

Owner of 22 Summit sues city for \$3 million

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

The owner of a 91-year-old house at 22 Summit Circle is suing the City of Westmount, the mayor and seven city councillors for \$3 million because she was refused permission to demolish her house.

The 17-page lawsuit was filed earlier this month and was served to the city last Friday.

The detailed deposition asks the court to nullify the decisions of the demolition committee Sept 29 and the city council Dec 7, alleging they violated the homeowner's rights.

The lawsuit also alleges that what Westmount has done amounts to expropriation without compensation. It therefore demands \$3 million compensation for the value of the land and the costs incurred by the owner, Annie Kenane.

"The fundamental contention of the lawsuit is that the city treated Mrs Kenane unfairly and treated her application unfairly," said David Powell, Mrs Kenane's lawyer.

Mayor May Cutler declined to

comment on the lawsuit but said she sympathized with Mrs Kenane.

Mrs Cutler said Westmount is faced with a "great dilemma" — the interests of citizens who want to preserve heritage buildings versus the interests of building owners like Mrs Kenane.

Mrs Kenane was denied a permit to demolish the wooden house at 22 Summit because of its value as a heritage property. It is classified 1A in the city's architectural heritage study released in 1988.

"We are working on a solution that will resolve this situation," Mrs Cutler said.

The situation started Aug 1, 1988, when Mrs Kenane bought the building.

According to the lawsuit, Mrs Kenane was assured by the city before she bought the house that she could demolish it. Bruno Di Lenardo, Westmount's director of services, reportedly told her that there were

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Misdemeanor charge laid in fatal accident

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A taxi driver has been charged with leaving his cab unattended Jan

Police at work on new lead in hit-run death

A new lead in the hit-and-run death of Vera Horvat at Olivier avenue and St Catherine street before Christmas "looks good," police revealed Monday.

Efforts are now under way to pursue the new information after one response from an Info Crime reply proved no good, said Constable Luc Desjardins of the MUC's accident investigation squad.

He declined to say how the new information had been obtained.

The likelihood of a post office truck being involved has been ruled out, he said. "For sure it's not a truck from that station."

Investigators have been working on the theory that the victim, a 50-year-old resident of Longueuil, had either fallen or been knocked to the ground Dec 21 when she was run over by a vehicle, possibly a truck.

She was found face down in the street near the post office parking lot and was declared dead after being taken to Montreal General Hospital by Urgences Santé.

26 when it rolled backward killing Westmount art gallery owner Elisabeth Lang on Olivier avenue, police said Monday.

The misdemeanor charge was laid under article 381 of the highway code. It carries a fine ranging from \$30 to \$60.

Investigator Claude Fournier told THE EXAMINER after the accident it was not determined whether charges would be laid under the highway code. He said he did not feel criminal code charges of negligence applied.

In addition to the charge against the cabbie, the owner of the taxi was ordered to have the 1983 Dodge mechanically inspected under article 699 of the highway code.

The taxi rolled backward, pinning the pedestrian against a pickup truck, police confirmed. The cab is reported to have been left at the sidewalk with engine running when the cabbie entered an apartment building to pick up a customer (see story Feb 1).

Police said a witness who moved the car away from the woman stated the gear shift had been in reverse.

The 75-year-old victim died in hospital less than three hours later, reportedly after going into shock and cardiac arrest. She had sustained severe injuries to the pelvic region.

The freak accident occurred only a few feet north of where another woman had been run over and killed Dec 21 in a hit-and-run accident still unsolved (see separate story).

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FOOD AND TROPHIES: Some of those who attended the recreation department's awards night Monday, and enjoyed the food (one way or another) are from left, in front, Igor Bastin (relishing the occasion) and Tom Simon. Threatening him with the mustard is Lawrence Moquette with David Beitel and Nicky Yanow beside him. For more coverage of awards night and a complete list of winners, see page 23.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

Shake off the snow . . . it's time to carnival!

THE biggest, bestest, baddest Westmount Winter Carnival in the history of human kind is finally under way and there's lots of fun for everyone.

"Do come and join us for winter fun," said Westmount City Councillor Joan Rothman, commissioner of recreation and culture.

This year's carnival, Feb 14 to 17, is twice as long as previous carnivals. It is organized by Westmount's newly named department of recreation and culture.

Coun Rothman says it is important to point out the meaning of the word "recreation."

She says Webster's unabridged dictionary defines recreation as "the act of recreating or the state of being recreated; refreshment of the strength and spirits after toil; amusement; diversion, entertainment, pastime, sport."

Well, here are some of the things Westmunters can do to recreate themselves during this year's carnival.

The first event on the agenda was to have taken place yesterday evening — a romantic Valentine's night-skiing trip to St Sauveur.

Tonight, there will be a wine and cheese party with music and candlelight at Victoria Hall from 7:30 to 10 pm.

Tomorrow, there will be a lasagna dinner and a movie for the entire family at Victoria Hall. Westmunters can come and see the crowning of the Carnival Queen and King, take a sleigh ride in Westmount Park, warm themselves at a bonfire or skate on the specially designed one-time-only

skating rink in front of Victoria Hall. The fun starts at 5:30 pm.

A \$4 ticket is all it takes to take part in the wine and cheese party, lasagna dinner and movie.

"Bargains still exist," Coun Rothman says.

THE EXAMINER has learned the identities of this year's carnival King and Queen. They are Gina Knox and Jonathan Stubbs, according to Beverly Adams-Coskun, Westmount's socio-cultural co-ordinator.

Ms Adams-Coskun says eight Queens and five Kings were nominated. Miss Knox, 11, won with 128 votes and Mr Stubbs, 11, won with 117 votes.

On Saturday, novice and atom hockey games will take place from 9 am to 1 pm at the Westmount Arena. A peewee exhibition hockey game between Westmount and East York Toronto will begin at 1 pm. At 2 pm two N.D.G. teams will demonstrate the game of ringuette. At 2:30 there will be a broomball game. Participants must sign up in advance.

There will also be children's races, a costume parade and a puck-shooting contest at the arena.

A "Volleyball in the Snow" event will take place in the junior tennis courts in Westmount Park at 1 pm. Sleigh rides will be available all day. Hot chocolate and cake will be served.

Judging of the residential snow sculpture contest will be held on Feb 16 and 17. The contest is open to residents and schools.

For more information call the department of recreation and culture at 935-8531, local 212.

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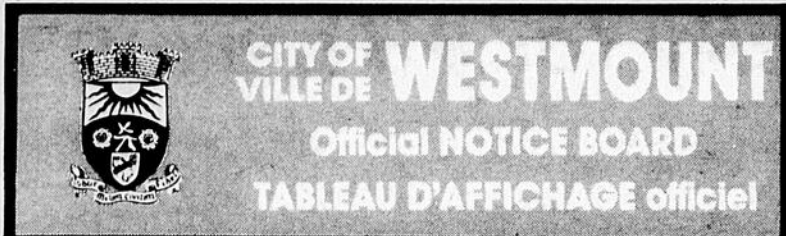
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Pension rollovers allowed to March 1

As a result of incorrect information supplied in a press release, THE EXAMINER's RRSP page Jan 30 contained erroneous information stating the deadline for rolling over pension income into an RRSP for 1989 was Dec 31.

In fact, according to a number of experts who spotted the error, such rollovers are allowed until March 1, the same deadline as for regular

RRSP contributions. Revenue Canada said this week the confusion resulted from a poorly written regulation.

THE EXAMINER regrets the error.

Villa Maria hosted debates

Villa Maria High School hosted the annual Quebec Senior Debating Association pre-provincial tournament on Jan 26, not Sacred Heart School as was published in a headline last week. THE EXAMINER regrets the error.

Too much money

The Shaar duplicate bridge players last year raised \$15,000 for the synagogue's Meals-on-Wheels program, not \$45,000 as reported last week. THE EXAMINER regrets the error.

Bonked on bus

A 45-year-old Westmount woman fell on a bus Feb 2 at St Catherine street and Clarke avenue hitting her head, according to police. The woman went to hospital on her own and filed a report of the incident at station 23 Feb 8 saying she had been suffering headaches ever since. The fall occurred about 8 am when the number 90 bus stopped abruptly.

Temperatures were measured

Dr Max Dunbar was misquoted in a story in THE EXAMINER of Feb 8 which incorrectly stated that he said water temperatures off the coast of Newfoundland have never been recorded.

In fact, Dr Dunbar says the water temperatures off Newfoundland and Labrador have been measured for many years.

"There is evidence of a cooling in that current but nobody seems to have applied this to the study of the cod stock," he says.

THE EXAMINER regrets the error.

No mid-month session Monday as council meets in private

CITY council has decided to forego its mid-month public session which would have taken place Monday. The reason is too much business to be mulled over in private, according to Mayor May Cutler.

Among closed-door items to be tackled by council members is the recent \$3-million law suit launched against the city regarding its refusal to allow demolition of 22 Summit crescent (see separate story).

Council members also want time to plan their weekend retreat set for Feb 23 at the Chéribourg Hotel near Mount Orford to set long-range plans with department heads under guidance of management consultant George Cuff, former mayor of Spruce Grove, Alberta.

The library complex is another item slated for discussion, the mayor said.

**WESTMOUNT
Community
Calendar**

Today, Feb 15

Winter Carnival: Wine and cheese party (tickets for this, community supper and film screening on Friday on sale at arena and Victoria Hall) at Victoria Hall, 7:30 to 10 pm.

Concert: Ensemble Amati with guest guitarist Jean Vallières at 8 pm at St-Léon-de-Westmount church. Tickets \$12 and \$10, with a \$2 discount for seniors and students. Reservations 935-4950.

Fibre art: Concordia's fibre faculty shows various aspects of textile arts at Visual Arts Centre until March 17. 488-9559.

Flower paintings by Westmounter Graeme Welch at Westmount Library until Feb 25. 935-0983.

Friday, Feb 16

Winter Carnival community supper (tickets required) from 5:30 to 7 pm at Victoria Hall, followed by crowning of queen and king, family skating on the lawn and screening of *Harry and the Hendersons* (tickets required). Bonfire and old-fashioned sleigh rides at Westmount Park.

Alice in Wonderland by Rathbone Theatre at Victoria Hall at 9:30 am and noon. 636-5248 or 486-2876.

Saturday, Feb 17

Winter carnival activities at the arena, plus sleigh rides at Westmount Park and outdoor volleyball at junior tennis courts.

Reading: Bird stories at 10 am at Oink Oink!, 1361 Greene avenue. Events every second week. 939-2634.

Samedi Greene presents a basketball workshop with Paul Guinness. Children of all ages learn the basics or improve their game from 10 to 11:30 am at Greene Avenue Community Centre. Children under six must be accompanied. \$1. 931-6202.

Tuesday, Feb 20

Babysaver course: Six hours of training at the Westmount Y from 6 to 9 pm tonight and Thursday. 931-8046.

Wednesday, Feb 21

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

COMING UP

Feb 23: Rathbone Theatre's *Alice in Wonderland* at Victoria Hall at 9:30 am and noon. 636-5248 or 486-2876.

Feb 24: The Atlantic Union Choir, accompanied by Dr Gosnell Yorke, performs at 7 pm at Westmount Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Feb 24: Samedi Greene presents a mask-making workshop from 10 to 11:30 am at Greene Avenue Community Centre. \$1. 931-6202.

Feb 24: Rathbone Theatre's *Alice in Wonderland*, adapted by John Dapery, at Victoria Hall at 10:30 am and 2 pm. 636-5248 or 486-2876.

March 1: Thérèse Darch of Regional Council for Health and Social Services at Contactivity Centre at 2 pm to discuss various living arrangements available to older people. 932-3433.

Metcalf-St Catherine bus shelter quandary may need legal action

Wanted: a property-owner on the south side of St Catherine street at Metcalfe avenue who will come to the rescue of bus users.

Since no one has agreed to allow a bus shelter to be installed on private property, the city may have to look into taking legal steps to erect one.

The announcement was made at the city council meeting Monday last week when the issue of bus shelters was raised by citizens.

Bruce St Louis, city operations manager, said the city has been unable to find a property owner willing to permit installation of a shelter for eastbound bus users.

Since the south sidewalk at Metcalfe is narrow, a shelter would have to be built behind the sidewalk. The favored site immediately west of

Haines convenience store had been rejected by a building owner last year. Owners of adjacent properties to east and west also refused requests.

Citizens also asked why two other shelters have been removed. One at the southeast corner of St Catherine and Glen road disappeared during construction of Westmount Park Towers on the former POM bakery site.

Mr St Louis told citizen Don Wedge he will discuss replacement of the shelter at a meeting with the MUCTC planned soon.

The other shelter at the southwest corner of Sherbrooke and Metcalfe outside the former RCAFA building was taken down owing to a water leak.

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Where were they going?

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

Feb 6

9:13 am: Westmount Square concourse, first responder unit, medical assistance;
1:50 pm: 4966 Sherbrooke, furnace problem;
4:42 pm: 7925 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:48 pm;
10:14 pm: 437 Grosvenor, apt 11, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 10:26 pm, odor of paraffin from freshly sealed Mason jars;

Feb 7

2:24 am: 332 Metcalfe, mutual aid fire in house (see stories);
11:26 am: 3303 Cedar, fire alarm activated when workmen cut wires while working on system;
10:45 pm: 696 Victoria, rumbling noise in furnace, defective circulating pump;

Feb 8

3:15 am: Lane off 4560 St Catherine, car leaking small amount of gas;
7:42 am: 4505 St Catherine, Belvedere Residence, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 7:50 am, smoke detector activated by burnt food;
8:59 am: Rear of 1123 Greene, Bell wires hanging;
2:58 pm: 640 Lansdowne, strange odor, sewer gas from dry trap in basement;
5:46 pm: 4315 Montrose, first responder unit;
9:52 pm: 556 Claremont, defective burglar alarm;

Feb 9

5:48 am: Front of 4150 St Catherine, fire in mailbox (see story);
9:10 pm: 19 Lansdowne Ridge, smoke detector activated by burnt food;

Feb 10

1:18 am: 6600 Kildare, code 3 automatic

Two women told 'sorry, no dough'

Two botched fraud attempts were reported to police by Westmount banks last week. Both involved women.

The first occurred Feb 1 when a woman tried to get an \$800 advance from the Bank of Montreal, 5003 Sherbrooke street, using credit cards. She made a hasty departure when the teller started to check out the cards which police said were probably stolen.

On Feb 6, a woman tried to cash a federal government cheque for \$414 at the nearby Royal Bank, 4849 Sherbrooke, but the teller recognized the name on the cheque. When asked for identification, the woman fled.

