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Angry parents call on PSBGM to improve bus safety

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

The Roslyn School committee is taking steps to ensure increased bus safety after an accident that took the life of three-year-old Claudia Colletti in Westmount two weeks ago.

Steps included adopting recommendations from the parents of a school bus accident victim in 1991. In an emotional presentation to parents Monday night, new Westmounters Leila and Shafik Khouzam outlined their study aimed "at making the government aware of dangers of school transport in Quebec."

The Khouzams recommend that: drivers accompany students and help them cross the road; that all outings involving children be considered school activities and require the same safety measures as those in effect at school, even on weekends; and that buses make their stop 20 metres away from the next intersection.

The Khouzams and the committee are requesting that transport companies implement the recommendations within the next two weeks.

"These recommendations can be put into action immediately with no additional cost to transport companies," said Shafik Khouzam. Companies that don't should be held "criminally responsible for any deaths caused by their refusal to comply," he added. Three mistakes were present during the accident on Wood Ave., he added, and are repeated every school day. One is that the drop off point forced children to cross the street, the bus was early, and the bus was not flat-nosed.

In all cases involving students



Leila and Shafik Khouzam recount their tragedy and explain why they think "flat-nose" buses would be safer than the "long-nose" type now in common use.

Photo by PETER MCCAHE

and school buses, "the blame is on the child," said Leila Khouzam. "We always leave the responsibility of children's safety to children... I thought our children were safe — we didn't realize the depth of the problem."

At the well-attended meeting, parents also formed a bus safety committee aimed first at getting the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal to agree to hav-

ing all buses drop students on their own side of the street.

A petition circulated by Roslyn students for flat-nose buses will also make up the parents' study and subsequent recommendations to the board.

The committee will also study increasing the number of monitors on buses.

"We're trying to prevent it from ever happening again," said chair-

woman Claire Adamson.

The committee will also write to all parents with children who take school buses, to invite them to participate.

"The school will become involved as a whole," said Adamson.

Parents also want the board to get drivers to stick to their schedule.

Adamson said parents com-

**Tree being planted
as memorial to girl,
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plained repeatedly to the driver and to the school before the Wood Avenue accident that the bus was at least 15 minutes early.

Nothing was done, she added. The committee also wants the PSBGM to hold a public meeting soon to discuss safety guidelines and possible changes.

Finally, members adopted the recommendations from the Khouzams, who are lobbying for stricter guidelines for transport companies and their drivers.

They also recommend that: all buses be flat-nosed to improve visibility; that drivers be obligated to take a training course of at least 40 hours and undergo mandatory medical check-ups; that in case of an accident, the driver be suspended for a certain period of time; that the transport company be held responsible for the actions of their drivers.

A demerit system for transport companies must be established, they say, and if a company has too many, a driver must lose his or her licence for a certain period.

The Khouzams also recommend that the police be made aware of the importance of respecting the law and understanding that the transport of school children is not a traffic nuisance; that all gadgets, such as infrared or radar detectors must be avoided "as they give a false sense of security."

More phone lines installed for blackouts

By BERNIE O'NEILL
The Examiner

More phone lines will be made available so homeowners affected by weekend power outages will at least be able to leave a message with the Light and Power department, city hall said this week.

The move follows complaints from residents in the Victoria-Grosvenor area that they got a busy signal at the utility's 24-hour phone line during two Friday-night outages in February and March.

The 15 new lines will also let residents get information on an outage if they can't get through to a Light and Power employee.

Mayor Peter Trent said he got a number of calls at his home from frustrated residents during one of the outages. He said the city takes the outages seriously. The mayor was responding to Grosvenor resident Huguette Kihl, who presented an 85-name petition from residents seeking an explanation and financial compensation for two blackouts.

Kihl said last week that one of the people she spoke to while collecting names had kept her telephone re-dial on for two hours straight, repeatedly dialing the emergency number during the second blackout.

Light and Power director Danny Ponzo said the cause of the March 17 outage, which affected nine city blocks, could not be pinned down, but seems to have cleared itself. The first outage was unavoidable, coming during a safety check following the major water main burst Feb. 17.

Trent, Wright to speak on future of Victoria Hall

The Westmount Municipal Association hosts Mayor Peter Trent and councillor James Wright next Monday night in a discussion on the future of Victoria Hall. The meeting is open to all and will be held at the Westmount YMCA, 4585 Sherbrooke St. at 8 p.m.

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Compiled by Joy Carroll Community Events

City of Westmount Annual Blood Donor Clinic, Saturday from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Royal Montreal Regiment, 4625 St. Catherine St.

Easter Luncheon and Bake Sale, Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 349 Melville Ave.

Golden Entertainers Choir will be the entertainment at a Bagel Breakfast on Sunday April 9 at 9:30 a.m. Admission \$3. All welcome. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave.

Open House at the Visual Arts Centre, Sunday, April 9, 1-4 p.m. Activities for children. Teachers available to answer questions. Free admission. 350 Victoria Ave. Info: 488-9558.

Ecology Fair, Wednesday, April 12, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, April 13, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Dawson College, 3040 Sherbrooke St. Info on toxic waste, recycling, hemp, natural foods

and more. Speakers. Musical interludes. Free saplings. Free admission.

Art on a Plate, renowned Montreal artists provide hand-painted ceramic plates to be raffled off May 28 at the Visual Arts Centre's Annual Fundraising Art Draw. Tickets \$60. Info: 488-9558.

Taste of the Nation raises funds for Le Bon Dieu Dans La Rue, a Montreal charity that feeds street kids. Gala food and wine tasting with live entertainment, May 1, L'Edifice 1000 de la Gauchetière. Tickets \$70. Info: 392-4404.

Meetings

Depressed Anonymous, a 12-step support group, meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke St., corner Roslyn. Enter by the door off the parking lot. All are welcome.

Westmount Municipal Association hosts Mayor Peter Trent and councillor Jim Wright to discuss the future use of Victoria Hall, the town's community centre. Monday, April 10, 8 p.m. at the Westmount Y, 4585 Sherbrooke St. Open to all.

Montreal Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday April 10 in Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve. Use rear entrance. Theme competition: Winter photography with four slides or prints per participant. Guests welcome.

Lectures

Gwynne Dyer will weave together current world events and ideas contained in his television series The

Human Race when he talks at Dawson College today at 5:30 p.m. in Reception Hall 5B.16. 3040 Sherbrooke St.

An Introduction to the Notman Archives will be the subject when Nora Hague, Curatorial Assistant of the Notman Archives, addresses the next meeting of the Westmount Historical Association, today at 7 p.m. at the McCord Museum of Canadian History, 690 Sherbrooke St. Non-members \$5. Info: 488-4677.

Our Reform Jewish Roots: The Rise of Judaism will be the topic of an adult education class by Rabbi David Goldberg, Sunday, April 9, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. All are welcome and invited to bring their lunch. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave.

Angels - The High and the Fallen is the topic of a talk by Rabbi Leigh Lerner on Monday, April 10 at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. Brown bag lunch at noon, lecture at 12:30.

Reflections on a Recent Trip to Russia is the topic of a talk by Francine Cytrynbaum, Immigration and Re-Settlement Counsellor for JIAS, on Tuesday, April 11, 1995. Brown bag lunch at noon, talk at 1 p.m. All welcome. Sponsored by the Entre Nous Group of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St. Entrance on Elm Ave. Info: 937-3575.

Performances

Iolanthe presented by the Montreal West Operatic Society, tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. at Royal Vale Theatre, 5851 Somerled in NDG. Tickets \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students. Info: 488-7269.

Inherit the Wind presented by The Selwyn House Senior Players, April 6, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. at 95 Côte St. Antoine Rd. Tickets \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors. Ticket info and reservations, 931-9481.

Music for a While is a concert series featuring Montreal's rising stars, every second Sunday afternoon at Westmount Park Church. Jennifer Rasor (soprano) and Derek Yaple-Schobert (accompanist/piano) will play works by Grieg, Debussy, Liszt, Mozart, Puccini and Strauss at 4 p.m., Sunday, April 9. 4695 de Maisonneuve. Freewill offering at the door.

Music and Dance Show featuring Bernard Pollack's Dance Class and BJ Music, April 9 at 2 p.m. at Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington. Admission \$3, seniors \$2 and students \$1.

Bryan McKnight will present an evening of poetry and music on Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave.

The Colloidian Theatre Company performs the world premiere of a new English-language translation of Jean Cocteau's *La voix humaine*. April 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. in the Reception Hall 5B.16 of Dawson College. 3040 Sherbrooke St.

Exhibitions

Allen Sapp, a Cree artist, displays some of his latest works until Friday at Galerie de Bellefeuille, 1367 Greene Ave. Info: 933-4406.

John Broad exhibits gouache and oils until April 19 at A.H. Campbell Gallery, 4916 Sherbrooke. Meet the artist on April 18 between 1 and 6 p.m. Gallery hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Helen Lucas displays her floral portraits from April 8 at Galerie de Bellefeuille, 1367 Greene Ave. Vernissage Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 933-4406.

Dreamscapes, a solo show of oil paintings on canvas by Sol Levinson, through April 16 at S.Space enSemble, 4928 Sherbrooke St. Second Floor.

Gallery hours: Wednesday to Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Annual Adult Student Exhibition by students at the Visual Arts Centre. Artworks from all departments including fine and applied arts, ceramics and jewelry. Vernissage: tonight at 7:30 p.m. Exhibition runs from April 7 to 20. Gallery hours: Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sculpture Exhibition of works in fibreglass, plaster, clay and metal by Myles Tyrrell, through April 20 at Dawson College room 5B.13. 3040 Sherbrooke St.

Recreation

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

Weekly Guitar Study and Music Appreciation Group open to young people aged 13 to 18. Creative direction by music composer and teacher Ben Segal. Monday evening classes 90 minutes long. Limited enrolment. Call 485-0806 or leave message at The Met 846-8463.

Bridge every Friday at 11 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St.

A teenage girls' basketball team is starting at The Met teen centre and they're looking for players. Practices will be Tuesdays and Fridays after school at two locations. No fee. Info: 846-8463.

Kids stuff

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

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From left to right: Carolyn Quigley, Laila Samy and Allison Brock are bundled up for the trip.

