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ONE LAST OFFENSIVE BEFORE THE AMMO MELTS: Westmounters Conor McKenna, left, and Joshua Brown, both 10, scrounged the last bits of snow to stockpile snowballs for their fort on Arlington Avenue Monday after school. A sister was among the intended targets.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

Tunnel plunged into darkness

Westmount Square emergency lights didn't kick in

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It was a scary few minutes for people caught in the Westmount Square tunnel when the lights went out Monday afternoon.

"One woman was screaming hysterically," said another who called THE EXAMINER to complain no emergency power was supplied. "She had to be led out by a man using a lighter."

The caller, who was walking toward Place Alexis Nihon at the time, said she had to grope her way to the wall and then turn around to head toward a flicker of light from the Westmount Square end of the tunnel.

"I didn't know what was happening. I was scared someone had sabotaged the lights to rob us. I was just lucky I wasn't further into the tunnel."

She said there was a musician playing somewhere in the tunnel, "but no one went to help him out." When she got out of the tunnel she told a maintenance man what was happening. He "shrugged and went on with his work replacing light bulbs," she said.

Westmount Square administrator Brenda Salmon said the blackout occurred at 3:30 p.m. when a consultant inadvertently pulled the circuit breaker marked "Metro"

thinking it was for the area occupied by the former Metro-Richelieu store. It was 20 minutes before the power was restored, she said.

The confusing label is being changed, she said.

She also plans to check into the apparent lack of emergency lighting and correct it.

Lieutenant Inspector Barry Coates of the Westmount Fire Brigade, who checked out the electrical room Tuesday afternoon, confirmed that the tunnel is connected to the generator-operated emergency lighting system that powers the entire Westmount Square complex.

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Lavoie-Roux urges letter-writing campaign

By ALISON RAMSEY

Senator Thérèse Lavoie-Roux will be writing Premier Robert Bourassa and Claude Ryan, the minister responsible for language laws, urging them to ease the province's sign legislation and access to English schools.

She encouraged others to do the same at a breakfast meeting Sunday at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom.

The timing now is crucial, chimed in Commissioner of Official Languages Victor Goldbloom, who introduced Ms. Lavoie-Roux

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Office closed tomorrow

THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER will be closed tomorrow for Easter holiday. The office will resume regular hours on Monday, opening at 8:30 a.m. The holiday will not affect deadlines. The deadline for both display ads and the editorial department is noon Tuesday.

Demanding clarity

Pre-council candlelight protest planned

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

People who want to reinstate chief librarian Rosemary Lydon are invited to light a candle and march together to city hall Tuesday.

Alex Newell, who announced the candlelight walk, said it will take place at 7:30 p.m., just before the council meeting, starting at Westmount Public Library.

Mayor Peter Trent has received a petition with 1,615 names and more are coming, said instigator Alex Newell.

Citizens wanting to "enlighten" the cause are invited to join in.

"I'm going to present additional petitions at the meeting," said Mr. Newell. "It's clear there is increasing concern. I'm receiving more calls every day."

He said this is to be a walk led "by the individual's conscience. I don't think of myself as a walk leader."

He expects a good turnout "judging by the readiness of people to sign petitions."

Mr. Newell said it was clear from concerns expressed by leading librarians for the \$7.5 million library building project that "city council has alienated the people whose support they most need."

"That they have mismanaged the situation so thoroughly is a reflection of their own ineptitude."

Mr. Trent said the building steering committee made recommendations Monday night to be presented to city council at the meeting Tuesday.

"We'll recommend that further work and design of the project be delayed until a library manager is in place and that the manager will be a member of the committee," he said.

He also said the committee also wants to send a newsletter to citizens at "appropriate intervals" to update them as decisions are made. "We feel we just haven't been communicating enough."

• The Canadian Library Association may fight Rosemary Lydon's firing. See story on page 10.

Tales from Samarkand

Get out now!
 Westmounter tells Jews

By JANET COUTTS

WESTMOUNTER Roma Gelblum-Bross is not one of those travellers who packs a suitcase of wrinkle-free clothing, her passport and local currency; knows which is the best route to take and which are the best hotels.

Yet she has travelled many thousands of miles. Life simply took her from Poland to Uzbek Republic, back to Poland and thence to Israel and, finally, Canada.

More recently, at the behest of Canadian Jewish Congress, she has been a willing traveller and has made two trips to her childhood home, the city of Samarkand, in a country which is now a Muslim republic.

Ms. Bross is a born storyteller, and in 1988 she published *To Samarkand and Back*, a fic-

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Exterior tilework of the Shah-Zinda in Samarkand, circa AD 1400.

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Next Scheduled City Council Meeting
 Due to Passover and Easter, the Council meeting normally scheduled for Monday, 5th April 1993 at 8:00 p.m. is deferred to Tuesday, 13th April 1993 at 8:00 p.m.

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Smokers accused of disobedience

A woman and a man who work for separate companies at 4150 St. Catherine St. are being accused of violating the city's bylaw concerning smoking in public buildings, public safety officers said. Both were caught during a crackdown on smoking in the office building. Their employers were told to distribute memos concerning smoking regulations.

The woman was discovered recently in a stairwell on the fourth floor. She said she was not allowed to smoke in her office but was told her employers would "turn a blind eye" to smoking in the hallway.

The man was found recently inside the front door saying he was not well and was not going to further jeopardize his health by going outdoors in cold weather.

Mammoth snowball blocks road

Three 16-year-old Westmount boys rolled a giant snowball into the street outside 309 Melville Ave. Sunday evening, blocking traffic, public safety officers said.

It measured about three metres wide and 1.5 metres high.

The youths were asked to roll it off the street. Two were identified as living on St. Catherine Street, one on Hillside Avenue.

Tunnel...

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plex. This system activates only when the entire complex is hit by power failure, not when an individual circuit is deliberately pulled, he said.

Only battery-powered units would cut in during such an incident, Lt. Coates said, adding that Ms. Salmon was already looking into such installation.

He said the tunnel conforms to the city's fire code, which requires emergency lighting systems in all highrise buildings.



Thérèse Lavoie-Roux at the microphone with Victor Goldbloom.

Protest now, Lavoie-Roux tells anglos

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to the crowd of about 70.

"Signs are important because of the symbolism in terms of the English-speaking community," said Mr. Goldbloom, "but the primary issue is access to schools."

Since the government will make its decision around April 24, start writing now, he suggested.

Ms. Lavoie-Roux, a Westmount resident, spoke three days after the Conseil de la langue française report that suggested a complex formula for signs that would retain the French face, and denied additional access to English schools.

A provincial Liberal committee, headed by William Cosgrove, is also studying the question and is poised to make recommendations to the premier next Thursday. It waited for the Conseil report, but is not being influenced by it, said Mr. Cosgrove.

He suggested the committee report will fall somewhere between that of the Conseil and allowing freedom of choice where signs are concerned.

"We have to keep the French face on signs in order to protect and promote the French language," he said. "It's necessary that French be the predominant language on public signs."

However, he added, the committee is finagling to avoid a hard-to-follow mathematical formula to maintain the French face in Quebec.

On access to English schools, he said the problem is not access, it's the declining English popu-

lation.

"I get asked, if the English-speaking population is so concerned, why are parents sending 18,000 kids to French schools?" he said. "I don't know the answer. (Some say) Catholic schools don't have enough immersion schools."

By way of justifying keeping a French face on signs when some polls show people are willing to see bilingual signs, Mr. Cosgrove said:

"Twenty years ago, I spent the same amount of time because the French population felt threatened — now the English population feels threatened."

Is Quebec now the same as that of 20 years ago?"

"Oh, no... But it's not changed enough yet to remove all restrictions."

Mr. Lavoie-Roux attributes her openness to bilingual signs and the like to living close to anglophones and allophones.

One of the first questions put to Ms. Lavoie-Roux at the Temple meeting was from Florence Cooperman, who asked why Quebec senators "don't show the population of Quebec the benefits of Confederation."

Ms. Lavoie-Roux admitted they didn't, and said they should do more.

When asked what the Senate does, and if it is necessary, she said, "I think we could replace it with a council of provinces, but right now you can't abolish it unless you have unanimity among provinces... The western provinces and the Martimes won't let go."

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Claudette Gauthier, CUPE local 2987 president, and Percy George, vice-president, wore T-shirts saying "A question of RESPECT" on Monday, the day their strike was supposed to start.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

City ups salary offer an hour before strike

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Eleventh-hour negotiations between the city and its white-collar workers Monday averted a strike called for noon.

The city raised its offer of a salary increase to 2 per cent from 1.5 per cent — meeting union demands — and minimized job evaluation losses for union members at the high end of the salary scale, said president Claudette Gauthier.

"Basically they gave us what we wanted," she said.

"As of this morning we have a tentative agreement subject to ratification by the members," said city operations manager Bruce St. Louis. "I'm happy because it's been a long, long period of negotiations."

Ms. Gauthier said she would recommend the three-year contract be accepted by the 104 members of Canadian Union of Public Employees local 2987. They were to vote on it late yesterday afternoon at a general membership meeting.

"I think they will agree to it," she said.

The agreement provides pay increases for 1992, 1993 and 1994 of 2 per cent, 1 per cent and 2 per cent respectively, Ms. Gauthier said.

In the third year, employees with seven years' service will be eligible for job security. Under the last contract, employees must have worked for 10 years before being eligible.

Mr. St. Louis said the city had planned to maintain all services in event of a strike, using managers — and even city council members — to staff Westmount Public Library and other departments.

But city parking inspectors who carry out the bulk of ticketing would have joined the strike, said security director Richard McEnroe, and even part-timers would have been locked out by the city "for their own safety."

And Ms. Gauthier said the workers would have been supported by the blue-collar local. "We planned to picket the entrance of the Corporation Yard and they told us they would not cross the picket line."

The white-collar workers, whose last contract expired Dec. 31, 1991, gave their union executive a strike mandate March 4.

"It was to have been of unlimited duration," Ms. Gauthier said. "It's too bad we had to push them (the city) so far before they came through with an acceptable offer."

She said Mayor May Cutler had signed a letter of intent with the union as part of the last contract, stating that existing employees would not lose money in the new job evaluation scale, which has remained unsettled until now. The union contended the latest scale proposed by the city would limit potential earnings of technicians and engineers in the top grades.

The new contract pegs a secretary's hourly rate at \$17.79.

White-collar employees include all library workers except for the adult librarian, members of the recreation department and many clerks.

The only services designated as essential, Ms. Gauthier said, were fire department dispatchers (of which she is one) and the clerks of court.

Students mourn CEGEP changes

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Dawson College reaction to CEGEP reform released by the government Tuesday night is mixed as officials grapple with the implications.

The main changes involve adding Grade 10 physics and Grade 11 second language and math to CEGEP entrance requirements as well as imposing a \$50 tuition fee per course for students who fail repeatedly. Compulsory physical education classes will be cut by half and humanities will go from four courses to three over the two years.

"We're upset because she (Education Minister Lucienne Robillard) didn't listen to our concerns about keeping our four gym courses and the imposition of fees," said Dawson Students' Union member Jessica Brown. "Once that tuition process begins, they can later say they need more money and fees will be implemented for all students."

Dawson students will be wearing armbands next week to protest the tuition and course cuts, she said.

"My own reaction is that it is a good reform," said Dawson director-general Patrick Woodworth. "What I like is that it places greater autonomy and more responsibility in the hands of the college."

But Dawson Teachers' Union rep Joanne Deller said she is worried that teachers' professional autonomy will be limited and that the college will have more bureaucratic control over course content.

The five-year reform will cost \$52.6 million but will save \$30 million a year because higher standards and new fees will mean fewer students spending less time in school, said Ms. Deller.

"Do we really want to save

money by having fewer students?" she said. "I don't think so. If that's what they're hoping for it seems a bit Machiavellian."

She said she is disappointed that the government didn't produce a white paper before going through with the changes.

"With our stressful way of life, cutting the phys ed in half will cost us down the line in terms of health costs," said Ms. Deller. "It is false savings."

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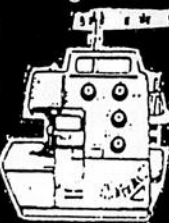


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We Say

The time is ripe

We are not alone.

It is not just English-speaking people who want bilingual signs. Allies can be found in other minorities and the French majority.

Enough is enough and, the Conseil de la langue française report notwithstanding, many Quebecers are ready for the pendulum to swing back and find its rightful place.

The report, released last Thursday, will undoubtedly be interesting to historians. It is a good example of how philosophically unbending people can remain after five years of reassurance.

Quebec has changed enormously since the notwithstanding clause was legislated in 1988 — making all commercial signs except those in French illegal — and even more so since immigrants were forced into French schools in the mid-70s.

There was a fuss, and anger, but we confidently looked forward to the day the clause was up for renewal. By then, Quebecers will have been sensitized and Québécois will have been reassured — or so popular wisdom said.

And it has happened.

The Quebec government is diminished by sign fights, such as the one in Pointe Claire where a bakery store owner is fighting for the right to display a multilingual sign saying "Welcome."

For shame; and how embarrassing on the international front.

The language of signs is deeply meaningful. It does not necessarily hamper

communication or thwart understanding (there are exceptions — VOS PHARES?), but it has become an unnecessary irritant to non-Franco-phone shoppers and store owners.

If the sign law were abolished and none other put in its place, store owners would not revert to English en masse. They, too, have been sensitized.

Though it is an emotional issue, the sign debate is superceded by another, more important one to the English community; access to English schools and making the province an attractive place for graduates to live and work.

The numbers of students in English schools is dropping and the community is doomed to extinction without fresh sources of students. Allowing people from English-speaking countries to enroll in English schools is sensible and necessary.

Further, and just as important, graduates need to feel welcome.

Graduates go where the jobs are. They also go where they feel at home.

Neither of these conditions exists in Quebec or, most particularly, Montreal. The job rate is low, people of English origin are not welcomed by the province's largest employer — the government — and anglophones are not made to feel welcome in Quebec.

These issues are at hand. Now is the time to fight for our heritage. Maybe writing Claude Ryan, the minister responsible for language laws, won't help — but it can't hurt.

We're waiting

It won't go away.

Council may wish it gone, but residents are being uncooperatively tenacious about the library issue.

They want to see fired chief librarian Rosemary Lydon rehired, and are planning a candlelight vigil before the next council meeting to drive the point home. They also want the position of chief librarian reinstated, regardless of whether another manager is hired to oversee the library and recreation and culture department.

This issue has dogged council since its last meeting a month ago. Since then, a petition of 1,615 names has been deposited with Mayor Peter Trent.

It is not something he or council can

ignore. It must be addressed at the meeting Tuesday.

Despite a long "letter" to residents published in THE EXAMINER three weeks ago, and a criss-cross of letters between residents and the director-general since, the major questions remain.

Why was Miss Lydon really fired? How can the city justify getting rid of its chief librarian? (It says it is trimming managerial levels, but really — starting from the top?)

Enough questions and discrepancies have been raised to require further discussion. Council must gird its loins and re-enter the fray.

Taxpayers demand it.

You Say

Flawed reasoning

I am appalled at the illogical reasoning of William B. Mauer in his letter published in THE EXAMINER April 1, *Who are the Kidds kidding?*

In response to his question, "If the property had gone down in value after they sold it, and if the purchaser had asked the Kidds to return some of the purchase price, would they have done so?" this is a three-part question and my answers are, it did (as a residential property), they didn't and we wouldn't.

Similarly, I didn't ask the vendor for a reduction in price on my Victoria Avenue house when the market fell (after August 1990); an offer had been made and accepted; there was nothing covert.

I am mesmerized that an "attorney" would consider that the "court's time and a lot of money was wasted;" is this not a free democratic society wherein one fights for one's rights?

The fact that my Superior Court action was dismissed does not mean that I can't appeal — I can and I am.

I recognize a citizen's right to an opinion, but to proclaim one's profession is redundant even if it does give credence to my views.

Dennis Kidd
617 Victoria Ave.
WESTMOUNT

Onion-peeling Schultz's forte

As his letter in a recent EXAMINER shows once again, (city director-general) Manley Schultz may not know anything about how a library is managed, but he certainly has an awesome talent for perceiving layers of management. Why, he can peel off layers of management as though they were skins around an onion.

Guided by his breathtaking analysis and dazzling exposition of the layers of management in our library, let's have a look at a Harvey's restaurant according to Schultz.

After recognizing the restaurant's really obvious manager (capital M, not lower case), Mr. Schultz would identify the next manager as the person who manages the cash register and uses the microphone to order the grill manager and the fries manager to get cooking. The grill manager passes the cooked hamburger to the dressings manager, who lays on sundry garnishes. The dressings manager passes the burger to the fries and soft drink manager (in some stores there are two layers of management here).

Voila — four or five layers of management (definitely lower case) before the burger reaches the "client, the public, the... user," as Mr. Schultz puts it, bolstering his authority with grandiloquent rhetorical repetition for emphasis. He certainly knows how to drive home a point that he considers might be a hard idea for lesser folks to grasp without his series of synonyms, which could have included "customer" for extra insurance.

How would Mr. Schultz reduce the layers of managers at a Harvey's? Guided by what he did in the library, he would fire the one manager (capital M) who sees to it that the whole operation runs smoothly. I think he'd do better peeling onions.

Alex Newell
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Wrong words used

We're blindly accepting the terminology invented by the bullies: let's stop referring

to the cruelty in ex-Yugoslavia as "ethnic cleansing." The term strongly implies something we all like — cleanliness — but we're actually talking about the dirtiest human behaviour possible: fanatical, cruel bigotry, leading to a systematic new Holocaust.

Are we actually on the side of the perpetrators too? Do we think it's "cleansing" and OK, or do we think it's outrageous, shocking cruelty? I know that cleansing has the special meaning of expulsion from a region, but the Serbs want to expel the Moslems from the entire planet, so it's not even accurate.

If we care about maiming little kids, bombing grieving families at funerals, and preventing food getting to starving, sic-torified people, let's start calling the phenomenon what it is, especially in the media. It's "ethnic persecution" (that's what we said about the Nazis) and/or genocide or ethnic/racist cruelty.

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Friedman omits one vital fact

I was rather taken aback to read that your columnist, Matthew Friedman, has come to the conclusion that "Westmount is too small." He bases this on the survey in *L'Actualité* that listed the 50 "best" municipalities in Quebec. He points out that most of the top 10 were medium-sized cities, and to him this "underlines what urban planners have long known," that smaller municipalities cannot "meet their citizens' needs."

What Mr. Friedman overlooks is the crucial fact that the survey was restricted to the 50 largest municipalities. Since Westmount is number 57 in population (but, significantly, number 11 in valuation), we were not included. The cut-off point was about 22,000 in population — just 2,000 more than that of Westmount.

Had they stretched their survey a bit to include cities over 20,000, Westmount should have been first!

It is not irrelevant to point out that the fourth-place winner was Outremont — a city with only 22,700 people. As well, Outremont has only 60 per cent of our total evaluation, and only one-third of our transient (daily) population.

Mr. Friedman addressed Westmount's imagined problem by suggesting ways for us to grow. While I have no problem with rationalizing our boundaries to include small parts of Montreal, I don't think services would be improved to Westmounters if "Westmount, Snowdon, and part of N.D.G. could merge into a thriving, demographically consistent city."

Peter F. Trent
Mayor
WESTMOUNT

Library overview by committee head

As chairman of the Library Building Steering Committee it seems appropriate that I should give your readers a short history of the Renewal Project, and explain where we have got to.

Some four years ago, the professional staff of the library, with the library committee, developed detailed plans for the library, covering expansion, modernization of services, automation and other new technologies. These were refined and formalized by our library consultant into the excellent and comprehensive plan to which we are working.

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I Say!

IT goes without saying that you should never have more children than you have car windows.

—Erma Bombeck

EXAMINING THE FILES

Forty-five Years Ago
April 9, 1948

Headline: "Cavalcade of Christendom Booth Opens Next Week." Story: "On Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. in St. Matthias' Church Parish Hall, 12 Churchill Avenue, the African booth for the Cavalcade of Christendom will be open to the public. Madame Maria Huldshinsky will give a short illustrated talk 'African Journey' based on her travels."