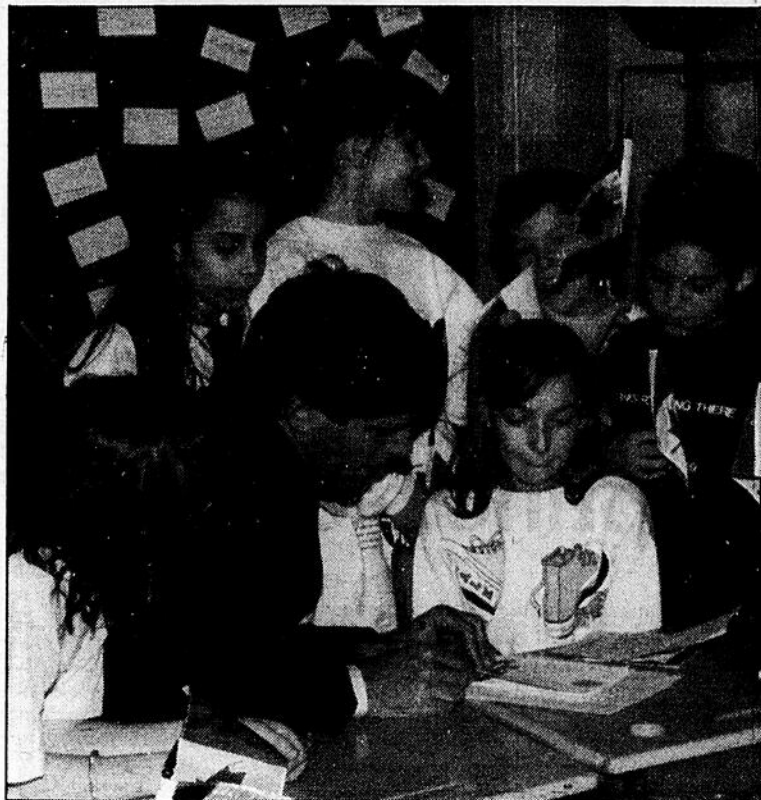
mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 1:37 am;
1:58 am: 6600 Kildare, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 2:16 am;
7:30 am: 815 Upper Belmont, Villa Ste Marcelline, flood (see story);
10:41 am: 332 Redfern, first responder unit, medical assistance;
11:51 am: Place Alexis Nihon, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 12 noon, alarm pullstation activated in Steinberg's;
12:28 pm: 331 Clarke, first responder unit, medical assistance (see story);
1:33 pm: 4300 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit, medical assistance;
2:53 pm: 47 Chesterfield, strange odor, dry basement drain;
6:48 pm: 3 Roxborough, defective fire alarm;
10:47 pm: 18 Belvedere, defective switch on oven;

Feb 11

11:55 am: 483 Elm, person locked out of home;
3:54 pm: 5760 Parkhaven, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:05 pm;
6:13 pm: 200 Lansdowne, apt 702, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 6:27 pm, odor from lights in entry;
10:01 pm: 4501 Sherbrooke, apt 1E, first responder unit, medical assistance;

Feb 12

3:41 am: Opposite 309 Prince Albert, small amount of fuel leaking on street from delivery truck;
5:42 pm: Greene and St Antoine, water leak in street;
6:46 pm: Atwater and Tupper, odor, possibly from passing buses.



BIRTHDAY OF OUR FLAG: It was 25 years ago today that Canadians first saw their new flag fly atop flagpoles across the nation. Westmount MP David Berger recently visited Roslyn School where he spoke to Grade 4 students about the history of Canada's flag. They, in turn, told him of how they are learning more about the world (and their own country) through letters to students in other countries. Vivian Tawfik shared some correspondence from her penpal with Mr Berger as classmates look on. Mr Berger gave the children stand-up flags and, to send to their correspondents, small pins of the flag.

Photo by VALERIE TETLEY

School flood

Four feet of water backed up into the elevator shaft of the Villa Ste Marcelline school at 815 Upper Belmont avenue Saturday morning, fire officials report. The problem was caused by a defective sump pump. Firefighters were summoned at 7:30 am and service people were called.

Ka-plow!

A City of Westmount sidewalk plow hit the right side of a car parked Tuesday last week facing 370 Elm avenue, police said. The Mercury sustained less than \$500 damage. It belongs to a resident of Victoria avenue.

Perhaps Valentine starts mail blaze?

Remains of burnt mail were turned over postal authorities Friday after a fire in a mailbox outside 4150 St Catherine street east of Greene avenue, fire officials said. They were unable to ascertain what caused the fire.

The small fire was detected about 5:48 am.

Both MUC police and public safety officers emptied fire extinguishers into the box but the smouldering mail was not completely doused until post office personnel opened the box with a key to permit firefighters to finish the job — also using an extinguisher. Damage was estimated at about \$300.



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We Say

A time for principle

THERE are few communities in Canada which have been so much in the front lines of the debate and action over bilingualism as Westmount.

In the 30 years — can it be a full generation? — since the start of the Quiet Revolution our little corner of the country has been the target of bombs, ridicule and clichés, as well as a French immersion pioneer, exodus victim and generally insecure all because of the ongoing clash between the two founding cultures of Canada. We have been and are, it's not an exaggeration to say, at the centre of the action.

But through all of this, or perhaps because of it, we in Westmount are in a particular position to know that it all really can work. We have made it so, Westmounters and other Montrealers and Quebecers who, on a personal level at least and almost always at communal levels as well, have proven that language and cultural differences need not be a barrier but are instead doorways to new and enriching experiences. We all in Westmount know, French and English alike, that we have much more to gain and to achieve by working together than by isolating ourselves.

* * *

BUT NOW we find the fabric by which we felt our country was bound is coming apart. Through the discord on the Meech Lake accord, Bill 178 and declarations of unilingualism we are watching others tear down the mutual respect and understanding between French and English that we have been working to build these 30 years. Instead of completing our dream we are lurching towards a national disaster.

The flood is starting now because we have allowed in recent years cracks to develop in what should have been an unbreachable barrier of principle, the principle being the linguistic duality of the nation and the respect for that duality in all its forms from coast to coast. No exceptions. We lay the blame squarely at the foot of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. A man of political expediency, he always has held the pursuit and preservation of power for its own sake above vision and principle. After more than five years in office we still don't know where he wants to lead the country, but we are starting to fear where we will end up.

The greatest evidence is in the Meech Lake accord. He hails this as a great miracle of agreement, but it was achieved simply because he, the vaunted negotiator, gave away the federal store. It was at that moment he abdicated his authority and ability to pursue a national vision.

How has he since then been selling his vaunted accord? By convincing Canadi-

ans of its value in taking us toward some long-sought goal, as most leaders would? No, we are being treated to leadership by negativism. We are not told what good the passage of the accord will achieve but rather what bad things we will avoid by embracing it. Those who dare attack it for whatever valid reason are accused of destroying the nation rather than being welcomed as perhaps holding ways of building a better country. Amendments? Impossible, the country would fall apart.

Likewise Premier Robert Bourassa has been leading by threats, blackmailing Canadians with "Meech or else" musings. He believed his blackmailing power was strong enough to prevail even if he abrogated his province's own charter of rights by enacting Bill 178.

* * *

BOTH so-called leaders have miscalculated the effect of their actions. Mr Mulroney's lack of direction and vision and Mr Bourassa's legislative bludgeon have given a clarion call to those on different sides who wish to destroy the trust and respect between French and English which form the very essence of this country Canada.

It is time for Mr Mulroney, just once for the sake of the country, to stop playing partisan politics as he did last week and realize that one cannot do that with the cornerstones of nationhood, one of which in Canada is our linguistic duality. Instead that duality must be promoted at every turn and any effort to dampen it — be it in Quebec, the West or Ontario — must be squelched.

The tragedy of the Mulroney and Bourassa negative approach is that it is all so unnecessary. As is shown in the French immersion classes which have spread from Westmount across the country, most right-thinking Canadians outside Quebec embrace the duality of Canada, just as most Quebecers embrace the notion of their being a fundamental part of Canada. As a people we believe in the basic principles of rights, freedoms and respect for others and yearn for them to be maintained with the greatest vigilance at every turn, in every province.

If our leaders would act according to such principles instead of allowing selected exemptions for political purposes, we would not be facing the growing challenges to those principles from others with which we are confronted today.

If our leaders won't do it, the right-thinking people of Canada must. It is time to speak out — loudly — for a Canada in which consistency breeds tolerance, understanding earns respect and vigilance brings security.

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During the past two weeks there have been signs we are careering out of control down a dangerous road that will get narrower and narrower before we crash at the bottom. We must try to turn around while there is still room to manoeuvre.

By far the majority of Canadians outside Québec want an open Canada, open to all its citizens and particularly to their partner Canadians who speak French just as most Quebecers want a Québec open to and part of Canada.

But each of the voices recently raised provokes a counter stridency, escalating frictions and hardening positions. The declarations of Ontario cities that they are unilingual English are gratuitous and insulting. The dispatch of young people into the streets of Hull in search of English signs is equally deplorable.

The English of Québec oppose Bill 178 and its restriction on signs because we do not believe you nourish one culture by depriving another. But we do not believe in opposing injustice by counteracting with another injustice.

The only hope for the world is in the acceptance of diversity and the respect for differences. We must ask what kind of world we want. We must always ask whether what we are doing is improving that world, country, province, city, neighborhood — or making it worse. If everyone in the world did exactly what we are doing, would it be the kind of world human beings can live in, the kind of world we want for our children?

The question must be asked repeatedly as we deal with pollution and poverty, as we encourage freedom and dignity. As we hope for peace.

In Canada and Québec the debate is over language. Most of the people in the world speak only one language. That is a fact; it is nothing to be ashamed of but neither is it anything to be proud of. How much better to speak two or 20? Language developed so that human beings could talk to each other, explain themselves and understand others. Its *raison d'être* is communication, not isolation. We must foster whatever improves communication.

We — and the world — must learn to live with complexity and diversity — where the difference of others is not a threat but an invitation to enrich one's own life.

I have seen many political gods fall in my lifetime, but I have also seen good things arise as democracy ceases to mean the tyranny of the majority but also recognition of minorities. As it respects diversity, particularly in this small division known as Canada and in this even smaller division called Québec. Oh, there have been so many positive things to rejoice in: the growth of religious and racial tolerance, courtesy to immigrants, the freeing of women to be full independent persons, concern for children, the accessibility of education, care of the sick and the elderly. It's a grand list. Why can we not add linguistic tolerance?

I would like to develop a manifesto for those of us who believe in that kind of Canada and that kind of world. Would you care to add your suggestions?

our PSBGM
commissioner
Joan Rothman
says...



Revolution in French

A REVOLUTION in French teaching is what Mr Kena-Cohen, French department head at Westmount High School, calls the new French-language program being phased in at WHS and other PSBGM schools.

Mr Kena-Cohen piloted the new program in Secondary IV and V (Grades 10 and 11) last year and found no problems. All students coped with the program and, as in the past, many WHS graduates continued to be ac-

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Limits to backlash

SOME weeks are less interesting than others, in spite of the importance of all the various subject matters to which an elected representative must respond. Take Sault Ste Marie... please... no, seriously; I have yet to meet one person who approves of what they did. My leader intends to go there to plead for understanding of the minority position.

Is it a trend or an isolated instance? When will we know for certain? Why are my French-speaking federalist friends (and I include certain fraternity brothers who go back with me to the 1950s) so upset and vowing to vote "oui" in any future referendum? Just how many backlashes can this country tolerate?

Try to sort it all out and give an opinion to Ralph Nosedworthy for a 30-second clip on *Pulse*. It's kind of discouraging but nobody put a gun to your head to force you to run for office.

Let's look on the bright side. We (the Equality MNAs) have been invited to follow the minister and the opposition spokesperson for 20 minutes on each of the following subjects:

- increase in student fees (we're for it);
- increase in workmen's compensation benefits and maternity leave (we're neutral);
- Sunday opening of commercial enterprises (we support the concept).

What is great about our status is that we get the best of both worlds. As independent MNAs we have an equivalent position on parliamentary committees with the government minister and the chief opposition spokesman. No other backbenchers are given any opportunity to voice their opinion at the opening and closing of hearings.

We also have been accorded the status of "a party represented in the National Assembly." That is why I sit as a member of the prestigious Bureau de l'Assemblée Nationale and that is also why we were recently granted \$61,700 in research funds (4/29 of the amount given the PQ). In case you missed that, there are four of us and 29 of them.

The bureau also recently distributed fax machines to the various parties — four for the Libs, three for the PQ and one for us. We can hardly complain about equality on that score.

Our only drawback is that there aren't enough of us. But with all the running around, Neil Cameron and I have shed a few kilos; and we're having a ball.

On March 23 my constituency organization is kicking off its 1990 program. Voters and potential supporters will all be notified of the details. But you saw it here first!

our M.P.
David Berger
says...



Cost of bilingualism

IN THE last week or two, there has been a lot of talk about the cost of bilingualism. What are the facts?

The whole federal bilingualism program costs less than half of one percent of total federal spending.

Again, half of one percent is the total amount for the whole federal bilingualism program, including contributions to help the provinces deliver minority language education and services.

The new Ontario French language services program entails no costs whatsoever for Ontario municipalities. Moreover, the Ontario government estimates that it will spend about \$11 million a year to deliver its new program — this is about 3/100 of one percent of Ontario's total spending.

Put it another way. The federal bilingualism program costs every Canadian man, woman and child 6 cents per day.

The new Ontario program will cost each resident of Ontario three-tenths of a penny per day. Add the federal and Ontario programs and you get 6 1/3 cents per day for each Ontario resident.

Is an investment of 6 1/3 cents a day too much to keep our country together?



Forty-five Years Ago
February 16, 1945

"All that hands need of the lotion that you use to soften them, is just what that skin will absorb. To wipe off any lotion is being wasteful. For this and other conservation tips, listen to lovely Leslie Brooks, *Fighting Guardsman* star who says that she gets the last bubble of usefulness out of soap odds and ends by stuffing these into a bath sponge, that she peels apart layered facial tissues and makes two out of one. 'And don't discard a box of summer powder because the shade is out of key,' warns Leslie, 'because by buying a small box in a pinker shade you can mix in with the tan and lift the tone for your winter needs.'"

Thirty-five Years Ago
February 18, 1955

"Westmount as a community is doing a job for its citizens was the consensus of opinion reached by a panel who discussed the question, 'Is Westmount Failing its Parents?' at the junior high school on Wednesday evening. . . . It was pointed out that the basic responsibility of character development of the young was on the parent and they should resume that responsibility. The opinion was expressed that if the home life was unhealthy, a strong community would be of no avail. Corporal punishment in schools was also brought up. . . . It was advanced that this type of punishment is resorted to when the person administering it cannot find a more effective means of dealing with the problem."

Twenty-five Years Ago
February 19, 1965

"A strong breeze caught the new Canadian flag as it was raised above city hall Monday and the flag instantly unfurled to its full size. City officials and a small crowd of spectators on the lawn in front of city hall stood silent for a few seconds as the flag billowed in the wind. A few minutes earlier, some children playing in the yard of Selwyn House School were singing *O Canada*, and the sound of the singing drifted across to where the crowd stood, but as the flag unfurled, there was silence."

Ten Years Ago
February 14, 1980

"A vision to create a strong new church community in Westmount by merging the dwindling congregations of Dominion-Douglas and Westmount Park United churches was shattered Sunday when the congregation of Westmount Park rejected the plan, plunging itself into what is being called a 'crisis' situation. Although Dominion-Douglas members voted unanimously Sunday to accept the proposal. . . . it was turned down by a vote of 59-43 by Westmount Park churchgoers. Ironically, it was Westmount Park which had instigated the idea in September. The church is presently unable to afford a full-time minister for the 209-member congregation. Dominion-Douglas membership numbers 400 families."

One Year Ago
February 16, 1989

"Westmount's reformist mayor, buoyed by citizen support over the past week, yesterday presented her council colleagues with a new way to run the city. The proposal is to abolish councillors' commissions and replace them with committees composed of council members, city staff and citizens with expertise in related fields. 'I will try to have council see that the citizens want change, they want a different kind of city,' Mayor May Cutler told THE EXAMINER. . . . Mayor Cutler, who garnered 1,500 signatures of support from Westmount residents in four days, drew an overflow crowd, estimated by police at 1,000 persons, to a town meeting Sunday. At least 100 had to be turned away."



You Say

Events moving towards the demise of federalism

Sir: The collapse of the official bilingualism policy of the federal government despite expenditures of over \$6 billion to date is a classic example of the failure of social engineering programs that defy both economic and demographic factors.

The original B & B commission had recommended bilingual districts where 10 percent or more of the population spoke the other official language. And the opposition MPs who voted against the Official Languages Act in 1969 wanted the emphasis placed on second-language teaching in the schools but the Canadian government and their sycophants in the media insisted that federal civil servants must be the target of the legislation.

Debate was replaced with name-calling and stereotyping as "bigot," "redneck" and "neanderthal" were used against anyone questioning the inane application of the law. Montreal is the largest bilingual city in the world yet the Canadian government in 1975 made French the language of work in its own institutions. English-speaking air traffic controllers who were bilingual were paid to relocate elsewhere because they contravened this unilingual policy.