Photo by PETER McCABE

Just plane fun

Brownies visit Museum of Aviation

It was a camp-out like no other for the ninth Westmount Brownie Pack last weekend — and one that plane enthusiasts may envy.

More than 20 local Brownies and the 173rd Ottawa Brownie Pack slept under the wings of historical aircraft in Ottawa's Museum of Aviation last Saturday thanks to a history program aimed at children.

The sleep-over was one of several activities the museum offers in a two-year-old Night Flight program, which also includes a supper, a guided flashlight tour of the museum's planes, a movie and a pancake breakfast the next day. Activities also include lectures on the history, science and technology of aviation,

aircraft and flight and interactive workshops.

"It's so clever," commented Dr. Janet Wilson, Brown Owl of the Westmount pack. "That's a lot of exposure for the kids."

"It's our job to make it interesting and simple," explained Christian Riel, the museum's education officer. "We try to make them understand how it all works."

"It's for the kids and it works," he said, adding that in the next two years, the museum will have an 18-month waiting list.

The program is offered to any organized groups of children, said Riel, but Guides and Scouts are the biggest clients.

The program is funded through the \$20 fee, which in turn subsidizes other activities at the museum. The Brownies, aged seven, eight and nine, also toured the Parliament buildings and the Experimental Farm.

"It's great for the girls, they meet new friends from a different city and province and they instantly have something in common," said Wilson. "The girls are always amazed at how much like themselves their newfound friends are."

—Caroline Kutschke

Much ado about dogs

Council debates new ideas for Summit

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

Local dog owners got some more bones to chew on this week as city council tried to come to some consensus on new controls for local dog runs and dogs at Summit Park, something one of the councillors called "an explosive issue."

The councillors were discussing recommendations from a meeting of dog owners, the municipal association, the horticultural society and the bird and wildlife association, councillors and others.

While no new bylaw was unleashed, the councillors seemed to agree with one proposal: that dogs should be kept on their leashes at the Summit during the birds' nesting season. This would be, roughly, from April 15 to June 15. The idea appears to be one that would appease those who view the Summit as a nature preserve, without overly inconveniencing dog owners.

Councillors did agree that Westmounters should, in essence, be top dog in their own dog runs. Mayor Peter Trent pointed out that the dog run going up in Hampstead will be for Hampsteaders only.

They then discussed the proposal to charge a \$100 fee to non-Westmounters for a Westmount dog tag and use of the runs, or banning non-resident dogs altogether, without being able to come to an agreement.

Trent compared the runs to the city's tennis courts, which are off limits to non-residents. But coun-

cillor John Lehnert said the runs could be viewed more like the library, where non-residents are welcome but are charged a membership fee.

Among the group's other recommendations were more enforcement, and a proposal to change the name Summit Park to Summit Woods, an idea that none of the councillors seemed to find that fetching, except for John Bridgman.

"I think it gives people the notion that we are trying to preserve this area for its natural beauty," he said.

The mayor said he was on the receiving end of dog-owners' ire after Lehnert wrote an opinion piece in THE EXAMINER advocating turning Summit Park into a nature preserve and building a separate dog-run at the Summit to accommodate the dogs.

Trent made it clear he does not favour banning dogs from the Summit, and shouldn't have ended up in the doghouse with dog owners over something he didn't write.

Councillor Jim Wright said he had sympathy for people with big dogs who need a place for the animal to run loose, but also wondered whether the place for a big dog is in the country.

Councillor Herbert Bercovitz questioned whether there isn't a whole constituency of residents who don't own dogs and aren't bird watchers who haven't been heard from.

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STATION 23 LOG

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE

Hold-up suspect waited in line

A hold-up suspect waited in line Monday night before holding up a cashier at the Fruiterie Mont Victoria on Sherbrooke Street, police say.

The suspect entered the store at about 6:40 p.m. and waited in line before pulling a gun on the cashier when his turn came up.

"This is real; give me the money," the suspect told the cashier in English, according to police.

The suspect fled on foot with the money, west on Sherbrooke.

He was described as being about 30, white, with black hair and brown eyes, and about five foot three. He wore black jeans and a black coat.

Two men also robbed a St. Catherine Street store in broad daylight last Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Employees at Decor Inc. told police that the suspects first loitered outside the store area for a few minutes before one entered. He went to the second level while the other waited below.

The first suspect went into an office, pulled a handgun on three employees and grabbed an envelope containing cash. He and his accomplice then fled.

Both suspects were about 30 years old, "Moroccan," with black hair and brown eyes, and English-speaking, according to police. One wore a grey and green suit with a black turtleneck, while the second wore a blue coat.

Washing machine had alarm

An anti-theft alarm on a washing machine in a Sherbrooke Street apartment building appears to have scared off a thief who tried to

break into the coin container. The incident occurred last Sunday between 1 and 3 p.m.

Thieves steal frames

Thieves broke into a Greene Avenue optometrist sometime between Sunday and Monday, making off with 490 pairs of frames.

Police say thieves cut the wires of the alarm system for Harry Toulch Optometrist and entered through the back. Thieves also broke several cabinets.

Police aren't sure if the incident, which occurred sometime between noon Sunday and 9:10 a.m. Monday, is related to several other recent break-ins in the Greene Avenue area but crime prevention officer Lise Bergeron says that if an arrest is made, investigators will look at all cases.

An apparently unlocked garage door may have led to a break-in at a Strathcona Avenue home

Sunday night. Homeowners reported that a bicycle and golfing equipment were stolen from their garage.

Invitation to theft

Police are warning people to lock their car doors and not leave purses in sight, after several thefts from cars this past week.

The latest incident occurred between Sunday night and Monday morning in a jeep parked in a St. Catherine Street garage. Nothing was taken but one window was broken.

In other incidents, thieves either broke into cars or simply opened unlocked vehicle doors on Cedar Avenue, Summit Circle, and Melville.

We would have topped magazine poll, mayor says

Westmount would have come out on top in an Actualité magazine ranking of the 50 best-administered cities in Quebec if only Westmount were big enough to make the survey, Westmount's mayor says.

Neither Montreal nor Quebec City were included in the survey because it would be difficult to compare them to the smaller centres, the survey's authors wrote.

The next 50 largest cities were then ranked. Mayor Peter Trent

noted that Westmount is about the 58th largest.

"I'm sure we would have been No. 1 had we been included," Mayor Trent said with a smile this week, referring to the report that put Brossard on top, partly because of its tight rein on spending. Among its cost-cutting measures, the South Shore town houses its library in rented space in a shopping mall.

The results appear in Actualité's April issue.

—Bernie O'Neill

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There will be six honourees this year, who will be remembered with a reception and presentation ceremony at the Westmount YMCA —

Oscar Pierre Gauthier (1873-1964), parish priest and benefactor:

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Samuel William Jacobs (1871-1938), Parliamentarian and champion of rights:

Lawyer, first Jewish Member of Parliament in this century and founder of The Jewish Times, Sam Jacobs is cited as a champion of minority rights and succour of the oppressed. Presenter will be lawyer Michael Vineberg.

Edward Maxwell (1867-1923) and William Sutherland Maxwell (1874-1952), architects and patrons of the arts:

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Wilder Graves Penfield (1891-1976), neurosurgeon and writer:

Celebrated neurosurgeon, writer, and promoter of early sec-

ond language teaching, Dr. Penfield's contributions live on through the work of the Montreal Neurological Institute, which he founded, and the Vanier Institute of the Family, which he nurtured as its first president. Presenter will be former McGill principal David Johnston.

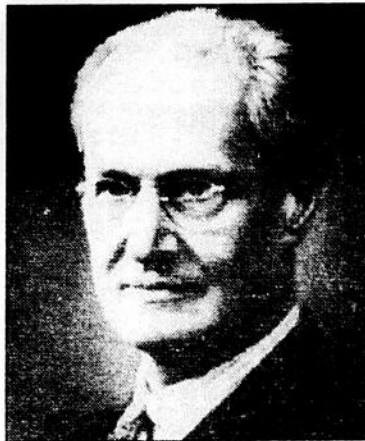
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Parts ordered for electrical substation

Philadelphia expert says project should be 'no problem'

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

Westmount has ordered the first parts for a new \$3.5-million electrical substation, to be built underground next to city hall.

Councillor Nicolas Matossian said the two power transformers are necessary "no matter where the substation is built."

The current plan is to put the equipment underground, at the lawn bowling green, and reconstruct the lawn bowling clubhouse in the process.

However, initial plans have been slightly altered after consultants were called for advice on minimizing the electromagnetic field coming from the equipment or cables.

Mayor Peter Trent said that a

Philadelphia consultant brought in last week has told the city the substation can be modelled accordingly, and "should be no problem at all."

A public meeting will be held this month to present details of the project, which is needed to meet electrical demand in the city in winter. The consultant's report will be released at that time, the mayor said.

Matossian said a 40-week delivery period made it necessary to order the transformers now, even though work may not start for some time. "Being on schedule is important to meeting the budget," he said.

The city is getting partial funding for the substation from Ottawa and the province.

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Progressive approach to EMFs an example to follow

Westmount city council and administration took a most unusual and precedent-setting step recently in the interests of public health.

The decision has already been made to build a new electric substation below the lawn bowling green — located next to city hall — with money coming from the federal and provincial governments as part of the infrastructure program.

Following concern from the nearby Akiva School on Kensington Avenue, the city decided to take every precaution to avoid any danger that could come from the electromagnetic field the underground installation would emit.

Power lines, whether above ground or below, have been linked by some to a variety of illnesses, including depression, insomnia and cancer, particularly leukemia. Connections have been drawn between the radio waves and suicide rates in certain places.

In 1990, after researching the subject for two years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency concluded that low frequency emissions, such as those from power lines, be classified as "possible carcinogens." This recommendation, however, was deleted from the final report once the White House got through with it.

One thing that seems certain is that the amount of electromagnetic radiation in our atmosphere is increasing at an alarming rate. Some estimates indicate that the growth of signals from radio wave transmissions will increase by a factor of 1,000 between 1990 and 2000.

This poses the risk of an environmentally related illness that is new to the human condition. Only in the last half century have the conditions existed for this to begin taking a toll.

Dozens of everyday devices that we have taken for granted are implicated in the danger: microwave ovens, cellular phones, clock radios, electric razors, televisions, computers, electric blankets and numerous others.

