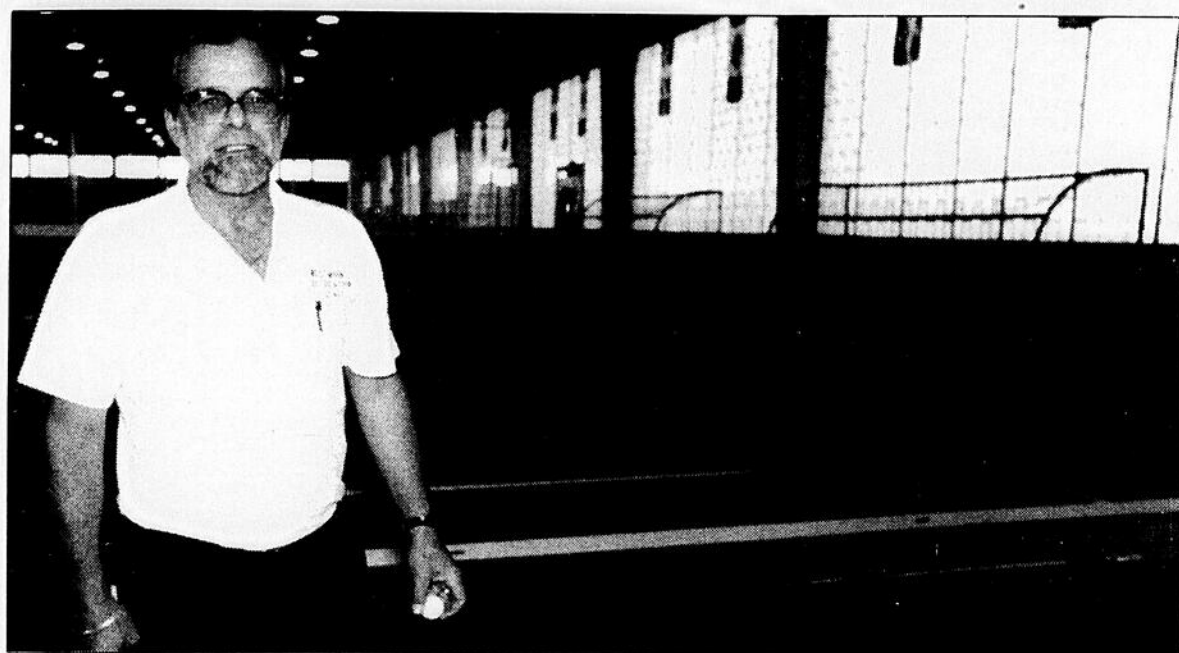


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Come to the arena and putter around

WESTMOUNT'S department of recreation and culture unveiled its nine-hole "tiny-putt" golf course in the arena last weekend.

"It's a ball for the whole family," recreation director Robert Aiken said Monday.

The course has been extremely popular with kids, who had been lining up all weekend, Mr Aiken said.

Anyone with a recreation card can play, free of charge, from 8 am to 9:45 pm every day. The recreation department printed little "tiny-putt" cards with concise rules and for score-keeping.

The name "tiny-putt" was used because the name "mini-putt" is registered.

The course was designed and built by recreation attendants Jim Lothian, Terry Stubbs and Robert White, with the help of Mr Aiken. The course cost \$2,000.

"Par has yet to be established and will be established by the players using it," Mr Aiken said.

Mr Aiken tried his skill, and hit a hole-in-one at hole seven.

"Fun, eh?" he said.

Local swimmers take stab at Jeux

Three Westmounters participated in the Jeux du Québec qualifying competition for the Lake St Louis region, held last weekend in Montreal West.

Jonathan Stubbs, 11, won two bronze medals in the 50-metre and 100-metre freestyle swimming competitions. He also swam in the 100-metre breast stroke.

Mallar Chackravarty, 12, and his brother Ghandar, 10, also participated.

Mallar placed fourth in the 100-metre breast stroke and fifth in the

100-metre freestyle and the 50-metre freestyle. Ghandar swam in three different events, the 50-metre freestyle, 100-metre freestyle and the 100-metre back stroke.

It was the first time players sponsored by Westmount participated in the Jeux du Québec, recreation and culture sports supervisor Stephen Guy said. Only first- and second-place finishers qualify for the provincial games.

The Westmount team was coached by volunteers Simon Benzekri and Mary Fraser.

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SENIOR A SOFTBALL (fast pitch)

Wanderers	16	11	4	1	23
Century 21	15	10	5	0	20
PCs	16	8	7	1	17
Angels	15	8	7	0	16
Pholies	16	1	15	0	2

Playoffs begin July 31, 1990 at 6:15 in Westmount Park.