The federal government destroyed the historic duality within Quebec that had existed since 1763 and tried to replace it with an unrealistic duality between Quebec and the nine English-speaking provinces. The federal government tried to shift Montreal's historic duality to Ottawa so it would parallel Brussels, the capital of Belgium, which had become the role model for Canada.

But Canada, like Belgium, could not co-exist with two separate language zones and the bickering here now resembles the sad mess in that unfortunate country. As if to drive home the point of how completely disjointed Canada has become, the Hon Ray Hnatyshyn, the justice minister who had refused to co-operate with those upholding the right to use English in Quebec before the Supreme Court of Canada (Singer decision Dec 1988) was sworn in as Governor General on the same day Continental Nursery was charged by Quebec's language police for not having a unilingual French sign.

The bizarre decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada in the 1980s that divided Canada into separate language jurisdictions

will now be played out to their logical consequence, two separate nations. A leading money market manager has pointed out that Canada's foreign currency debt now equals that of the entire continent of South America, so the federal government hasn't the financial resources to cushion the demise of federalism in Canada.

Events have now overtaken our weak, fragmented federal political structure. Ironically, those in Ottawa who did so much to tear it down will now beg for its restoration to try to salvage their positions and pensions.

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Westmouter in China finds space at sea

Sir: I recommend a journey on the China Sea to anyone who begins to find the population density oppressive on the Chinese mainland. Mine began nine days ago (Jan 15) with a trip from Shanghai to Guangzhou (Canton) on a crowded train, but now, on the return trip north, via Amoy, I'm able to view through the cabin window large expanses of white-capped ocean, islands and boats dotting the horizon, and the silhouettes of mountains when the ship veers towards the coastline.

This is the 8,000-ton *Hay Ying*, once a Japanese vessel, now serving the Chinese nautical administration. A few of the Chinese passengers who can do so talk with me in English, and I'm fairly certain I'm the only non-Chinese passenger. This may mean that boat travel, refreshing as it can be, is somehow unpopular or even largely unknown to the relatively few foreigners in China.

Because the dining room menu is entirely in Chinese I must guess at what dishes will turn out to be, and so far I've done well. There's a first-class lounge and restaurant right near my cabin door, which has been closed during the voyage. It strikes me that, while suitable enough on a Japanese vessel, it is not so for the Chinese ethos, and I'm surprised it has not by this time been converted into an extra storage room or set of bathrooms.

David Lawson

Aboard the *SS Hay Ying*
on the China Sea

Editor's Note: Mr Lawson is a Westmount

I Say!

PATRIOTISM is easy to understand in the United States. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country.

— Calvin Coolidge

academic spending the year teaching in Shanghai. This is one of several letters he has sent describing his experiences.

OUR PSBGM . . .

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cepted by French language CEGEPs like Brébeuf!

The program's approach is one of communication where listening and understanding are stressed. Mr Kena-Cohen, while agreeing with the communication approach, said the program must be adapted for the PSBGM and for each school. He prefers to teach his students how to do something, not to explain why without showing them *how!* If I know Mr Kena-Cohen he will demand his students to write often and at length in French, while concentrating on grammar and syntax. He is adapting the program to the multicultural needs of the students in WHS.

The Challenge alternative program at WHS started this year at Secondary I and II. Core subjects are scheduled in the timetable so that all Secondary I students take English at the same time, math at the same time and French at the same time.

WHS principal Richard Meades and Mr Kena-Cohen agree that this scheduling allows a student to move from one group to another, depending on ability and grasp of concepts. Thus students can follow a much more individualized program than is available in other schools. Support for students in the Challenge French program comes from peer-tutoring (student to student) from university-trained federally funded language monitors and volunteer Dawson College students.

In language-teaching, human resources, like students helping students, are vitally important but so are inanimate resources. Mr Kena-Cohen has made-to-measure cassettes for use in a Sony Walkman. This he calls an individual language lab. So if you see a student silent and plugged in, they are listening to a lesson on their Walkman. One could even do homework on the way to and from school.

I'd like to add that three options are open to Grade 7 students registering at WHS. Post-immersion is open to those who have attended school in immersion elementary. Late immersion is for those who attended English elementary and who wish to immerse themselves in French in Grades 7 and 8. Students of these options will graduate with bilingual certificates. They will be exempted from writing the provincial language exams demanded of all professionals who practice in Quebec. The other option is English where French is taught well, but the reward is a regular high school leaving diploma.

Complicated it is, but the result is an exciting program and successful students. For answers to your questions, phone the school and make an appointment. Call 933-2701 and your questions will be answered.

OWNER...

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no city regulations which could stop her from demolishing the building if the plans for a new building are approved by the city's Architectural and Planning Commission.

At that time there was no Westmount demolition by-law and therefore no demolition committee.

Mrs Kenane's architects submitted five different plans until one was finally accepted July 3, 1989, nearly one year after Mrs Kenane bought the house and days after Westmount's demolition by-law came into effect.

According to the lawsuit, Mrs Kenane showed good faith and bent over backwards to meet the city's demands, incurring extra costs while the city showed bad faith towards her.

Complied with requests

The city had asked that the new building not obstruct the view from Belvedere even though there was no zoning regulation that required Mrs Kenane to do so. Mrs Kenane obliged, incurring extra costs.

The lawsuit also alleges the city asked her to move the stone mansion designed by Westmount architect Bruce Anderson, director of McGill University's school of architecture, and a garage a few feet north on to public property but then denied Mrs Kenane a construction permit because her plans called for building on public property.

The lawsuit also claims Mr Di Lenardo told Mrs Kenane the new demolition committee would probably not reject Mrs Kenane's request because Councillor Stuart Robertson, the chairman of the committee and a member of the A&P Commission, said he was in favor of her request.

On Sept 18 the A&P Commission

recommended the building be demolished. On Sept 29 the demolition committee rejected Mrs Kenane's demolition request. Only Councillor Rhoda Vineberg dissented.

On Dec 7 Westmount city council voted 4-2 to reject Mrs Kenane's appeal, with Councillor Daniel Tingley joining Mrs Vineberg in voting against. Mr Robertson was absent.

The lawsuit alleges the decisions of the committee and the council were illegal because the request for demolition was legally submitted to the A&P Commission several months before Westmount's new demolition by-law came into effect June 22, 1989. Therefore the demolition committee had no jurisdiction to rule on Mrs Kenane's request.

Changed the rules

Mr Powell says the city simply changed the rules of the game on Mrs Kenane.

The lawsuit further alleges that the city illegally slowed the whole process. It claims the A&P Commission illegally refused to rule on a request for demolition in order to wait for the demolition by-law to come into effect.

Coun Robertson said the delays were at the request of citizens who wanted changes.

The lawsuit says the actions of certain councillors also violated Mrs Kenane's rights and therefore rendered the council's decision illegal.

Councillor Paul Fortin heard none of the arguments in Mrs Kenane's case, the lawsuit alleges, yet voted against her appeal in council Dec 7 while Coun Robertson, who heard all the arguments, was absent from council that night and didn't vote. The lawsuit says this violated the rules of natural justice.

Mr Powell compared Mr Robertson to a judge who doesn't show up on the day he is supposed to make a decision.

Mr Robertson told THE EXAM-

INER he could not remember why he was absent that night from council, pointing out he is rarely absent.

The lawsuit also says that Councillor Sally Aitken, a member of the demolition committee, was not impartial because she met with architect Michael Fish before a meeting and told him the building should not be demolished.

Mr Powell said that when someone is acting as a judge, as was Ms Aitken, they should be impartial.

Unreasonable decisions

The lawsuit says the decisions of the demolition committee and the council were "irrational and unreasonable" and are therefore null and void. Those decisions deprive Mrs Kenane of the right to free enjoyment of her property.

The lawsuit also alleges the decisions of the demolition committee and the city council contain a flagrant factual error—that the price of restoring the house would be about the same as building a new one. The lawsuit claims it would cost more to restore the old house and that, as a result, the decision of the city is null and void because of a total absence of proof for the city's contention.

The lawsuit also alleges Westmount does not have the power to prohibit the demolition of houses identified on the city's heritage study because Westmount never enacted a by-law enabling them to do that, as required by the Cities and Towns Act.

"In this case the City of Westmount has not given itself the authority to do what it has to do," Mr Powell said.

Mr Powell said the Westmount's heritage study, which identified more than 390 homes, has no legal status. He said no property owner received a formal notice that his house is included in such a study or was told of the implications.

And because there is no by-law, there is no public process, which he says is unfair to property owners.

Unfair to owners

Councillor Daniel Tingley, when he voted against upholding the no-demolition decision Dec 7, also said the by-law was unfair to property owners.

"The demolition by-law makes no provision for any compensation in circumstances where the denial of a demolition permit is tantamount to the expropriation of certain property rights. In this context the by-law may be deficient," he said Dec 7.

Mrs Kenane's lawyers sent the city a letter Feb 1, asking it to annul the decision of the demolition committee and the city council. After they received no reply, the lawsuit was served.

"As far as we're concerned, the ball is in the city's court," Mr Powell said.

Mayor Cutler said the matter will be discussed at a closed-door meeting of council Monday night.

Mr Powell said his client has already waited 18 months for a deci-

Plague of meter thefts has officials baffled

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Police and city officials are out to catch thieves who have been emptying Westmount parking meters with the ease of regular meter collectors.

More than \$2,500 in coin was estimated to have been stolen since the racket was first detected three weeks ago in the Tupper street area. It has since spread like a virus throughout metered streets.

Since the end of last week, however, when a concerted effort was mounted to sniff out those responsible, the thefts appear to have come to a sudden stop.

"We'll do whatever it takes to catch these guys," said city operations manager Bruce St Louis Friday.

Local MUC police Captain Luc St Onge said police are investigating all aspects, including people previously arrested for similar offences in Montreal as well as the possibility of an inside job.

No other meters are being broken into in the MUC at present, police said.

The Westmount thieves are using either copies of city keys or ones made themselves and have even hacked off a meter head apparently for access to the locking mechanism, police said.

By the end of last week, when the city ran out of spare coin cylinders to replace stolen ones, thieves began putting back cylinders they had previously stolen and emptied, probably so they could steal them again next time around.

Not worth it

It would cost the city about \$80,000 to change the locks in all 800 meters, Mr St Louis said. This would probably be futile since the locks are not particularly sophisticated.

A homemade key, twisted out of shape, was found in a lock of one meter on Wood avenue last Thursday. It was stuck in the lock and apparently had to be abandoned.

Police say catching the thieves isn't as simple as it might seem since

sion and is not about to wait another inordinate amount of time for another one. But he said his client is open to solutions "which are viable to her."

Mrs Cutler said a lengthy court case would help no one. It would cost the taxpayers a lot of money and Mrs Kenane still would have to wait for her house.

Mr Powell said the house remains vacant and Mrs Kenane, also a lawyer, has rented other accommodations for her family. Mr Powell advised his client not to comment on the lawsuit.

they can easily be mistaken for parkers standing at a meter.

Two keys are required to get at the money: one to open the money chamber from the outside to permit removal of the coin cylinder; another to open the cylinder itself.

When the meters are emptied on the road, however, the meter attendant uses only the one key required to open the money chamber. After removing the cylinder he is able to eject its coins into his locked money cart via a built-in key device. He cannot gain access to the money in the process.

Another city employee in the finance department is custodian of the key which opens the sealed cart. The money is bagged and taken away by a security firm to be counted.

In theory no one person has access to both keys.

Key control measures call for old and bent keys to be locked up while keys used for meter maintenance do not open the money chamber, Mr St Louis explained.

Meters emptied by thieves between Jan 25 and Feb 9 are located on Tupper street, in the Tupper lot, the Greene lot, on Wood, de Maison-neuve, Sherbrooke in front of Dawson College and on Somerville as well as Victoria.

Police find open houses

Police found at least three Westmount homes left insecure over the past week when they responded to activated alarm systems, officials said.

A garage was found unlocked at a Claremont avenue home last Thursday. A key was left in a door on Kitchener Saturday and a back door had been left open Sunday on Belmont.

None of the homes was reported to have been burgled.

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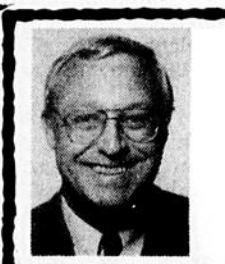
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By Reg Morden

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I'm sure you've heard of a "Seller's Market" or "Buyer's Market". Well, don't be confused if you hear them both used at the same time in the same city or town. They often occur simultaneously.

Certain locations in the city may be near depreciating areas. "For Sale" signs will be scattered abundantly throughout these areas. Prices remain level or are descending. A definite buyer's market.

Other sections in the same city display few, if any "For Sale" signs and local newspapers carry ads for "House wanted - Northside" or "Listings wanted - Northside". An excellent example of a buyer's market and seller's market existing simultaneously in the same city.

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City decides not to buy Darmo's pricey property

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A proposal to turn Darmo's auto body shop into a municipal parking lot for the Sherbrooke-Victoria shopping area has been scrapped for the time being, THE EXAMINER learned last Thursday.

The city is now seeking to work out a non-binding agreement with the owner of the Somerville avenue property that will give Westmount first option to purchase it at a later date, Councillor Stuart Robertson said.

The idea that Westmount might buy the property was revealed by a neighbor concerned the city might expropriate five feet off Prince Albert yards backing onto the property to build a parking lot.

But the city is not interested in buying the land for the \$750,000 sought by owner Albert Darmo, Coun Robertson explained.

"It's now a dead issue. We've shelved the idea."

Property and buildings are evaluated for tax purposes at \$340,600.

Mr Darmo told THE EXAMINER he has no interest in selling the property cheaply. The two-generation business has been at the site since 1949 and he would relocate only if the price were right.

Met with owner

Coun Robertson, who represents the ward, met to discuss possible purchase of the property after learning Mr Darmo had offered it to a building owner on Victoria.

"I thought we should be in on the talking so as not to miss an opportunity," he explained.

Coun Robertson said his first step

was to convene a meeting Jan 23 of Prince Albert property owners whose yards back onto the Darmo property between Somerville and Sherbrooke. Of the nine involved, six attended but the views of eight were expressed.

Suggested options

The following options for the future were raised, he said:

- Continued use of the property as a body shop;
- Use by the city as a very expensive little park;
- Use by city to build a lane;
- Purchase by residents to extend their properties; or,
- To create a 27-car parking lot accessible by two lanes running east-west and north-south.

Residents were reported to be unenthusiastic about a parking lot, fearing increased traffic. They apparently didn't oppose the idea of a lane. They held their own block meeting the next week to further discuss the issue.

Since Mr Darmo has refused to reduce his price the matter is now a non-issue, Coun Robertson said. "Mr Darmo holds the cards."

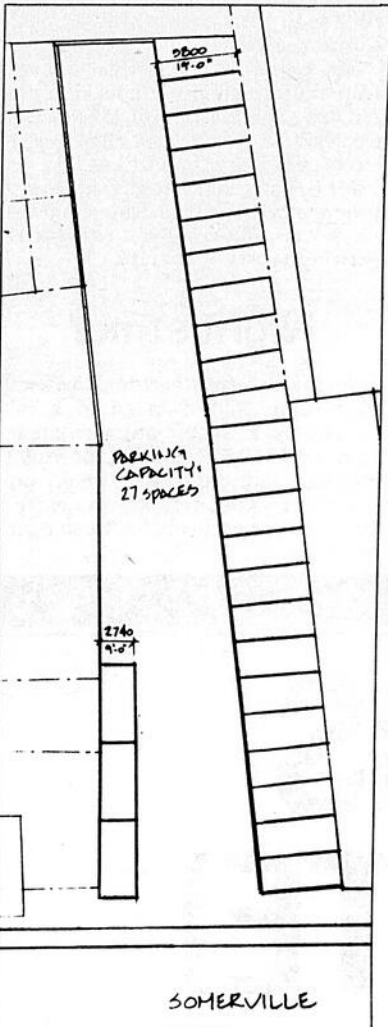
He confirmed that a parking lot plan drawn up by the city's services department calls for expropriation of a five-foot width from some back yards to create a 12-foot north-south lane.