In fact, the U.S. embassy in the Soviet Union was bombarded with radio waves between 1959 and 1980. During that time, two of the four ambassadors died of cancer and a third died of a rare blood disease.

To avoid any danger, or any perception that a danger exists from the substation, the city has hired an expert on the subject from Philadelphia (I guess we're low on experts around here) and flown him up here to offer

advice on the safety of the substation project. Evidently, we are told, there is nothing to worry about.

The city will construct the station underground in a north-south configuration instead of east-west one to ensure that the EMF levels pose no health risk.

The city's move has to be praised because, whether or not a real danger exists, the city is taking the wise step of erring on the side of caution. This is an approach governments don't seem to take as a rule. Quebec's former commitment to the Great Whale hydro project is just one example of this.

Usually the onus is on those concerned about the environment to prove that something is dangerous or harmful in some way before government is willing to do something. But council has taken the approach that it is better to assume there could be a danger until proof is found to the contrary.

On the political level, this is also a wise step. It diffuses any uproar that could conceivably surface, particularly from parents of children who go to the school.

But this concern on the part of the mayor and the rest of the city sets an interesting precedent. It also makes it difficult for other mayors to shrug off the risks, now that a "legitimate" body has taken these risks seriously.

Mayor Peter Trent's actions will always have wider implications, just by virtue of his position as chairman of the Conference of Suburban Mayors.

There may be those among Trent's fellow mayors, Dollard des Ormeaux's Ed Janiszewski particularly, who may not appreciate Westmount giving credence to the idea that electromagnetic fields can make people sick. Janiszewski has been on and off the hot seat because of plans to put a cycling path along the hydro right-of-way in that West Island town. Opposition was fierce from a small group of citizens, who even made suggestions that power lines in Dollard could be linked to cases of cancer there.

While this is unproven, EMFs have been the subject of hot debate in the scientific community in recent years, one that will only intensify as we are increasingly confronted with this new kind of "pollution."

Every precaution should continue to be taken. Other potential risks of this kind in the city from EMFs should also be investigated to ensure there aren't any serious problems waiting to flare up.

—Craig McKee

Our Mayor
Peter F. Trent
says...



Circulation and circulation

Last Thursday found me deep in the concrete catacombs of Place Bonaventure, where no sunlight ever penetrates. I was there for a pre-press-conference meeting with Jacques Léonard, Minister of Transport, along with other fellow members of a new round table on regional transport issues. It will have to be a big table: there will be 30 of us. I now belong to so many tables that I could open a restaurant.

Am I the only person to perspire profusely in such small, stuffy meeting rooms with work-to-rule ventilation? Trussed up in tie, shirt, and suit, with something wet trickling down the small of my back, I tried to be witty and interested. And this was 8 a.m., with a whole day to be got through. Now I see why Jean Doré put in a shower next to his office.

Is it for this humans emerged from the prehistoric ooze? To be mummified in broadcloth and wool and denied natural light and ventilation? What a piece of work is a man, said Shakespeare. What a nasty piece of work are his unnatural surroundings.

The outside of Place Bonaventure is literally falling apart. Have you seen the state of

the exposed concrete panels? The ribs, weakened when cast and sandblasted, are riddled with freeze/thaw damage. It looks as if the building has mange.

At the press conference, M. Léonard read the usual speech which was at least 45 minutes long. No matter how good the speaker, a prepared speech is invariably dull. Even Demosthenes himself would have put people to sleep with today's plodding written speeches. But modern political handlers insist on prepared speeches to make sure their charges never utter a wayward word that could make waves. Spontaneity is ruthlessly discouraged. No wonder people distrust politicians.

After the speech, as usual, the TV interviewers immediately started shoving microphones at people's mouths for a reaction. Trouble is, copies of the explanatory papers, all 573 pages of them, were only given to us after the press conference. So you wing it. What a way to comment on public policy!

Overall, Léonard's plan is a good one. Fundamentally, he is telling us we must consolidate our existing transport network, not expand it. The only highway to be built in the near future is the extension of highway 30 on the South Shore for \$30 million.

There is a number of measures to reduce car use: more reserved bus lanes, and the introduction of what the Yanks call HOV (high occupancy vehicle) lanes to encourage car pooling. And \$100 million will be spent on low-floor buses.

The bad news is that Léonard will tread in Ryan's footsteps and remove any remaining provincial funding of mass transit operating costs in the region, including commuter trains. This could up your tax bill. Cheers.

You Say

Mayor's approach exclusionary

I am compelled to write in response to last week's column by our mayor, Peter Trent. Firstly, I must say that I look forward to his column each week, but have become a little dismayed over what appears to be a newly-recurrent theme — that is, his idea of a "Westmount just for Westmounters." The sentiment has seemingly crept again (albeit subtly), into the 60th edition column where the mayor comments on who does or doesn't read THE EXAMINER. "Two camps," says he, concluding that the latter are often newcomers less interested in this city.

I will suggest that this conclusion is not wholly accurate. I have been involved with our local heritage groups over the last year and have met many newcomers who are

volunteering their time and energy to Westmount. I feel that the mayor and city council should do its utmost to encourage such interest and participation from new residents. In addition, the businesses in this community cannot be supported by Westmounters alone; we need to encourage traffic from outside our boundaries. I am confident that any shop or restaurant owner in the village or along Greene Avenue will confirm this.

While we do need to instill pride in our city, which I would like to hope is Mr. Trent's intention, I believe that a more positive message, rather than an exclusionary one, would be more appropriate.

Janet MacKinnon
WESTMOUNT

Rugby excluded from 60th

I was disappointed that Westmount Rugby did not make it into any of the former stories celebrating your 60 years of being a part of Westmount life.

Westmount Rugby up until the mid 1970s was the elite rugby club in Quebec and one of the best clubs in North America. Many old timers vividly recall these days when given a gentle "What was W.R.F.C. like back then?" This kind of question usually

starts an avalanche of stories that can last for hours.

Many W.R.F.C. players during the '30s, '40s and '50s played for Canada in international matches.

It would be wonderful to see what THE EXAMINER has in its archives of the club.

Adam Cutler
President
W.R.F.C.

Congratulations on 60th anniversary

Congratulations to THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER on its 60th Anniversary. It has faithfully chronicled life in Westmount, with articles and comments over the years. Whilst I have not always agreed with the opinions expressed, they have been sincere and sometimes constructive.

According to the Westmount Municipal Association's annual surveys, THE EXA-

MINER has consistently been by far the main source of information for local residents. It fulfills a definite need in our community. I wish you continued success and trust you will be with us and continue to keep us informed for many years.

Stanley Baker
Past President

Westmount Municipal Association

For more Letters to the editor, see page 12

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EXAMINING THE FILES

60 years ago
April 5, 1935

"APRIL FOOLERS HAVE THEIR DAY: With the first of April the local wits got busy and common indeed were fake telegrams, mysterious phone messages asking residents to phone Mr. [redacted] at a number which turned out to be the morgue, spurious calls to the police and fire departments and other little practical jokes."

50 years ago
April 6, 1945

GAME BIRDS RELEASED ON SUMMIT: Details of the release of Sharptailed Grouse, the third species of game bird to be freed in the Westmount area during the past five years, were given by Dan Ryan Sr., chairman of Propagation of Wildlife of the Verdun and District Sportsmen's Association. "This is part of a program to renew wildlife within the Metropolitan area, the previous being the Pheasants in 1940, the Bobwhite Quail in 1943, and last month the first lot of Sharptail Grouse (*pedioecetes phasianellus*) were released on Westmount Summit..."

40 years ago
April 8, 1955

"DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME TO START APRIL 24: Word has been received at city hall here that the Minister of Municipal Affairs of the Province has put his O.K. on the Westmount Council's decision to declare Daylight Saving Time in operation in this municipality from midnight April 24 to midnight September 25. All citizens of the municipality are requested to co-operate and advance their clocks one hour April 24."

30 years ago
April 9, 1965

"METRO COSTS AGREEMENT REACHED: Montreal city councillors nearly brought the roof down Wednesday night at a regular city council meeting in the vaulted and stained-glass-windowed chamber of the aged building on downtown Notre Dame Street — and the cause of the jubilation and desk-thumping was the announcement that Westmount's Mayor Tucker and Montreal's executive chairman Lucien Saulnier had come to an agreement whereby Westmount will pick up part of the chips for the cost of the subway."

20 years ago
April 10, 1975

STERNER DOG LAW: Mrs. Glenda Scott, 500 Elm Ave., read a letter to city council calling for a 12-month leash law, with the added requirement that owners be bound to clean up after their pets.

10 years ago
April 4, 1985

MULRONEY TO BE HONOURED: Westmount plans to bestow honorary citizenship on one of its most distinguished former residents — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. The 17th prime minister of Canada, a longtime resident of Westmount until his move to Ottawa two years ago, is to be honoured at a special event here June 5, Mayor Brian Gallery said. The keys of the city are to be presented to Mr. Mulroney and his wife, Mila, in recognition of the prime minister's "particular achievement," the mayor said.

One year ago
April 7, 1994

BUG BYLAW PASSED: "Westmount joined a small but growing group of Quebec municipalities when it moved this week to strictly regulate the use of pesticides within its borders... The bylaw will prohibit the routine application of pesticides to private and public property."

— Bernie O'Neill



Tackling a do-it-yourself helicopter kit

Considering that I am the son of a man who once nearly killed himself by accidentally running a circular saw right through the very power cord that connected the saw to the electrical outlet on the wall (he bounced around like a jackhammer, smoke shooting out from his pores) I must say that I was surprised how well I managed this past weekend installing a ceiling fan in our bedroom.

I didn't realize I was so handy, as they say.

Actually I had started The Great Ceiling Fan Project a couple of weeks ago, after buying the fan a few months ago, to keep my wife and myself and the child we're expecting nice and warm in winter, and cool in summer, but then I couldn't get started on it, and once I did, couldn't finish.

The thing had been hanging over our heads ever since. Literally. As in wires sticking out, with various other components laid out on the floor, like we were running an airplane assembly plant out of our bedroom.

Finally my wife, who as a pregnant woman is forbidden by the Quebec Ministry of Labour from installing ceiling fans, wrote a list, titled, "Things to Do This Weekend," with only two things on it: 1. ceiling fan, and 2. income taxes.

Which left me no choice but to finish the ceiling fan.

It took me all day. But I was quite proud of myself.