SENIOR B SOFTBALL (slow pitch)

Reds	18	13	5	0	26
Murray Hill	18	10	7	1	21
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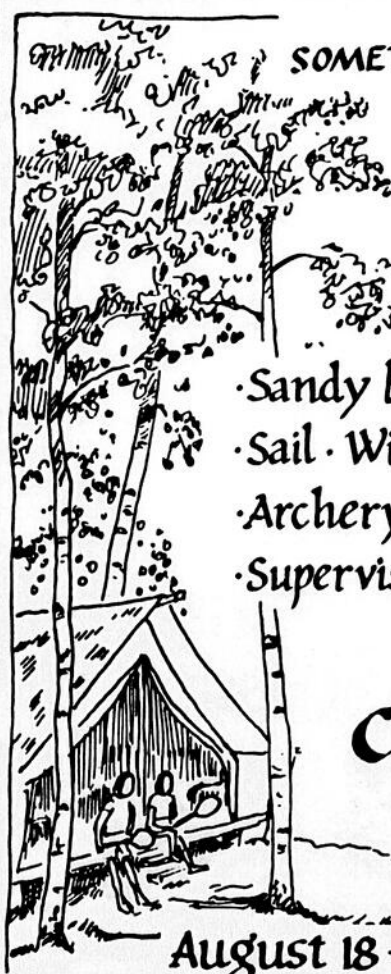
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Housekeeping at council Tuesday

An agenda of housekeeping items was announced yesterday for the city council meeting postponed until Tuesday because of the civic holiday the day before.

Fire department appointments are expected as is an outline of the school tax problem (see stories page one).

The following items were announced by press time yesterday to follow the 8 pm question period:

- Introduction of Heather Halliday as new assistant librarian;
- Approval of purchases: insulated copper cable, 200 cases of white paper towels of recycled material,

printing of recreation booklet and supply of 50 trees;

- Tenders for the purchase of 22 electrical transformers, supply of heating oil, and the collection and disposal of refuse;
- Expenditures over \$5,000 for repairs to utility cuts for the installation of electrical conduit;

- Approval for building over the building line of: masonry planters at the front of 360 Victoria avenue; reconstruction of stairs, ramp and wall at 4115 Sherbrooke street; and refurbishing of terrace and handrails at 4141 Sherbrooke;
- Cadastral operations to permit extensions at 3720 The Boulevard and 512 Victoria avenue;

- Reports from various committees regarding healthy cities and cultural buildings;
- Discussion regarding listing of occupancy permits;
- Report on recycling; and,
- Pension transfer agreement with MUC for white collar workers.

Bike, car crash

A 26-year-old cyclist was taken to hospital suffering leg injuries when he collided with a car at Metcalfe and Sherbrooke Thursday, July 26, police said.

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STATION 23 LOG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The following are some incidents from the police blotter of Montreal Urban Community police Station 23, which covers Westmount.

\$4,000 in damage worth \$4 manual?

A thief caused \$4,000 damage last week breaking into a Mercedes, police report. All that was taken was a \$4 car manual.

The vehicle was one of two that sustained heavy damage during the night of Sunday, July 22, when garages were broken into behind a house on Prince Albert avenue near Winchester. Efforts to gain entry to the Mercedes damaged its roof, alarm system, window and hydraulic locking system.

The other car was a 1987 Mazda 323. Its right rear door was bent in an unsuccessful bid to gain access. A construction pick appeared to have been used to inflict \$1,000 damage.

Goods stolen from seniors' building

Six bottles of liquor, an iron, a ghetto blaster and a small amount of cash were reported stolen from Place Kensington Monday morning, July 23, police said. The items were discovered missing from different public areas of the seniors' apartment building.

Woman robbed and pushed from lift

An 86-year-old woman was robbed of her purse and pushed from an elevator at 400 Lansdowne avenue Wednesday, July 25, police said. She was not reported hurt.

The victim noticed the suspect riding a bicycle on the street as she was returning home to the apartment building about 10:15 pm. He followed her into the elevator, snatched her bag when the door opened and shoved her into the hallway.

He was described as a white man aged about 25 wearing white shorts and T-shirt.

Four car break-ins in upper Westmount

Four cars were broken into north of The Boulevard during the night of Sunday, July 22, according to police reports.

A bag and a Minolta camera were reported stolen from a Renault Alliance parked at 728 Belmont avenue. The lock on the left front door was damaged gaining entry. A sound system equalizer and two pair of sunglasses were reported stolen from a Toyota outside 786 Upper Belmont about the same time.

A Jeep Laredo and a Nissan Micra were reported broken into on Upper Lansdowne avenue. Keys from a neighbor were found in one.

Suspects spotted in barbecue theft

There was no outdoor cooking for one Westmount resident last weekend.

Someone, it seems, stole their small propane barbecue when it was left outside at 1 am Saturday on the property on Sherbrooke, east of Prince Albert. Two young suspects were seen running into a lane.

Take woolies indoors

Leaving something on a car seat is the same as issuing an open invitation to thieves.

This warning comes from police after a leather jacket and a wool vest were stolen from a car parked at a house on Aberdeen avenue north of The Boulevard Friday. The theft occurred between 3 and 10 am when access to the Acura was gained by breaking a window.

Tempting bait

A collection of fishing flies worth more than \$1,000 was reported missing from a home on Forde avenue recently, according to police reports. The place was reported as being broken into between June 8 and 11 but police were not called until Monday, July 23.

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