Thirty-five Years Ago
April 4, 1958

Headline: "88-year-old resident repair racket victim." Story: A stranger rang a man's door and said his chimney had fallen down. The stranger offered to repair it, clambered up to the roof and presented the householder with a \$600 bill the next day. The homeowner asked what the man had done, and received a long list of repairs, none of which could be found by neighbours who went up to check the work. "He took advantage of me," said the man, who recently spent time in hospital recovering from a broken leg, hip, knee and eight ribs.

Twenty-five Years Ago
April 4, 1968

"The mounties are staying in Westmount. Tuesday morning Mayor M. L. Tucker signed over an approximate 45,000 square feet of his city, expropriated by the federal government as the site of the new Royal Canadian Mounted Police headquarters. The land, west of Greene Avenue and between St. Catherine Street and Dorchester Boulevard, was priced at \$800,000, or approximately \$17.50 per square foot."

Ten Years Ago
April 7, 1983

Alliance Quebec, one year after it was formed: "Quebec's anglophone community, previously insecure, seemed finally to be coming into its own (having started a year ago). Now, a year later, the Alliance cannot point to many concrete changes in legislation that have occurred as a result of their pressure (a notable exception being the recent change in unemployment insurance benefits regulations regarding French language training courses)."

One Year Ago
April 9, 1992

"A Westmount pharmacist has been charged with 10 counts of selling prescription drugs without a prescription following a year-long investigation, police confirmed Monday. Jack Shore, 56, was arrested last Thursday at his pharmacy in the Westmount Medical Building, 5025 Sherbrooke St."

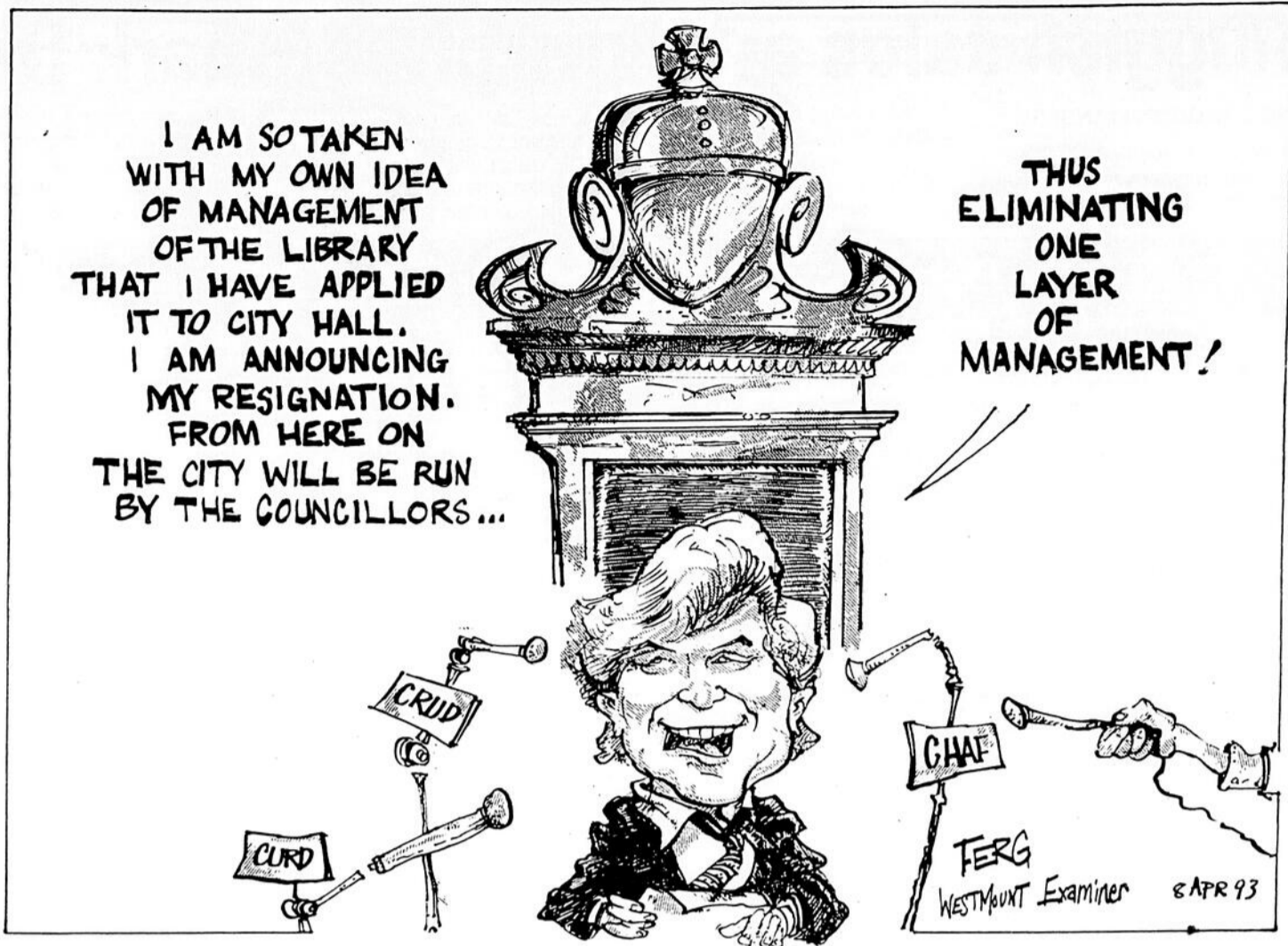
our Mayor
Peter F. Trent
says...



Rip van Winkle wakes

It looks like the sleepyheads have woken up. A year ago, I was ready to recommend we pull out of the Conference of Suburban Mayors. Originally set up to counter-balance the overwhelming city of Montreal, it had become a kind of somnolent senate rubber-stamping everything the MUC did.

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Wielding washroom power pisses people off

Parental Advisory: column may contain questionable language. I'm pissed off. I'm fully aware that I don't usually write that sort of thing in my columns, even when I am... er... irked. It's just it's so apropos. There I was, baffled by the bandage selection in the Greene Avenue outlet of a certain large-chain drugstore (which shall remain nameless). There were fabric bandages and plastic ones, illustrated ones and clear ones, brand-name ones and generic ones. There were big ones, small ones and combinations. There were value packs, pricier packs and gold-plated packs. I realised I needed to refer to the end user or court disaster (refusal to use). As it happened, the principal end user, in the person of my younger son (he's at the "Band-Aid age"), chose that moment to appear at my elbow. His first words, however, drove bandages from my mind. "Is there a bathroom, Mom?"

Parents know this is an all-systems alert. Kids don't think long-range about much, least of all mundane bodily functions. Furthermore, I had just seen him down a soft drink in record time. The matter was obviously urgent. I trotted with him to the front of the store and asked an unoccupied cashier where we might find the washroom. She immediately developed that in-over-my-head look and referred the question to an occupied cashier. The latter, without so much as a glance in our direction, said, "They're private."

The unoccupied cashier helpfully

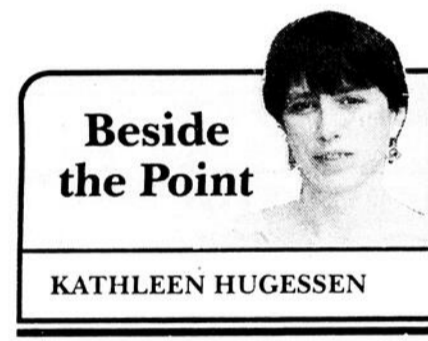
translated: "They're private," she said.

I looked at her in disbelief. What did they think my kid was going to do? Leave the seat up? Not flush? Miss? Pee his name on the wall? He crossed his legs. Her expression was full of pained understanding and powerlessness. It told me she regretted having to refuse him, that she knew he might be on the point of rupture but, honestly, what could she do? It is writ large somewhere, presumably in stone: "They're private."

From stunned disbelief to enraged mother bear took about a millisecond. I flung the items I'd been planning to purchase into a nearby bargain bin, stormed out of the store, dragged my son across the street ("Can we find one soon, Mom?") and located a washroom in a Westmount Square restaurant. The personnel asked no questions, just pointed the way. The crisis was over.

That evening, after dining downtown, I passed an outlet of a different large-chain pharmacy. There I made the purchases I had foregone in the morning. (Incidentally, I settled on a brand-name value-pack, assorted sizes, of transparent plastic Band-Aids.) I have rarely felt so righteous over the sum of \$7.12. Mind you, I didn't ask to use the washroom.

Which brings me to some of my favourite people in the world — bus drivers who stop between bus stops. They stop when it's pouring with rain or when the cold could crystallise bone marrow. They stop for people who were running but have given up in despair. They stop for the elderly, or



Beside the Point

KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

for those who look as though missing the bus would be the last straw, or they stop just because. Sometimes, rather than stopping between stops, they loiter at one for a bit because they see you on the far side of the street waiting for the light to change.

Bus drivers who stop between bus stops are urban heroes. They could be reprimanded because, after all, it's against the rules and potentially dangerous. But they're prepared to take that risk occasionally. They ignore the rulebook and treat their passengers like human beings rather than like cargo. In return, as often as not, they get to suffer abuse from other drivers, their passengers and even the odd pedestrian.

I think bus drivers who stop between bus stops should be retired to cushy jobs. I think they should be made cashiers at large-chain pharmacy outlets because, if a little kid is standing there suffering uncompromising internal pressures, that kind of bus driver won't say, "They're private." That kind of bus driver will say, "Right this way, kid."

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



The joke's on us

The sheer volume of printed matter we receive every day is daunting and, to

me, mostly unnecessary. To justify their existence and their paycheques, civil servants produce reports, studies, surveys and proposals by the ton. Not satisfied with overwriting, they then have these documents printed in fancy brochures that they then send to all manner of persons, most of whom toss them in the recycling bin.

Occasionally we get something worth reading but, because of the paucity, we

risk throwing them away, unread, with the others.

I also receive letters. Many of them are abusive and I usually don't read them to the end. I can even appreciate the therapeutic value in writing vitriolic stuff to your M.N.A. Once in a while I reply with an "up yours" response.

One of the old standbys is:

"Dear Sir/Madam: You should know that some idiot on your street is sending

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Sluggish sales and low prices mark December

By J. MARION FEINBERG

A fairly low number of sales and a marked decrease in the average price were the characteristics of

the last dismal month of 1992, an analysis of December transfers at city hall shows.

Only 14 properties changed hands compared to 27 the year

before, in the traditionally slow month of December. This month is also a time when properties often change hands to receive a tax break in that calendar year, according to

real estate experts.

There were a high number of sales in October, which dipped in November and continued a downward trend in December.

Many of the transfers registered in December are deals that were inked in October, during the referendum campaign. Although real estate agents at the time said the political climate had no real impact, the numbers suggest otherwise.

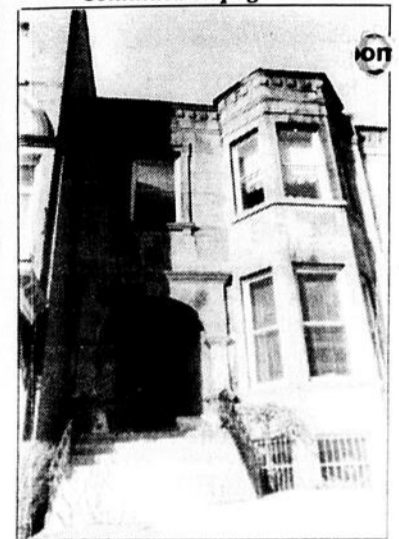
"During the referendum, many people were just waiting," said Westmount Re/Max agent Julia Daniels Monday. "This is reflected in the almost complete standstill in September. Uncertainty never breeds a good market."

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December Real Estate Transactions

ADDRESS	FROM	TO	PRICE	VALUATION
43 Barat	Claudia Rawas	Co. Montreal Trust	\$405,000	\$405,500
635 Carleton	Harry Hopkeyer	Bernard Matte	See below	\$713,000
229-231 Clarke	Vivian Agia	Raymond Agia	See below	\$377,600
399 Clarke #5D	Aaron Blauer and Barbara Joseph for the Blauer Family Trust	Salman Lawee	\$175,000	\$231,000
430 Clarke (50%)	153756 Canada Ltée.	Guy Salvat	\$212,500	\$185,900
346 Grosvenor	Sylvie Ledoux	Lawrence Pfeffer	\$138,000	\$143,200
359 Redfern	Martin Jones	Joanne Teasdale	See below	\$514,000
368 Redfern	Donald Doell and Vijoleta Juras	Harvey Sheffern	\$420,000	\$703,400
545 Roslyn	Alberto Galeone and Louisa D'Altilia	Estate of Irving Pottel, Linda Pottel Stromberg and Jonathan Pottel	\$590,000	\$982,300
3117-21 St. Antoine	Nhan Dung Cuong and Benedicte Darses	Donald Steven and Margaret Ann Mackenzie	\$273,000	\$296,400
4700 St. Catherine, #411	Penny Arsenault	Robert Lachance and Louise Ulyatt	\$220,000	\$281,300
18 Surrey Gardens and vacant lot	Gemma Cheng	Hoechst Canada Inc.	\$590,000	\$767,100
4753 The Boulevard	Tu Anh Quan and Constanza Artero	Helen Bloom	\$540,000	\$812,400
806 Upper Lansdowne	Stephen Bower and Dian Adele James	Donald Doell and Vijoleta Juras	\$370,000	\$448,400
323-323B Victoria	Gestion P.A. Taillefer et Fils Inc.	Frans Clavet	\$195,000	238,600
17-19 Winchester	Dimitry Zhivotovsky	Rodash Courtney and Audrey Collins	\$125,000	\$282,200
1 Wood, #406	Jasmine Leymarie	Françoise Ponthus	\$300,000	\$300,000

635 Carleton was bought with \$1 and consideration. Transfer tax was paid on \$775,000.
 229-231 Clarke was bought with \$1 and considerations. Transfer tax was paid on \$120,000
 359 Redfern was bought with \$1 and considerations. Transfer tax was paid on \$549,000.



229-31 CLARKE
 Least expensive sale and lowest markup: \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$120,000. Markup: -68.22%



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Real Estate

By Reg Morden

 Happy Easter

APPRAISAL METHODS

Comedian Buddy Hackett put it nicely: "If everybody had the same opinion, every man would want to marry my wife." So goes the art of appraising the value of property. In the final analysis, every piece of property is different. Basically, there are three methods of arriving at a value estimate.

- Comparison.** A comparison is made as to price, value, and location in relation to other properties in the same neighbourhood.
- Reproduction Cost.** How much would it cost to reproduce the structure? Add to this the value of the land and deduct for depreciation.
- Capitalization.** This is used for income property. The value is established by consideration of the present and future income value of the property.

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December sales down

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James Quinlan, manager of Westmount's Royal LePage office, said that even though the voting didn't actually change much, there was some degree of hesitancy in the buyers' market.

Selling prices were 21.9 per cent below evaluated levels, indicating an abrupt end to the two-month upwards crawl in prices. Even the adjusted average price, obtained when the two highest and lowest figures are omitted, plummeted from \$444,615 in November 1992 to \$369,250 — a difference of \$75,365 or 16.95 per cent.

Three sales were recorded as having sold for \$1 and considerations, including the highest (635 Carleton) and lowest (229-231 Clarke). Transfer tax was paid on \$775,000 and \$120,000 respectively. Aside from these, most sales were in the \$125,000 to \$370,000 range. Two were in the \$400,000s and three in the \$500,000s.

The typical price of a Westmount home was \$399,467, down from \$429,549 the year before. The city of Westmount calculates the average 1992-94 valuation of single-family homes as \$521,300. The typical price is determined by applying the adjusted average markup to this figure.

359 Redfern was listed as a previous sale; it changed hands in September 1990 for \$510,000. More than two years later it was sold for \$1 and considerations, with transfer tax paid on \$549,000.

Three condominiums were sold for a total price of \$695,000, an average selling price of \$231,665.

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635 CARLETON

Most costly sale: \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$775,000.

DECEMBER HOUSE SALES

Following is a summary of sales of single- and two-family houses in Westmount registered in December 1992, with corresponding figures for December 1991 in parentheses. Transfers of properties due to successions, family or business transactions are excluded, as are condominiums, commercial and industrial properties:

- Total sales: 14 (27)
- Total price: \$5,302,500 (\$9,905,627)
- Total valuation: \$6,870,000 (\$8,691,200)
- Markup of average price over average valuation: -22.82% (14%)
- Markup of average price over average valuation (adjusted*): -21.94% (12.8%)
- Typical price based on adjusted mark-up of typical valuation**:

\$399,467 (\$429,549)

• Average price for month's transfers (adjusted*): \$369,250 (\$351,484)

*To counteract the statistical effect of extreme sales, the two highest and two lowest markups or prices are eliminated from the calculations.

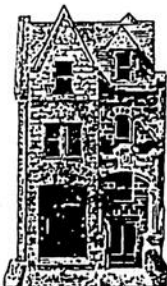
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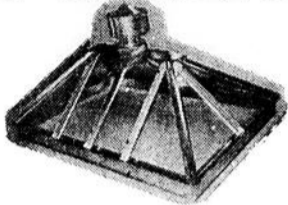
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STATION 23 LOG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Amorous cabbie makes a pass

A 22-year-old Westmount woman who entertained a taxi driver in her home at 3:40 a.m. Sunday, told police the man tried to break in after leaving. The woman had asked him to go when he became amorous.

He had helped her force open her own basement window when she took the cab home and discovered she was without her keys. She invited him in for coffee. He tried to kiss her and "go further," said crime prevention officer Lise Bergeron. After he departed, she heard noises from the basement about 6:30 p.m. and saw a silhouette at the window. She started screaming, went to the door and recognized the cabbie, who fled.

The cabbie was about 29 years old, according to her description.

Man assaulted

A 32-year-old Westmount man was assaulted twice Tuesday last week by a man he knows only by the first name, police said. First, he was punched in the face outside the Open Door shelter at 1044 Atwater Ave. by the suspect who said, "Why did you say I stole your jacket?" The suspect then left. Later, they met up in Place Alexis Nihon, where the suspect hit the victim with his elbow. The victim had a bruised face but did not go to hospital.

Free fuel

A resident of Kensington Avenue received a credit card bill from a gasoline company asking for payment of \$843.93, police said. The resident claims never to have received the card in the mail. A check of numerous transactions starting Feb. 22 reveals someone using the card had filled up four times at the same South Shore garage on the same day and five times on another day in Anjou, Longueuil, St. Hubert and Montreal, indicating someone may have been filling friends' cars, police said. Most of the charges came from St. Hubert, Greenfield Park, Chambly and Bouchemville.

Condos looted

Two condominiums were broken into Monday last week at 4855 de Maisonneuve Blvd. at Victoria Avenue, police said. Both front doors appeared to have been pried open between noon and 3:50 p.m. by someone using a crowbar. A bracelet, watches, rings, gold chains and earrings were taken from one. A VCR was stolen from the other.

Afternoon theft

Someone broke into the back of the Café Gourmet store Saturday afternoon to steal a bag of money from a locked filing cabinet, police said. The break-in occurred between 4:15 and 4:45 p.m. while employees were busy in the front. The amount of theft was not divulged.

Borrowed credit

A man was arrested Wednesday last week trying to get a cash advance in U.S. funds using a stolen Visa card from the Toronto-Dominion Bank at 1289 Greene Ave., police said. The card belongs to a man living on St. Hubert Street. A second card also was found on the suspect. A 21-year-old man from St. Jean-sur-Richelieu was sent to police headquarters to be charged with fraud and possession of stolen credit cards.

Maybe armed but surely a robber

A man claiming to have a gun hidden under his jacket escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash from the Pharmaprix store in Place Alexis Nihon Wednesday last week, police said. He ran out the de Maisonneuve exit. Another man was waiting outside the store. The robber originally asked the cashier at 1:22 p.m. where he could find sticky tape. He then asked for cigarettes before saying he was armed and wanted the contents of the cash register.