My next trick will be a do-it-yourself helicopter kit.

I guess the big thing for me was managing to use our new electric drill successfully without fashioning any additional holes in my own head, or drilling right through the drill's own cord and

reliving my father's experience of cutting into the cord of a power tool that is plugged in at the time. (In the end he was fine, other than his hair being messed up with his eyeglasses over to one side, accentuating his wandering eye, if you can picture it — the smoke clearing away, the lights flickering, like a '70s Frankenstein film.)

This time my 3/8-inch Skil Reversible Drill worked like a charm — I drilled so smoothly and gracefully that passersby were asking whether I was a dentist — and then replaced the drill in its cardboard box, with not a scratch on me.

If I don't use the drill for another five years I won't mind, now that I am an expert. It was that simple.

The rest of the fan project was not exactly a breeze.

Certainly there were the sounds of mild cursing amid the repeated clink-clank of the dropping of small parts. But at least none of the big parts were dropped, such as the motor, and no one got hacked to pieces by the blades, so you could say it went all right.

The fan came in a kit of about 25 pieces with 50 screws and washers and 12 pages of instructions that even a linguistics expert would have to read a couple of times before they really sank in, as in, "Secure mounting plate and spark plate to wood joist as per Fig. 9 (and) use #8x32 octagon box screws [not supplied] as secondary support." The instructions also included some helpful tips like, "Warning! To reduce the risk of personal injury, do not insert foreign objects in between rotating fan blades!" for people like my father.

I had the fan almost completely mounted when I realized I had forgotten

Between the Lines

BERNIE O'NEILL



the "spark plate," which I considered leaving out at that point, except that they were calling it the "spark plate," after all, as if somebody expected sparks, and this plate was supposed to shield something or someone from the sparks, which sounded like an important safety feature.

So I took everything apart and installed the spark plate, and put everything back together again. Only to realize that I had forgotten the "two rubber gaskets," which it said I was to put "in between the spark plate and outlet box when installing the spark plate to the outlet box."

"Oh," I said.

Suffice it to say that, about six hours later, I finished. My wife and I stood there and admired it. "Look, variable speeds! Oooo!"

It was spinning so smoothly and quickly and beautifully, all white with the lights shining, that we were truly amazed.

And here I'd been telling people I wasn't handy. Now it turns out that, maybe I am. Which as an expectant father comes as something of a relief, if only to think that one is not condemned to repeat the mistakes of one's parents, even with power tools, and maybe I will be able to put up shelves in some garage years from now without killing myself. Hallelujah.

Letters to the editor are welcome

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Harry Hill lends a hand in *Pantomime* 'two-hander'

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

What do you do when one of the actors in your two-man show takes a tumble down the stairs just days before opening night?

That's what happened to the Black Theatre Workshop, which was producing *Pantomime*, a two-man show that opened March 24 at the Rialto Theatre.

Just days before the curtain was to rise, actor John Lucas, a Dawson College teacher, injured himself in a fall, leaving the play's organizers stranded — at least temporarily.

For help they turned to Westmounter Harry Hill, an experienced actor and Concordia University teacher, who has taken on roles on short notice in the past.

Hill said not only did he want to help out, but wanted the chance to work with the Black Theatre Workshop for the first time.

But most of all, he seems to have savoured the challenge.

"On five days' notice I had to learn 78 pages of dialogue," Hill said. "On opening night I needed help from the script now and then," he added, but since then everything has gone smoothly.

Because *Pantomime* is something of a play within a play, he

was able to look at the actual script for part of that first performance.

Written in 1977 by Nobel prize-winning poet and playwright Derek Walcott, *Pantomime* is set in sunny Tobago.

Hill plays Harry Trewe, a retired British actor who has just bought a hotel there, and who has become somewhat worried that the hotel's flyers promise nightly entertainment for the guests that he fears he can't provide.

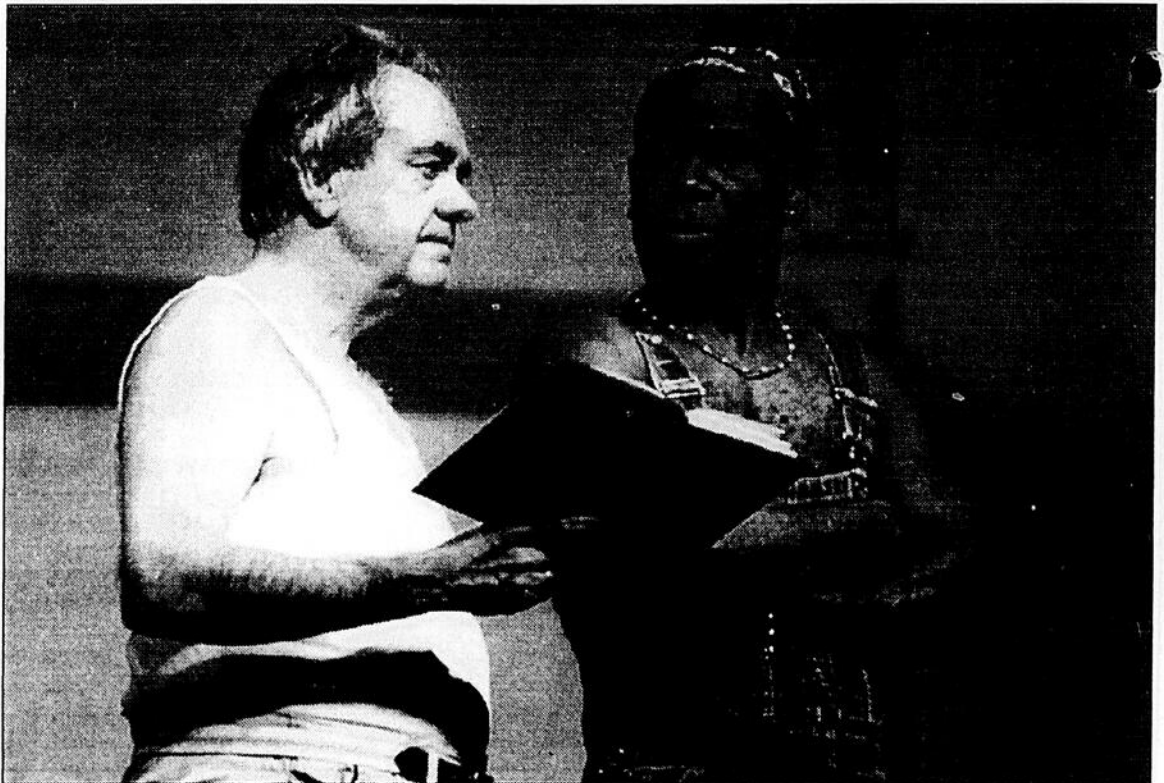
So Trewe decides to create a play out of the Robinson Crusoe story and gets his manservant, Jackson Philips (played by Henry Gomez), a retired Calypsonian, to participate.

To add a touch of irony, Trewe — an old music hall entertainer who has left his wife — decides that the roles should be reversed.

What starts out as entertaining parody for the guests, soon lets the men's political beliefs rise to the surface.

Over all, reaction to the play has been extremely positive, Hill said. "The other night we had a lamentably small but young audience that hooted and screamed through the whole thing. It was just marvelous."

Hill noted the added pleasure for audiences of seeing a "two-han-



Harry Hill (left) and Henry Gomez star in *Pantomime*, a production of the Black Theatre Workshop.

der," as he described it — just two actors on the stage.

It's a bit like watching two trapeze artists do a tightrope walk for a couple of hours. There's not much to catch them if they slip up.

Hill, 54, was trained as an actor and revue artist in his native Aberdeen, Scotland, where he was in numerous plays and satirical revues.

In Canada he has performed in

theatres across the country, and has played many character parts on radio, television and film.

He has been in a number of Montreal productions, including in his solo show, *Attempted Assassination of the Queen*.

He is the author of a book for actors, *A Voice for the Theatre*, and he is a member of the English Department at Concordia University.

Hill, who is on sabbatical this year, said that after the play he will be off to Australia to give a couple of papers at a voice symposium.

Pantomime, by Derek Walcott, starring Henry Gomez and Harry Hill, directed by Fleurette Fernando, plays at 8 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday at the Rialto, 5723 Parc, until April 13. Tickets at the Rialto. Admission outlets or by calling 790-1245.

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Tree to be planted to remember bus victim

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

The City of Westmount will plant a tree in the park across from where three-year-old Claudia Colletti was struck and killed by a school bus two weeks ago, as a memorial.

The three-year-old was killed on Wood Avenue after running to meet her five-year-old sister as she got off the bus.

The ivory-silk lilac tree that

was chosen grows to about eight metres in height, and flowers later than most trees, the city's horticulturalist, Claudette Savaria, said.

She said the tree seemed appropriate because of its softness and fragrant flowers.

A plaque will be put in place beside the tree, which will likely be planted in the Queen Elizabeth Gardens sometime in May.

Tickets on sale for Taste of the Nation

The second annual "Taste of the Nation" fund-raiser takes place Monday, May 1, at L'Edifice 1000 de la Gauchetière.