"We wouldn't want to expropriate in a heavy-handed way but it could be done if for the greater good of the people."

Mr Robertson said his main concern is that Mr Darmo might sell the

property as a similar operation. Past noise and pollution problems previously resolved with Mr Darmo might recur under new ownership.

Though the property has been zoned residential for some time, he said, it has acquired rights as a body shop.



One proposal prepared by the city for possible use of the Darmo property as a municipal parking lot shows 27 spaces along the east side. Another suggested version called for parking along the west side of the property with creation of a north-south lane along the east side. This would require expropriation of five to seven feet of Prince Albert avenue back yards to the north.

Since the idea has been put on the back burner for now, a letter to Mr Darmo seeking the right of first refusal was being drawn up Friday, confirmed Bruce St Louis, manager of operations for the city.

Middle of the block

The long, narrow parcel of land has 10,394 square feet. It is sandwiched between the backyards of properties on Victoria and Prince Albert, extending north from Somerville almost a block deep to the backs of buildings on Sherbrooke.

According to Bruno Di Lenardo, director of services for the city, the property could be divided to permit construction of two single-family dwellings.

Mr Darmo told THE EXAMINER its rezoning to residential property some years ago had been to his disadvantage. He said he had been considering a move to Ontario where body shops can get \$30 to \$35 an hour.

He said a crisis in the garage industry here has been created by several factors. These include government regulations as well as Montreal insurance companies that are forcing body shops to accept \$26 an hour. This makes it difficult to hire quality workers.

Mr Darmo said he might retire in about two years.

Rumors of a possible move by Mr Darmo had been brought up at the city council meeting June 19, 1989, by sculptor Francois Dallegret, 357 Prince Albert, who asked what use could be made of the property.

City attorney Kevin Donovan determined its acquired rights as a body shop could be sold.

Possible purchase by the city was brought up by Coun Sally Aitken who asked if the city had "some right of first refusal." When a citizen from the audience asked why the city would want to buy the property, the answer given was so the city could sell it back as residential land.

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Woman leaps six storeys to her death

A flotilla of emergency vehicles converged at Sherbrooke and Metcalfe Tuesday about 7:21 pm after a woman was reported to have jumped off the balcony of the sixth-storey apartment at 4444 Sherbrooke where she lived.

Police said the 42-year-old woman died of her injuries. She had been moving slightly when found lying on a grassy portion near the sidewalk on Sherbrooke. The woman was taken to Royal Victoria Hospital by Urgences Santé.

No signs of foul play were evident, police said. The woman, who had been seen walking a dog earlier in the day, lived alone. She was described as very depressed.

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Finance commissioner Trent promises to inspect budget

Councillor Peter Trent assured the Westmount Finance Action Committee Monday last week he will scrutinize Westmount's 1990 municipal budget and delve into previous years.

The city's new finance commissioner announced his intent after taking his place at the city council table following his election by acclamation Jan 16 as ward 2 representative.

He told the citizens' finance committee he is sympathetic to its position and finds some of the things it stands for make sense.

"You can be sure I'll be on top of

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

things," he said adding that he will get back to the committee after looking into the budget.

Rolland Benard, committee chair, announced his citizens' committee will be sending a letter to Westmount property owners explaining its position with regard to the cost of the municipal operation.

The letter is scheduled to go out next week.

Alarmed at expenses

Mr Benard told city council the finance group is seriously alarmed by the tabling of several major expenses in the 1990 budget.

"These new services proposed under the guise of citizens' requests completely disregard the fact that Westmounters already, in every area, spend more (per capita) than most other municipalities in the province and probably Canada."

He said Westmounters are entitled to the best administration and the

best value for their dollar. "These two priorities are not impossible nor incompatible."

Interestingly, Coun Trent who was vice president for finance of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) in 1982, took a similar position at the time of the tax revolt.

Mr Benard's committee evolved from the same WMA finance committee after the election of Mayor May Cutler who encouraged the start of citizen advisory committees.

Mr Benard has stated over the past year at city council meetings that the work and advice of his committee goes unheeded by the city.

Night strike

A hit-and-run accident caused more than \$500 damage to a car parked by a Westmount woman in front of 24 Ramezay road overnight Tuesday-Wednesday last week, police report. The victim lives nearby. The accident occurred between 8 pm and 8 am.

Beemer bumper

Someone caused \$4,000 damage to a car parked overnight Friday-Saturday outside 3055 Sherbrooke street, police said. The 1990 BMW 735 is owned by a Montreal man who discovered the tires punctured and paint scratched at 4 am.

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Junior Firefighters to start 24th year of training youth

THE 24th annual Junior Firefighters Course starts Monday, Feb 26, at the fire station on Stanton street. Preference will be given to boys and girls aged 10 to 13 who live in Westmount.

The 10-week course is given free of charge by the Westmount Fire Brigade Monday evenings 6:30 to 8:30 to acquaint participants with a wide range of fire safety tips.

Fire officers use films and other visual materials to outline the fundamentals of evacuation from the home, types of fire extinguishers and general fire prevention.

To date, 1,006 boys and girls have completed the program, says Fire Director William Timmons. Graduates are awarded certificates and plaques at the end of the course.

Further information can be obtained by the instructors, Lieut Barry Coates and Inspector Hugh Clarke, 935-2456.

Two men arrested for 11 burglaries at local offices

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Eleven burglaries, seven at Royal Trust and Royal LePage offices in Westmount, are being declared solved by police with the arrest of two young N.D.G. men last week after a lengthy investigation, police said Monday.

One is a former Westmounter. The pair, aged in their early twenties, appeared in court Wednesday last week, Feb 7, charged with breaking and entering, possession of stolen goods and conspiracy. One was detained and the other released pending trial. Both are known to police.

Eight of the 11 burglaries occurred in Westmount, all involving business machines such as fax, computers and laser printers.

Most were stolen in December from an office at 320 Victoria avenue as well as in a series of break-ins at the Royal Trust and Royal LePage offices at 4143 and 4145 Sherbrooke (at Mount Pleasant), police said. Coffee machines were rifled of coin.

In addition, the two non-West-

mount break-ins took place on Sherbrooke street in N.D.G. and in St Laurent.

Close to \$30,000 in equipment has already been recovered, police said.

In addition to the two accused of breaking and entering, an older man was earlier charged with possession of stolen goods. He lived at Sherbrooke and Victoria (see story last week).

Sergeant Detective René Purtell said a breakthrough in the investigation came three weeks ago with recovery of some of the machines in an office downtown (see story Feb 1). A businessman living on the South Shore also was arrested but released without charges.

The stolen machines were reported to have been sold through a young Westmount man to his father. The items were eventually bought by allegedly unsuspecting businessmen.

The two accused of breaking and entering were arrested Tuesday last week on Prud'homme avenue in N.D.G. at 1:15 pm.

New kid on council to be next pro-mayor

Councillor Peter Trent took his place at the city council table Monday last week, expressing concern for the tax burden homeowners will carry when the valuation freeze is defrosted in 1992.

He also said he will do his best to improve management decisions in the city.

Coun Trent was elected to council by acclamation Jan 16 to fill the ward 2 vacancy. He was appointed pro-mayor for March, April, May and June in any absence of Mayor May Cutler.

He was also named the city's alternate delegate to the MUC and Con-

ference of Montreal Suburban Mayors for the same period.

The appointments are held in alphabetical order by each councillor. They are held to the end of this month by Coun Daniel Tingley.

"You just fit nicely into the alphabet," Coun Rhoda Vineberg told Mr Trent. Her turn follows in July.

On a more permanent basis, Mr Trent was appointed city council's finance commissioner and chairman of the audit and finance committees. During his previous term on council 1983-87, Mr Trent served as commissioner of planning and redevelopment.

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Bird society protests changes on summit

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

A provincial bird society has sent a letter to the city of Westmount asking it to leave Summit Park in upper Westmount alone in the wake of suggestions for a kiddie park in the area.

"We submit that less management is better and we do not support any encroachment such as a kiddie park on any part of the summit or its contiguous green spaces," states the letter from the Province of Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds Inc. Several Westmounters are members of the society.

City councillor for the ward, Rhoda Vineberg, says some citizens along Belvedere have asked for a kiddie park in the area and a site on the Oakland avenue side of Summit Circle has been considered. But there has been some opposition from residents of Oakland avenue who are not keen on seeing cars parked along their street, Mrs Vineberg said.

"We're not going to put a park there if there's a lot of objections," she said.

She also said there will be a minimum of intervention in Summit Park.

The city is planning some work at Summit Park and has commissioned a landscape architect to study what to do, said Ed McCavour, manager of corporate services.

According to city documents, the city will approach the problem with a strategy of "minimal physical intervention, compatible with maintaining and increasing the range of wildlife and vegetation."

The site has deteriorated because of natural erosion, says one report. Some paths have to be renovated while some are to be closed. Some tree roots have also been exposed because of the erosion of earth.

Portions of the park will be closed in 1990 as some of the contract work is carried out.

Elsie Mitchell, a member of the bird society and writer and broadcaster about birds, says the park is a natural bird sanctuary and one of the hottest spots for birds in Canada.

"This is a most marvelous spot for birds," Mrs Mitchell said.

Mrs Mitchell says if Westmount wants to do anything to the park they should plant more trees. She said the tangles of undergrowth provide protection for the birds.

According to the bird society, bird watchers can see many tupe of birds at the park including in spring, flycatchers, thrushes, vireos and warblers. Migrating birds that can be seen at the park include bald eagles, turkey vultures, osprey, northern harriers and red-tailed hawks among many other species.



SIGNING PEACE ACCORD: A three-year collective agreement between the City of Westmount and its white-collar workers was signed, witnessed and sealed Friday at city hall ending of year of negotiations, conciliations and short-lived walkouts. Signing for the city were Mayor May Cutler, left, and city clerk Robert Wilkins, right, who also sealed the documents. Signing for local 2987, Canadian Union of Public Employees, were Michael Crouch, president, and Kevin Dawson. Twelve original copies of the contract for 1989, 1990 and 1991 were signed on seven pages by the four signators plus four witnesses.

Mayor inquires: who goes first at 4-way stop?

Who has the right of way at a four-way stop?

The driver who gets to the intersection first, said MUC police after the matter was raised at the city council meeting Monday last week.

If a pedestrian is about to cross, however, all the cars or bicycles must yield, explains Sergeant Hubert Rodrigue, who heads the traffic squad at local MUC station 23.

The right-of-way at a four-way stop becomes more complicated when drivers are uncertain who was there first.

No mention is made of this situation under article 370 of the highway code which governs four-way-stops, Sgt Rodrigue says.

"The safety way to prevent an accident in this situation is to apply the general dictum that the driver of the right has the right of way."

This is laid out in article 402 of the code which states that at any intersection, unless otherwise signed, traffic must yield to the driver on the right.

The issue was brought up at the council meeting by Mayor May Cutler after council approved installation of stop signs on Shorncliffe at Surrey Gardens creating a four-way stop. "How do you know who goes first?" asked the mayor, who does not drive.

Councillor Rhoda Vineberg then requested increased stop sign enforcement saying she feared the new signs would only be two new ones for people to ignore.

Coun Paul Fortin, public safety commissioner, said MUC police enforcement would be requested.

Citizens quiz council about PCB information

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Any future finds of PCBs in Westmount will be made public immediately, citizens were assured at the

city council meeting Monday last week.

Bruce St Louis, the city's manager of operations, confirmed open-door policies dating back to 1985 when it was determined by council that citizens should be informed of all locations of PCBs.

This was deemed especially important for those living or working at such locations.

The issue was raised again last week by Ramzi Ferahian after it was revealed by Mr St Louis two weeks earlier that PCB-contaminated transformers had been discovered last September at 6 Weredale Park and 215 Redfern avenue (see story Feb 1).

Mr Ferahian asked why Mr St Louis had said at the Dec 18 council meeting that no new PCBs had been found in replying to a question by himself.

Mr St Louis said he thought those had been made known by the fire department at the time since he had taken steps to ensure that all fire reports regarding PCBs were to be made accessible to THE EXAMINER.

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Dans la communauté chrétienne de St-Léon, on essaie de privilégier l'accueil et la communication.

Un groupe de téléphonistes informe d'un événement important dans des occasions particulières. D'autre part, des facteurs bénévoles portent le courrier et le Semainier une dizaine de fois pendant l'année.

Les paroissiens sont priés de porter attention à l'envoi fait cette semaine puisqu'au cours de la semaine du 11 février, les facteurs bénévoles leurs porteront le Semainier ainsi que leurs reçus pour fins d'impôts compilant leurs dons et offrandes versés à la paroisse pendant l'année 1989. Si quelque erreur s'y était glissée, c'est toujours possible, qu'ils n'hésitent pas à téléphoner au secrétariat, ou à venir au presbytère. Madame Lafond les recevra avec plaisir et fera les corrections nécessaires.

New clinic hours at Head & Hands

The evening medical clinics at Head & Hands, 2304 Old Orchard avenue, have changed.

Now registration for the first-come, first-served clinics begins at 5:30 pm and continues to 9 pm, Monday through Thursday. Friday clinics are from 12:30 to 4 pm. Nurses are available from 10 am to 6 pm Monday to Thursday and on Friday from 10 am to 5 pm to respond to health questions.

Head & Hands continues to offer special youth programs and legal and social services to the community. For further information call 481-0277.

Merci de votre générosité et de votre compréhension.

En fin de semaine dernière, le Pasteur de la paroisse incitait les membres de la communauté chrétienne à voir, sans faute, le film *Romero* qui est à l'écran dans plusieurs cinémas de la ville.

Pour les paroissiens de St-Léon qui sont tellement engagés avec une paroisse du sud Honduras, Choluteca, ce film aide à mieux comprendre ces populations de l'Amérique Centrale qui vivent dans l'oppression. C'est aussi important pour les groupes et les membres de l'ACAT (il y a un groupe francophone et un groupe anglophone à Westmount) de visionner ce film puisqu'on y voit les manquements aux droits humains et l'usage de la torture.

C'est un film à ne pas manquer pour mieux saisir les questions qui se posent à la conscience chrétienne sur les moyens à prendre pour lutter contre ce mal de notre civilisation et de notre temps, pour lutter contre la torture et l'oppression.

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Deux fois pendant l'année, le service d'accueil reçoit les nouveaux paroissiens au salon du presbytère à 19h30.

Les nouveaux paroissiens arrivés pendant l'année à Westmount sont invités à une rencontre partage et informations. Une invitation à tous ceux et celles qui veulent s'intégrer à notre milieu et à notre communauté chrétienne de St-Léon. C'est un rendez-vous au 4311, boulevard de Maisonneuve, jeudi soir le 22 février à 19h30.

In the neighborhood

by Kathleen Hugessen



Robert Brinker — lite grocer

Belowstairs is perhaps the best way to describe the location of the store where Robert Brinker, 59, works.

Pull through the front door of the Old Post Office, hang a down and take an under... and there you are, in the diet-conscious shop, Lite D'lites.

"The whole concept is new in North America," says Mr Brinker. "I think it's new in the whole world."

Eighty to 85 percent of the food sold here is low-calorie.

Mr Brinker proffers a small, gold-foil-wrapped hard candy. "Try it," he urges.

It's a candy. It's hard, it's sweet, it's tasty, it's butterscotch. It's no more nor less than any other hard sweet tasty butterscotch candy.

Wrong. It's less. The average hard sweet tasty butterscotch candy runs in the 25 to 30 calorie range, says Mr Brinker. "That's just 14 calories."

At that, it's one of the more calorie-laden candies in a store where the bottom end is 3 calories.