Speedy withdrawal

A 31-year-old N.D.G. man who had his wallet stolen from his locker at the Westmount YMCA Tuesday last week discovered someone had withdrawn \$120 from his bank account by the time he reported his bank card missing. Police said the locker was broken into between 2 and 4 p.m.



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Man curses passerby in scuffle over cheque

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A 51-year-old man argued with his grown son over money while drinking from a wine bottle at Sherbrooke and Victoria Friday morning. He cursed at passersby and slowed traffic for some 45 minutes.

Police finally arrived, commandeered a taxi and helped the son get his father into the car to be taken home to N.D.G.

"I don't want him charged," said the 28-year-old son in appealing to passersby for help. "I love him."

Police said Monday they did not want to arrest the man because his son was trying to get him home. They also did not want to drive him home in a patrol car because he had the money to take a taxi and it might have "destroyed his dignity."

The pair were first seen arguing and shoving on the south side of Sherbrooke Street at Grosvenor Avenue about 10:30 a.m.. Walking west, the older man began shouting obscenities and gesturing at pedestrians. The two eventually went

into the Laurentian Bank where the man continued yelling that he wanted money, prompting bank officials to call 911. It turned out that the man wanted to cash a cheque.

The two men continued shouting. A public safety officer was flagged down and waited inside until police arrived.

"See how important I am," the man shouted happily to his son as customers walked in and out. "I have five policemen around me."

Officers waited while the pair cashed the cheque and withdrew \$507. Once outside, police and public security left them seated on a bench arguing loudly over a roll of bills they kept snatching from each other and stuffing in their socks. The son wanted to keep it for the father "to pay the rent." His father wanted to keep it.

At one point, the older man snatched sunglasses off his son's face, bit them into pieces and threw them into the snow. The younger man, bleeding from one hand, picked up snow to stop the

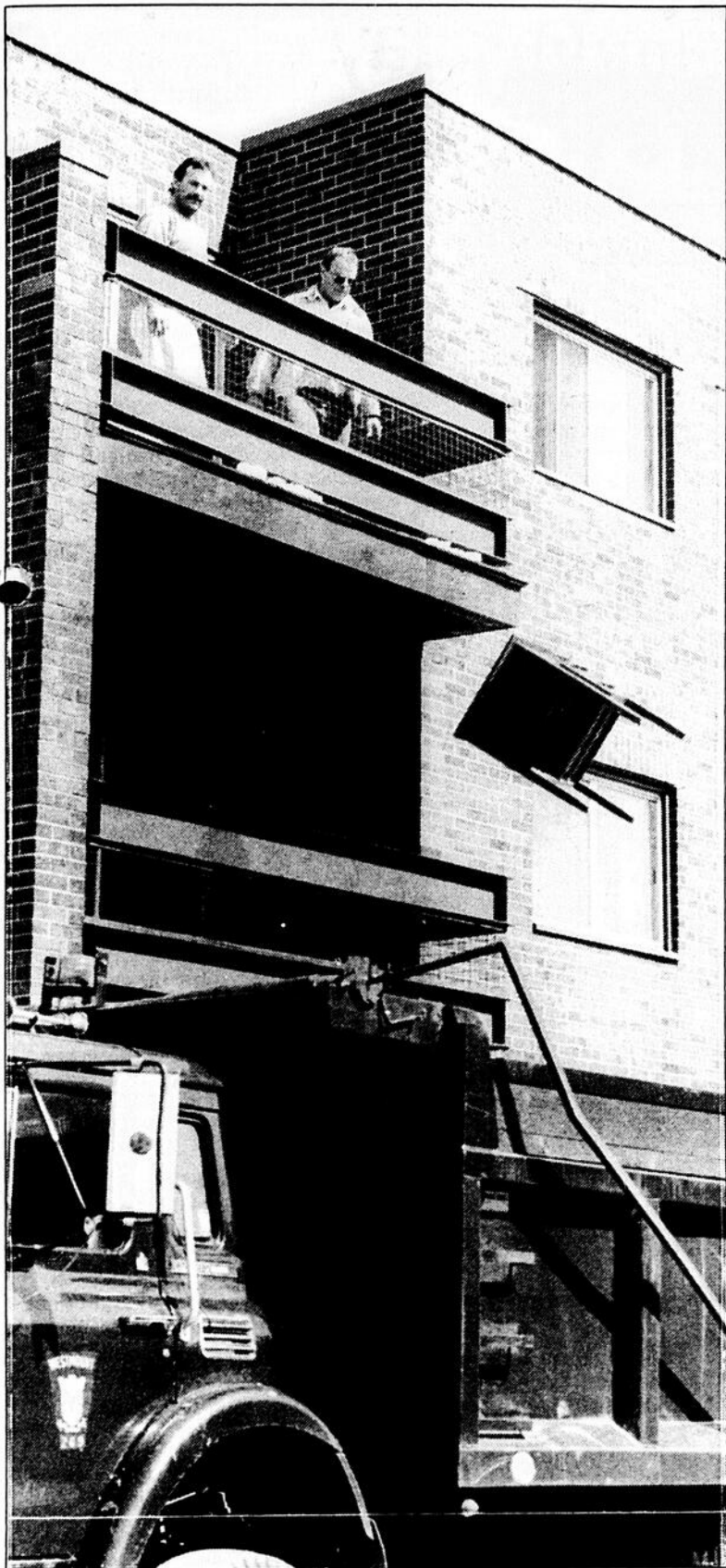
blood.

Eventually public safety and police reappeared as the older man "ran helter-skelter" along the sidewalk outside the Royal Bank, according to a security unit report.

Close to 11:30 a.m., police stopped traffic, ordered a taxi to make a U-turn and take the couple away. By this time the older man was thanking and embracing police, wishing them "Happy Easter" as he was nudged into the cab with his son.

Hanging fire

Someone set fire to a blouse on a clothesline behind the women's shelter of the Salvation Army at 4102 Dorchester Blvd. Tuesday last week, according to police and fire reports. A pile of ashes was found on the ground after residents detected a strange odour similar to burning leaves about 1:30 p.m. The clothesline was also burned. Police attributed the mischief to "kids passing through the lane."



A desk is tossed from Alice Mitchell's third-storey apartment into a city truck that hauled the dead woman's furniture away.

An unceremonious end

By ALISON RAMSEY

THE REMNANTS of Alice Mitchell's 91 years of living were thrown from her third-floor apartment into a city truck Tuesday.

Miss Mitchell died in October, but her estate has been paying rent on her subsidized Hillside Avenue apartment ever since.

With about 20 people on the waiting list for a one-bedroom for anyone younger than 65, Hillside apartments manager Mary Lefebvre said enough is enough. She contacted Miss Mitchell's lawyer (her executor had died before she did) and arranged to have the furnishings removed.

Flimsy bookshelves, a mattress and box spring, a desk, carpeting and more were tossed off the balcony and filled a city truck. Her personal possessions had been taken away months before by a relative living in England.

Miss Mitchell, unmarried and without children, left a few things behind that Ms. Lefebvre is making sure will be well used. One piece of art — a print — hanging on the wall

is earmarked for the Westmount Rotary Club for its auction, as stipulated in Miss Mitchell's will.

Her two sewing machines are headed for the seniors' home next door.

"Poor old Alice wouldn't go in the building," said Ms. Lefebvre, "but the sewing machine will go into it."

Miss Mitchell refused to move from her apartment despite Ms. Lefebvre's urging and the fact that she "didn't get on with the neighbours." She had moved in when the building first opened in 1974.

Legally blind in her last year, Miss Mitchell started relying on a CLSC nurse in addition to Ms. Lefebvre.

"She loved to get out, take a walk to the library," said Ms. Lefebvre. The longtime Westmount resident had retired from Sun Life, was treasurer of the lawn bowling club, played bowling and golf, she said.

"She could have afforded to live elsewhere," said Ms. Lefebvre, looking at the apartment's dingy walls, soon to be cleaned and repainted. "But it was home."

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Library association may fight librarian's firing

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Canadian Library Association may intercede in the firing of the city's chief librarian Rosemary Lydon.

The association is determining if the city violated the group's dismissal guidelines, THE EXAMINER learned Monday.

The 5,000-member group is considering taking a position on the issue, said executive director Karen Adams. Their position would bring pressure to bear on the city on Miss Lydon's behalf. Its membership includes libraries, boards of trustees, managers and librarians across Canada.

The city, through Westmount Public Library, is an member of the association.

The association's statement on employment practices states that whenever dismissal of an employee is considered, employers must give warning and reasons to the employee, allowing time for

improvement within a stated period.

"An employer," it adds, "has a responsibility to make every effort, before termination...to relocate the individual within the work place to a position for which he/she is qualified."

Neither procedure was followed, Miss Lydon confirmed when contacted Monday.

Attempts by Mayor Peter Trent to resolve the issue directly with Miss Lydon have not yet succeeded. Their last meeting was March 26.

The firing of Miss Lydon Feb. 17 after 21 years in Westmount Public Library outraged residents, 1,615 of whom put their names to a petition asking city council to reinstate her.

The city said Miss Lydon's position was being eliminated in a restructuring move to merge administration of the library and the department of recreation and culture.

Mr. Trent has since admitted the city did not feel Miss Lydon was qualified to manage an expanded library after the imminent \$7.5 million building project is complete. She has not been offered training to do so.

Though the library association has no guidelines covering the combined management of a library and recreation department, its executive director said she was not aware of any other place where this had been done successfully.

"I assume if it was a great idea everyone would be doing it," she said.

Plans to eliminate the chief librarian position in the new structure would get rid of one layer of management, city officials said. No move has been made to abolish the parallel position of recreation director.

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Easter Services
Today: Maundy Thursday,
7:00 p.m.

The Institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 9, Good Friday
11:30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross
1 - 2:30 p.m.

The Celebration to the Lord's Passion
Saturday, April 10
9:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter

Rector: Father Robert Warren
Organist and Director of Church Music:
Mr Henry Abley

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Thursday, April 8
Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m. Sung Eucharist

Friday, April 9
Good Friday
12 noon - 3 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Preacher: Canon John McNab

Sunday, April 11
Easter Day
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Rector: Rev. J. Warren Eling

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CONGREGATION SHAAR HASHOMAYIM

450 Kensington Avenue

CHOL HAMOED PESACH

Thursday, April 8th and Friday, April 9th
Sachrit 7:15 a.m.

Thursday, April 8th
Mincha-Maariv 7:25 p.m.

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED

SABBATH EVE - Friday, April 9th
Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:16 p.m.

Mincha-Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 p.m.

SABBATH DAY - April 10th
Sachrit 8:30 a.m. in the Main Synagogue

SABBATH TWILIGHT

Mincha 7:35 p.m. - Maariv 8:15 p.m.

THE CONCLUDING DAYS

Eve of the Seventh Day of Pesach
Sunday, April 11th
Candle Lighting 7:19 p.m.

Mincha-Kabbalat Yom Tov 7:30

THE SEVENTH DAY OF PESACH

Monday, April 12th
Sachrit 8:30 a.m. in the Main Synagogue

Scriptural Readings 9:45 a.m.
Candle Lighting 8:19 p.m.

Mincha-Kabbalat Yom Tov 7:40

THE EIGHT DAY OF PESACH

Tuesday, April 13th
Sachrit 8:30 a.m. in the Main Synagogue

Scriptural Readings 9:45 a.m.
YIZKOR (Memorial Services) 10:20 a.m.

Mincha-Maariv 7:45 p.m.
Eating of Chometz permitted at 10:00 p.m.

Wed. April 14 - Fri. April 16 Sachrit 7:30 a.m.

Wed. April 14 - Thurs. April 15
Mincha-Maariv 7:35 p.m.

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12 noon Family Service with dramatic presentation by the children

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Our Good Friday observances, held at St. George's Church, are shared with our sister church, St. Stephen's, Westmount.

Saturday, April 10 HOLY SATURDAY

3-10 p.m. Video presentation: "Jesus of Nazareth" by Franco Zefferelli, on a large screen. One-hour break for supper. Freewill offering appreciated.

Sunday, April 12 EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Baptism,
followed by reception & hot cross buns.

11 a.m. Procession & Choral Eucharist. Sermon: (Rev.) Brett Cane,
followed by reception & hot cross buns.
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The Rev. Brett Cane
Organist:
Peter Hawkins

Ramp makes St. Matthias' wheelchair accessible

St. Matthias' Church has become wheelchair accessible, just in time for Easter services.

A few weeks ago, a ramp was installed that gives access to the church through the office entrance at 10 Church Hill.

Though "I don't think it kept people away," said pastoral care coordinator Muriel Douglas, "it will make it easier. I think more people will come."

Wheelchairs had to be lifted over the couple of steps the ramp now covers. The ramp makes it easier not only for people in wheelchairs, but for those with reduced

mobility who use walkers or canes.

The ramp was paid for by donations made in the memory of parishioners Mrs. Ashby and Mrs. Robson.

"We wanted it for a long time," said rector's warden Marie Lloyd-Smith.

Local services for seniors

Seniors living alone can sign up for Contactivity Centre's Tele-check service, which means they take a minute out of each day to check in by phone. Call 932-3433 for details.

Volunteers are needed to visit isolated seniors for conversation, reading, and to accompany them on walks or appointments.

Who's doing what?

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

March 29

4585 Sherbrooke: for the Westmount YMCA by Denis Groleau, plumbing work, \$1400;

March 30

No permits were issued on this day.

March 31


467 Argyle: for C. Kitner by self, conversion of door to window, \$450;

April 1

331 Clarke: for 81769 Canada Inc. by Alerte 2000, fire alarm system, \$30,000;

April 2

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St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas United Church
The Boulevard at Lansdowne - 486-1165
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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 11:00 a.m.
Good Friday Services at St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas with Westmount Park Church Participation

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 11:00 a.m.
"EASTER CONFRONTATION"
Rev. Robert J. Shank

Sunday School Crib Corner and program for tots
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Ministers: Rev. Robert J. Shank, Rev. Ruth Brown
Director of Music: Margaret de Castro
Staff Associate: Joyce Schaaf



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Sherbrooke Street West at Bishop

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 6 pm
TENEBRAE
(Holy Communion)

GOOD FRIDAY - 8 pm
THE MESSIAH

EASTER SUNDAY - 11 am
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MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
8:00 p.m. Choral Ceremonies of the Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Passion
Hymns and Music by the Choir

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Ceremonies, Lighting of the Pascal Candel and First Communion of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
8:00 am Holy Communion (Said)
10:00 am EASTER FAMILY SERVICE
CHORAL EUCHARIST with Orchestra
Haydn Mass in honour of St. Nicolai
Let all the World Vaughan Williams
Ave verum corpus Mozart
Toccata (Symphony V) Widor

Rector: Rev. Paul James
Honorary Assistant: The Rev. David Oliver; Director of Music: Michael Capon

Benjamin Robin — stylist to the stars

Hair stylist Benjamin Robin has moved back to Westmount. He had been designing hair styles for stars of stage and screen, plus those few private citizens who

are lucky enough to wangle an appointment, on St. Denis St. for the past few years. That is, unless he was in Cuba, or California, or Louisiana, or...



When Benjamin Robin was 12, he mowed the middle bit off one eyebrow to be "different." He kept the look for more than 10 years — until Vanilla Ice came along with his shaved eyebrow. "Then I had to get rid of it," he said.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

Tuesday's council meeting agenda

The April meeting of city council starts Tuesday at 8 p.m. after two earlier public sessions at 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on demolition and subdivision changes.

The 4:30 meeting gives the public a chance to express opinions on a variety of minor changes to the subdivision bylaw. One change is to establish minimum lot areas and frontages previously determined by a complicated formula. The bylaw is expected to be adopted several hours later at the regular council session.

Other items for the 8 p.m. meeting include:

- The audited financial statement for 1992;
- Sale by tender of used city equipment dating back to 1955: a pickup truck, asphalt spreader, three tractors, a snow blower and two street line painting machines;
- Tenders to purchase: asphalt paving mixes, restoration of sidewalks, street cuts, line truck for light and power department and sidewalk plow;
- Purchase of cable, five portable radios for fire department, installa-

- tions of gas pumps at Corporation Yard; 2,000 tonnes of crushed stone and various computer hardware components;
- Sale of several properties for non-payment of two years of taxes;
- Adoption of bylaw to raise parking meter fines on Dorchester Boulevard;
- List of accounts for February;
- Cadastral operations to extend buildings at 464 Roslyn, 486B Mount Pleasant, 4354 Westmount and 383 Roslyn avenues
- Creation of handicap parking zone on de Maisonneuve

In the neighborhood

by Janet Coutts

"I closed my commercial stores to free myself up for show business," he says.

There is hope, though, for us ordinary mortals. Mr. Robin is thinking about opening a shop in Westmount or nearby, "a total concept shop: one stop for movies, shoes, clothes, hair and maybe food all under one roof."

Even then, you need to be aware that Mr. Robin is not the usual run of hairstylist.

"I do lifestyle haircuts for people when I'm in town. I don't know anyone who would want to see me every week." He's not interested in doing maintenance on his cuts. You get a cut. Then weeks or months later, you get a new cut.

Since he came to Canada at 17, Mr. Robin has dressed hair for 32 films, for Burt Lancaster, Lorenzo Lamas, Justine Bateman (he's not fond of her) and Susan Sarandon.

La Florida hair was his

"The first film I did was *Pinball Summer*, released as *Pickup Summer*, for director George Milhalka. And the most recent was *La Florida* for George, and my sister is in it. I didn't do every film in between, because sometimes I was otherwise engaged. But my partner, Ronald Rolfe, did the ones I couldn't."

Otherwise engaged probably means travelling to locations to do hair for Wonderbra and Daisy Fresh models.

When he's in town, he does hair for Centaur Theatre shows (his partner takes over when he's out of town). Mr. Robin is responsible for artistic director Maurice Podbrey's new look.

Mr. Robin has been a working hairstylist since he was very young. He became interested in the business when he was 12, when one of his eight sisters dated a hairdresser

— and later married him.

Hair tutor in the Islands

"He made it stylish, and I always knew I was good with people. He trained me and gave me a job. When I was 14 my father took me to the Channel Islands where I worked on hair and had a private tutor."

When he was 17, "my brother had a salon in Fairview and became very ill. Some of us came over — my mother, one of my sisters, and me — to be near him."

Mr. Robin, now 32, now reckons he did more harm than good to that salon.

"It was too much of a culture shock. I wanted to do things my way. In any event, I worked there a little more than a year."

His brother eventually made a full recovery, and Mr. Robin was free to do things his way. He has been his own boss for many years; before the shop on St. Denis, he ran a salon on Victoria Avenue at Somerville.

He chose the second floor, rear, preferring to stay out of public view to discourage trim-and-set types.

Mr. Robin's way of doing things is subtle. When someone you know turns up looking great — that's what you notice. If you comment on it, more often than not it turns out to be because "Ben did my hair."

"I'm not the kind to say if you have this shape of face you need this hair style," says Mr. Robin. "If you believe in how you look, you look good."

"It all emanates from how you feel about yourself. (The usual approach) limits you. If your hair had to suit your face shape, every 10 years when the fashions change, we'd all be screwed."

Westmount reminds him of England

Mr. Robin says he moved back to Westmount "because I love the community feeling. It reminds me (geographically) of England."

"My favourite place is Cantor's on Victoria. It's a great place to start the day. Even when I was on St. Denis I used to get supplies from that Cantor's."

When not hobnobbing with famous (or not-yet famous) show folk, Mr. Robin is likely off on a trip on his Kawasaki 750 motorcycle. "After *La Florida* finished shooting, my brother and I took turns driving to New Orleans."

His house and studio contain large plants and an eclectic collection of objets d'art: a garish plaster bust of Elvis Presley, a large African statue, antique barber chairs, photos, a Michael Joy poster. He's been back only since July, so it's not finished yet. "An art director friend will come and prop the house" soon, he says.