Ticket sales go to the local non-profit charity "Le bon dieu dans la rue" which feeds street kids. This year there will be a professional ice theatre presentation as well as novelty street acts and entertainment by the People's Gospel Choir of Montreal. The main event is a food and wine tasting with delicacies created by Montreal's finest

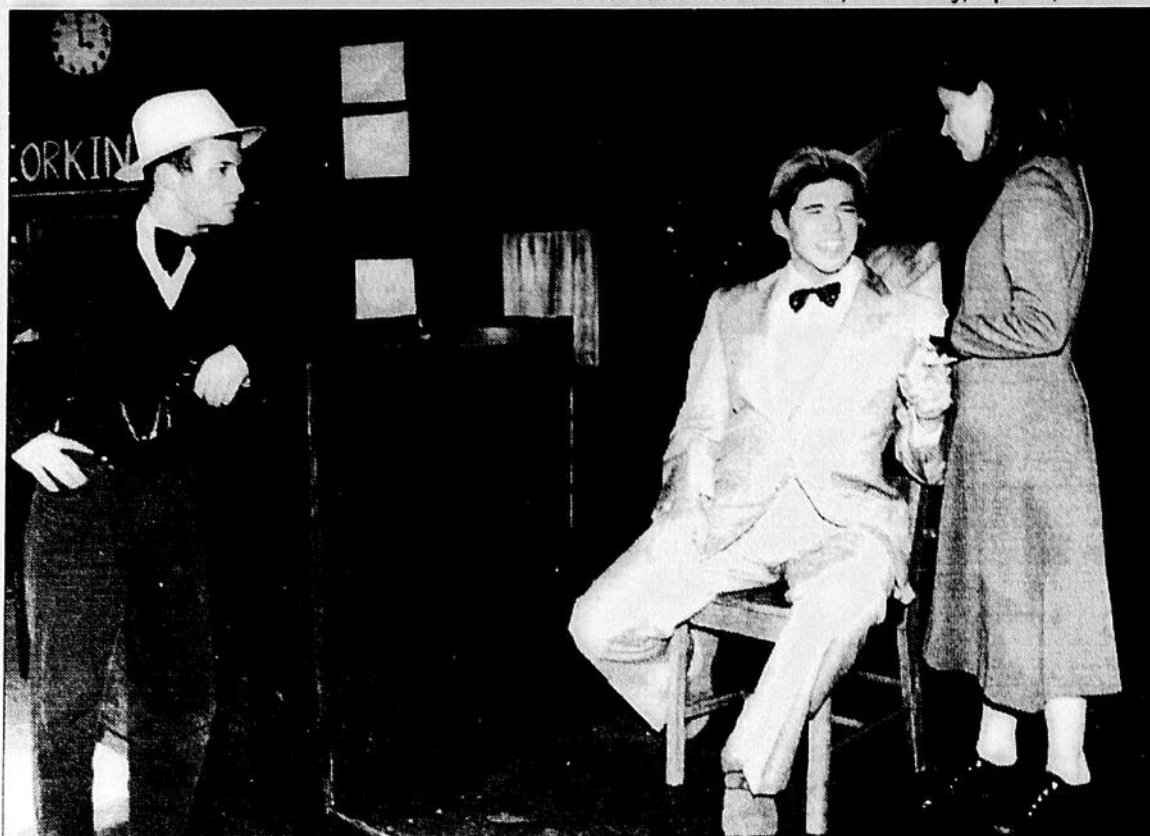
chefs.

The two chairwomen of the Montreal event are Westmounters Johane Lefrançois-Deignan and Carrie Lehman.

All entertainment and food is donated. Last year, the event raised more than \$30,000.

The Montreal gala is part of a cross North America project which raised more than \$4 million last year through similar events.

Tickets cost \$70. For information, call 392-4404.



Inherit the Wind at Selwyn House

David Williams (left) plays Drummond, the prosecutor, Antony Blaikie (seated) plays Mr. Brady and Trafalgar student Kathy Acimovic plays Mrs. Brady in *Inherit the Wind* at Selwyn House School tonight, Friday and Saturday. For ticket information or reservations, call 931-9481.

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An official welcome to spring!

An official welcome to spring! It's uncanny how the political world seems to awaken at the same time as the crocuses do. As a matter of fact, as the financial year ends on March 31st, the government is forced to present its budget of expenses before that fateful date. It happens every year, but this year a few surprises awaited us in this government's first budget of expenses: the level of expenses is exactly the same as the one predicted in last year's budget.

This means there was a freeze on expenses, keeping them at last year's level. However, this picture does not include the additional \$400 million needed to finance the provincial debt. I would have personally preferred some financial efforts geared at absorbing part of the debt and as treasury board critic, I've already said that "in the present situation, announcing budgetary cutbacks are necessary."

Upon examining the budget allocations, however, one can't help but notice the government's lack of priorities. Last year, for example, there was a five per cent decrease in the budgets of all the ministries in order to ensure a one per cent increase in the budget allocations of the ministries of education and health.

When they first arrived in power, the 'péquistes' government managed not only to withdraw the budget increase to the education and health departments but also to increase the budget for all the other ministries by five per cent.

Strange, this year, none of the ministries have any sort of budget increase ... Yet, there is an exception to every rule.

For their independence project, we find \$65 million worth of new expenses in the budget allocations. And this is without taking into account all the extra expenses that are probably hidden in some of the ministerial budgets, like the executive committee's, and the budgetary value, for example, of the 150 civil servants who were released from their usual tasks so they could organize the regional and national commissions...

Everyone agrees that they were well-organized, thanks to the work of the civil servants of the Ministry of Communications ... It was just the subject matter that bored people.

Good samaritans still exist, local businesswoman finds

A local businesswoman is making a charitable donation to Sun Youth as a way of thanking two constables from Montreal Urban Community police Station 15 in N.D.G. who helped track down two suspects who allegedly broke her store window last Saturday night.

"There are some good people out there," a pleased Susan Stern, owner of the A.L. Van Houtte at Sherbrooke Street and Claremont Avenue, said on Monday. She was referring to the witness who flagged down officers Kim Campbell and Manon St. Jean from Station 15. The two eventually rounded up the youths.

Police say that two boys in a group of six were tussling playfully when one pushed the other into the glass door, which broke. They then fled up Claremont. The incident, which occurred at about 9:50 p.m., was witnessed by a man who was waiting for a bus and who alerted the constables.

The police searched the neighbourhood without result and

Another serious consequence of the budget allocations filed last week was the breaking of some election promises: from daycares to nursing homes. After having promised everything and anything during their last election campaign, the government is facing dismissive voters who are grumbling and complaining.

To gain the support of the civil servants, the Parti Québécois had even vehemently denounced a one per cent decrease in their salaries which would have recuperated an additional two per cent in budgetary expenses.

As we examine the budget allocations, it is obvious, however, that this government lacks vision and that the choices they are making attack priority services to the general population in key sectors of our society, namely: health and education.

returned to the coffee shop to question the witness. According to the report, the two boys showed up minutes later as "witnesses." Noticing that they were nervous, the constables took them to Station 23 for further questioning. In the meantime, the first two boys returned to the store and admitted they accidentally broke the door.

Stern isn't pressing charges against the youths, since they apologized and the families agreed to pay for the damage. Instead, Stern is impressed that a witness actually came forward to help police.

"We're so involved in the community, it's really nice when the community helps us," Stern added.

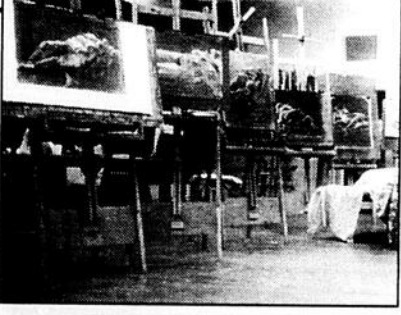
MUC police don't always have a sterling reputation in Montreal, Stern says, adding that that's why she wanted to highlight the work of the police in this case.

"I've generally been impressed with the police department," she said. "I know they're doing their job but it's nice."

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Topics for discussion include: waste, pesticides, composting, household cleaners, recycled paper, natural foods, hemp paper, nature reserves, conservation, Clayoquot Sound, eco-solar homes, incineration. Saplings will be provided for people wishing to plant trees.

The hours of the fair will be: Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free. To receive a flyer or for more information call 485-4570.



Easter chocolate

Westmount Park School students Erin Byrnes (left) and Caroline McSweeney hold some of the chocolate bars they were out selling this week. The \$2 bars are being sold to raise money for field trips and their Grade 6 graduation.

Photo by BERNIE O'NEILL

Where were they going?



Tuesday, March 28

12:20 p.m. 4350 Sherbrooke (rear): noise complaint; origin of sound found to be generator in neighbouring building.

12:37 p.m. 400 Lansdowne: first responder for medical assistance.

3:24 p.m. 31 Barat: first responder for medical assistance.

11:25 p.m. 4430 St. Catherine: first responder for medical assistance.

Wednesday, March 29

9:10 a.m. 250 Clarke: first responder for medical assistance.

2:04 p.m. area 4943 Sherbrooke: strange odour complaint; origin: recent tarring on neighbouring roof.

4:56 p.m. 3040 Sherbrooke: garbage

can on fire; extinguished by security. 5:38 p.m. Sherbrooke/Clarke: first responder for medical assistance. 6:32 p.m. 4150 Sherbrooke: first responder for medical assistance. 7:51 p.m. 5760 Park Haven, CSL: cancelled en route.

Thursday, March 30

8:51 a.m. 223 Harrow, Hamp: cancelled en route.

11:26 a.m. 4430 St. Catherine: first responder for medical assistance.

8:38 p.m. Westmount/Academy: garbage can contents smouldering, out by the time brigade arrived.

10:33 p.m. 6695 Côte St. Luc Rd, CSL: cancelled en route.

11:36 p.m. 354 Grosvenor: first responder for medical assistance.

Friday, March 31

7:53 p.m. 4040 Tupper, front: car leaking gas.

11:14 p.m. 652 Côte St. Luc Rd, CSL: cancelled en route.

11:26 p.m. 1298 Van Horne, Outremont: cancelled en route.

Saturday, April 1

8 a.m. 4780 Sherbrooke: service call

(vent hissing, fixed). 4:59 a.m. 654 Lansdowne: first responder for medical assistance.

11:36 a.m. 397 Victoria: first responder for medical assistance.

11:53 a.m. 4800 de Maisonneuve: first responder for medical assistance.

10:58 p.m. wading pool, Westmount Park: small-fire call, turned out to be a small piece of paper burning, which had burnt itself out by the time the department arrived.

Sunday, April 2

3:05 a.m. 21 Stanton: first responder for medical assistance.

7:21 a.m. 4430 St. Catherine: first responder for medical assistance.

4:31 p.m. 4250 Sherbrooke: first responder for medical assistance.

7:09 p.m. 235 Metcalfe: first responder for medical assistance.

Monday, April 3

11:31 a.m. 591 Argyle: strange odour complaint; origin: defective lighting ballast.

4:53 p.m. 5616 Emerald, CSL: cancelled en route.

Les Jeudis de Saint-Léon

Ce soir jeudi 6 avril est organisée une conférence ayant pour thème: "Le Ressuscité, vainqueur de la souffrance." Bertrand Ouellet, qui a déjà eu l'occasion de présenter à la communauté les nouvelles religions et les sectes, sera l'animateur de cette soirée. Rendez-vous à la salle Saint-Léon (angle de Maisonneuve et Clarke) à

19h30.