The store caters not only to weight watchers but also to people on special diets — low sugar, low salt, low cholesterol, low gluten etc.

"We know the difference between low-cal and sugar-free," Mr Brinker says. "They can be mutually exclusive."

Too true. The almond buttercrunch candies are sugar-free but pack a 92-calorie wallop. The icy peppermints are sugar-sweetened and loaded with a whole 10 calories. There are also the hybrids — candies which are both low-cal and sugar free.

The store carries about 200 sugar-free products, ideal for diabetics. There are sugar-free cookies, candies, chocolates, breads, cereals, even cake and pudding mixes.

There is a low-calorie frozen dessert made on the premises. "It has levulose (a form of fructose) to diminish the sugar 'jolt' for diabetics," Mr Brinker says.

It tastes like... ice cream. A woman comes in to the store looking for salt-free bread for her mother.

Mr Brinker quizzes her to make sure of what she's after. "We have low-salt," he tells her, "and completely salt-free is in the freezer because it has no preservatives."

She examines both. "Anything below 135 mg is low," he tells her.

Lite D'lites also carries low-sodium soups, mayonnaise, mustard and soya sauce.

Low-sodium soya sauce?? "We have three butter substitutes," Mr Brinker says, "liquid, spray and solid."

He moves around the store dis-

playing a low-cal this, a no-sugar that and a fat-free something else. He seems particularly proud of the selection of breads at the back of the store — oat bran, bulgur wheat, English muffins, rye, Italian, raisin, oat and fibre, hot dog and hamburger buns, crackers, pretzels and tortilla chips.

"The only dangerous part," Mr Brinker says seriously, "is people will overeat — that defeats the purpose."

He tells of one customer who returned after buying a 40-calorie loaf of raisin bread. He was clearly unhappy. He had found the bread so tasty, he'd eaten the whole loaf in one sitting.

Mr Brinker tells of another customer, a young woman, who was distressed by her parents' being overweight. She told him she was afraid for their health. She bought several loaves of bread despite Mr Brinker's suggesting she find out first whether her parents would like it. When she returned later to buy more, she said she had simply transferred the bread into "regular" bread wrappers. Her parents hadn't known they were eating low-cal. And they had found the bread delicious.

Mr Brinker runs the store for its owner, his wife, a nursing supervisor at Reddy Memorial Hospital.

"She's the brains behind the brawn," he says.

A change of employ

Mr Brinker, born and raised in Montreal, was in the heating and air conditioning business for many years. He had his own business in Ahuntsic which he sold two years ago.

He and his wife and their two daughters lived in Town of Mount Royal until about 10 years ago when they moved to Westmount.

"My wife used to come up from Florida with low-calorie candies," Mr Brinker says. Each time she returned from the U.S., she brought more low-calorie products.

Lite D'lites opened in the Old Post Office in September 1988. "I opened with the thought one of my daughters would take it on — she was having difficulty finding a job."

Fate being what it is, his daughter found a job. And moved to Toronto where her sister is also resident.

So Mr Brinker manages the store full time.

He says he likes to fill in his free time, what there is of it, with skiing, tennis, theatre, classical music and the ballet.

He used to travel a lot in his old business. "Europe, the Middle East, Africa... I used to travel 100,000 miles a year on business. Since starting this, I travel in the U.S. only."

Buying trips

Those trips are to shop for stock for the store. His last buying trip was to Philadelphia in the fall. This spring he's going off to the west coast.

Most of the products sold in the store come from the U.S. "We'd gladly buy here," he says frankly, "we'd make more money."

But, he says, the products simply are not available in Canada.

One caveat for the "light" shopper. Approach with caution any bin, barrel or box in Lite D'lites which does not indicate the contents are low-cal or sugar-free or otherwise dietarily noteworthy. There are dangerous fattening foods lurking in the distant recesses of the store.

There's a bridge mix which radiates high-calorie energy. Approach too close and you'll gain a kilo.

"When we started," Mr Brinker says, "we didn't know how far low-cal we were going to go. Now a lot of people still want these for parties."

All the calories they took out of the other foods have been put into those sweets in the back. Beware.

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Liberal riding association to name Cosgrove president

William Cosgrove, the defeated Liberal candidate for Westmount in the last provincial election, is expected to be elected president of the local Liberal riding association at a meeting tonight, a party official said.

Otto Cleyn, the outgoing president, said Mr Cosgrove is assured the position since no other candidate applied for the job. Last Friday was the deadline.

Mr Cosgrove said in a telephone interview from Washington Monday night that he is becoming president to keep in touch with the community. He said late last year that he hopes to be the Liberal candidate again in the next Quebec election.

"I felt that it would be a good thing for me to do to keep in touch with the people of the riding," he said.

He said he wants to understand and better reflect local issues through the riding association.

Mr Cleyn said he is delighted that Mr Cosgrove will be president. He said it is somewhat unusual for an announced candidate in the next election to be president of the riding association as well.

Mr Cosgrove said the term of the president is for two years only and by the time he officially becomes a candidate again he would no longer be president.

Mr Cosgrove left his job as the vice-president of the World Bank in Washington to run as a candidate here in the last provincial election.

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

He was defeated by the Equality Party candidate, Richard Holden.

A Monenco v-p

Mr Cosgrove is now a vice-president at Monenco, a Montreal-based conglomerate of several companies involved with mining, thermal electrical projects and project management.

He has moved into a Marlowe avenue home in N.D.G., just beyond Westmount's border but within the riding.

It was implied by some during the last election that Mr Cosgrove was parachuted into the riding and was completely out of touch with provincial and local issues.

Mr Cosgrove says his election defeat has not changed his reasons for returning to Quebec — "to be part of the life of the province at a political level."

Mr Cosgrove said he is disappointed with Sault Ste Marie's recent decision to declare English its official language but doesn't necessarily see it as a rejection of Quebec.

"It's just part of a natural human reaction to what is going on," he said.

Mr Cosgrove said he still does not support Bill 178. "I don't find it acceptable at all," he said.

But he said that at the same time he understands francophone concern for the future of their culture and that those fears must be assuaged somehow. He said anglophones are Quebecers too and should not be seen as a threat to francophones.

He still supports the Meech Lake agreement. He said it is but one step in the process of the evolution of the country's Constitution.

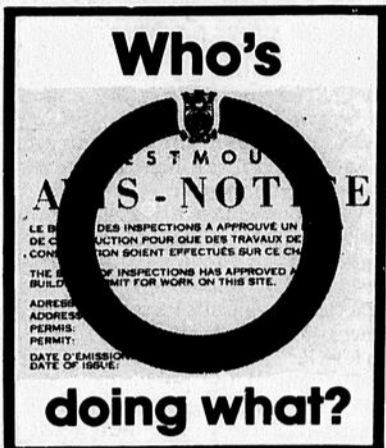
"Meech Lake is just another step in that evolutionary process. It's clear that it wasn't finished. We have to continue that process."

Also to be elected at the Westmount Liberal riding meeting at 7:30

tonight at Westmount Park Church are 21 councillors and three vice-presidents, Charles Pitts, Nicole MacKay-Smith and Dominic Jean.

Mr Cleyn has been president for the past four years.

Mr Cosgrove was in Washington on a business trip.



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

Feb 5

456 Elm: for B. Granofsky by Leme/M. Efraim, renovate bathroom, \$15,000;

Feb 6

4090 Ste Catherine: for Le Nettoyeur Milton by Boilers 1989 Inc, gas line, \$2,800; 1 Westmount Square (C20): for Charles de Westmount by Plomberie F. Laroque, general plumbing, \$15,000; 1220 Greene: for D. Margolese by R. Gravel, signs, \$650;

Feb 8

470 Victoria: for J. Bruce by Chisholm, replace windows, \$8,600; 49 Oakland: for C. Shannan by Plomberie Habitation Supreme, 19 fixtures, \$5,000;

Feb 9

643 Grosvenor: for Rachel Monniere by Entreprises Beauchamps, replace windows, \$10,000; 550 Claremont: for Richard/Clare Charlotte Pinsonneault by Guerino Varone, alterations, \$7,000; 215 Redfern: for Reader's Digest by Langsner-Fuhrer Inc, plumbing alterations, \$85,000; 32 Belvedere: for E. Fayer by Erol Argun, strip exterior of building and insulate exterior wall, \$20,000.

Double rammy

A car was rammed twice from behind Saturday while waiting for the garage door of the apartment building at 239 Kensington avenue to open, police said. The Volkswagen was pushed slightly ahead by the first impact before being rammed again by a Ford. The driver of the second car came from West Brome. The reason for the mishap at 10:15 am was not reported.

Rug pulled

Someone stole books and a Chinese rug from an apartment locker at 331 Clarke avenue between Feb 2 and Feb 6, police said. The locker was opened by breaking its lock.

Two local ecological actions nominated for national awards

The City of Westmount, supported by the Westmount Environment Action Group (WEACT), nominated two groups for a national environmental achievement award at Westmount's last council meeting Feb 5.

The Westmount-based Pesticides Task Force headed by Westmounter Esther Goldenberg has been nominated for "its exemplary work in promoting responsible public attitudes and legislative action to reduce the use of harmful pesticides."

St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church has been nominated for its project, "Re-creation — What can I do?" which resulted in an environmental awareness day.

Environment Canada offers the awards in six categories to Canadians who worked to protect and restore the environment. The two local groups were nominated in the non-profit organization category.

The awards will be presented during Environment Week June 3-9.

Westmount City Councillor Sally

Aitken says she would like to see Westmount nominated for an award in the "Environmental leadership by a municipality" category in the future.

"We should be working towards that," she said.

Sign struck a third time

A show case outside the X-tra Stylist shop, 4124A St Catherine street, was found torn off the building again Friday last week, police said. A previous incident of vandalism was reported by police Jan 27.

At that time owner Michel Poitras told THE EXAMINER the display case had already been vandalised once before. He said the commercial area in which his business is located has deteriorated during lingering renovation work across the street at Westmount Square. Damage to the case was estimated by police at \$200.

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Dramatis Personae has a hit in evening spent with poetry

As it was the second time that Dramatis Personae and their audience had experienced *Fun with poetry*, people arrived for Sunday evening's event at Victoria Hall as though they had been regularly attending for years and years.

They were obviously comfortable with the idea of selecting poems for readings and directing their dramatic presentation. A couple were even fairly calm when their own compositions were dissected and discussed.

And the audience expected to chat over tea and coffee in the break. They did get a bit excited about the cookies, heart-shaped in honor of the sentiment of the occasion, which was for reading love poetry.

The second evening of *Fun with poetry* was different from the first in

some respects. Though the audience all seemed to be old hands, it had nearly doubled in number. The first evening had been of favorite poems, this had the theme of love, from the Roman poet Catullus to the present (though it was obvious that most were fairly cynical about the concept of true love).

The performers had great fun with a saying of American comedian Phyllis Diller: "Never go to bed mad — stay up and fight." That was pretty much the mood of the evening.

The work of two Westmount poets, historian Alice Lighthall (*To my husband, Samuel de Champlain*) and Una Wardleworth (*Metamorphosis*, dealing with the old telephone exchange at Metcalfe and Sherbrooke changing into the RCAFA building)

was included in the program.

Bring your own poem

The troupe invites the audience to bring 10 copies of a poem they would like to see dramatized. Several people brought in poems and two of them brought their own work.

The audience had the most fun with the dramatization of Robert Herrick's *To virgins, to make much of time* ("Gather ye rosebuds...") and Alfred Noyes' *The highwayman*, in which they got to leap up and recite in unison as the soldiers came to set a trap for the landlord's black-eyed daughter's lover.

Very loud chuckles were also the response to the ensemble reading of Ogden Nash's *The turtle*. "The turtle lives 'twixt plated decks/ which practically conceals its sex/ I think it clever of the turtle/ in such a fix to be so fertile."

Though all the performers were good, a few deserve special mention. Dramatis Personae's founding director Ann Page has a beautifully trained voice, which she always uses to effect. Terry Hall was delightful as the highwayman, though he nearly didn't resist the temptation to play the horse as well. And Claire Sherwood and Richard Lock brought the house down with their extemporaneous interpretation of John Donne's *Elegy to his mistress going to bed*.

(probably in April) as English teachers say there is a revival among teens of the writing of poetry. It would be good for them and for the audience if they were to bring copies of a poem and then hear it in other voices.

In the meantime, of course, we will expect more hobby poets to hunt through their portfolios and let us hear their work next time.

— Janet Coutts

Rathbone Theatre is back with production of *Alice*

Rathbone Theatre, directed by former Westmount resident Pauline Rathbone, will bring its version of *Alice in Wonderland* to Victoria Hall for 10 performances, starting at 9:30 am Friday.

The last time Rathbone Theatre staged the Lewis Carroll classic was in 1983; they have brought it back by popular demand.

It will be performed Fridays, Feb 16 and 23 and March 2 at 9:30 am and noon and on two Saturdays, Feb 24 and March 3 at 10:30 am and 2 pm.

The Friday performances are meant primarily for schools and the Saturday shows for the general public.

More than 60 students of the Rathbone Theatre School appear in John Dapery's adaptation, which has costumes and masks modelled after the Sir John Tenniel illustrations so identified with the Alice stories.

Already more than 2,000 tickets have been sold, and the public is urged to reserve as soon as possible; some productions are already sold out.

Tickets (\$6 for children and seniors, \$7 for the general public) can be reserved at 636-5248 or 486-2876.

Special group rates and rates for schools are available.

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Kali & Dub win reggae award

Montreal reggae band Kali & Dub Inc won the 1989 top reggae live band award at the sixth annual Canadian Reggae Music Awards in Toronto recently.

Terry McGimpsey, the band's keyboardist and backup vocalist, is a Westmount resident.

The group's leader, Hayes (Kali) Thurton was also nominated for the top reggae songwriter award, and the group's album *Uncensored reggae* was nominated for the top reggae album award.

The group's recently released album, *Human rights*, now for sale at various record stores, will be supported by the band's upcoming tour of Canada and the American east coast.

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Guitarist Vallières performs with Ensemble Amati tonight

Tonight's concert at St-Léon-de-Westmount Church by Ensemble Amati, under the direction of Jacques Lacombe, will feature guitarist Jean Vallières.

The concert begins at 8 pm and music by Stradella, Vivaldi, Greig, Carulli and Britten will be performed.

Mr Lacombe is an organist and composer who studied at the Quebec Music Conservatory and the Vienna Music Academy. He won the first prize at the John Robb competition of the Royal Canadian College of Organists in 1981, the Joseph S. Stauffer prize and, last May, second prize at the Conductor International Competition of Hungarian Television.

Mr Lacombe has performed in Europe, the U.S. and several Canadian cities and has conducted orchestras in Europe and Quebec.

In addition to his concert commitments and his duties with Ensemble Amati, Mr Lacombe teaches at Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières.

Mr Vallières received first prize in guitar from the Conservatoire national supérieur de musique de Paris. He has given concerts in Canada, North Africa, Italy, France and the U.S. He has played with a num-



Jacques Lacombe

ber of Montreal orchestras and played for CBC. He has a record of French music for guitar on the SNE label.

Mr Lacombe teaches at the Montréal Music Conservatory.

Tickets for tonight's concert are available at 522-1245 or 935-4950.

Sheridan's classic *Rivals* still crazy after all these years

Richard Brinsley Sheridan was the well-educated son of a poor Irish theatrical family, who was affected from childhood by the pretensions of society.

In 1770, Sheridan moved into the fashionable world at Bath and courted the beautiful Elizabeth Ann Linley, who had many suitors.

They fled Bath together. On their return, Sheridan fought two duels with a former lover, before he and his Elizabeth were able to marry.

In 1775 he made his playwrighting debut with his classic comedy of manners, *The Rivals*. It owed many obvious debts to his own life experience. But the play is not only autobiographical; it mocks the pretensions of society and criticizes its materialism.