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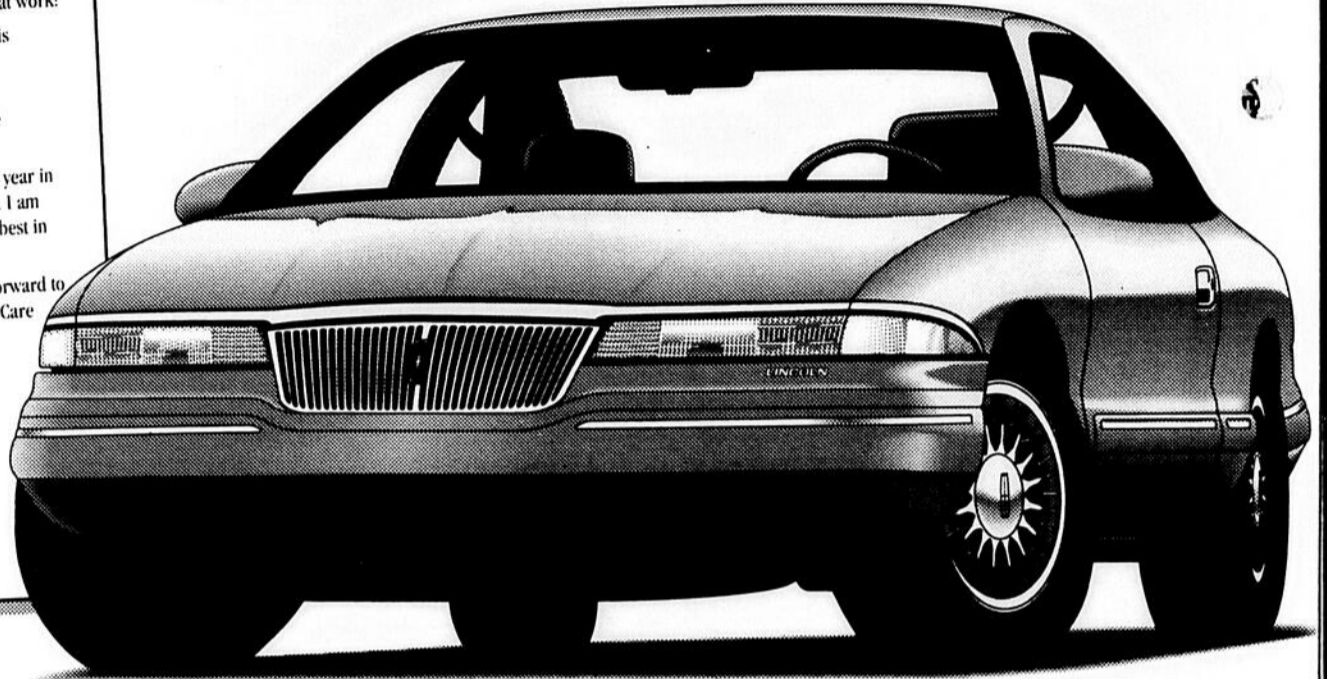
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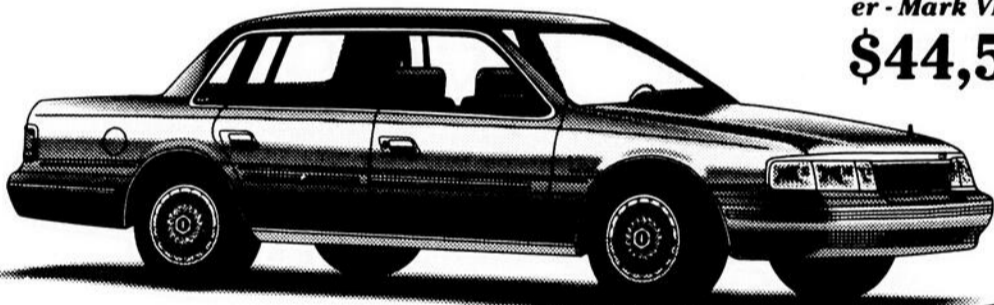
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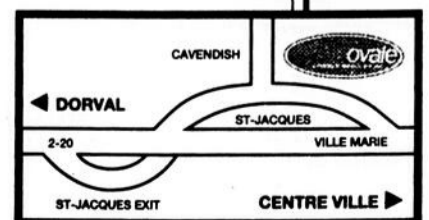
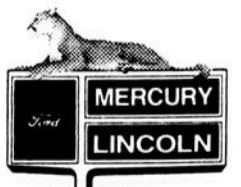
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Economic necessity opens up a whole new market: offices by the hour



Lisa Napoleoni of Prestige Business Centre says her company is the answer to the financial woes of small businesses.

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Recession-strapped entrepreneurs have been embracing the burgeoning phenomenon of business centres as a way to stay afloat financially.

Westmount has one such centre on Greene Avenue called Prestige Business Centre, offering small business people office space by the hour, day or month, mail, telephone, translation services and more. It is a way to list Westmount on their business cards.

Started up more than two years ago by Lisa Napoleoni, the centre boasts about 30 regular clients for the seven-office operation. She used to work in offices and decided after having her first child to strike out on her own.

"When people sign on with us, they don't have to hire staff, buy a photocopier or fax or even office furniture," said Ms. Napoleoni. "We have everything. In many ways we are the answer to the economic problems of small businesses just starting out."

More self-employed than ever before

The Westmount space rents for \$12 an hour and \$50 a day. The services it provides for \$750 a month cost \$1,080 at a West Island centre.

Ten per cent of the Canadian labour force is self-employed, representing a 16 per cent increase since 1986, according to data from the 1991 federal census on labour force activity.

With company jobs disappearing at an alarming rate over the last

five years, many people are becoming more self-reliant. Also, business service industries, like computer centres or accounting services, are the fastest-growing business division, according to Statistics Canada.

While the name "business centre," sometimes referred to as an "executive centre," sounds like corporate jargon, it refers to a number of services offered together as a package or individually as needed.

Fully furnished office can be used for interviews

Imagine a fully-furnished office that you could rent on a hourly, weekly or monthly basis. How about a conference room or just telephone answering or mail services? Many clients use centres to meet with prospective clients or conduct interviews.

Communications and marketing consultant Joy Berger went to Prestige Business Centre last fall after trying out a few other centres.

"I'm really pleased with the flexibility here. In the other places I had to commit to two months rent at a time, paying first and last month's rent. If my revenue is lower than usual, I can keep my costs down."

A smaller business centre suits her because of the personal touch, she said, adding that she is impressed with the overall sense of personal attention and involvement offered by the owner/operators. Ms. Berger also considers the calibre of support staff and translation services excellent.

Business service centres serving small entrepreneurs have cropped up all over the island of Montreal in recent years; one estimate puts the number at 25. Concordia accounting professor Wendy Roscoe said economic necessity is responsible for the proliferation of these centres.

"It's the cheapest way to set yourself up in business, especially for self-employed people, who are not spending all their time at the office. The days of companies getting bigger and bigger to get tax write-offs are over."

Dr. Manek Kirpalani, a marketing and international business professor at Concordia University, sees the business centre phenomenon as a small-niche market fitting the short-term needs of travelling business people.

Origin in hotels

"I think its origin can be found in the services offered by some of the larger hotels where typing, fax, phone services and conference rooms were offered," he said. "It is obviously not a long-term solution."

He sees the service being more popular in high-rent cities.

Liliane Paquette, office manager of Tri-Com Execucentre located on the West Island, said the service they offer reduces the cost of conducting business enormously. After two and half years of operation, 24 of their 29 available offices are rented.

"We allow our clients to project a professional image," she said.

Where were they going?



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

March 30

12:15 p.m.: 6505 Côte St. Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 12:20 p.m.;
12:45 p.m.: 7 Ingleside, first responder unit for medical assistance;
2:51 p.m.: 220 Ingleside, first responder unit for medical assistance;
2:58 p.m.: 75 Columbia, two tortilla chips burned in toaster oven;
7:07 p.m.: 4350 St. Catherine, alarm in apartment pulled by unknown person;
3:07 p.m.: Rear of 4102 Dorchester, burned blouse (see story page 9);
6:40 p.m.: 571 Lansdowne, smoke detector activated by burned food;

March 31

9:13 a.m.: 344 Kensington, water leaking through walls possibly from plumbing in bathroom of master bedroom;

Fake gun found

A replica of a .45-calibre Colt pistol was turned over to police Saturday after being found at 4433 St. Catherine St., public safety officers said. It looked like the real thing but could not fire real ammunition.

11:32 a.m.: 5569 Queen Mary, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Hampstead cancelled at 11:49 a.m.;
2:56 p.m.: 34 Winchester, first responder unit for medical assistance;

April 1

3:29 p.m.: 5795 Caldwell, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 3:32 p.m.;
6:32 p.m.: 15 Aberdeen, overheated motor for garage door opener;
6:49 p.m.: 4216 Dorchester, apt. 14, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc cancelled at 6:56 p.m., fire alarm activated by person broiling steaks;

April 2

12:03 a.m.: 634 Clarke, defective alarm;
2:58 a.m.: Clarke and St. Catherine, for medical assistance, location mistaken for Clark Street in Montreal;
9:02 a.m.: 450 Kensington, Shaar Hashomayim, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 9:08 a.m., fire alarm activated by piece of bread burning in school area;

April 3

1:41 a.m.: 235 Metcalfe, first responder unit for medical assistance;
1:56 a.m.: 5795 Sir Walter Scott, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc;

10:55 a.m.: 592 Côte St. Antoine, first responder unit for medical assistance;
11:15 a.m.: 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 11:24 a.m., smoke detector activated outside boiler room;
7:40 p.m.: 235 Olivier, first responder unit for medical assistance;

April 4

8:55 a.m.: 322 Redfern, fire alarm activated;
12:28 p.m.: 4625 St. Catherine, Royal Montreal Regiment, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 12:35 p.m.,

defective alarm;
4:54 p.m.: Front of 4695 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for medical assistance to man who fell;

April 5

4:32 a.m.: 5535 Mackle, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 4:48 a.m.;
5:15 a.m.: 11111 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to St. Laurent cancelled at 5:23 a.m.;
11:18 a.m.: 15 Stanton, city hall annex, for strange odour, none found;
10:32 p.m.: Rear of 4918 Sherbrooke, burglar alarm.



WESTMOUNT

AVIS PUBLIC

AVIS PUBLIC est par la présente donné que les bureaux administratifs à l'hôtel de Ville, à l'annexe et à la cour municipale de Westmount seront fermés les vendredi 9 avril et lundi 12 avril 1993 pour le congé de Pâques.

La bibliothèque sera fermée les vendredi 9 avril, dimanche 11 avril et lundi 12 avril 1993. Le samedi 10 avril 1993 la bibliothèque sera ouverte de 10 h 00 à 17 h 00.

Le centre sportif sera fermé le jeudi 8 avril à compter de 16 h 30 et sera fermé les vendredi 9 avril, samedi 10 avril, dimanche 11 avril et lundi 12 avril 1993.

Donné à Westmount, Québec, ce 5e jour d'avril 1993.

Me Marie-France Paquet
Greffier de la Ville

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the administrative offices in City Hall, the City Hall Annex and the Municipal Court of the City of Westmount will be closed on Friday, 9th April and on Monday, 12th April 1993 for the Easter holidays.

The Westmount Public Library will be closed on Friday, 9th April, Sunday, 11th April and Monday 12th April 1993. On Saturday, 10th April 1993, the Library will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Arena will close Thursday, 8th April at 4:30 p.m. and will remain closed all day on Friday, 9th April, Saturday, 10th April, Sunday, 11th April and Monday, 12th April 1993.

Given at Westmount, Quebec this 5th day of April 1993

Me Marie-France Paquet
City Clerk

No one may leave Samarkand without written permission

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 tionalized account of her family's experiences there during the Second World War. The book is written in English, her fourth language.

Ghengis Khan capital

The city of Samarkand was built by Tamerlane, and Ghengis Khan later used it as his capital. It is considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world although its buildings are suffering from age and disrepair.

When her book was first published, Ms. Bross pointed out that, while the customs of the people they lived among sometimes seemed strange and exotic, the first time she experienced anti-Semitism was after the war, in Poland.

Today, the Muslims and the Jews are still living and working side by

side in Samarkand. But Ms. Bross worries that this situation may change should fundamentalists rise to positions of power. She therefore advised the Jews she met when she visited in 1992 to leave the country.

This is not, however, an easy matter. There are about 12,000 Jews living in the ancient city, and their roots go deep.

A hundred and fifty years ago, a group of Jewish merchants bought a large parcel of land in the city and built houses, a bath house, a cemetery, synagogues and a bazaar.

No one may leave the country without written permission from their parents, if they are still living.

Books, paper needed

"There are many great tragedies being played out because the old people can see no reason for their

children to leave," Ms. Bross says.

While strong family structures have helped the Jews to survive as a people, they can sometimes be a less positive influence, in Ms. Bross's view.

"There are very closely knit families in Samarkand, and in the Jewish home the women are work-horses."

Ms. Bross returned to Samarkand in 1991 to help establish a teaching program that would sustain Judaism in the city. When she went back a year later, she had a better idea of the things people needed — mostly books and paper.

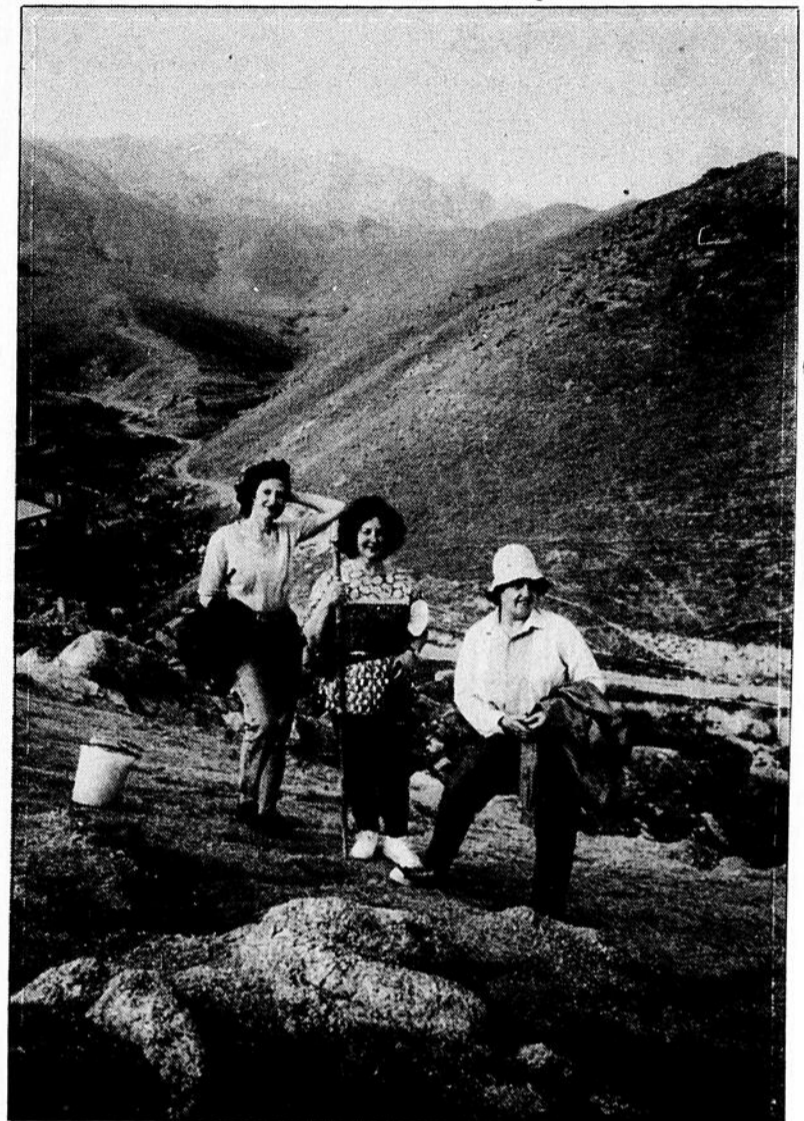
When she came to Canada, Ms. Bross learned English and French, having learned Hebrew in Israel.

She had to. Even more than other immigrants, Ms. Bross needed to learn to communicate in her new countries. She has stories for every occasion, and it would have

been intolerable for her not to be able to tell them.

Westmounters can hear some of her stories at 2 p.m. on April 21,

in the library of Shaar Hashomayim, when Ms. Bross will read from her book and show slides from her recent visits to the ancient city.



Roma Bross, centre, on a hike just outside the city of Samarkand.



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Suburban mayors resolve to study renewal of municipal police forces

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Suburban mayors will study the feasibility of re-establishing municipal police forces and push for a regional structure to oversee planning and economic development for Greater Montreal.

They announced their plans, adopted by the Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors recently at the group's annual meeting.

"We've galvanized into a single voice," said Mayor Peter Trent. "It's the first time since its existence that the Conference has taken the time to figure out where they're going and we hope to give the message together."

It's the best way of ensuring the survival of municipalities, he said.

The 27 member municipalities presented their recommendations

to the Ryan Task Force on Greater Montreal.

The most important recommendation, Mr. Trent said, is to phase in a new regional body to oversee planning and economic development, first on the island of Montreal, and then expanding to include off-shore municipalities in Greater Montreal by 1996.

Another highlight is the need to reduce costly MUC policing. The mayors' group agreed to levy a fee from each municipality to cover the cost of a feasibility study on establishing municipal police forces. They would replace, at a lesser cost, some of the duties carried out by MUC police.

The mayors also agreed the Montreal Urban Community should not be expanded and its role should be reduced to a service-delivering body rather than a decision-making one.

The mayors also gave strong support to Montreal as the core city of the region and proposed greater emphasis be placed on user-fees on such things as water supply and sewage as a source of revenue. Quebec also should increase, rather than decrease, subsidies to the Montreal region, they agreed.

The mayors also favour the idea of a Quebec cabinet minister for the Montreal region to increase the influence of the area.

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Study students saw protest in Red Square

Trip to Russia memorable for warm people, rich culture

By J. MARION FEINBERG

A group from The Study is back after a two-week stint in Russia. The students and chaperones are full of rich stories about the sights, sounds and tastes they savoured.

Met at the airport outside Moscow with flowers and hugs, the group later dealt with the lack of fresh produce, harried metro scenes and ubiquitous soldiers. They enjoyed, however, the diverse cultural and historical backdrop of

the country.

"We saw an anti-communist protest in Red Square, but we weren't allowed in," said 17-year-old Alis Sevakian, one of the 12 Study students on the trip. "One woman had a Bible in her hand, saying that God didn't want any more demonstrations."

They feasted on the beauty of the ballet, architecture, museums and the circus; the group even took an overnight train to St. Petersburg.

"Some of the girls had never been on a train, let alone experienced night train travel," said The Study headmistress Eve Marshall. "It was extraordinary being in a family, living the life of a Russian."

Gallery named board member

Former Westmount mayor Brian Gallery was named recently to the board of the Export Development Corporation by International Trade Minister Michael Wilson.

The \$8.5 billion a year Canadian Crown corporation specializes in helping Canadian exporters compete internationally. It now has two local residents on its 15-member board, Mr. Gallery and Jonathan Deitcher, vice-president RBC Dominion Securities.

"I'm delighted," said Mr. Gallery. "I'm familiar with the exporting of goods and services and look forward to doing the best I can on this board."

Directors receive about \$350 a day for meetings.

Former acting chairman of Canadian National, Mr. Gallery publishes *Canadian Sailings*. He is founder of the 500 Club, a fundraising arm of the Progressive Conservative Party and served 12 years on Westmount city council as alderman from 1975-1983 and mayor 1983-1987.

City grey, hosts warm

They describe Moscow as rather grey and hectic but their host families were seen as generous and warm. Even confusion about where the toilets were didn't dampen the enthusiasm. They soon learned that toilets can be in different rooms from the bathtubs.

"I noticed that the Russian girls were growing up a little slower and they don't go out as much as we do," said Kim Johnson, 14. "But they were more cultured. They know their culture and their history."

If the funds can be raised to bring Russian students here, she wants to be able to bedazzle them with her knowledge of her own country. She said she plans to begin boning up immediately.

Produce scant

Despite the fact they were billeted with more affluent than average



The Study students, chaperones and in their Russian hosts in Moscow. The Study students pictured are Alis Sevakian, Jessica Davidman, Jameela Jeeroburkhan, Myriam Fredette, Derev Antikicioglu, Tania No, Sarah Ternowax, chaperone Joanne Ronsley, Kim Johnston, Sarah McCans, Sarah Shennib and Nana Kyei-Aboagye.