Ce soir encore, la Ville de Westmount honore ses personnalités. Yves Guillemette, pasteur de la paroisse Saint-Léon-de-Westmount, rendra hommage à l'abbé Gauthier qui a marqué la vie communautaire et fait, à cette époque de l'entre-deux-guerres, de la récente église Saint-Léon un lieu accueillant.

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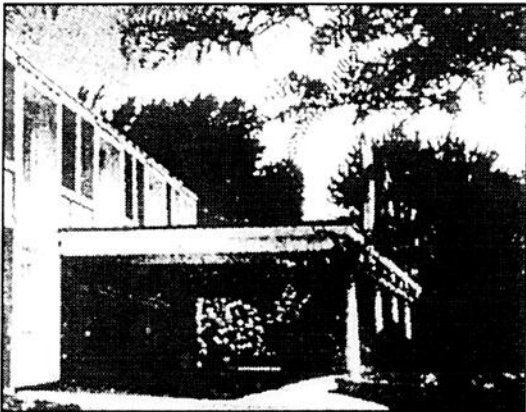


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Letters to the editor ...

Dog walkers do their share for forest

An open letter to Mayor Trent:
In response to the article in THE EXAMINER written by Mr. John Lehnert ("Dogs running loose incompatible with a natural reserve," March 2):

We, the dedicated dog walkers on the Summit, have been spending not two mornings or afternoons a year on behalf of the forest, as proposed by Mr. Lehnert, but every morning and every

afternoon, seven days a week, as "Friends of the Forest." We pick up garbage left strewn all over by people who inhabit the forest between 12 p.m. and 6 a.m., when there are no dogs on the mountain. This includes condoms, underwear, needles, glass from beer bottles, and other assorted sundries, and the dogs being off leash during our few hours in the early

morning and early evening, are a great deterrent to the crowd that is up to no good.

I'm sure you are aware that a young 12-year-old girl was followed, and only when she hooked up with dog walkers did the man disappear. I shudder to think what will transpire on the Summit, and the area around it, if there are no dogs there.

We are an orderly group who revel in the mountain and its beauty and try in every way to keep it clean. When a dog walker doesn't pick up, we usually offer a bag or do it ourselves. In the spring, we have our own spring cleanup, and we come to the mountain with large garbage bags to clean up as much as we can after a long winter. We are the "Friends of the Mountain" and we don't need badges or uniforms to prove it. We prove it every day of the week and to think that Mr. Lehnert would relegate us to a very steep part of the mountain that is completely unsuitable, is dangerous.

There are many elderly people who take great pleasure in walking their dogs on the Summit, and that "snow-dumping" area would not be accessible to them, even with stairs. Most of the parking problems are from weekenders who are not regular walkers. We who are there everyday take care where we park, and almost never do you see a dog coming down from the Summit to its car unleashed, and we try never to park in front of someone's door.

Beryl Parker, President of the Westmount Dog Association, has worked tirelessly on behalf of the dogs and the Summit. Her proposals are excellent and she should be heard. We dog walkers are a large group, and I know that everyone would be willing to participate in any committee that is established to preserve the Summit with all our hearts, as we are the ones that are there most frequently. I hope that this will be settled in all fairness, and may I also suggest that Mr. Lehnert come for a walk someday, so we can meet him, and he can see what he is talking about.

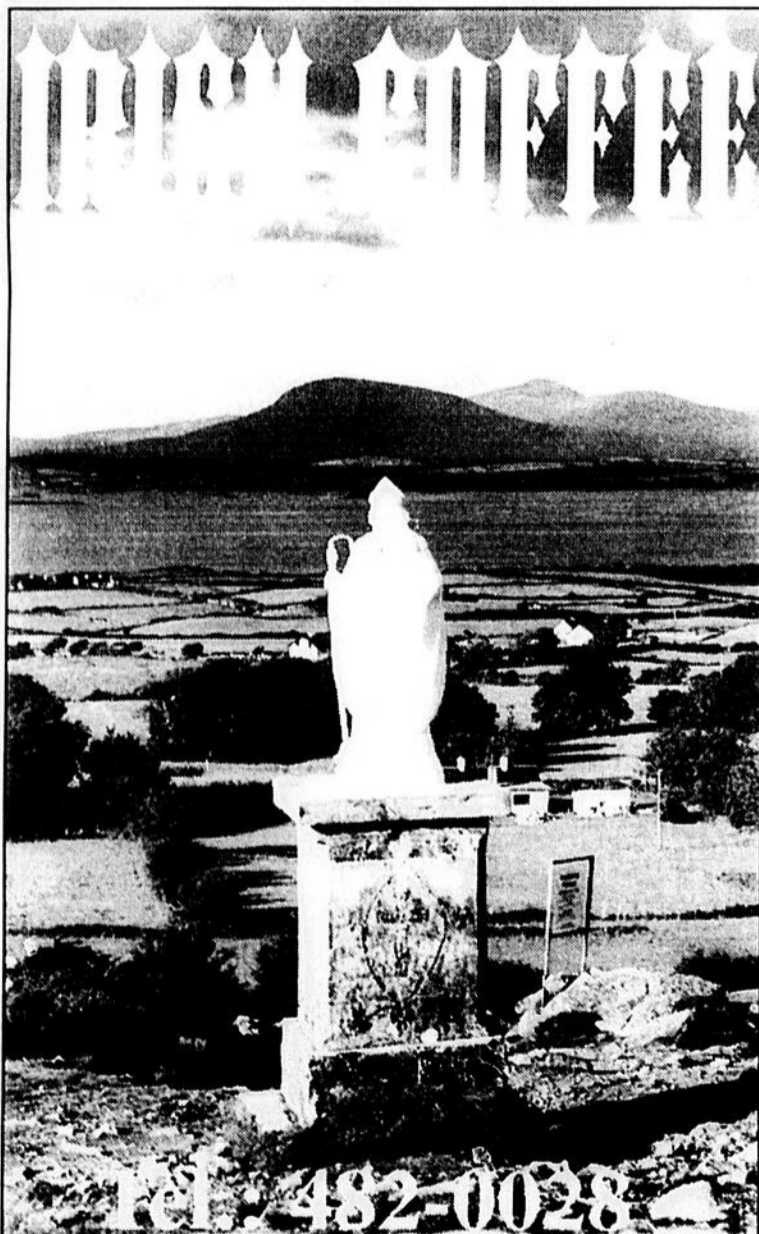
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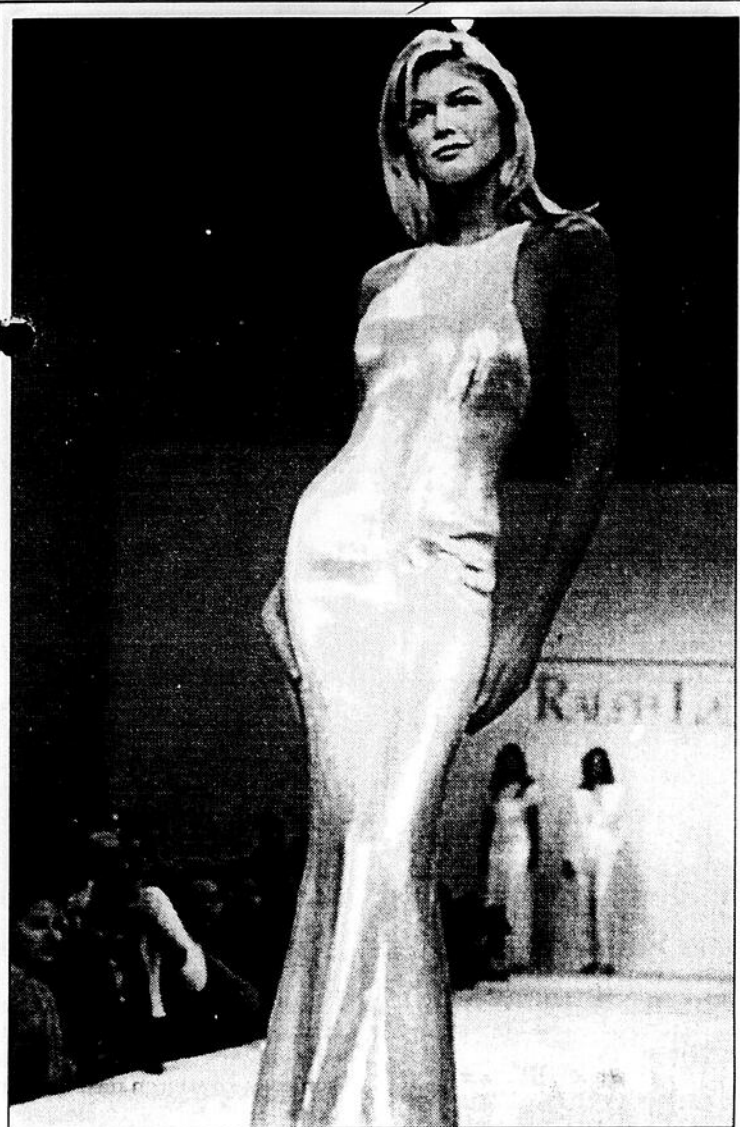
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Puttin' on the Ritz: for spring fashion, glamour is in

Glitz, glitter, glamour — diamonds shine in spring fashion trends

Spring shines on — with an emphasis on satin, new synthetics, diamonds and sequins. Glamour, shape and shine are the buzzwords of the season. Once again, fashion designers like John Galliano and Marc Jacobs wowed one and all with their fantasy collections — and diamonds supplied the shine. Jacobs' diamond hearts and anchors and Galliano's diamond dragonfly provided the perfect accent for designs inspired by retro, sexy glamour.

For spring, everything old is new again. Fashion is all about curves — from Galliano's bias-cut dress-

es and hip-padded suits to Karl Lagerfeld's jacket with a built-in bra. Shapes that show off — or accentuate — the feminine form are the call of the season. As a tribute to the '50s, accessories take their cue from the past. Images of Marilyn Monroe singing "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend" sum up spring's theme. Diamond suites beckoning scenes from "Breakfast at Tiffany's" signal spring's aura and allure.

Supersleek accessories are once again in the forefront of fashion and reflect the return to

ladylike elegance and movie-star style. Clutch bags, top handles, hats, superskinny belts, patent-leather corselets and diamond pins signal the rage for anything retro.