For the production by the drama and theatre students of McGill's English department, director Patrick Neilson has transposed the play to the Edwardian era, losing none of the humor and making the play visually interesting; the costumes (by Catherine Bradley) are attractive and eye-catching.

He has also cast a number of wom-

en in men's roles to some effect, particularly in the case of the beautiful (though looks shouldn't make any difference when we're discussing talent; a good actor can convince us of height, beauty, age, or whatever is necessary) Erin Hurley as Sir Lucius O'Trigger, the dashing Irishman.

While the world is probably full of people who know little of Sheridan's work and care less about it, his character Mrs Malaprop has enriched the English language with the word *malapropism*. Sheridan probably named her for the French phrase *mal à propos*.

In any event the terrifying dragon, acted by Beatrice Stoklas, continues to get laughs, more than 200 years later, as she confuses "derangement of epitaphs" for "arrangement of epithets."

Westmounter Tom McGillis plays Sir Anthony Absolute, the knight who disowns his son on a whim and reinstates him when he gets his own way, then positively dotes on him when he believes him a successful womanizer. Mr McGillis romps with the part and, while we would never believe him older than his son, we don't really care.

Sanders Whiting plays Captain Absolute enjoying every minute of the comedy, not so much acting it as living it.

Fiona Loewi plays the capricious Lydia Languish with a suitably naive air, and David Hudgins gets laughs as the unpolished bumpkin Acres. Nicole Zylstra plays the even-tempered Julia with cool good-humor, as her character suffers the jealous possessiveness and mistrust of Andrew Morris as the moody Faulkland.


Manservants are played by Angela Alson, Jennifer Harvie and Coral Thew, Stephanie McNamara plays the clever lady's maid, and a second Westmounter, Nadine Sivak, plays a variety of supporting roles.

The set design, by Z. Lynda Bathory, is attractive and functional. Sandra Chang, who plays the piano to set the mood, adds a perfect touch.

While this production never reaches the heights of excellence, it provides a worthwhile evening of theatre. And fun.

The Rivals is at Morrice Hall Theatre, 3485 McTavish street (entrance at the rear of the building) until Saturday, with performances at 8 pm nightly. Box office: 398-6795. Seating is limited, so make reservations.

— Janet Coutts



Beyond Westmount's Borders

A random sampler of things to see or do in the bigger city surrounding us

By JANET COUTTS

Orchestre des jeunes

L'Orchestre symphonique du Conservatoire, under the direction of Raffi Armenian, offers the public two chances to hear what promises to be an interesting concert. The program includes *Création d'une oeuvre écrite pour le Concours de composition 1990* by A. Rozankovic, Franck's *Variations symphoniques* with soloist Anne-Lise Longuemare and Brahms *Symphonie no 4*. The free concert will be at Notre Dame des Neiges church, 5366 Côte des Neiges road, Thursday, Feb 22, at 8 pm, and at Théâtre Maisonneuve, Place des Arts, at 8 pm Sunday, Feb 25. 873-4031. The conservatoire gives performances nearly daily, including frequent Sunday afternoon concerts at the Botanical Gardens, and a series, Robert Verebes and his friends. The next is Friday, Feb 23, at the conservatoire, 100 Notre Dame street east at 8 pm, with Louis Charbonneau, percussion; Lise Boucher, piano; Sherman Friedland, clarinet; Elaine Maril and Marie-Josée Arpin, violin; and Claudine Giguere and Mr Verebes, alto. The concert will be recorded for the CBC program *Music from Montreal*. 873-4031.

by Salon de la Femme de Montréal (1989) for her defence of contemporary music. She has been recorded by Radio-Canada International, SNE and Montaigne Discs. She will give a concert tonight at 8 pm at Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west. It will be recorded and broadcast on CBC's *Arts National* Monday, Feb 26, at 8 pm. . . . The Allegra Chamber Music Series will present its fourth concert of the season with the Morency String Quartet and Lesley Findlay, soprano, Thursday, Feb 22, at 8 pm in Redpath Hall of McGill University.

Jazz month

February is jazz month at the Maisons de la culture in Montreal and there's lots to hear from old favorites like the Bernard Primeau Quartet and Quintet to vocalist Karen Young in a new group, Eclectique Électrique, to people who may be new to us like Phazz, a vocal group from Rimouski. You could decide to go to the concerts that are recorded by CBC on the grounds they're practically guaranteed to be good, or decide to hear those on the radio and concentrate on discovering new sounds, new pleasures. Or you could go see the jazz films to relive bygone days. Whatever. This weekend alone, Bernard Primeau Jazz Quintet is at Mercier Friday, while Chamel #6, a women's group, is at Frontenac. Jazz Nocturne at Chapelle historique du Bon-Pasteur at 11 pm will have Vikraina with Krut Haugsoen. Saturday Karen Young and Michel Donato will be

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More free concerts

Montreal pianist Louise Bessette has won the Eckhart Grammatte Competition (1981), the St-Germain en Laye competition for 20th century music (1986), the Gaudeamus International Interpreters Competition for contemporary music (1989) and has been named woman of the year

DKD moves in to local offices

Show-biz personality and entertainment producer Donald Tarleton has moved his offices for Donald K. Donald Productions Inc to Westmount.

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Antidote art show to benefit C-SAM

Antidote Studio de Coiffure, 5850 Sherbrooke street west, presents an exhibition of drawings by Montrealer Brenda Kennedy until March 3.

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Author Margolese speaks at YM-YWHA

The YM-YWHA will have a series of events during February, Health and Heart Month.

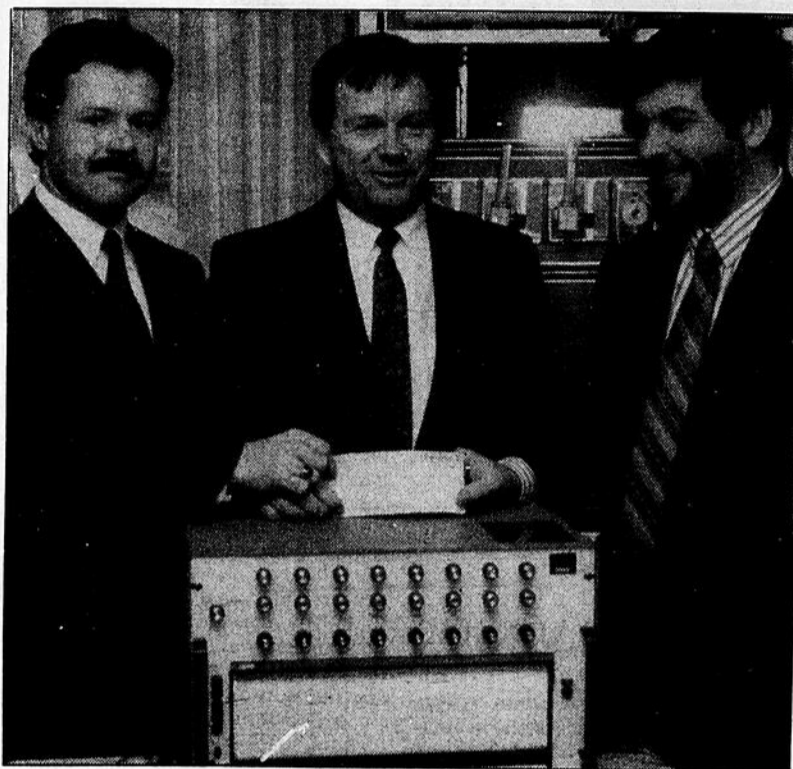
A speaker for their program is Westmounter Jackie Margolese, who will discuss "Shopping, cooking and eating low-fat" at the Laval Y, 755 du Sablon, on Monday at 8 pm.

She will repeat her lecture at the Davis Y, 5700 Kellert avenue, Tuesday at 9:15 am and at the Snowdon Y, 5500 Westbury avenue, at 10:45 am Monday, Feb 26.

Ms Margolese recently wrote and published *Eat heart-y*, a low-fat, low-cholesterol cookbook.

U.S. women meet

The American Women's Club of Montreal will hold its Charter Day luncheon Wednesday, Feb 21, at the Château Champlain Hotel. Lunch will be followed by a concert by the Montreal Chamber Orchestra. For membership information or more information about the meeting, call 457-5882.



SKIERS SUPPORT HOSPITAL: Club de Ski 100 Years, many of whose members are Westmount residents, recently presented Montreal Children's Hospital with \$6,000 to purchase monitoring equipment for the critically ill. **Dr John Gordon** of the hospital's intensive care unit accepted the donation from club president **Denis Auclair** and vice president **Scott Irwin**.

Montreal Jewry topic of lectures

The Montreal Jewish Historical Society holds monthly meetings with guest speakers, the next of which will be 8 pm Thursday, Feb 15 at the Snowdon Y, 5500 Westbury avenue. The guest speaker will be Ron Finegold of the Jewish Public Library on *The Jewish Community Council of Montreal*.

Subsequent meetings include March 15 with Lieb Tencer on *The Peretz and Folk Shule: 1914-1989*. On April 26 the speaker is Evelyn Miller on *The Jewish Public Library's 75th anniversary*.

On May 17, Doris Wasserman will speak on *The Jewish theatre in*

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Montreal: from Monument National to the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

All members and guests are welcome to attend meetings. For information call 489-8741.



Patricia (Ricki) Michals

Westmounter made ombudsman

Westmounter Patricia (Ricki) Michals is thought to be the first volunteer patient ombudsman in Quebec with her appointment to that position for the 235-bed Montreal Convalescent Hospital Centre.

Ms Michals' primary responsibilities will be to meet new patients in order to open the lines of communication; to actively obtain feedback from the patients and to receive and follow up all complaints.

Ms Michals was educated at St George Williams (now Concordia) University and has a BA in sociology and psychology. She has taught at St Edmond of Canterbury and Elizabeth House, as well as serving as a volunteer at a hospice centre.

For information call 866-0251.

Goldbloom honoree at Negev dinner in June

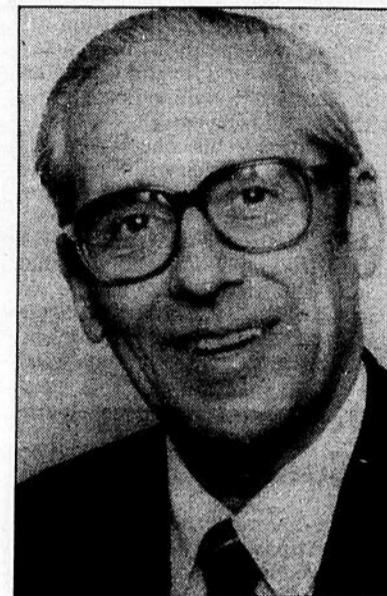
Politician and environmentalist Victor Goldbloom, OC, MD, LLD, has been named Jewish National Fund's Negev Dinner honoree this year.

In 1970 Dr Goldbloom, a longtime Westmounter, was the first member of the Jewish community appointed to the Quebec cabinet, and then Quebec's first environment minister.

Elected in 1966, Dr Goldbloom served until 1979, when he resigned to become president and CEO of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. He is president of the International Council of Christians and Jews and executive director of the Quebec Health Research Foundation, founding board member of the Museum of Religions in Nicolet, chair of the Jewish Public Establishment Co-ordinating Committee and second vice-president of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom in Westmount.

He is the recipient of the 1987 René Cassin Medal of the Alliance israélite universelle, and the Samuel Bronfman Medal, the highest award of Allied Jewish Community Services.

The 1990 JNF campaign goal focus is on the environment and Israel's fragile ecological balance, through the continuing development of for-



Dr Victor Goldbloom

ests. The Victor Goldbloom Forest, to be established through the proceeds of this year's campaign, will consist of 180,000 trees.

The JNF Negev Dinner and tribute to Dr Goldbloom will take place June 6 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. For information call 934-0313.

MSO annual radiothon from Ogilvy on weekend

The annual radiothon of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, *Symphonia '90*, will be broadcast on CFQR 92.5, CFCF 600 and CITE FM 107.3 from Friday noon to 10 pm Sunday.

The radiothon will be broadcast from Ogilvy's Tudor Hall. During the program, the orchestra will be offering goods and services at excellent prices. Symphonia catalogues are available at Ogilvy and at the MSO, 85 St Catherine street west, 9th floor.

During the radiothon there will be drawings for trips to Paris/Nice, London/Vienna and Rio de Janeiro and for a mink jacket. To buy a ticket, call 282-1555.

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Members of Contactivity Westmount will appear on the CF Cable program *Expressive exercise* with Lorna Kertland on channel 9 from 9 to 9:30 am Monday through Saturday.

The program demonstrates a series of gentle exercises to music done mostly in chairs and geared to the older population, who can join in at home.

Investment Temple topic

Howard Echenberg, investment advisor, will speak on investments in educational trusts, investing for RRSPs and retirement and general investments at Temple Emanu-El Beth Shalom Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

All are welcome. The entrance at 395 Elm street should be used. For information call 482-0898.

Seniors Say

Seniors have something to say

The growing proportion of older people in our society is a favorite subject of comment for writers, including columnists, and for politicians. Some conclude with a statement of concern, others with promises.

Since this is a column about and for seniors, to be written mainly by seniors, it can be expected to pay attention to both.

If our governments are so strapped they maintain they must cut the funding of health and social services, where are the cuts likely to fall? How may they affect current services vital to seniors? Or valuable planned initiatives? And what about the clawback of old age pensions, abandoning the affirmed principle of universality?

Political questions will be only part of the panorama this column is proposed to cover. In this community

there are a number of organizations dedicated, wholly or in part, to the needs and interests of older people. *Seniors Say* will talk about what they do, and what they would like to do.

The group that Councillor Sally Aitken brought together so helpfully and masterfully (if one dare use that word), and whose members support this endeavor, includes the Contactivity Centre for Seniors and the Seniors of Westmount Action Group (SWAG). Others directly involved are the Westmount Y, Rotary Club of Westmount, the CLSC, Shaar Hashomayim and Westmount's recreation and leisure department — good sources of interesting, useful and timely information.

The concept behind *Seniors Say* does not stop here. The column needs to be thoughtful as well as purposeful. So this is an invitation to older readers of THE EXAMINER to write about their personal interests, experiences and concerns, to present their ideas to their fellow citizens and to exchange ideas. (We have been assured of weekly space so long as we can provide worthwhile content.)

A small team will be working to stimulate and collect contributions and to make sure material gets to THE EXAMINER on time. If you would like to take part in *Seniors Say*, call 932-2326 (the Contactivity Centre) and one of us will get in touch with you.

— M. Sheldon

Contactivity Centre for Seniors

Services topic at Contactivity

Therese Darche of the Regional Council for Health and Social Services will speak at the Contactivity Centre for Seniors, 4965 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, at 2 pm Thursday, March 1.

Her topic is "Developments in special services for seniors." She will discuss day hospitals and day centres, hospital services at home and the possibility of temporary residence away from home within a general discussion of various living arrangements available to older people.

Her talk is open to all, and there is no charge. For information call 932-3433.

Author speaks to women's club

The monthly meeting of the Women's Canadian Club will be Monday at 1 pm (please note the earlier time) at the Montreal Citadel, 2085 Drummond street.

Guest speaker is journalist Margaret Cannon, author of *China tide*. The meeting will be followed by a book-signing and tea. For information call 878-2761.

Klinkhoff lecture

The auxiliary of Montreal General Hospital will present Alan J. Klinkhoff on *Buying investment quality Canadian art: what and where/insider's view of the art market*. The talk will be given at Livingston Hall Lounge Wednesday. A wine and cheese will take place at 5:30 pm and Mr Klinkhoff's presentation will start at 6:30 pm. For information call 937-6011.

Choir concert

The Atlantic Union Choir will give a concert Saturday, Feb 24 at 7 pm at Westmount Seventh Day Adventist Church, 571 Victoria avenue. The choir will be accompanied by Dr Gosnell Yorke, former pastor of the church. A free-will offering will be taken. For information call 486-9915.