Russian families, the girls said they were surprised at the food available.

"Some oranges, a few cucumbers and some lemon for my tea were the only fruits and vegetables I saw," said Ms. Johnson. "Everyone said there would be no food but they were constantly feeding me."

She ate broth, potatoes, pickles,

cheese, bread and chicken.

The Russian people appeared pleased to be able to express themselves freely and complain about the economic situation, but many seemed nostalgic about the time when food was cheaper, according to Ms. Marshall.

She said she was told inflationary levels had reached about 2,000 per

cent.

"It was a moving experience," agreed chaperone and teacher Joanne Ronsley. "We gathered at the Friendship House for a going-away party. The students played instruments and it was extremely warm. However, the army was ever-present from day one. After a while they blended in."

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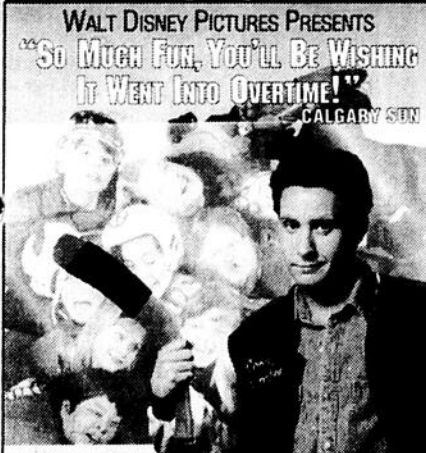
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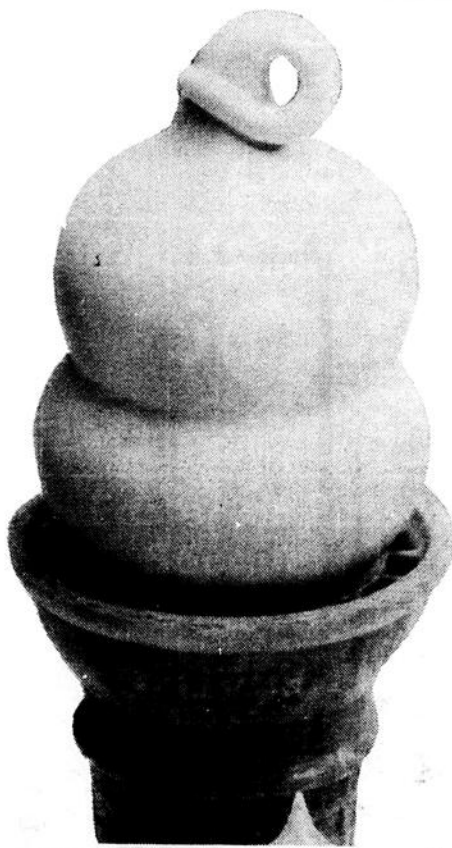
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The heritage nature of the Findlay building and the need to conserve park space impose several constraints on where the new addition can go: it has to be on three floors, on the side of the south annex and linked to the Findlay building rather than directly up against it. This to avoid structural damage to Findlay and to preserve the Findlay roof line. In other words, the new must defer to Findlay and not try to replicate nor dominate it.

The existing east entrance cannot be made accessible to the handicapped without destroying the east facade. This entrance was designed to handle the 1898 adult traffic coming to read and borrow the library's collection of 3,000 books. The new north entrance allows space for acclimatization on entering the building, and gives an immediate overview of the complex without need for explanation. It ties together the three discrete elements of the complex — Findlay, 1911 children's library and new annex. The corridor is a unifying structure bringing light to Findlay on both floors. It provides exhibition space for library and other cultural materials. It also keeps much traffic noise in the corridor and reduces the pressure on Findlay — after all, the new annex will be 60 per cent of the library. This solution also makes the minimum demands on parkland.

We had not resolved all the functional problems by October, but we knew that the general concept of the solution provided all the space individual programs required. At that point we decided we had to consult our citizens on whether they were in favour of the project. To do that we needed a reliable estimate of total costs. It would have been wasteful if we had spent money on refinements best left to the design phase (such as the optimum siting of toilets), if our citizens then rejected the project. A large majority did, in fact, approve.

Everyone involved with the project believes that the library renewal will only be successful if the marriage of good

architecture and smooth functioning succeeds. Our own professional staff in the library has made major and constructive contributions to the project since its inception. We have met with several focus groups, the most recent being a most productive meeting with some 50 professional librarians resident in Westmount. We are grateful for everyone's input and are reassured that we can count on this continuing during the next phase of the project. This should start when the provincial government approves the loan bylaw to authorize the borrowing of \$7.5 million to finance the project. The steering committee is committed to bringing the project in on or under budget and the process is structured to ensure this.

We recognize the need to keep the community fully informed of progress. To do this we will shortly begin issuing progress updates at intervals.

In addition to managing the renewal project, the steering committee also has to find a way of maintaining library services during the construction. Again we will do our best to meet the needs of our citizens — and will aim to keep everyone informed.

Raymond Ulyatt
Chairman
Library Building Steering Committee
355 Metcalfe Ave.
WESTMOUNT

Memories tainted

A copy of the following letter to Alex Newell, who is heading a campaign to have chief librarian Rosemary Lydon reinstated, has been received by THE EXAMINER:

As a third generation Westmounter, I have good memories of our family's use of the Westmount library going as far back as my great-uncle, who used to visit our home on Mount Stephen after he stopped at the Westmount library on Saturdays. Many happy conversations ensued about his latest readings in his capacity as a literary editor for the Montreal Star.

Since our library has been a revered

establishment for me, it is with particular distress that I read of the chief librarian's sudden dismissal. This year I am on sabbatical as a university professor and writing the first draft of a book. Through this experience, I have had occasion to speak with Rosemary Lydon about the inter-library loan service that Westmount library offers in association with other public libraries on the island of Montreal. I found Rosemary Lydon personable, knowledgeable and very helpful to my research aims.

After 21 years of service to a library with a deservedly excellent reputation, Rosemary Lydon deserves every professional consideration. There has been a serious oversight and lack of due process in this matter.

I hope that the city council members will carefully reconsider the summary dismissal of its chief librarian and live up to the fine history of its library and its staff. To this end, you may use my letter as a testimony of support for Rosemary Lydon's reinstatement as chief librarian.

Maureen Slattery, PhD
60 Somerville Ave.
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Magic hour is easy

Let's put some magic back into the world, a reason to aim for tomorrow and hope for what lies ahead. We need some optimism to flush out the worries and fears of today's youth. If these ideas inspire you, maybe it is time to learn about The Magic Society.

Working in collaboration with the Montreal Volunteer Bureau and various other organizations, The Magic Society recently launched its "Magic Hour." The society was started by the brother-and-sister team of Jean-François and Julie Rocheford. Aimed especially at youth between the ages of 18 and 30 (and anyone else who feels young at heart), the society began recruiting people who can volunteer one hour of their time to make a difference. (And who cannot afford that?) This may involve lending a hand at the annual Terry Fox Run, shovelling snow for an invalid, cheering up a child in a hospital or anything else that might put some hope back into the society we uphold.

At the moment, organizers and helpers have targeted CEGEPs and universities with the aim of getting students to understand that one does not have to be part of a club or a clique in order to belong and make a difference. They are hoping to get projects started, such as the one at CEGEP de Vieux Montréal, where students are donating one hour of their time

to organize help for the homeless. One hour is not excessive, but if their aim of 20,000 volunteers (one post-secondary youth in five) is met, a whole wave of hope could wash through our city. What better way to clean up our society than by youth working with youth to create a better tomorrow?

Rarely have I experienced as much optimism as that expressed at The Magic Society's press conference of Feb. 25. As a participating young adult in today's society, I felt elated to see such hope in the future and therefore cannot but believe in The Magic Society. I will certainly contribute my magic hour, and hope to meet you all there.

For further information, contact The Magic Society at 844-9702.

Susan Mintzberg
1650 Cartier St.
MONTREAL

City needs PR not lawyers

In this sad and lamentable affair arising from council's decision to abolish summarily the position of chief librarian, who is to be replaced by a Jack-of-Three-Trades apparatchik, it is extraordinary, given the decision to "restructure" the administration's senior level management some seven months ago, that no one has yet publicly explained why (a) this particular post was chosen as the first to be eliminated and (b) the change, which necessitated the abolition of Miss Lydon's position after many years' service to the city, had to be executed with such uncommon speed, without proper notice or careful preparation for the person most affected.

As it is, Miss Lydon in these circumstances has been fired (let's not use any euphemisms) with a proposed settlement, which it was no doubt hoped she would accept with great joy despite the deep personal distress she would suffer. Regardless of her skills and unblemished reputation, council's conscience would at least be clear.

All in all, it is no wonder citizens believe there is another well-concealed motive behind this move.

What I find so offensive is that Councilor Karin Marks with fearsome sincerity said that this was the most painful decision she had ever had to make and that she and her colleagues had agonized over it for hours and hours.

Frankly, I don't care whether it was countless hours, weeks or months because I am certain the decision would have remained the same, a decision that would still destroy someone's career and severely damage her integrity and self-esteem. It was a bad decision, badly conceived and badly carried out. The resulting furor shows that it was also a breach of common sense, which makes it unforgivable.

Rather than consult lawyers, council, if it fears the consequences of its decisions, should work with an expert in public relations. In taking the first step towards "reconstructing" the city, council has breath-takingly "deconstructed" itself.

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Seniors ask Ryan to keep municipalities

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A Westmount seniors' group asked the Ryan Task Force on Greater Montreal to preserve the autonomy of municipalities, which provide accessible city halls where

seniors know, and are known by, municipal workers and elected councils.

"At minimum, municipalities must be enabled to provide the lighting and security that guaran-

tees us safe streets, sidewalks and parks," says the Seniors of Westmount Action Group (SWAG).

Their brief, *Seniors and the Future of Montreal*, was presented at public hearings of the task force. the task force.

— was only 36. The other 100 towns make up a huge, thinly populated penumbra surrounding this core — including such remote hamlets as St. Téléphone (pop. 772).

As an atonement for my unkind remarks, and because of my interest in the subject, I got together with a few other mayors nearly a year ago to put together our vision for the future of the Montreal region.

We have each put in more than 500 hours of brainstorming, testing hypotheses, and, mostly, reading a mountain of publications and clippings. We have met people from all over North America, and have had a number of sessions with Jean Doré, and other regional mayors from Laval and the North/South Shores.

Next week: what did we say to the task force?

As more and more seniors live longer, they will require affordable public transit to visit health, education and recreational institutions, the brief points out.

"Urban sprawl can divide generations of a family," it states. "Public transportation will have a growing role in maintaining linkage and mutual support of grandparents, parents and children."

In promoting conditions that enable seniors to continue living at home rather than in institutions, SWAG members have "become aware of overlapping jurisdictions, wasteful delays and the expensive bureaucracies these entail," the brief says.

"We want only one level of government between municipalities and the Quebec government but municipalities should form voluntary intermunicipal associations that are also open and accountable."

Surtax averts loss of federal revenue

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A recently imposed freeze by the federal government on the amount of money it gives municipalities in lieu of property taxes will cost Westmount \$38,400, Mayor Peter Trent said recently.

But because the city added its non-residential surtax to federal government properties last year, it will not lose as much as some municipalities that waited until this year.

Based on 1992 compensation levels, the city can still expect to receive \$679,653 for properties such as military armouries and the RCMP site. Of that amount, 54 per cent is surtax.

It budgeted \$717,061.

"We can pat ourselves on the back for not delaying the surtax," Mr. Trent said. "We got it in under the fence. Montreal delayed the bulk of the surtax and now they're caught."

The reason for the federal government freeze was to avoid hefty surtaxes it faced for Quebec properties, Mr. Trent explained.

It's ironic, he said, that one of Quebec's arguments for slashing subsidies to municipalities under municipal affairs Minister Claude Ryan's reforms last year was that the new surtax would allow them to gain more revenues from federal government properties.

"Quebec was rubbing their hands in glee over that. Now the rooster's come home to roost."

Technically, he said, the federal government doesn't have to give municipalities any compensation since its properties aren't taxable.

"It's only doing it out of the goodness of its heart," said Mr. Trent.

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OUR MAYOR...

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In my column of a year ago, I said the conference was driving by the rear-view mirror. I referred to it as a bunch of sleepyheads. A few mayors took mild offence at this remark, although many admitted it was true. With no director-general and little leadership, the conference did seem to be overdosed on Nytol.

Things have changed: we have a dedicated, principled president in Vera Danyluk. Vera (and your humble servant) has been wanting to rein in the MUC's spending for years. The conference also has a director-general whose energy level has to be measured in gigawatts.

I was moved to make those comments last year as it seemed the conference was going to do very little in the face of a potential threat to the very survival of its member cities: the Ryan Task Force on Greater Montreal.

This group had been set up at the request of a cash-strapped Montreal to look into how a seemingly disparate bunch of cities could be just the ticket to get this done. Our variety and number upsets their sense of neatness.

There was a lot of hand-wringing about how terrible it was to have 136 municipalities in the greater region. Nobody stopped to figure out that the number of cities in the contiguous urban portion — and 75 per cent of the total population

OUR MNA...

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me a series of crazed letters — and signing your name."

The tree-huggers are quite capable of composing nasty letters, but the subject that really arouses public wrath is MNAs' pay and pensions. In my case, the switch to the PQ elicited some pretty hostile comments.

"You fat turkey — why don't you get a heart attack and die?"

We have to keep our sense of humour in this political business, otherwise we'd go nuts. I was told that Prime Minister Mulroney once asked a leading comedian to tell him the latest jokes and the reply was:

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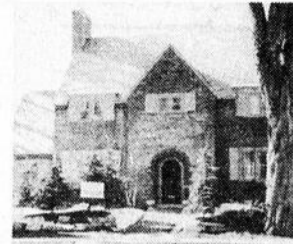
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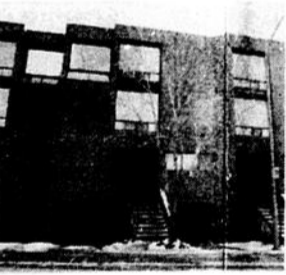
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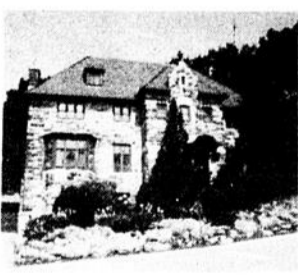
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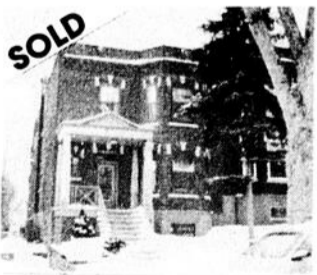
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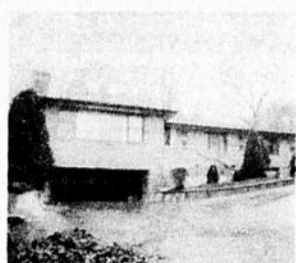
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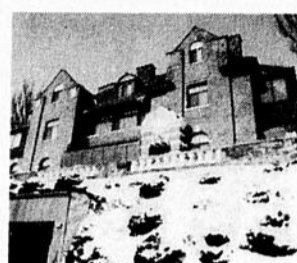
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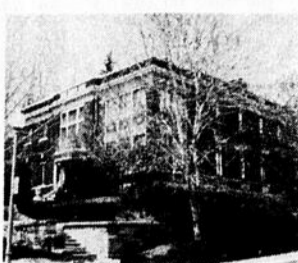
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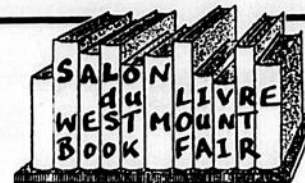
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Sharpshooter Sgt. Gaston Bernier carried off the Centaur Trophy for rapid fire at Tuesday's annual pistol shoot between Westmount and the Pistol Club of Montreal.

Dead-eye Dicks

Westmount wins annual pistol-shoot

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It took five years, but local police officers regained Westmount's honour Wednesday last week in an annual shoot-out with the Pistol Club of Montreal.

The Westmount team won the pistol competition with a total score of 1,617 to 1,318 in deliberate, timed and rapid firing. All used the police .38 special.

Cst. Martin Lizotte won the McEntyre trophy for top overall scorer with 254 points while Sgt. Gaston Bernier earned the Centaur trophy for rapid fire with a score of 87.

The Westmount win evens the competition at 14-14 in the 28 years of play. The contest was launched in 1964 by then-mayor Peter McEntyre, who was a member of the Montreal pistol club and a staunch supporter of the Westmount Police Force. It was not held one year.

The competition is organized by police and the Public Security Unit for Westmount and members of the pistol club based at the Black Watch armoury.

"We lost well, by 300 points," said Victor Knowlton of the pistol club as trophies were awarded.

"We lost with class."

A reception in city hall followed the shoot-out at the Ville St. Pierre range.

The seven qualifiers on the local team were: Martin Lizotte, Gaston Bernier, Benoit Leclerc, Réal Vandéjac, Luc Scribnock, Michel Simard and Jean-François Rivard, all from Station 23.

Others shooting for Westmount were: Gilles Denis, Claude Cormier, Richard McEnroe (PSU), Luc St-Onge, Arthur Hersovitch (fire/PSU dispatcher) and James O'Connell (city inspector) as well as Louis Leger (PSU), Bob White (PSU) and Mario Testa, all from the PSU.

Lecture on teen stress

Westmount High Home and School will host an information meeting for parents. Dr. Jasmin Aquan-Assee, who teaches child development at Concordia University and practices general pediatric psychology at Montreal Children's Hospital, will speak on "Adolescents and Stress."

The event is Wednesday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the school, 4350 St. Catherine St.

Akiva student places third in national Bible contest

Akiva student Daniel Fishman, 11, tied for third place in a national Bible contest held in Côte St. Luc March 21 and 22.

He was the only winner among five Akiva students who made it from the regionals to compete in the national. In fact, he was the only elementary student in all of Montreal that placed, according to Akiva director Cooki Levy.

The contest tested the students' knowledge of Hebrew and sections of the Old Testament. They were asked questions and wrote their answers.

There were about 75 students competing in Daniel's category of Grade 5 and 6 students; 170 competed in all.

Daniel, who lives in Hampstead, won a Bible.

He studied at least two hours a day in school and, as the contest drew nearer, attended marathon study sessions on weekends, said Ms. Levy.

"He studied very hard for it," said Daniel's dad, Avram Fishman. "It's not hereditary; he developed his own interest... We haven't helped him that much. We have encouraged him as much as we could but he did the studying for it on his own. It's meaningful to him."

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Reddy's cultural mosaic brought to light by staff

By MICHAEL AMOS

THE STAFF of Reddy Memorial Hospital got to know each other a little better last week.

Employees from different parts of the world were asked to bring in clothes and other interesting objects from their native countries to celebrate Multiculturalism Week, which ran from March 26 until Friday.

Staff members were invited to see the displays on the main floor in the conference room and learn about their co-workers. The displays were open from about 10 a.m. until about 2 p.m.

Some staff members were on hand to talk about their native countries and the representative objects on display.

"The idea was to share different cultures and decrease prejudice," said organizing committee chair Jane Skelton. She said the seven-member committee got a lot of help from staff eager to participate.

She said most staff members know very little about the people they work with every day, so the theme they chose for the week was "The World is at Our Door."

Betty Gonzales is a nurse from the Philippines. She brought in clothes, hand-held fans and shells for one of the displays.

She said it was interesting to learn about her co-workers.

"One cause of racism is ignorance and this helps us to learn more about different cultures," she said.

Ms. Skelton said employees



come from many different parts of the world and this was a way to learn more about the different cultures at the hospital. Though she didn't know how many people joined in to put on the exhibits, a number of people from different departments chipped in.

A different part of the world was on display each day and she said interest in the event grew as the week went on.

"The first day about 100 peo-

ple came," Ms. Skelton said. "By the end of the week, we had more than 200 people."