Haute grooming is sleek and features hairdos — combs, clips, pin curls and barrettes are back in vogue. "Glam" is wild for anything reminiscent of the '30s, '40s and '50s — and that means elaborate. A pale face, strong eyes, dark lips and blush that does anything but, say hello Hollywood, meet and greet the new glamour girl!

Runway tips for going 'glam'

1. Start from the bottom — you can glamourize shoes by replacing the ankle strap with a satin ribbon or diamond ankle bracelet.

2. Get a new "do" — spring is all about sleek, shiny hair; pull hair off your face, and finish with a diamond bobby pin.

3. Brooches are the smash hit of the season — pin your best diamond brooch on a lapel, sleeve, sweater or just about any place you want to show off.

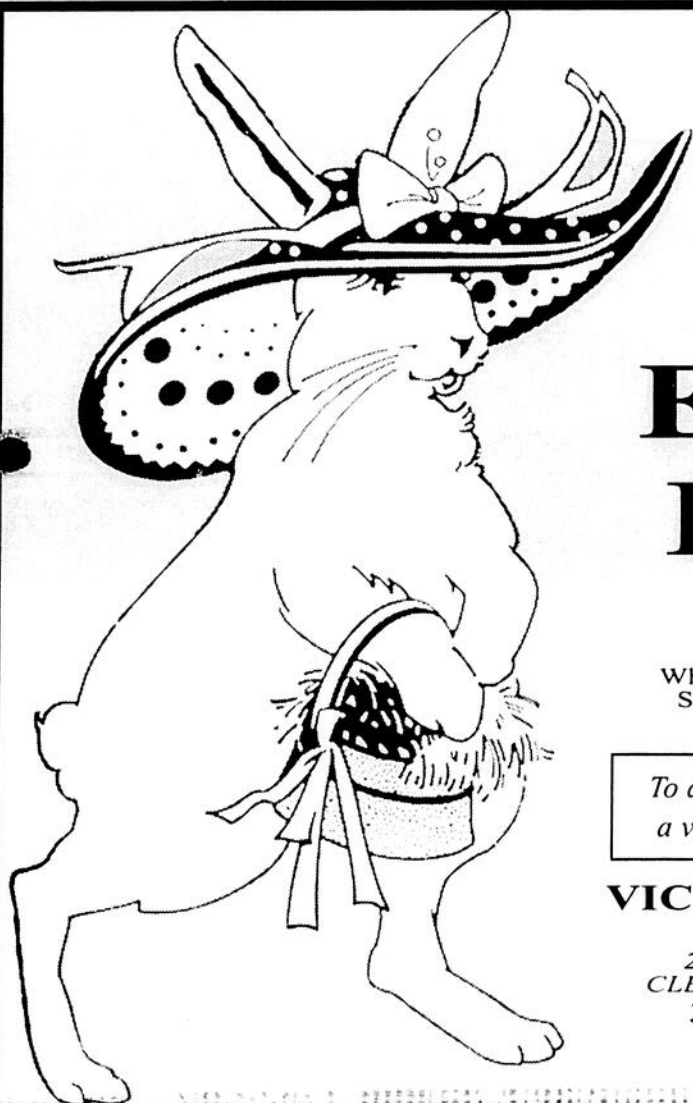
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Hair glamour makes a big comeback

The fashion collections have been shown, and the word is out: Glamour rules. And it's not just those slinky, sexy, movie-star dresses, painted-on jeans or tightly fitted '40s-style suit jackets. It's also accessories, makeup

and — most definitely — hair. Hair's response to fashion for spring/summer '95 can be summarized in a single word: colour. The world's most famous heads (forget Hollywood: these days, fashion's where it's all at) did an about-face, sporting fabulous new shades that were perfect foils for the designers' every whim. According to Stuart Gavert of the Umberto Salon in Beverly Hills, these are the trends everyone will start seeing after the ice melts.

Darker shades make waves. Among the sights on the runways: curvy shapes (yes, it's OK to look like a woman again), lots of skin and rich, luxuriant haircolour. Last season, blonde ruled the runways; this year, the deeper, darker heads from auburn to sable to indigo made their mark. Claudia Mason and Helena Christenson covered their highlights, and Even camouflaged her celebrated tattoo with a bristle of cocoa brown. The source: a conditioning colour enhancer that's no-commitment hair colour.

Change is in the air. Meghan Douglas turned "Lucy" red, while Kristen McMenamy changed her hair to strawberry blonde (and her name to Dorothy); Michelle Hicks and Shalom Harlow went black velvet, and Linda and Nadja did their newly blonde tresses proud. It was clear that they (and the enthusiastic audience) could feel the power of colour from head to toe, sauntering down the runway at 7th on Sixth — New York's answer to the Paris and Milan collections — in their bustiers, tight skirts, flashback Sunday dresses and all those pink numbers. Pink is the fashion colour for spring/summer '95.

Taking a shine to the sleek look. Another trend that slithered through every collection and glowed on every runway was shine. From slick vinyl minis and shimmering satin hot pants to dazzling sequined gowns and patent-leather everything (especially skinny belts and high-heeled sandals), shine is here to stay. As for hair, it took top honours in the shine department — controlled with gel or slicked with spritz.

The glamorous shape of things to come: Hollywood reared its head with voluminous, voluptuous, curvaceous fashions, and hair responded in kind with luxuriant curls and waves to top off every fashion notion from second-skin movie-star dresses and skin-baring halter tops to leggy cigarette pants and the bra-girdle-corset look. If ever there was a time to get both body and hair in shape, it's now.

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To clean diamond jewelry, soak in lukewarm suds. Brush away dirt and soapy film with a soft toothbrush, then rinse under running water. Pat dry with a clean soft lintless cloth.



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Discover the beauty within you with basic beauty tips

Beauty today is more about feeling healthy and self-confident than it is about having a perfect body, face or smile. Women of the '90s understand that by practising good eating and sleeping habits, getting enough exercise and taking enough time out of the day to perform simple beauty routines, they will feel good about themselves and, in turn, look great.

However, with the ever-increasing demands of balancing both a job and a family, women tend to take care of others at the expense of themselves. Although it may not be easy to find time in their busy schedules, women need to remember to devote time to pampering themselves, to help themselves feel beautiful both inside and out.

Here are few hints:
With the numerous household chores women deal with every day, washing dishes can take its toll on delicate hands. To help alleviate irritated, chapped hands, simply rub

moisturizer on hands, put on rubber gloves and wash the dishes as usual. The heat of the water works to soften dry, chapped skin and is great for your cuticles.

Identify a workout time that fits into your daily schedule to improve the likelihood that you'll attend

more sessions than you'll miss. With hectic days, workout time can actually be a special time you set aside for yourself.

It is not wise to start high-aerobic activities without warming up or stretching. Warm muscles respond better to stretches than cold ones, so

walk for five minutes to get blood circulating throughout your body.

Start a meal by choosing a low-fat appetizer like a broth-based soup, raw vegetables or unbuttered bread. These low-calories items will help fill you up before the meal, so you'll eat less. Also, remember to chew your food slowly. It will give

your stomach a chance to feel full without eating as much.

Adopt a healthy eating regime that is low in fat and includes plenty of fruit, whole grains, vegetables, low-fat dairy products, lean meat, fish and poultry.

Once mastered, feeling your best will come naturally.

Colourful and versatile shoe fashions for men

On the runways in Milan, menswear designers emphasized softly constructed suits featuring jackets gently nipped at the waist and paired with slip pants or teamed with fluid, easy-going pants, very similar to the pajama look.

There was also a less formal side to fashion, a funky look reminiscent of the '60s and '70s. There were nehru jackets, tie-dyed blazers and fringed jackets. Other looks include tight-fitting cigarette jeans in patent or suede and cropped knit tops.

What made the runways come alive, however, was the colour palette. The neutral palette was overpowered by white all the way to brights. Richer, more intense colours took centre stage. Jeans were shown in fuchsia and neon green, and pastel colours of powder blue and pale yellow.

One of the brightest spots in the colour story was the use of metallics. Clear vinyl was a favorite, used in jeans, jackets and rainwear. More traditional fabrics included hopsack, silks, shantung silks, burlap weaves, lightweight organza, glazed rayons and linen.

Among the myriad of looks, the footnote most liked by designers was the sandal. There were leather sandals, sport sandals, expensive sandals and hybrid sandals. Other favorites were desert boots, Indian-inspired mocs and Moroccan slippers. Footwear designers for spring '95 made a statement for clean, uncluttered footwear, with emphasis on unusual materials. Even dress looks were done simply, often without the perfling and shoe linings for a lighter, more natural feel.

Simple designs showed up in a retro mood, too, like '50s classic saddles, penny mocs, bucks and boat shoes set on traditional white bottoms. Retro continued in a '60s mood as hand-crafted shoes with raw edges and nude leather soles covered both dress and casual looks.

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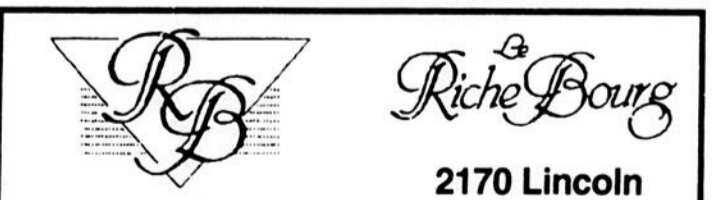
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Storytime for children ages 3-6, Mondays at 4 p.m. and Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Info: 931-2304.

Mom 'n' Tot storytime for babies and toddlers up to 3, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Info: 931-2304.

Chess Club meets Tuesdays in the library at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. Special session for children 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Info: 931-6202.

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

Storytimes for pre-schoolers on Wednesdays at the Victoria Hall location of the Westmount Library. Stories begin at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. No registration is necessary, no fee. Info: 989-5229.

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Pre-school for three-year-olds, morning and afternoon programs, starting Sept. '95 at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom. Low teacher-child ratio, Jewish content. Info: Beverly Sherzer, 939-5696.

Seniors

Free Senior Swim, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Westmount Y, 4585 Sherbrooke. Followed by Senior Tea, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open to all seniors.

Tai Chi Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Contactivity, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Drop in for \$2.50.

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Arts and Crafts at the Contactivity Centre, Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All welcome. No charge. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd.

Seniors Luncheon Club at Centre Greene, 12:15 p.m. every other Wednesday. Next luncheon is April 19. All are welcome. \$3.75. Reserve by Monday at 931-6202.