Seniors sought for study on changes in adult years

Westmounter Dr Dolores Gold and Dr Tannis Arbuckle-Maag, researchers at the Centre for Research in Human Development are conducting a study on developmental changes over the later adult years, and are recruiting volunteers over 65 years old.

The study is a large-scale project funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The idea behind the research is to examine the factors that lead to better maintenance of activities, interests, well-being and abilities in later life. At the completion of the project they will be making recommendations to the government about the kinds of government support and programs that older people

need.

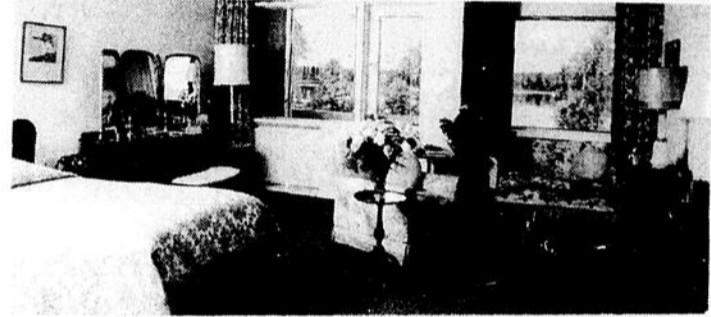
Participation in the study would involve two visits by a research team member at the volunteer's convenience. The visit would be either at the university or at the volunteer's home, whichever the volunteer prefers. The visits would include a brief life history interview, the completion of some questionnaires regarding life experiences, types of activities enjoyed and so on. All information is confidential and will be analyzed as group results and never individually. A report on the findings will be sent to each participant.

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Westmount goalie Charlotte Davet named MVP at Olympic tournament

You can call her a goalie, you can call her a girl and you can even call her a goalie who just happens to be a girl but don't call her a girl goalie. Because Charlotte Davet, who is going to be 13 in May and plays for the Westmount Stars all-star pee-wee hockey team, doesn't like it.

"It's pretty fun being known as a girl who is a goalie but I don't want people saying she's good for a girl goalie," Ms Davet told THE EXAMINER in an exclusive interview. "I just want to be a goalie."

And what a goalie Ms Davet is. She recently won a golden helmet after being named the most valuable player at the Montreal Olympic hockey tournament last month. She registered a 2.80 goals-against average in the five games she played. The Westmount team made it to the finals of the tournament before losing 3-2 to Châteauguay.

She says she is a stand-up goalie

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

and has a style similar to Brian Hayward of the Montreal Canadiens.

Ms Davet said she was nervous during the Stars first game in the recent hockey tournament which Westmount lost 7-3 to St Jean de Matha-Ville Émard. But she soon relaxed. She said the second game was really fun.

Started four years ago

She started playing hockey four years ago because her friend Emeka Mayes was also playing. Ms Mayes, who plays defence, is the only other girl on the team.

Ms Davet also plays for a Westmount house league team and plays hockey three to five times a week.

She said her teammates accept her and Ms Mayes well and they all

change in the same locker room. She says the two friends wear tights.

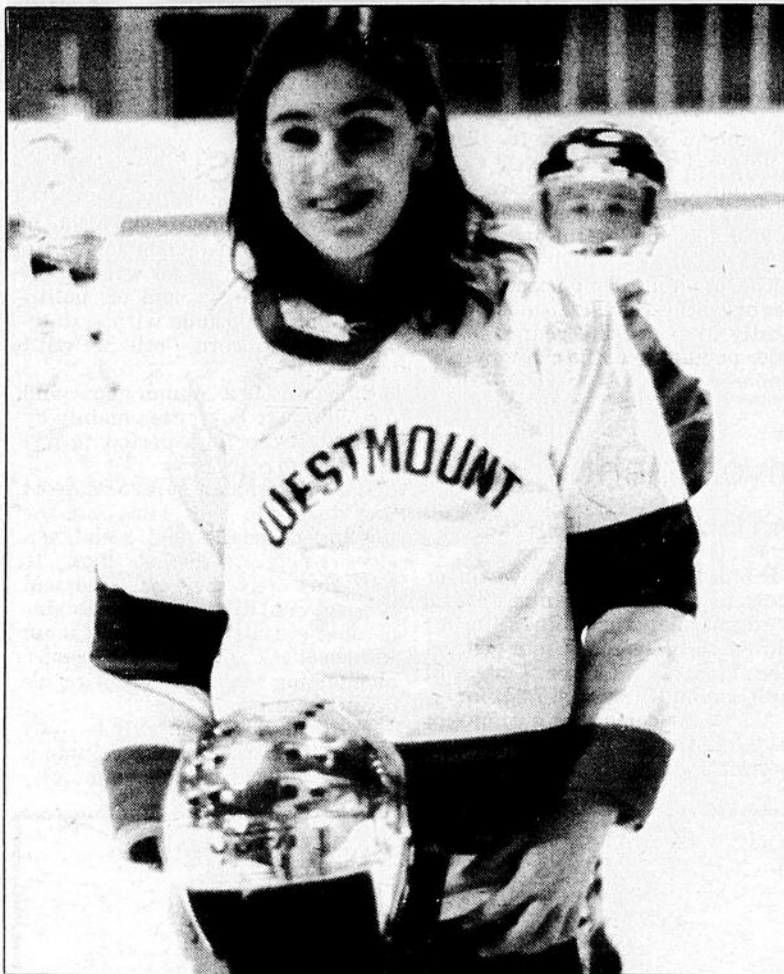
She says her teammates never make fun of her but sometimes opposing players take a verbal shot at Ms Davet who is no slouch when it comes to these things.

"They say, 'You're a gi-i-irl.' So I just say, 'So you're a gu-u-uy.'"

She said sometimes when it's time to shake hands, opposing players won't shake hers because "she's a girl."

Ms Davet is not sure how much longer she is going to play hockey but one thing she is sure of is her education.

"Studying is a priority," she said, "and then comes hockey."



Charlotte Davet with her MVP golden helmet.

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Car theft lets cash out of bag

A thief hit the jackpot Monday last week when stealing a video camera and a plastic bag from a car inside Place Alexis Nihon. The shopping bag turned out to contain a reported \$11,000 in cash.

The victim, a hairdresser, had apparently been on his way to make a bank deposit when his car was broken into between 12:40 pm and 12:55 pm. The stolen items had been left on the front seat of the car, police said. The man lives in Terrebonne.

Chutzpah sends robber fleeing

A bank robber fled empty-handed from the Bank of Montreal in Place Alexis Nihon Friday when a teller locked the cash drawer and refused to give him money, police said.

The attempt occurred about 1:15 pm when the man handed a holdup note to the woman, held his hand in one pocket to simulate a gun and then told her to give him some money. When the teller said no and locked the drawer, the robber picked up his note and ran out. He was described as an English-speaking man aged about 30.

Passing car snowed under

A City of Westmount snowblower accidentally dumped a load of ice and snow onto the roof of a car Tuesday last week at Clarke and Thornhill avenues, causing more than \$500 damage, according to police.

The mishap occurred about 8:10 am when the blower overshot a truck beside it during loading operations on the steep hill. The car, a 1984 Pontiac, was driven by an 18-year-old Montreal man.

No projections

A Kodak projector was stolen from a car parked outside 11 Douglas avenue overnight Friday-Saturday, police report. The car, owned by McGill University, had been left unlocked.

Cat killed

Public safety officers are looking for the owner of a calico-colored cat that was killed by a car Friday evening in the area of 201 Metcalfe avenue. The cat had no identification and was taken to the SPCA. Information can be obtained at 935-1777.

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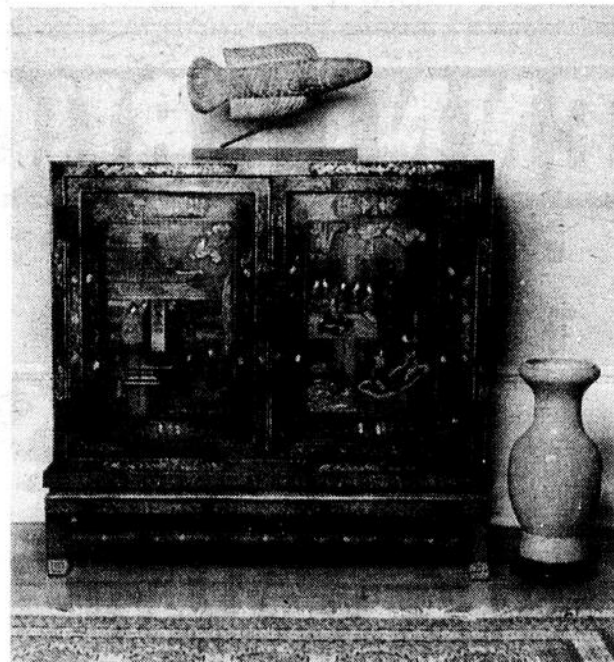
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Geordie gala to launch new *Tale of Two Cities*



Robert Van Der Linden and a masked David Francis as they appear in Geordie Productions' *A tale of two Cities*. Photo by RON DIAMOND

While we are luxuriating in spring-like temperatures and garden bulbs are putting out much-too-early sprouts, Westmounter Elsa Bolam is freezing in Regina where she is directing Noël Coward's *Blithe spirit* at the Globe Theatre.

She'll be back in town Feb 21 to continue rehearsals with her own company, Geordie Productions, for their upcoming school tour of *A tale of two cities*. The Charles Dickens novel has been adapted for stage by Montrealer Anna Fuerstenberg.

Ms Bolam, a lover of Dickens, chose to stage the story to commemorate the bicentennial of the French Revolution.

Ms Fuerstenberg has remarked on the ironies of working on this project. "I'm intrigued by the idea of adapting an English classic about a French revolution to be performed in English in a French province. Vive la révolution!"

The play will be presented to the general public at a gala fundraiser March 1 at the D.B. Clarke Theatre, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west.

"The success of the gala is vital to

By JANET COUTTS

our existence," Ms Bolam remarked during a telephone call from Regina. "It is our main fundraising activity."

Plenty of talent

Ms Bolam has five talented Montreal actors in her cast: David Francis, Jennifer Heywood-Jackson, Robert Van Der Linden, Penny Mancuso and Michel Perron. Ms Mancuso and Messrs Francis and Perron are all well-known to local theatre audiences, having appeared in productions at Centaur Theatre and elsewhere. Ms Heywood-Jackson, a recent National Theatre School graduate, and Mr Van Der Linden will be familiar to the many Westmounters who saw Repercussion Theatre's *Shakespeare in the park* productions last summer.

"Each of the actors plays a main character and a lot of minor characters," says Ms Bolam. "They are helped in being able to do that by a lot of theatre techniques that Anna learned during the time she spent in Nicaragua as a theatre director."

"The actors are helped out by puppets and we are using a good deal of masks. These conventions make a difference. Without a cast of thousands, you have to suggest things."

This is Geordie Productions' ninth season of presenting theatre for young audiences throughout Quebec. Each year Geordie tours to an audience of about 50,000 and will take *A tale of two cities* on the road following the benefit.

Another Geordie production, *From you to us to you two*, which has played several times in Westmount, will be seen this year at Montreal's Maison Théâtre and Ottawa's National Arts Centre.

Keep actors here

"I think Geordie is a very central link in the Montreal theatre community," says Ms Bolam. "Along with Youtheatre (which also tours schools) and dinner theatre, we have kept actors in Montreal by giving them employment."

And she adds, "The \$50 for the gala is for a very good cause."

The March 1 gala will be hosted by entertainment personality Geraldine Doucet. The 8 pm performance will be followed by a reception featuring the theme of London and Paris.

Guests of honor at the reception will be the French consul, Jean-Pierre Beauchateaud and his wife. The new British consul-general, David Herbert, is in Bucharest; no one knows if he will be in Montreal before March 1. In any event, a representative for Britain will attend.

Tickets for the gala, which are tax deductible, are now on sale at 845-9810.

At the scene

Residents of a house on Clendeboye avenue were home when a burglar broke in Friday at 2:52 am and stole a purse, police said. The thief is reported to have fled when he heard noise in the home. Entry was gained by removing a screen from the back door and opening a window.

Concordia concert hall has full slate till May

Concordia University's music department is proud of its new concert hall on the Loyola campus, 7141 Sherbrooke street west. They have concerts planned for the space from now until May 31.

Upcoming concerts include the Orford String Quartet at 8 pm this evening. Tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$8 for students and seniors.

Friday's concert is jazz vocalist Jeri Brown with pianist Lafayette Carthone with Montreal bassist Charlie Biddle.

Saturday the Concordia orchestra and choir present the *Lord Nelson* Mass.

Tuesday student Heather Murray

Towing trauma

A blue Dodge van was damaged in front of Westmount Park Tuesday last week during snow removal operations on Sherbrooke street, public safety officers report. The vehicle's grill was damaged while it was being towed. MUC police were called to the scene.

Anonymous hit

A parked car was struck on the driver's side overnight Monday-Tuesday last week while parked in front of 4400 Sherbrooke street, police said. Damage amounted to more than \$500. The hit-and-run vehicle is believed to have been going east when it damaged the 1989 Chevrolet. The victim is a woman from Prévost.

Car found

A stolen car was reported recovered Wednesday last week in front of 364 Elm avenue by Public Safety Officer Patrick Sheehan. The 1981 Honda Civic had been reported missing Feb 4, three days earlier, in MUC station 15 district (N.D.G.). It belongs to a 50-year-old Châteauguay man.

Broken glass

A plateglass window in a front door at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue was reported broken Friday causing \$500 damage, police said. A screwdriver was found nearby indicating a burglary might have been intended. Nothing was reported stolen.

Off the hook

A car phone was pulled from a 1988 Pontiac Sunbird parked across from 425 Argyle avenue Tuesday last week, police said. A camera and antenna were also taken.

Young local playwrights given rehearsed readings

The fourth annual *On stage* production of the Canadian Young Playwrights Festival in co-operation with Centaur Theatre will be held Sunday, Feb 18.

At 2 pm, rehearsed readings will be given of six short plays, written by writers between the ages of 10 and 16, chosen from 85 entries.

The plays are *Oh dear, dear Nana* by Westmounter Diane de Kerckhove, 15, from Villa St Marceline; *Sherlock Holmes Jr* by Reina Murata, 11, from Roslyn School; *The gift* by Adriana Palanca, 16, a second-time finalist, from Villa Maria High School; *A collision of worlds* by Franco Pignelli, 16, from Argyle Academy; *Mass* by Talya Rubin, 15, a

Chesterfield avenue, Westmount, H3Y 2M4, 482-6508 or 525-9578.

Recorder concert

It's been mentioned here earlier, but here's a reminder that the four recorder players of Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet will play their unique collection of instruments at Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke west, Sunday at 3:30 pm. Tickets are available at CAMMAC, 935-8755 (mornings) or 935-9074.

At the galleries

There's a vernissage tonight from 6 to 9 pm at Galerie Franklin Silverstone, 1618 Sherbrooke west. The usual three-part exhibit will feature paintings by France Trudel, ceramics by Katrina Rozman and ceramic and bronze pieces by Tony Bloom until March 17. Another vernissage will be held Saturday from noon to 5:30 pm at Galerie René Blouin, 372 St Catherine west, suite 501, for work by Pierre Dorion. The show also continues to St Patrick's Day. . . . *Montréal en transition (1950-1967)* is a show of photos by Armour Landry, co-produced by the Quebec archives and the Musée d'art de Saint-Laurent. It will be in the hall of Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier until March 11. . . . Galerie Opus 2 is a new gallery at the Cooper building, 3981 St Lawrence boulevard, suite 210. They have begun a "Meet the artist" series of Thursday evening get-togethers from 7 to 9 pm. Tonight abstract expressionist painter Ola Van Schoonhoven will be on hand; next Thursday it will be Esther Topaz, a sculptor who works in stone.