They began the week with displays from Australia and New Zealand and continued with America, Africa, Europe and ended the week with Asia.

This is the first time the hospital has organized such an event and Ms. Skelton said it may be expanded in following years to include workshops with a health care focus.

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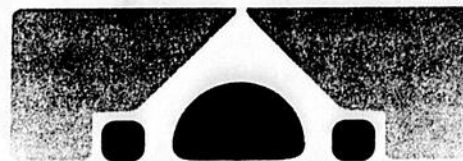
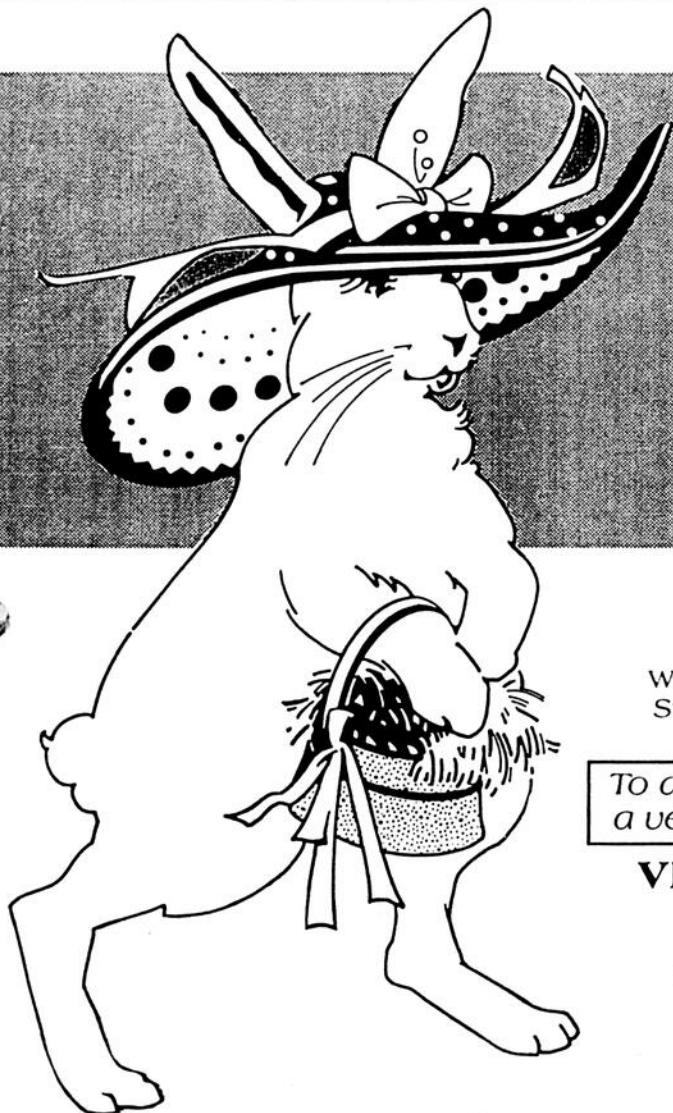
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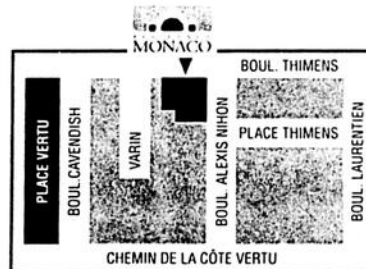
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Past glories

Annual city honours being trimmed to cut costs

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City honours, launched in 1990 as an annual tribute to deceased citizens by then-mayor May Cutler, will not be awarded again until 1995 "as a cost-cutting measure."

Though no mention was made of this change during the official ceremony, city operations manager Bruce St. Louis later told THE EXAMINER city council recently decided to present the awards once every two years.

"It is pretty expensive," Mrs. Cutler later admitted. The honours are presented at a \$10,000 gala that doubles as a reception to open the spring flower show.

Glowing tributes

Teacher and painter Douglas Lawley (1905-1971) had no failures among his students, said Robert Tilden, who had taken algebra and Latin from the honouree and is also a friend of the family. "We all had one thing in common," he said of the students, "We loved Doug Lawley. He was our friend."

Son-in-law Peter Hopper accepted the tribute on behalf of the family.

The achievements of architect John-Omer Marchand (1873-1936) were so well known to architect Julia Gersovitz, that when she was recruited during the reception to replace a presenter who did not show up, she was able to tell the assembly about his best-known works including the Mother House of the Congrégation de Notre Dame, the McTavish reservoir and his own house at 486 Wood Ave. Marie-Claire Holland thanked the city for recognizing her grandfather.

General practitioner Dr. Francis Malcolm Alexander McNaughton (1870-1964) who served as Westmount's medical officer, was depicted as "a man of many progressive ideas in the medical field," said Dr. Joachim Brabander, a family friend and a physician at Royal Victoria Hospital. Since he never knew the deceased, he read a report written by the honouree's daughter, Ruth McNaughton.

"I know my grandfather would be very proud of this," said Eleanore McNaughton.

His son, neurologist Dr. Francis Lothian McNaughton (1906-1986), was known internationally in the fledgling field of neurology as a "most remarkable individual," said presenter Dr. Donald Baxter, also a neurologist.

Accepting the award was his 14-

year-old grand-daughter, Sandra Lefrancois.

Broadcaster and writer Leslie Roberts (1896-1980) "was the dean of English language journalism in Quebec," said presenter Bob Walker, *The Gazette's* ombudsman. "He was a reporter till the day he died and he was one of the best." Of his staunch Canadian patriotism, Mr. Walker said Mr. Roberts told his wife before the Quebec referendum on separation May 22, 1980: "Make sure I vote in that referendum whether I'm dead or alive." He died on the 19th.

His grandson and namesake, Leslie Roberts, said his strongest memories of his grandfather were of Sunday night dinners when everyone had to stop talking at 6:15 when his editorial was broadcast on CJAD. Then everyone would debate it, he recalled.

Blokes show bought saw for hospital

A benefit performance of *Blokes*, a theatre piece by the comedy team of Westmounter George Bowser and Ricky Blue at Centaur Theatre last May, raised more than \$6,000 for the Grateful Parents' Committee of Montreal Children's Hospital. Westmounter Christine Hara was instrumental in organizing the event.

The money raised went to purchase a Stryker oscillating saw to be used during surgery, allowing for more precise and flexible control.

On Feb. 12, Bowser and Blue were invited to the cardiovascular surgery department of the hospital to see the new saw.

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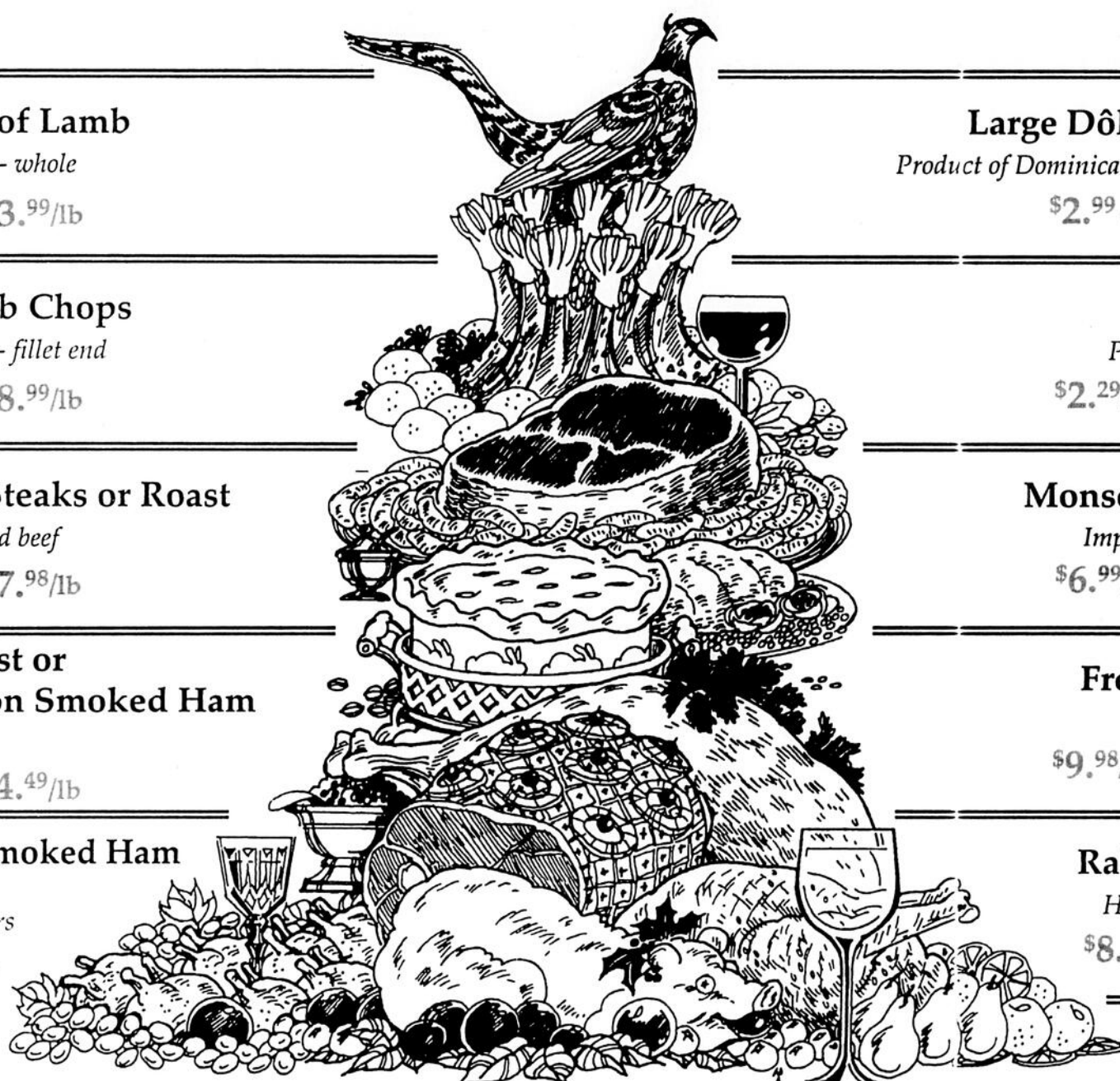
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Birze's pastels exhibit in his atelier

New Westmount resident Peter Birze is showing large pastel drawings in his 7,000 square-foot atelier at 4020 St. Ambroise St. until tomorrow. The photorealist fell in love with art, as did so many Montrealers, when he studied at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts under the late Arthur Lismer. He moved to Toronto and studied at the Ontario College of Art and in Italy on an RCA scholarship.

The 37-year-old painter, who also works in abstract painting, started out as a realist. "Drawing was my first interest, and I admire the work of the mannerists. I thought I could do some elegant work using images from television."

Mr. Birze has had a number of solo shows in Toronto and his work is in a number of private collections.

Nominate now entrepreneur awards for women

Canadian Entrepreneurial Women Awards 1993 is seeking nominees in seven categories for IN Awards.

Director Karen Fraser points out that women start 50 per cent of all new businesses, and 47 per cent of them are still in operation after five years; that while in the U.S. women-owned businesses created more new jobs than the Fortune 500; entrepreneurial women still not recognized: they struggle against limited media coverage and limited credibility with governments, financial institutions, suppliers and support systems.

Those wishing to nominate a woman entrepreneur for an award should contact the IN Award office by phone (416-696-7621); mail (55 Mallory Crescent, Toronto M4G 3L6); or fax (416-429-1081).

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This scene on Greene Avenue is one of five drawn for Westmount Scouting by artist Bonnie Shemie.

Westmount streetscapes help out Scouts

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

When Westmount artist **Bonnie Shemie** learned local Boy Scouts needed funds to send 15 members to this summer's jamboree in Calgary, she grabbed her sketchbook and pencil and hopped into her car.

The result is five street scenes of Westmount which will be printed up as notepaper or greeting cards for the boys to sell door to door in packages of 10 for \$5, she says.

"I wanted something intimate and very Westmounty," she said. She selected the streetscapes rath-

er than public buildings.

It was hit-or-miss in some cases, she said.

"There was snow on the ground and I wanted to draw sitting in the car. I had a rough idea of what I'd find graphically when I started driving around. Some scenes stick right out at me, framed by the windshield."

Others were chosen because it was there she could find a place to park.

Two are streetscapes from Greene Avenue: the Old Post Office and the commercial row

from the Double Hook to the Iron Cat. The others are the west side of mid-block Arlington Avenue (she didn't record the addresses), the north side of York Street viewed from de Maisonneuve Boulevard and the east side of Lewis Avenue "where the light was shining so nicely on all the wooden parts of the houses."

Now she's trying to find a printer who'll do the work free so the project will raise as much money as possible, "otherwise it isn't worth it," she said. "I've already donated a lot of my time."

What's on at Double Hook

Poet **Ronnie Brown** will read next Wednesday at Double Hook, 1235A Greene Ave.

The reading starts at 8 p.m.

Ten years ago Westmount writer

Noted pianist Jeff Fisher plays Sunday

Residents of Château Westmount will celebrate Easter with a concert by pianist **Jeff Fisher**. Mr. Fisher is known in Montreal music circles for his composing, arranging and playing the scores for a number of children's films, among them the *Madeleine* series and *The Rise and Fall of Humpty Dumpty*, both of which were nominated for Gemini Awards.

He has also worked in the past with such recording artists as Diane Dufresne and Leonard Cohen, and with the band Uzeb.

It is not with this music, however, that he will regale the residents of Château Westmount and their guests, but with a concert of old popular tunes and classical selections.

The concert takes place at 3 p.m. on Sunday at 4860 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Non-residents who wish to attend are asked to arrive by 2:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

Adds Mr. Fisher, clearly relishing the prospect, "And the musician gets lots of hugs with the tea and cookies."

and Dawson teacher **Terry Rigelhof** had immense critical success with his first novel *The Education of J.J. Pass* (Oberon '83). Now the long wait for his second book is nearly over. His collection of short stories, *Je t'aime, Cowboy*, has been published by Goose Lane Editions of Fredericton, and Mr. Rigelhof will have a launch in at Double Hook on Thursday, April 20, from 6 to 8 p.m.

His editor at Goose Lane is former Westmounter **Laurel Boone**, who left here in the '70s, and who is editor in chief at the publishing house. So far, the writer and his editor have not met face to face.

On Thursday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m., poet **Mary Quinlan** will read from recent work.

Register now for courses at Contactivity

A number of special events are coming up at Contactivity Centre for Seniors, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd.

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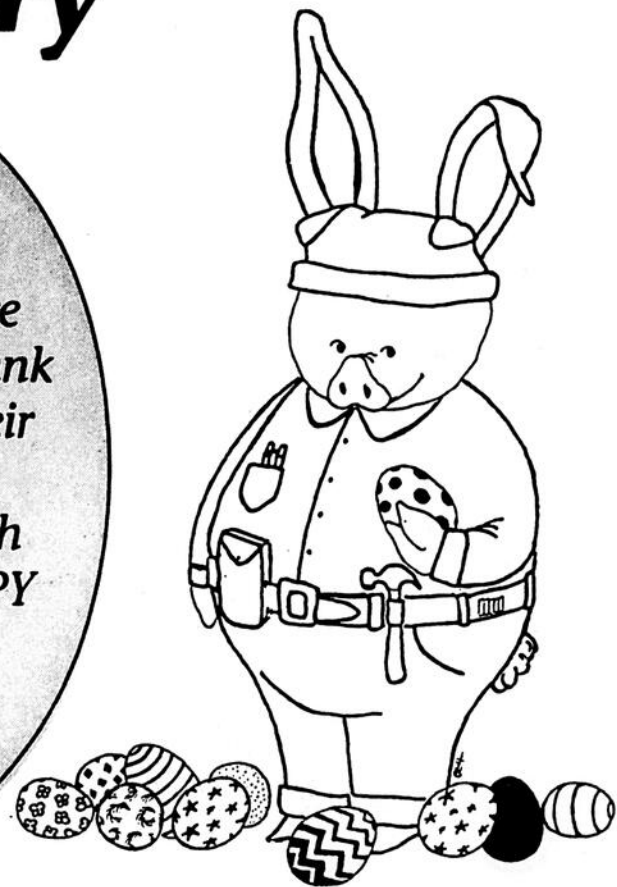
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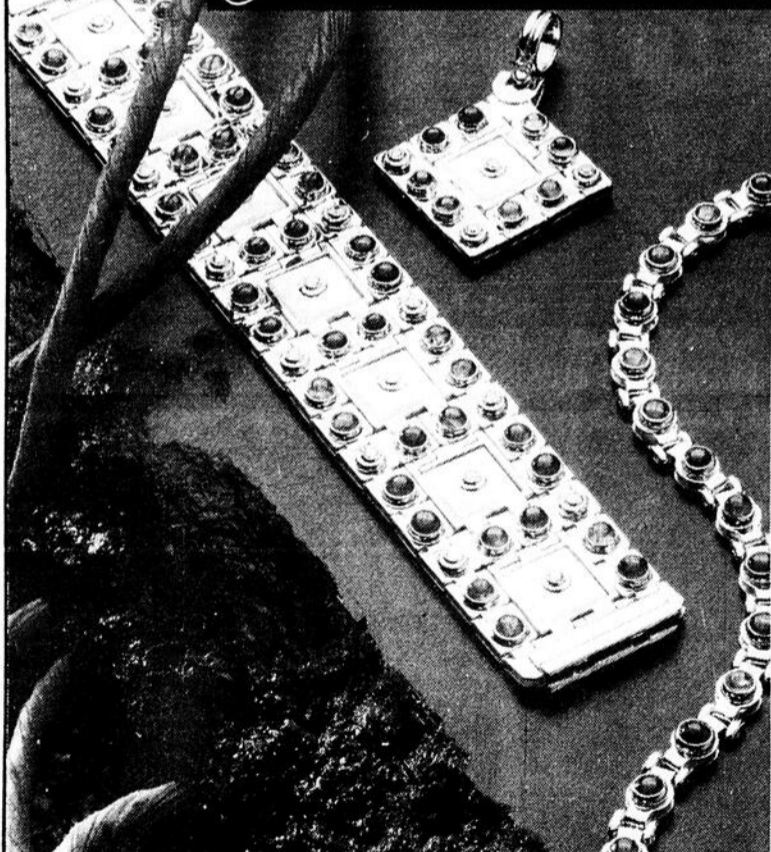


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Painter stakes out space in solo show

Westmount painter Alain James Martin will have a solo show of his large oils at Galerie Pink, 1456 Notre Dame St. W., April 14 to May 2.

The vernissage of the show will be held Sunday, April 18, at noon. "It is more of a brunchissage," says the artist, who bakes his own bread and will fire up his oven in preparation for the vernissage.

The paintings are based on aspects of place, a theme the artist has been exploring for the last four years.

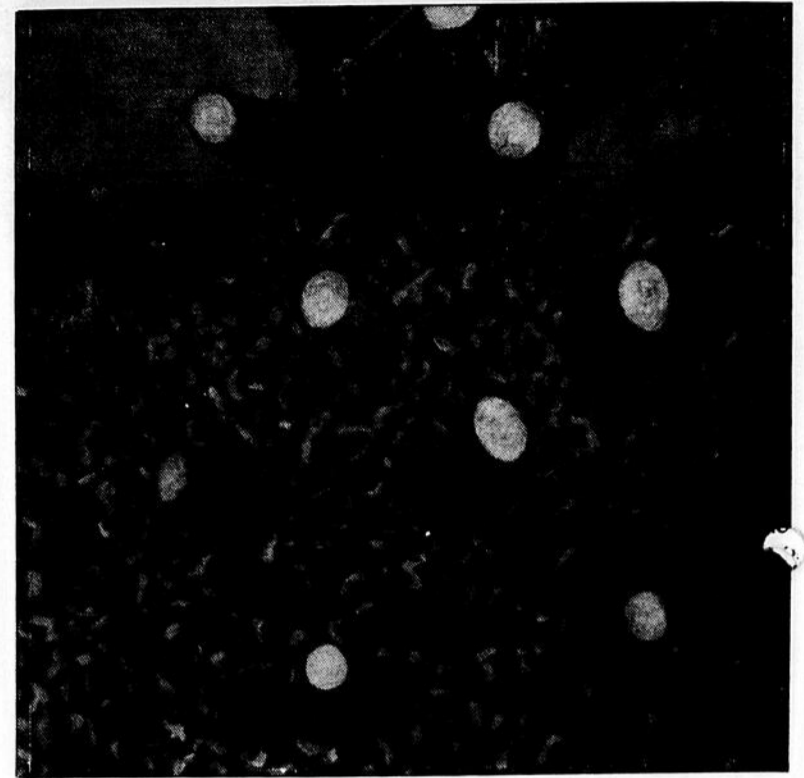
"Places are exploited and defended by people. With the most banal act, that of driving a piece of wood into the ground, we stake out a space, and with this universal symbol, say it is ours, this is my spot. And the paintings are a comment on the larger society.