Autobiographies of Vera Gauley Monro, M. Laurel Buck and Shulamis Yelin will be discussed by Ann Weinstein, recently retired teacher of English Literature at Dawson College, Sunday, April 9, 12:30 p.m., sponsored by the Leisure Institute of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. Luncheon will be served, \$3.50 for members and \$4 for non-members. No reservations are required and everyone is welcome. 450 Kensington Ave. Info: 937-9471.

Register now for courses at Contactivity. Current World Affairs, Neighbourhoods: Yours and Mine, Photo Design Course all open to seniors at low cost. Info: 932-2326.

Seniors Helping Seniors is a volunteer group that provides information about housing, meal and grocery deliveries, support groups for specific health problems, assistance with transportation and more. CLSC, 300 Victoria Ave. Call 487-4670 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Volunteers

Head & Hands needs volunteers on Wednesday afternoons to help children with special needs. Call Gabriela at 482-5905 or 481-0277.

Canadian Cancer Society needs volunteers for their door-to-door fund-

raising campaign until May 28. Info: André Belisle 255-5151.

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Contactivity Centre for seniors needs volunteer shoppers and friendly visitors on an occasional basis for isolated seniors in the Westmount area. Also needed are volunteers with access to a car to accompany seniors to medical appointments. Commitment for six months is preferred. For further details and interview, call Joanne or Tariq at 932-2326.

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Jewish Support Services for the Elderly is looking for volunteers for an In Home Stimulation Program for frail seniors. The program promotes continued independence in the community, improved quality of life for frail seniors, and improved self-esteem. Info: Rona Maisel, 343-3795.

SPCA urgently needs volunteers for fundraising and public awareness campaigns. Info: 485-9787.

Shalom Line, a confidential and anonymous listening service, is looking for patient and compassionate listeners, 20 years or older. For info: Suzanne Herscovitch, 735-3541, local 3380.

Courses

Parenting Your Adolescent, a workshop for parents to enhance skills necessary for healthy parent-teen relations, Saturday, April 29, 1-4 p.m., Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. Info and registration, 486-9018.

Parents of Teenagers, a 6-week program to assist parents in helping adolescents to be responsible with less worry and more positive outcome. Starts May 4 from 7-9:30 p.m. CLSC Metro, Westmount Service. No fee for course but required text is \$20. Info and registration: 487-4670.

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Tele-Check service for seniors living alone is offered for an annual fee of \$10 by Contactivity Centre. Take one minute a day to phone in and confirm that all is well. Info: Doreen 932-326.

Shalom Line is an anonymous, confidential listening service staffed by trained volunteers. Listeners provide support to those suffering from loneliness, stress or other personal problems. Open Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Monday to Thursday 4:30 to 10:30 p.m. Call 343-4343.

Consultation Centre for Elder Abuse at CLSC René-Cassin needs bilingual volunteers to work on a telephone line for abused seniors. Also community outreach programs and working with victims of elder abuse. Training provided. Info: Elana Soldin 489-9163, ext. 352.

Teen volunteers honoured at Y

Winners of the YMCA's Teen Volunteer Recognition Awards were honoured at a reception March 23 at the Westmount Y.

These teens have all made outstanding volunteer contributions to the local or international community. They were selected by their schools to receive the awards, which were created by the Y in 1990 to emphasize the importance of volunteer work in the community and recognize those students who give of themselves.

Recipients of this year's awards

were: Ani Gurunlian, The Study; Melanie Leavitt and Jessica Orkin, St. George's School; Shawn Bonnie, Selwyn House; Sophie O'Brien, Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School; Steven Dyer, Westmount High School; and Andrea Pahl, Trafalgar School For Girls.

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Penguins take atom crown with easy 7-2 win

By BOB OLIVER
The Examiner

The North Stars did what they had to do to move into first place in the Westmount atom division round-robin series. After that, all they could do was wait.

In their final game of the season, the North Stars beat the Nordiques 8-3 to take a momentary hold on top spot but in the 1 p.m. game, the Penguins trounced the Whalers 7-2 to take back the one-point lead and capture the WRHL atom hockey crown.

The Pens — one point down to the Stars going into their game — took two much-needed points from the Whalers to win the title with 15 points.

Alan Cameron led the Penguins with a three-goal performance while teammate Alexander Jelinek had a pair. Dylan Mezey and Milan Neven had one each.

Eric Lightborne and Marc St. Germain scored for the Whalers.

In the North Stars' win, Sebastian Snow and Graham Hayes scored a hat trick each,

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while Phillippe Lapointe and Michael Harper had one goal each. Andrew Barraclough had a pair for the Nordiques with Nick Vukov adding a single.

In the last WRHL game of the 1994-95 season, the Canucks wrestled third place from the Canadiens with a narrow 3-2 victory.

Stefano Salvo, Sam Avrith and Jonas Prupas scored for the winning side, while Justin Cohen and François Brassard replied for the Canadiens.

Heading into the final games of the Novice round-robin series, the favoured teams all came out on top.

The first-place Sharks — who would have won the series despite a loss — ended up on a winning note, beating the fourth place Senators 3-2. With the win, the Sharks finished with 18 points, six more than the second-place Guards.

Raymond Leider led the Sharks offensive with two goals while teammate Zachary



Whalers goalie Luke Slinger watches anxiously as his defenceman clears the puck from in front. The Whalers lost to the Penguins 7-2.

Photo by PETER McCABE

Greenberg had one. Stefan Marchant and Constantine Papanastasiou scored for the Senators.

The Guards held their three-point edge over the third place Bears by beating the last place Canadiens 8-0.

Arnold Engel paced the lopsided win with four goals. Singles went to Joshua Borts, Rudy Kremer, Dylan Mezey and Casey Auerbach.

Goaltender Shawn Bren-

house picked up the shut out.

Chris Rochon scored two goals and Alexis Roy added another to lead the Bears to a

3-2 win against the fifth place

Dragons. Andrew Wetherley scored both goals for the Dragons.

Think safety, councillor urges rollerbladers, parents

It's not just young in-line skaters, but the parents who let them head out without the proper protective gear who have to be reminded about safety, city councillor Jim Wright said this week.

Wright chairs the city's community services committee, which is again looking into measures regarding in-line skaters.

The big concern at recent meetings has been the safety aspect, he said, especially helmets, elbow pads and wrist guards.

"We have to do something to make sure kids wear them," he said, "and educate parents."

Last year the city passed a bylaw making helmets mandatory, and pledged to look at other measures.

Wright said pedestrians have to be considered, too. He noted that to see 70 or 80 years old "and suddenly find an in-line skater roar-

ing into your face" can be pretty scary.

—Bernie O'Neill

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Lightning's barrage falls just short

By BOB OLIVER
The Examiner

In the final game of the bantam hockey season last Thursday night at Westmount Arena, the Lightning needed to win by eight goals to overhaul the Leafs and vacate the league basement.

They almost pulled it off.

The Lightning poured on the offensive power to thrash the Leafs 9-3, but fell two goals short of tak-

ing third place in the four-team league. Both teams finished the round-robin series with identical 2-6-1 records and five points, but the Leafs maintained third position by outscoring their opponents 37-36.

While it might have appeared to be a panic situation for the Leafs when they trailed 6-1 early in the third period, neither team was overly concerned about the score.

"It's not that serious," said Leafs

Nick Bell, who scored the team's first goal with 4:39 to play in the second period to make it 5-1. "We all know it's our last game this year and we're out here to have some fun."

Before the game, both teams decided it was a good time to play those positions one never gets to play during the season, so they altered spots, defence moving up to play forward and vice-versa.

The Leafs even changed goaltenders, putting Pat Quinlan in nets for a first-ever stint in the cage, while regular netminder Gabriel Hobbs tried his luck as a skater. The entire Lightning team wore their jerseys with the numbers on the front.

"It was a lot of fun," said Quinlan after the nine-goal pounding. "The first shot I took was a slapshot, and I stopped it with my stomach. I didn't feel a thing. This chest protector is a solid piece of equipment."

Quinlan said he, and most of the other players, will miss ice hockey, but he says there are other distractions until September.

"Now it's on to roller hockey," he said.

"It's been a lot of fun this year," said Leafs Josh Beitel, walking out of the arena for the last time this season with his ice hockey gear in tow. "But that's it. Soccer starts soon, and maybe I'll play some roller hockey."

While a large number of players plan to play hockey's sister sport, as well as soccer, baseball, tennis and



Sabres lose battle but win war

The midget Sabres lost 6-2 Tuesday of last week but won the round-robin against the league champion Rangers anyway after outscoring them overall, 28-27.

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT



Amazing comeback!

The Senior A Whalers battled back from a 2-0 series deficit March 28 to beat the Red Wings to take the playoff final series 3-2. Here, Wings goalie Phil Pedicelli gets knocked down by the Whalers Eddy Hoyeck (centre).

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

a myriad of other activities, for the Lightning's Tim Predergast, after hockey comes golf.

"We have a cottage near a golf course and once hockey's over I play all summer," he said. "Golf helps me forget hockey in the summertime and in the winter I forget about golf. While I'm playing one sport, I don't miss the other. It works out great."

In Thursday's "something-should-have-been-at-stake-but-nobody-cares-anyway" game, Justin West led the Lightning with three goals while Aaron Klein and Johnny Gray had two each. Singles went to Predergast and Jonathan Mutch.

Luis Araujo, Nick Bell and Marc-André Papineau — who was mobbed by his teammates after scoring his first goal of the year — scored the three Leafs goals.

In the final peewee encounter of the Westmount Sports and

Recreation Hockey League round-robin, also played Thursday night, the Scouts took their game with the Seals a little more seriously than their bantam big brothers. Needing a win to leapfrog the Canadiens and clear the league cellar, the Scouts rallied to beat the second-place Seals 4-2.

The win bumped their record up to a 2-5-1 mark and five points, one better than the last place Canadiens.

For the Scouts, outpointing the Canadiens was a big factor. Had the two teams finished in a tie in the standings, third place would have gone to the Canadiens. The latter team wound up with 26 goals for, while the Scouts only had 24.

Mark Smith led the Scouts victory with a pair of goals with singles going to David Schaffer and Greg Scott.

Connor McKenna and Nick Vukov scored for the Seals.

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