"It has something to do with alchemy. Wood and earth become transformed, in painting, to silver and gold.

"In other paintings, you see how a new object is created as a by-product of some action, as when you are left with just a stump, a circular object with many concentric circles, when a tree is cut."

Mr. Martin works in oils on linen panels that he prepares and stretches himself.

"I like to work in oils because of the complexity of images I use. Oil's language is close to my own — like my thinking processes. You can



The Tree Next Door is the name of this oil on linen painted by Alain James Martin, on view now at Galerie Pink.

build it up, take it off, mush it together. It takes the same time period as my thinking."

Mr. Martin, 34, grew up in Verdun, and studied art and sciences at Dawson College and commerce at Concordia University. He has

lived in Westmount for five years and works as a graphic designer for advertising agencies.

His connection with Westmount goes back to his uncle, Sidney Ashford, former Westmount chief of police.

Drunken woman pounds on door at Melbourne

Residents of a house on Melbourne Avenue called public safety officers Saturday at 3:22 a.m. when a woman was banging on their door.

Described as intoxicated, she was taken to local MUC police Station 23 where she was arrested, public safety officers said. No police cars were available to

respond at the time.

A 27-year-old resident of Chomedey Street was released at 6:20 a.m. on a summons to appear on charges of disturbing the peace.

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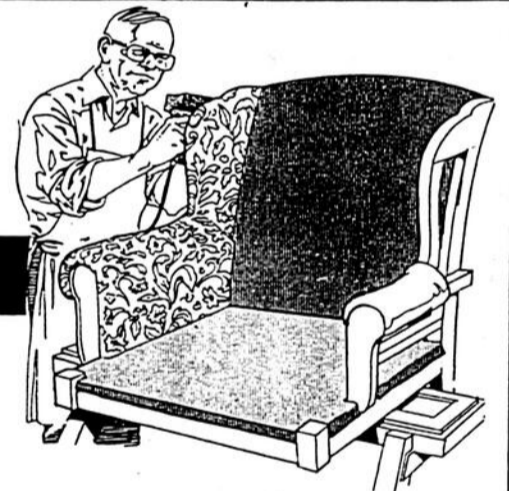
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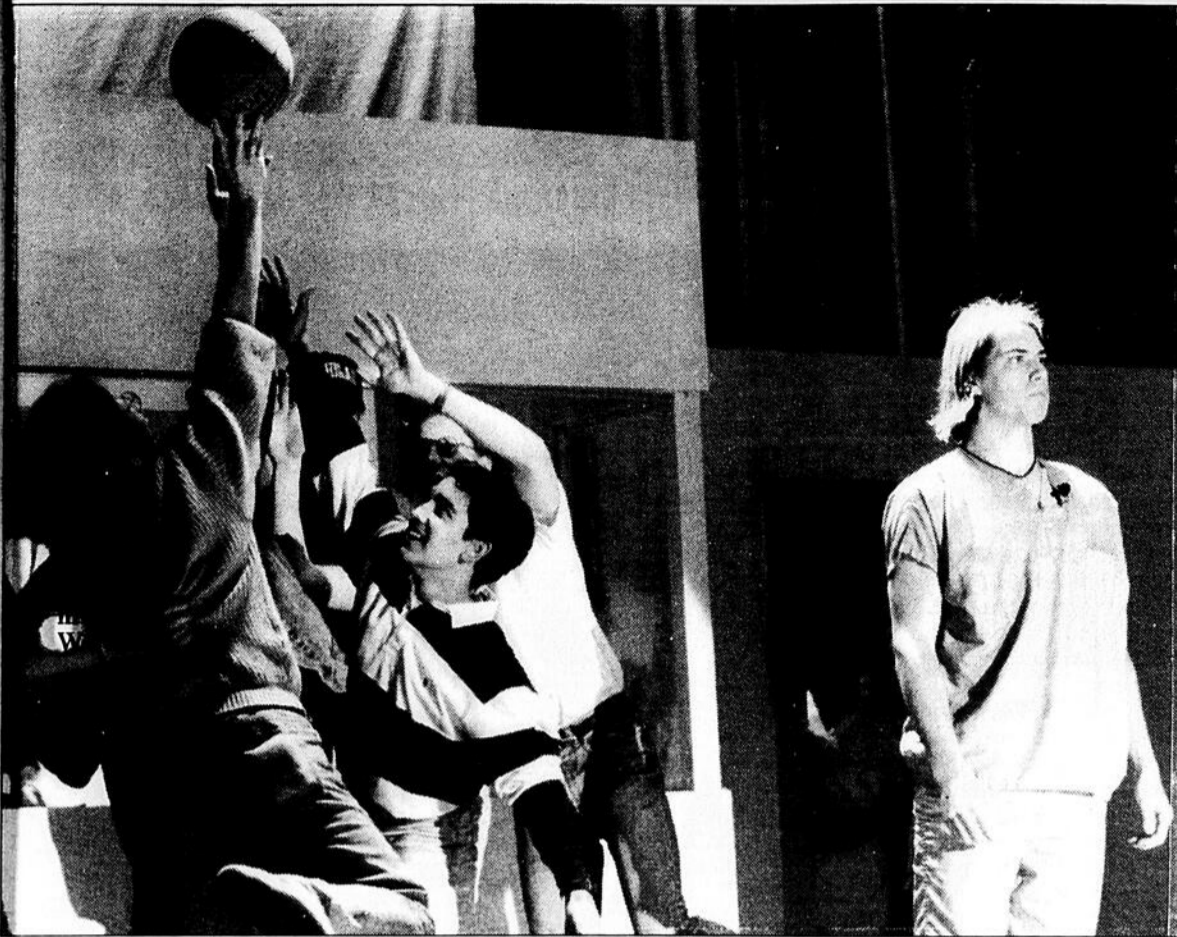
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Selwyn students are joining with others to present *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Westmounter Antony Blaikie, far right, as the Chief, is not yet ready to join in the basketball game arranged by MacMurphy.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

Selwyn to turn into nuthouse

Selwyn House Senior Players present Dale Wasserman's *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*, based on the novel by Ken Kesey, directed by teacher Byron Harker.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. on April 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. in the Lucas Gymnasium, 95 Côte St. Antoine Rd.

Tickets are \$6 and \$4. For information call 931-9481.

The dramatization of the novel follows the book more closely than does the movie of the same name. For one thing, the narration is by Chief Bromden, the Indian awakened from his pretended catatonia.

For high school students, the play is a challenge, but the Selwyn

House boys, aided by girls from neighbouring schools, are confident they can carry it off.

Robin McKenna from Trafalgar plays Nurse Ratched, Vanessa Moretti-Montpetit from Centennial plays Candy Star and Selwyn's Ryan Loader plays R.P.

Free toddler course for parents

The Westmount service of CLSC Metro, 300 Victoria Ave., is offering a five-week program, Parenting Your Toddler, to interested parents.

The course covers cognitive and physical development, toilet train-

ing, safe environment, setting limits, nutrition and minor childhood illness.

The program is free and enrolment is limited. Babysitting services are provided if needed. Classes are from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday from April 13 to May 11. To register call 934-0354, ext. 247.

McMurphy, the character played by Jack Nicholson in the movie. Part of what makes McMurphy hilarious is his colourful language and it has been decided not to change it. Leaving it in, the producers say, is part of what makes the production — at a traditional private boys' school — brave.



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Friends & Neighbours

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Westmounters getting a voice for light opera

Jamie Plant and a number of Westmounters are tuning up for 54th season of the Montreal West Operatic Society doing Gilbert and Sullivan's *Ruddygore*. "The costumes are fantastic this year," he said. They've all being specially designed for the performance by Beth Shore."

Other Westmount participants include cast members: Jean Stutsman, Diane Plant, S'le Quinn, Judy Schwartz, Joe Falworth, Bill Fraiberg, Martin Hallett and the group's first vice-president Margaret Quinlan.

"Our profits go to the Montreal Children's Hospital," says Mr. Plant. "We've always tried to give them a minimum of \$5,000. We went out caroling one night before Christmas and raised \$1,000 for the

hospital in about two and a half hours."

Ruddygore takes place at Royal Vale Theatre in the former West Hill High School April 22, 23 and 24 before going to Haskell Opera House in Rock Island, New York, May 8 and to Théâtre Lac Brome in Knowlton for May 22. Tickets can be ordered by calling 488-7629.

Doggie doldrums

"If you think Westmount's good to dogs, go to England," says former mayor May Cutler. The Tundra publisher is just back from the International London Book Fair and two weeks of beautiful weather. "They're all still nuts about dogs," she said, recalling a ride on the "underground." When she got on,

a woman's "cute little terrier" was occupying the only seat, prompting the woman to say, "Oh darling, now you get down and give the lady the seat" which the dog obediently did. Then the woman said, "I took him to Hyde Park to see the daffodils but it was raining so he didn't enjoy them."

"Isn't that killing?" said Mrs. Cutler, "Really."

She's still working at the Victoria Avenue office of Tundra despite her interest in selling the business she founded 25 years ago. She says she's received 38 to 40 enquiries from prospective buyers.

Westmounters Heather Faith, Pat Goth, Dawn Halmay, Susan Kilburn and Ellen Wallace are among those planning a benefit performance by Bowser & Blue April 22 to raise funds for oncology patient care and amenities at the Montreal General Hospital. Other committee members are Rhody Sadler and Donna Bourne. The event, *Spring for Cancer!*, starts with a wine and food reception at 6:30 p.m. in the McIntyre Medical



Five Westmounters played on the MAAA team in the National Hockey League's centennial anniversary of the Stanley Cup at the Forum March 12 against LCC Old Boys and N.D.G Old Timers. They are, from left: David Pickwood, Andrew Ferrier, Claude Bismuth, David Jones and Rod Munn.

Centre at McGill University followed by a concert. Tickets cost \$75 each and are available by calling Mrs. Faith at 484-7244, Mrs. Bourne at 694-4243 or the Volunteers for Oncology Patients (MGH) at 937-6011 local 2314.

Irene and Stephen Lipper held a reception at their home to kick off the Torch of Learning award dinner of the Montreal Chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

The prestigious award will be presented May 10 at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue to professors Ruth Wisse and Irwin Cotler for their "outstanding achievements and in recognition of their community leadership." New York State governor Mario Cuomo is guest speaker.

Local residents are also active in a tribute to Dr. Morrie M. Gelfand by the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. The event was launched at the Westmount home of Valeria and Mike Rosenbloom, where more than 80 members of the tribute committee heard Dr. Gelfand describe needs of the faculty of health sciences observed on a recent visit.

The tribute takes place April 21 at Club Metropolis, featuring the Canadian Brass and James

Gelfand Trio. The cost of \$125 per tickets includes entertainment, refreshments and beverages but not donations to establishing the Dr. Morrie M. Gelfand chair in obstetrics and gynecology at the university to improve medical services to the entire Negev region. Call 937-8927 to reserve tickets for the gala.

Three local MUC police officers are just back from sunning in Florida, happy to have missed last month's big blizzard here but with an interesting slant on the way the same "killer" storm hit down there.

"I don't think they know what a real storm is," said police Station 23 director Pierre Vézina. As far as he was concerned, it was only a big blow. The problem is that many of the homes, especially trailer parks, aren't built to withstand the storms that hearty Québécois are accustomed to. Lise Bergeron and Gaston Bernier, who were vacationing with their respective spouses on the eastern seaboard at the same time, also shrugged it off as simply a day not to go to the beach.

COMING EVENTS EVENEMENTS

Bake Sale

The ladies committee, Branch 14, R.M.R. association Royal Canadian Legion, is holding a bake sale on Saturday April 17th, 1-4pm, 4825 Ste Catherine West, Westmount

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Ecological lawnman tells how to get your grass off addictive chemicals

By J. MARION FEINBERG

With spring officially here, many Westmounters are beginning to plan their gardens and lawns.

Jari Tuominiemi is coming to Victoria Hall this month to lend some of his considerable expertise on the subject of how to maintain an environmentally friendly lawn.

"It won't simply be an anti-chemical lecture but rather I'll look at the alternatives and show why the old ways, using pesticides and chemical fertilizers, don't work."

As the building engineer who moonlights with his own ecological lawn company.

Chemical companies often come in and blast an entire lawn surface with chemicals to eradicate a few weeds, he said. There are other options and he plans to go over them in detail during Earth Week, when he is brought in by the Healthy Cities environment sub-committee.

Catch him at Victoria Hall on

Budding craftswomen rack up two awards

By JANET COUTTS

Westmounters Jayne Allister and Cynthia Gatiem recently won their second honourable mention award at the 14th annual Springtime One Of A Kind Craft Show and Sale held last weekend in Toronto.

Theirs was one of 13 awards distributed among more than 500 artists, given for best visual presentation for their floor cloths.

At the same show at the end of November, they got an honourable mention for best new craftsperson. They have been in business for less than two years.

Winners are given handblown glass trophies. "They are round dishes with a thumbprint (the show's logo) in them," says Ms. Allister. "The Christmas one was

A banquet of Montreal

Westmount poet Julie Bruck, a National Magazine Award winner, is one of five writers for *YUL: A Theatrical Odyssey*, presented by POV Productions at the Strathearn Centre starting April 14.

POV was founded in 1991 to give voice to the writings of Quebec anglophone playwrights. Last year they presented three original plays repertoire: *Without Her* by former Westmounter Simon Sachs; *Anton*, a play about a Westmount family, by Harry Standjofski; and *Three Cops on a Roof* by Pan Bouyoucas. *Anton* was subsequently published by Nuage of Montreal.

This year POV commissioned Ms. Bruck, playwrights Mr. Standjofski, Mr. Sachs, Ann Lambert and Carol Bolt and musician David Gossage to write "a melange, a medley, a collage, an arrangement, a joining, a disarrangement, a continuous assemblage, a discontinuous clashing, a simultaneity of visions, a concurrence, a convergence, a disagreement, an agreement, a debate, a theatrical banquet" on living in Montreal today.

Sunday April 18 at 2 p.m., on Tuesday April 20 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday April 25 at 2 p.m.

"We take the approach that it is better to work from the soil up," he said. "We work on making the soil healthier and that will get rid of most of the weeds and then we do weeding by hand."

"But in the long term, it's not sustainable. Pounding your lawn with chemical fertilizers and pesticides usually results in a green space that is addicted to the chemicals and immune to effects you are trying to achieve in the first place," said Mr. Tuominiemi.

Westmounters concerned about chemical treatment of the lawn and who want to break the cycle of paying a company to do what they could do themselves will definitely enjoy the workshops, he said. But so will those who are just interested in having a truly beautiful grassy area. He also vows he does not give boring lectures and promises it will be interactive and fun.

pink, and the new one is green."

The two self-taught artists had been doing decorative design, and Ms. Allister took a course in floor cloth-making in Toronto in the fall of 1991. The cloths they make are stenciled and painted freehand, and all are finished to go on the floor although, Ms. Allister says, many people use them as wall hangings.

"Our floor cloths sell for \$150 up. We have a few in a shop in Knowlton, but most of our selling is done out of our studio by word of mouth. We also get a lot of commissions from the Toronto show, so we will probably skip the Christmas show from now on.

"We don't want to get too big. It's very intensive work and if we produced 100 cloths a year it would be more than enough."

Mr. Sachs, who attended Selwyn House and St. George's School (where he was first exposed to theatre), has written "Food," where we meet the last remaining anglo in Montreal at the counter of Schwartz's and "Love."

The other short pieces in the production are Ms. Bolt's "Rosie Learns French"; Mr. Standjofski's "Promise"; and Ms. Lambert's "Old Stock." Ms. Bruck contributes her evocative dramatic poems and jazz/pop/classical musician Mr. Gossage, who has composed in the past for theatre, contributes the soundscape.

YUL: A Theatrical Odyssey, directed by Joel Miller and Svetlana Zylina, starring Danette Mackay and Harry Standjofski, is at the Strathearn Centre, 3680 Jeanne Mance, April 14 through May 2, Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. Sunday "Talk Back" matinées are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$12 for students and seniors. Tuesdays are Pay What You Can and Talk Back Sundays are \$5. Box office: 848-0827.

— Janet Coutts

The Quarrel writer to speak at the Shaar

The Allan Bronfman Memorial Lecture will be delivered Wednesday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Metcalfe Hall of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave., by David Brandes, writer of the screenplay and co-producer of *The Quarrel*.

The film, based on the short story by Chaim Grade, will be shown before the lecture. It stars Saul Rubinek and R.H. Thomson and was directed by Eli Cohen and shot in Montreal. It won the first prize jury award for best feature film at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, Crystal Heart Award at the Heartland Film Festi-

val and Gold Angel Award for best feature film.

There will be comments by Paul

Bronfman.

The lecture is free and the public is invited to attend.

Egg hunt raises \$210

The Samedi Greene programs at the Greene Avenue Community Centre have been suspended until fall, but the final event, an egg hunt held last Saturday, raised \$210 for Montreal Children's Hospital as of midday Tuesday.

The figure is tentative because organizers are still accepting donations at 1090 Greene Ave.

A new board of directors and officers of the corporation was

elected at the centre's annual general meeting on March 25.

President is Peter Duffield; vice president, Diane Russell; secretary Maureen Malowany; treasurer Lori Baird; and members Alan Bull, Raymond Busbridge, Michael Ellwood, Heather Evans, Wally Ewert, Georges Halasz, Morag Howlett, Virginia Kerr, Peter Marcovitz, Tom Richards and Lorraine Shatilla.

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Westmount Community Calendar

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, April 8

Registration is under way for bridge classes at the Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave., starting April 14 or 19. 488-7437 or 937-9471.

Toy collection: Peter the YMCA Rabbit is collecting new and (washed) used stuffed toys to give to children who are in shelters with their mothers. Toys will be accepted until Easter.

Art exhibit: Montreal painter Gérard Castonguay at Galerie Westmount, 4912 Sherbrooke St. *Création Nouvelle* runs through April 18. 484-1488.

Art exhibit: Show by Westmounters Richard Vaskelis, Pierre Dion and Hugo Wüthrich at Galerie Dan Delaney, 318 Victoria Ave., ends Saturday. 484-4691.

Art exhibit: Kastel Gallery is celebrating 25 years of existence with a collectors' choice exhibition of artists, past and present, of the gallery, at 1368 Greene Ave., through April 14. 933-8735.

Registration is under way for a free CLSC Metro course, Parenting Your Toddler, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for five Tuesdays starting April 13. 934-0354, ext. 247.

For seniors: Free swim for seniors, members or not, at the Westmount Y, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

Friday, April 9

Good Friday: Most municipal and government offices will be closed, as will the offices of THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER.

Saturday, April 10

Sunday, April 11

Happy Easter! We hope the bunny hops all around your house and leaves lots of low cholesterol eggs, preferably with pavé emeralds.

For seniors: An Easter concert by pianist Jeff Fisher at Château Westmount, 4860 de Maisonneuve Blvd., sixth floor penthouse. Non-residents are asked to arrive by 2:45 p.m. for the 3 p.m. concert. Refreshments will be served.

Monday, April 12

Montreal Camera Club will not meet this evening.

Parent Support Group for parents of acting-out adolescents meets Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the Westmount Y, 4585 Sherbrooke St. W. Newcomers are welcome at 7:15 p.m. \$1.

Tuesday, April 13

Lecture: Kalman Samuels, QC, honorary consul of Yugoslavia, will speak on Yugoslavia at the Entre Nous group noon brown bag lunch at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom. The program starts at 1 p.m. following lunch. Everyone welcome.

Public hearing at city hall at 4 p.m. on the renovations of Hurlbush House.

City council meets 8 p.m.

Tenant Advisory Clinic offers free advice to Westmount residents weekly from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Victoria Hall. 934-4898.

Wednesday, April 14

For seniors: Registration for Contactivity courses from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. 932-2326.

Lecture: Screenplay writer (The Quarell) David Brandes will deliver the Allan Bronfman Memorial Lecture at 7:30 p.m. at Metcalfe Hall, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 524 Metcalfe Ave. The film will be screened prior to the lecture and Paul Bronfman will comment. Free. Public invited.

Poetry reading by Ronnie Brown at 8 p.m. at Double Hook, 1235A Greene Ave. 932-5093.

Deadline to submit work to Atwater Library's poetry contest. 935-7344.

Information meeting for parents sponsored by Westmount High Home and School. Guest speaker is psychologist Jasmin Aquan-Assee on "Adolescents and Stress" at 7:30 p.m. at 4350 St. Catherine St.

Information meeting by the National Party of Canada from 7 to 9 p.m. in Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Sylvain Lamanque and others will speak in both official languages about the party's principles. Question period and discussion to follow. 499-3056.

Thursday, April 15

Theatre: Selwyn House Senior Players present Dale Wasserman's *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest* at 8 p.m. at 95 Côte St. Antoine. Tickets are \$6; \$4 for students and seniors. 931-9481.

Walk-a-thon to benefit women who give up life on the streets

On Saturday, May 8, the students of Queen of Angels Academy, Sacred Heart School, Villa Maria and Loyola High School will take part in the 16th annual Walk-A-Thon in support of Passages, a non-profit organization that helps troubled young women aged 14 to 21 and who are prostitutes to reintegrate with society.

Passages volunteers maintain a link with women still on the street and encourage them to find the strength to make a commitment to Passages, which then provides housing and helps residents to continue their schooling.

The Walk-A-Thon begins at Loyola campus and goes to the Old Port for a lunch break and then returns to Loyola for a total of 30 km.

Government grants to Passages have been cut by \$43,281, and its rent has increased by \$2,000. The organization hopes to move to a new location out of the city core. Money from the Walk-A-Thon will pay for the move and for renovations at the new location. The balance will go to develop new programs, such as a collective kitchen and an arts workshop, for residents.

Nearly 1,800 students will take part. Phone donations can be made on May 8 by calling 486-1101.

Lightman art loaned

Westmount artist/collector Terry Lightman, who showed some of her paintings last year at the Musée de la religion in Quebec City, has loaned the museum 29 pieces from her personal collections of Buddhist and Bhramin art. The pieces will be on display at the museum for one year.

On fête Pâques à Saint-Léon

Ce soir, à l'occasion du Jeudi saint, la communauté chrétienne de Saint-Léon célébrera la Cène du Seigneur à 19h30. Suivra une période de veille et d'adoration jusqu'à minuit.

Demain, Vendredi saint, tous les paroissiens sont invités à faire pénitence en souvenir de la mort du Sauveur. Le jeûne et l'abstinence sont recommandés. À 15h, il y aura proclamation de la Passion, vénération de la croix et communion. À 19h30, il y aura le chemin de croix se fera en prières et méditation.

La veillée pascale, la célébration

la plus importante de l'année, aura lieu samedi soir à 21h45. Il y aura célébration de la Lumière, bénédiction du cierge pascal et de l'eau baptismale.

Dimanche, les Chrétiens fêteront la Résurrection du Christ. Les messes auront lieu à 10h00 et à 11h30, selon l'horaire habituel.

Le projet de carême de la communauté de Saint-Léon-de-Westmount vise cette année à soutenir le centre Padre Guillermo Arsenault à Guinope, El Paraiso, Honduras. Pour l'instant, nous avons recueilli la somme de 5 843\$. Notre objectif est de 14 000\$.

City buys cars, trucks and tree-pruning

Tenders approved at the March council meeting included buying seven vehicles, tree-pruning and street line painting services.

Des Sources Dodge Chrysler Ltée. made the low bid for a 1993 Dodge Caravan New S.E. Short 112" bought for the fire department. Their tender price of \$16,476 beat out three other bids of between \$1,492 and \$2,181 higher. The same company's bid of \$18,370 won out over four others for a 1993 Dodge Caravan New S.E. 112" for the light and power department. The other prices were \$296 to \$831 higher.

Automobiles Plymouth Chrysler Laurentien Ltée. submitted the low bid of \$13,324 for a 1993 Plymouth Voyager New S.E. 112" slated for the Public Security Unit. Three other bidders submitted prices that were \$1,696 to \$3,173 higher.

The city plans to purchase three 1993 Plymouth Acclaim four-doors for various departments and accepted Automobiles Plymouth Chrysler Laurentien's low bid of \$30,559. This price was approved over three other car companies whose price ranged from \$32,036 to \$35,762.

Equipment St. Louis & Fils Inc. submitted a price of \$65,729 for a diesel "Trackless" 1993 new tractor. Although not technically the lowest bidder, their price was recommended for acceptance since the contractor with the lowest price did not conform to specifications.

Two tree pruning contracts were awarded to Pro-Arbres for a total bid price of \$25,883, beating out

four competitors whose prices were significantly higher. They ranged from \$37,395 to \$55,767 higher than the successful bidder.

Finally, Les Signalisations R.C. Inc. submitted the lowest bid in a street line painting contract with the price of \$68,787. They edged out two other line-painting companies whose prices were \$3,491 to \$8,876 above the lowest price.

Performing arts camp registration under way

Registration is under way for Creation Etc...s Performing Arts Camp '93 which runs from July 5 to Aug. 7. The camp is run on alternate years. On even years, Creations Etc... presents Réalité Jeunesse, public performances theatre and dance created by youth.

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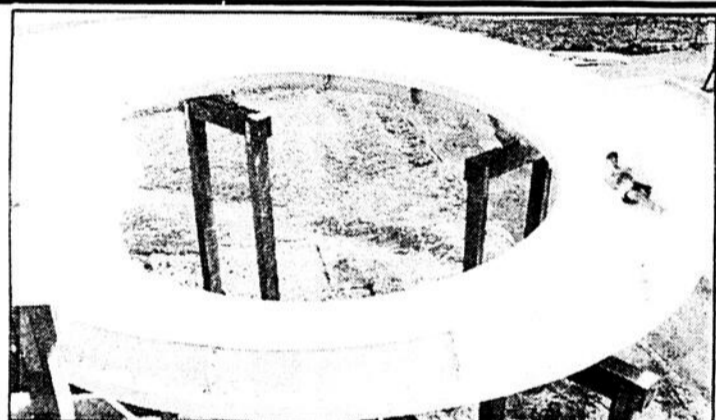
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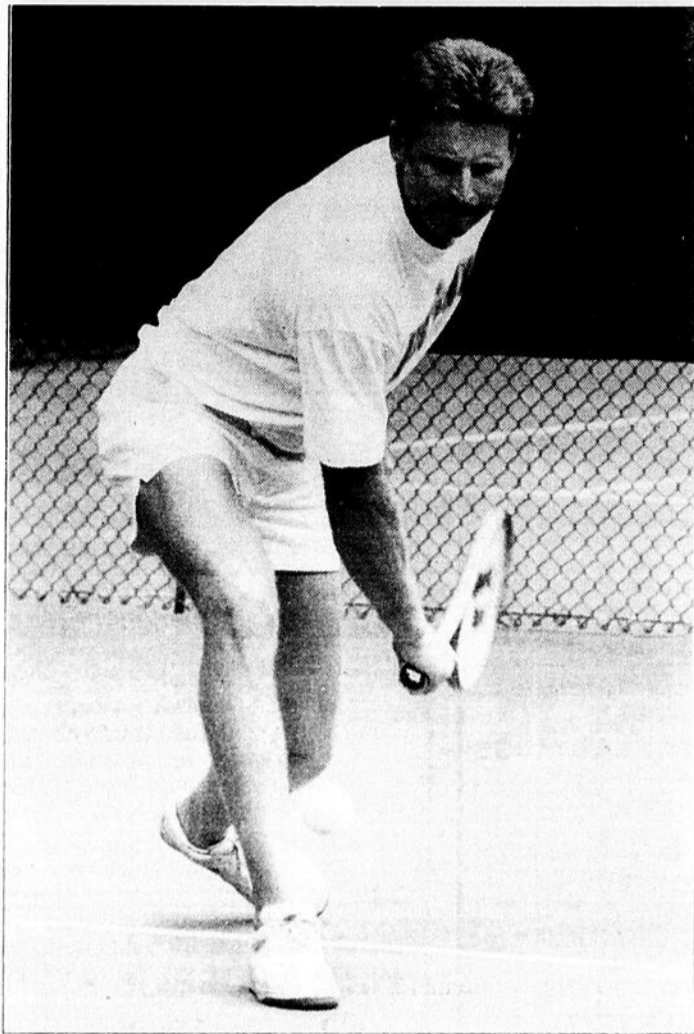
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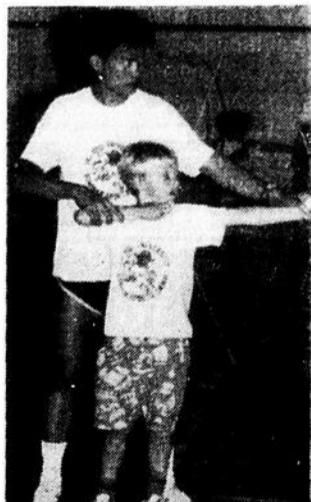


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New Youtheatre production gets under students' skin

Youtheatre has become known to Montreal-area educators as a more-than-competent professional company that brings issue-oriented plays to their students. Sometimes the issues (like AIDS, racism, bullying, dyslexia, drugs) make educators a touch uncomfortable when they think of discussions in their student bodies, but generally speaking the students welcome the opportunity to think about and discuss subjects that affect their lives.

The play that is currently touring high schools, Dennis Foon's *Skin*, is getting a warm reception from young people.

Aimed at whites

The play was created in 1984, with more research added in later. It is aimed primarily at white middle-class kids so they can see something of the life experiences of their visible minority classmates. It makes the sensible and gentle point that you do not have to be a bigot to say or do something racist; but the person who is hurt is not

being oversensitive.

In this incarnation of the play, we meet an East Indian (Fleurette Fernando), a Mohawk (Barbara Kaneratonni Diabo), a Chinese person from Vietnam (Victor Wong) and several of those middle-class white kids (Scott McKenzie, who also plays miscellaneous other characters — the Chinese teen's friend, the Mohawk's cousin, the bigoted teacher).

Westmounter Peter Flegel, 14, was a member of the audience who found the play particularly applicable to him and his needs. "Everything that happened in that play has happened to me," he says: the name-calling, the stereotyping (he cites a teacher who assumed he plays basketball because he is black, among other examples), the suicide attempt of a friend.

The target audience was caught up and thoughtful but visible minority youngsters seemed to be most effected: like Peter, they felt their experiences and pain were validated. Tears trembled on eyelashes here and there in the room.

The actors answer questions

after the play.

Mr. Wong changed the name of his character from the one Mr. Foon had chosen to his own, Wong Ted Yiu. Ms. Diabo said her part had been written for a West Coast Indian, but since she is a Mohawk from Kahnawake who focusses on her roots, she decided to make her character more familiar.

The team is directed by Michel Lefebvre, Youtheatre's new artistic director. He keeps the pace quick; we miss nothing and the TV generation has no time to get bored.

An added pleasure in this production is original music by Montreal actor/director/musician Tyrone Benskin.

Once again I urge parents and teachers to ask if Youtheatre is coming to their school. If the answer is negative, demand to know why. Offer to help find the money, space in the calendar, time to supervise — whatever is needed.

Skin by Dennis Foon is available this month for performances in high schools and community spaces, through Youtheatre, 844-8781.

— Janet Coutts

Selwyn ponders letting girls in

By J. MARION FEINBERG

A Selwyn House committee is looking at the possibility of going from a boys' school to a co-educational one.

"We're always examining how we can improve the educational experience of our students and preparing them for a post-secondary education and the world they will be entering," said principal William Mitchell.

"One of the reasons why we're looking at it has to do with the fact that many schools have gone co-

educational in recent years," he said. "We're asking, if it is happening, is it appropriate for us?"

A 10-member committee made up of board members, parents, faculty and alumni will be attempting to answer that question as well as others.

"The committee's mandate is to examine the philosophical and pedagogical aspects and to report on their findings," said Mr. Mitchell.

If the report is negative, the idea will be shelved. If it is positive, the

next step will be a feasibility study, he said.

"There are strong feelings on both sides of this issue," he said. "We get questions from parents asking us if there is some reason why single-sex schools education is preferable."

A sub-committee of the board of directors looked at co-education about a decade ago. One of its recommendations favoured looking at the possibility of opening up the facility to young women as well as men, but it was not acted upon.



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Novice Wings win regional championship

By MICHAEL AMOS

The Westmount Wings Novice "B" team ended the season on a high note by winning the regional championship this weekend.

The Wings had dominated league play during the regular season and won the bronze medal in a tournament in Dollard last month. Nine zone winners competed at Ville St. Pierre.

Westmount began the tournament with a blowout victory over St. Laurent. The game was stopped in the second period with the Wings ahead 13-0. Chris Mettler-Warner led the way for Westmount with three goals and three assists and Roderick Leider had four goals.

The second game wasn't so easy as Westmount needed two overtime periods to get by Châteauguay. They had fallen behind 3-2 late in the game when Henry Cundill evened the score with nine seconds left in the third period.

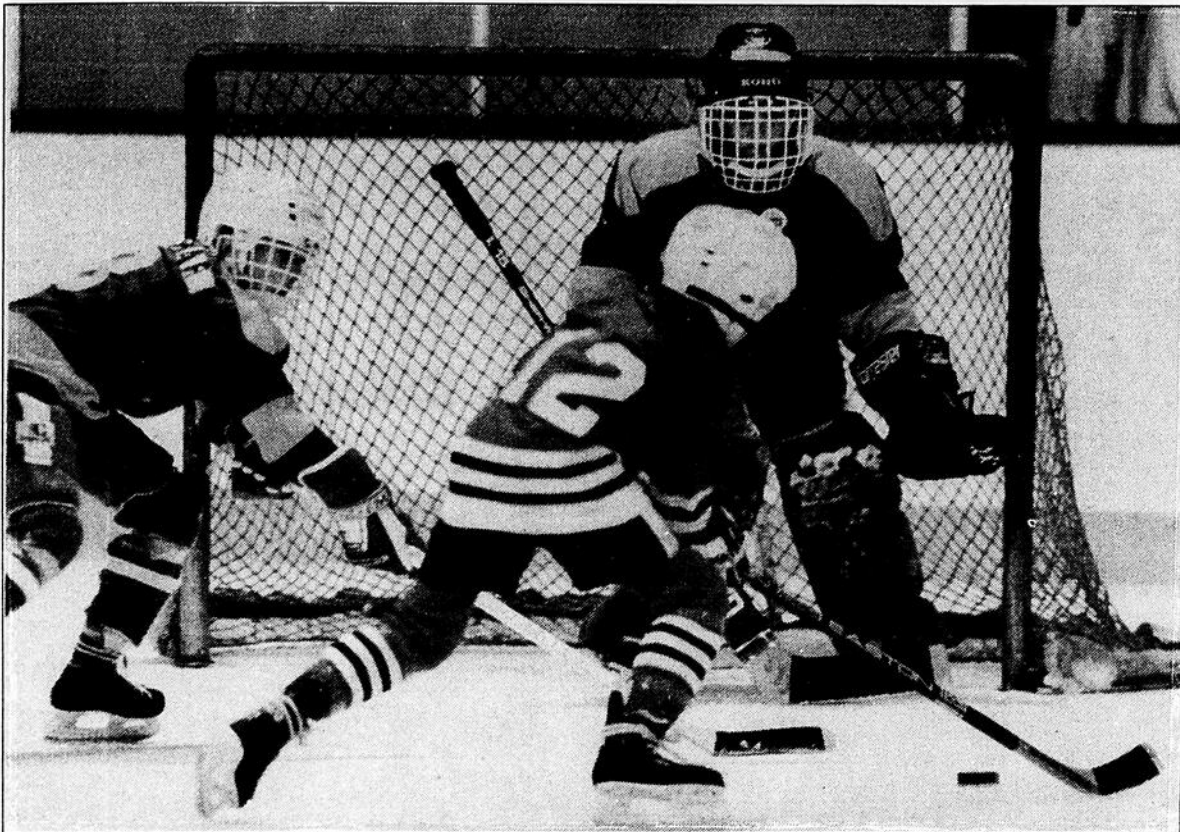
Chris Mettler-Warner scored 55 seconds into the second overtime to give his team the come-from-behind win.

"It was a real nail biter," said team manager Dave Lapointe. "This was the team that won the silver medal at the Dollard tournament but we never got to play them."

The semi-final game against Beauval was another easy victory for the Wings.

Roderick Leider had two goals and assisted on two others while Parnell Adams netted two to help Westmount to a 7-1 victory.

Mr. Lapointe said the Beauval team was probably the best team they faced in the tournament, adding that the Wings played brilliant-



Westmount forward Matthew Ellen tries to stuff the pack past St. Laurent goalie Dimitri Antonaras during first-period play in the Wings' first game in the regional tournament this weekend.

Photo by CLIFFORD SKARSTEDT

ly in the lopsided victory.

"That game was one of the best I've ever seen them play," he said. "I was hoping it would carry over into the finals."

But Sunday's final against Lachine proved to be a tough game for the Wings. It was a low-scoring defensive game.

"We have a really good skating team," said Mr. Lapointe. "But they play a different style game. They were getting in our way and

not giving us room to skate."

The Wings jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first four minutes of the game on goals by Chris Churchill-Smith and Henry Cundill.

Lachine fought back with two goals in the second period to tie the game. But Parnell Adam scored for Westmount at 7:41 of the final period to give the Wings a 3-2 victory and the regional championship.

"This is what we played for all year," said Mr. Lapointe.

The Novice "B" Wings are composed of Chris Mettler-Warner, Daniel Cercone, David McConnell, Philip Schaffer, Daniel Wilner, Chris Churchill-Smith, Jordan Beitel, Matthew Ellen, Matthew Stotland, Jeremy Whitworth, Parnell Adam, Henry Cundill, Roderick Leider, Nikola Vokov, Sacha Asgary and Andrew Barraclough.

Egg-laden lads stopped

Three Westmount boys aged 10 and 11 emptied their pockets of eggs Saturday afternoon when found at the Roslyn lookout, public safety officers said.

Public Security officers were called by parents of one who said their son had just left home with two dozen eggs and they wanted him stopped before he caused any mischief.

When the boys were located, they denied having any eggs until told parents had complained. Then the boys handed over 10 eggs from various pockets. Traces of other eggs were found at Roslyn and The Boulevard.

Oops!

The names of players in last week's outline of the Novice "B" Westmount Wings team was supplied by a tournament brochure. The team list in the brochure had some errors which were reprinted in THE EXAMINER. THE EXAMINER not only regrets the error, but detests getting names, in particular, wrong. To try to make up for the foul up, we have listed the team again in this week's story about the Wings winning the regional championship.

At the same time, the Westmount Wings Atom "CC" team was promoted from having lost in the regionals to having lost in the provincials in last week's issue. Sorry, guys. Wishful thinking.

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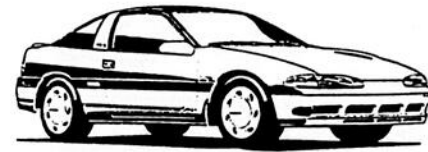


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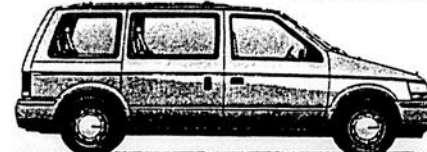
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