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at the auditorium of Polyvalente Daniel-Johnson under the auspices of the Pointe-aux-Trembles branch (some Maisons have no actual space). Luc Hamel Quartet is at the café of CEGEP Rosemont Friday, while Sadhou will be at the auditorium of Patro Le Prévost (Mercier branch). Unless indicated, all concerts are at 8 pm. Pick up the poster for the rest of the concerts if you make it to one of these.

Theatre notes

The students at McGill's Players' Theatre are offering something really new — a musical (with no speaking parts) by Torontonians Chris and Jason Beck based on Gogol's *The nose*. One could wish the actors were in better voice, but the whole idea is a lot of fun. The Becks will produce their work again at Yale University. The fun continues to Saturday at 8 pm. 398-6813. . . . Selwyn House graduate James Nadler has written *Fire sale*, playing Centaur theatre until March 18. The production suffers from lack of rewrites, miscasting and weak directing, but Geraldine Farrell's acting makes it almost worth it. 288-3161.

Theatre for kids

Saturday at 3 pm at John Rennie High Theatre, 501 St John's boulevard in Pointe Claire, l'illusion Théâtre will present *Cirque*, the comic story of two streetsweepers who use an imaginary language to amuse their all-ages audience. Tickets are available at Stewart Hall, 176 Lakeshore road, 630-1220. The show will also be presented at the Saidye Bronfman Centre at 2 pm on Sunday, Feb 25. 739-2301.

West Island opera

The *Jouer dans l'île* series takes the *Atelier lyrique de l'Opéra de Montréal* to John Rennie High Theatre, 501 St John's boulevard in Pointe Claire Friday at 8 pm, where they will perform the Puccini clas-

sic, *La Bohème*, with piano accompaniment. They are directed by Bernard Uzan and will sing in Italian. Tickets, \$7, are available at Stewart Hall, 630-1220.

Why grow old?

The first public information lecture on successful aging organized by the McGill Centre for Studies in Aging will be presented Sunday from 2 to 4 pm at the Delta Hotel, 450 Sherbrooke west (entrance off President Kennedy). A panel of experts — Dr Mark Clarfield, geriatrics division director at Jewish General Hospital; Dr Serge Gauthier, director of the McGill Centre for Studies in Aging; Dr David Gayton, geriatrics division director at Royal Victoria Hospital; and Dr Jacqueline McClaren, director of geriatric medicine division of Montreal General Hospital — will discuss *Aging: health and prevention*. A question and answer period will follow. Admission \$2. 934-8096.

The human screen

Before leaving on a world tour that includes Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Europe and Latin America, L'Écran Humain will give one last performance of *Universe*, a multi-media production created in collaboration with the National Film Board as part of the board's 50th anniversary celebrations. The final Canadian performance will be at Club Spectrum at 8:30 pm tonight.

New translators' prize

The Literary Translators' Association of Canada is calling for entries from across Canada for the John Glassco Translation Prize, to be awarded in June to a literary translator for a first published work. Submission deadline (three copies of the translation and one of the original) is March 15. A \$500 first prize goes to a Canadian resident who has translated into French or English a first book-length literary work during 1989. Anyone interested can submit to Glassco Prize Committee, c/o 41

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City adopts plan for disaster management

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's emergency measures plan is available at city hall for review by citizens following its adoption by city council Monday last week.

Though the plan for disaster management had been approved last Aug 16 by Quebec's civil protection bureau, it needed city council's blessing, said Councillor Paul Fortin, public safety commissioner.

"Its adoption will ensure the City of Westmount of some financial assistance so this is very important," he explained.

City council approved the mayor, or acting mayor, and the director of fire to sign any required documents in respect to the plan.

"Please take a look at it," Mr Fortin said.

The emergency plan has been updated over the past five years by Fire Director William Timmons, director of operations in the city's emergency measures organization (EMO). The adopted version also was prepared by Captain Graham Morrison.

Tests of the plan also were announced.

A telephone alert exercise is to take place this month, to be followed by emergency scenarios for various individual support groups next month.

cess to the plan, continued to press city council for contingencies concerning possible earthquakes.

The recent San Francisco death toll would have been much worse had preparations not been in place to deal with such a disaster, he said, noting the vulnerability of the Montreal area to earthquakes.

"What would you like us to do about it?" Mayor Cutler asked.

"Find out if we're capable of handling an earthquake in Westmount," Mr Ferahian replied. He said the city should not put its head in the sand "and not worry what's going to happen."

Coun Rothman said the EMO can prepare for earthquakes.

The city's plan lists various types of disasters which might occur in Westmount (including earthquakes) and general provisions applicable for the management of all emergencies.

Mr Ferahian said he was not reassured by city plans.

Tales of woe prove costly

A woman managed to solicit \$20 from residents of a house on Mount Pleasant avenue Tuesday last week, public safety officers report. She told the residents she needed to borrow the money to pay off a traffic ticket and handed over an IOU.

The likely sob story was reminiscent of a recent scam on Claremont avenue where residents were taken in by a woman saying her sister had been arrested and needed money to pay off traffic violations. They never saw their \$20 again (see story last week).

Disaster in June

A table top scenario of a simulated disaster is scheduled for April culminating with a full-scale disaster exercise in June if table top results indicate the EMO is prepared for such an event.

Coun Joan Rothman said she hoped by June citizen groups would be set up in each ward under the plan.

Citizen Ramzi Ferahian, who said at the meeting he had requested ac-

Rescue follows unanswered phone

An 82-year-old Westmount woman was found lying the floor by her bed Saturday afternoon in a Clarke avenue apartment after a sister was unable to contact her by phone, public safety officers said. The woman was semi-conscious.

Officers reported kicking the door open after it was held fast by a security chain. The woman had been lying on the floor unable to get up for more than a day. She was taken to Reddy Memorial Hospital by Urgences Santé.

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The Grade 2 student joins her partner at their assigned spot in the room. She then reads a story she has chosen to the younger child. The book may be one they have had in

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

class, a favorite from home or drawn from the reading shelves in the kindergarten room.

The younger child follows the story, looks at the pictures and begins to realize that she too may be able to do this reading stuff.

Keeping a record

"Then there is an activity, the shared reading journal," says Ms Phillips, displaying a prepared sheet with space for a picture and some writing. "The Grade 2 student writes the title and author of the book, and the date. The kindergarten student draws a picture of her favorite part of the story. Then the Grade 2 writes what the kindergartner wants as a caption."

Any extra time is spent looking at the book just read or another. The kindergartner will try to pick out letters or words, or may tell the story in her own words.

Both teachers report the students

look forward to the shared reading time with great eagerness. And the older children have taken a proprietary interest in their young protégées.

"They've become very attached," Ms Phillips says.

One kindergarten child was seriously injured recently and will not be returning to school for some time. Her reading partner was very upset.

"We brought up the problem in class," Ms Phillips says. The children came up with solutions. The older child has been invited to join another group and she will make tapes to send to her friend in hospital.

Gill Allen, director of the junior school, says the program has been so successful she hopes to expand it next year to include Grade 1 students.

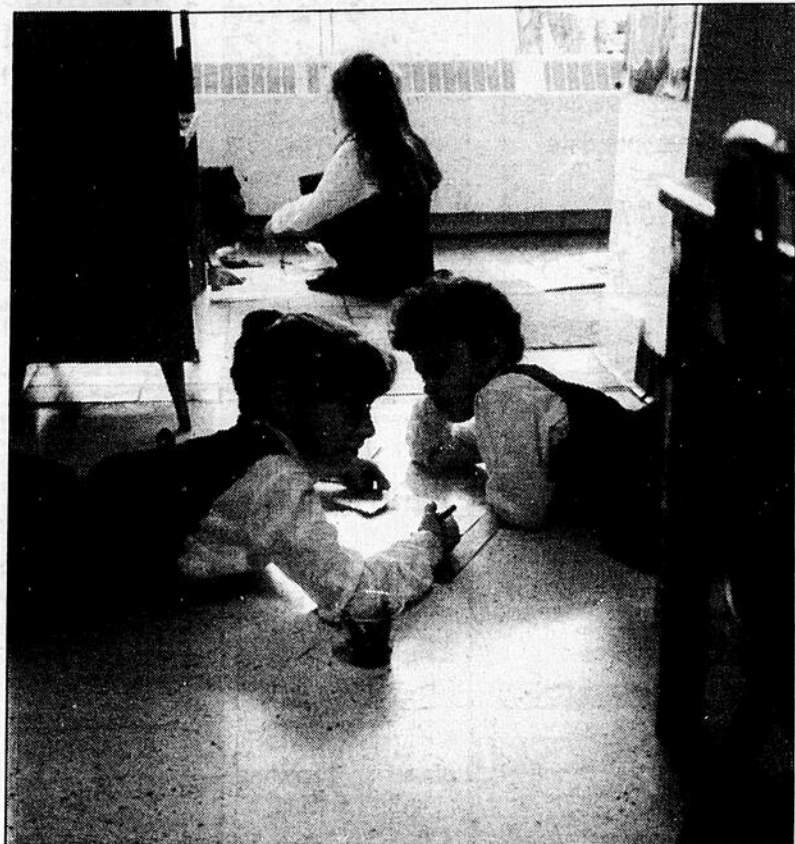
Ms Phillips says she had read about shared reading programs and put the notion to Ms Lincoln. They drew up a list of goals and began the program in the fall.

They say the effects have been very positive.

"It has enhanced self-esteem in both groups," Ms Lincoln says. "In terms of skills, it gives the motivation to read."

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Local and global linked in essay challenge

The topic for the annual Westmount essay competition for school children was announced last week by Councillor Sally Aitken to the city council meeting.

This year, children in elementary or secondary school who live in Westmount or attend schools in Westmount are invited to write on "Think globally, act locally."

Organizers ask young essayists to consider what they think should happen locally to reflect global concerns and issues. Possible focuses include: environment, safety, drugs, democracy, culture, human rights etc.

Essays will be judged for ideas, research, quality and originality.

Prizes will be awarded in four categories: Grades 1 to 3, Grades 4 to 6, Grades 7 to 9, and Grades 10 and 11. Awards range from \$15 to \$150. In

addition, prizewinners will have a book donated in their name to the library in commemoration of their achievement.

Entries should be neatly written or typed. A cover sheet should give name, age, school, grade, address and telephone number of the essay's author. The contestant's name should appear in the top right corner of the first page of the essay. Entries must not exceed 2,000 words.

Essays must reach the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke street, Westmount, H3Z 1G1, before 6 pm, Friday, April 20. They must be addressed to the McEntyre Essay Competition and may be mailed or delivered by hand.

The competition, known since its start in 1972 as the Westmount Scholarship Trust Fund Essay Competition, is now being called the McEntyre Essay Competition after the man who anonymously created the trust fund which supports the annual event.

Peter McEntyre served as an alder-

man from 1962-68 and was mayor of Westmount from 1969-71. He was also a trustee of the Westmount Public Library. He wished to encourage the youth living and studying in Westmount to learn more about their community and its workings. To this end, the essay competition was begun. Mr McEntyre's involvement was only made public after his death last year.

Alcohol program seeks young men

The program of research into alcoholism at the Douglas Hospital is looking for young men age 18 to 30 to participate in their studies.

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Dawson College's literacy centre officially opens today

The Centre for Literacy in the Schools and the Community at Dawson College officially opens its doors to the public today.

The centre was established last year as a co-operative project of the Quebec Association for Adult Learning (QAAL) and Dawson College where a literacy program has been in existence since 1984. A seed grant

from the literacy secretariat of the federal Secretary of State is providing funding for the first three years of the centre's work.

That work, according to literature from the program, is "linking, informing, and teaching those committed to increasing levels of literacy in the schools, the workplace and the community."

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

Housed in Dawson College, the centre consists of a reception area with an array of publications on various aspects of literacy, a resource room with further publications and reference works, and the offices of the director, Linda Shohet, and associate director Gordon Pepper. The

new offices make quite a change from the old Selby campus location.

Ms Shohet was head of Dawson's literacy program, Literacy Across the Curriculum (LAC). In a newsletter article she says the original plan was to address the issue of literacy within the college. However, as one of the first programs of its kind in Canada and the only one in Quebec, it "evolved into a centre of professional development activities for teachers in the entire English secondary and post-secondary system of Quebec."

Now the intention is to provide seminars and workshops for teachers and administrators and any others involved in promoting and supporting literacy in schools, the workplace and the broader community.

A further goal is the development of a corps of teachers who can work with other teachers at integrating literacy teaching into all school subjects.

"As far as I know," she says, "there isn't another place in the city that has the resources we have, the printed material."

These include books available through Dawson's library and documents in the centre proper.

Ms Shohet says the centre will be linking up with the National Adult Literacy Database to give researchers access to information on literacy programs across Canada.

"Our newsletter goes to all faculty of all English colleges in Quebec," says Ms Shohet. It is sent to individual subscribers at universities and other institutions across Canada and in the U.S. Every English high school receives a complimentary copy.

The opening to the public of the QAAL/Dawson literacy centre coincides happily with the start of the International Year of Literacy.

The Centre for Literacy in the Schools and in the Community can be reached by calling 931-8731, ext 1411.

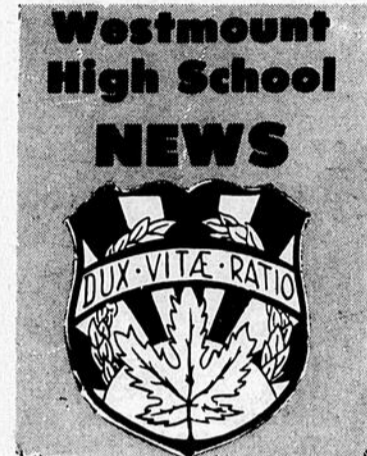
Wonderful, wild and wacky: WHS holds winter carnival

By RAJDEEP GILL

Westmount High School held its annual winter carnival last week. The event was organized by the WHS student council with activities starting on Monday and lasting through Thursday.

The carnival got its start with the crowning of the royal family Monday afternoon, after the votes had been counted for each nominee. The king was grade 9 student William McMillan and the queen was grade 9 student Marian Arkvarn. The prince and princess were both grade 7 students, Paul Labonte and Charmaine Jackson. There was also a special pizza lunch that day.

Tuesday was the day the teachers and students got to show their athletic abilities. After eating a Chinese lunch students selected by a draw were off to play the teachers in a grudge match volleyball game. Though the students say they did their best, the teachers proved to be just too much and won two of three matches.



No hard feelings though — the students say they are already preparing for next year.

The excitement picked up again after school when the grade 10s battled the grade 11s on the football field in a frostball game that ended in a tie.

The Montreal Junk Food Lunch, complete with hot dog, May West, chips and soft drink for \$2 was on the menu for Wednesday. This meal was prepared by the student council who got out of class at recess to do so. They also helped the teachers serve the lunch because the cafeteria staff, under school board regulations, is not allowed to serve non-nutritious meals.

The entertainment at lunch was

provided by an all-star basketball game in which the teachers played the all stars from the school basketball teams. This time out, the students ended up on top, and though prizes were not handed out to the winning team, everyone who participated in any of the sports events was given a chocolate bar.

Once again this year, during the carnival the prefects held their Prefect Pennyfair in the cafeteria after school. This gave the students an opportunity to enter pie-eating contests, Jello slurping, balloon shaving, pillow fighting and many other such activities.

The main attraction at the fair, however, was the sponge toss. This is where the students got to throw wet sponges at student life co-ordinator Dave Mills and one of the head prefects, Adam Goldberg. One Grade 7 student, Colin Danby, got so much pleasure out of hitting them and getting them back for everything they had done that he threw more than 50 sponges. Quite an expensive pastime at 10 cents a shot, but in his opinion well worth it.


Other places

To end off the winter carnival Thursday was left as an activity day, where students had the choice of doing one of several in- or out-of-school activities. This included going to the Recréathèque, going tobogganing and cross-country skiing at Mount Royal, going downhill skiing at Mont St-Sauveur, or going snow sliding at Mont Avila.

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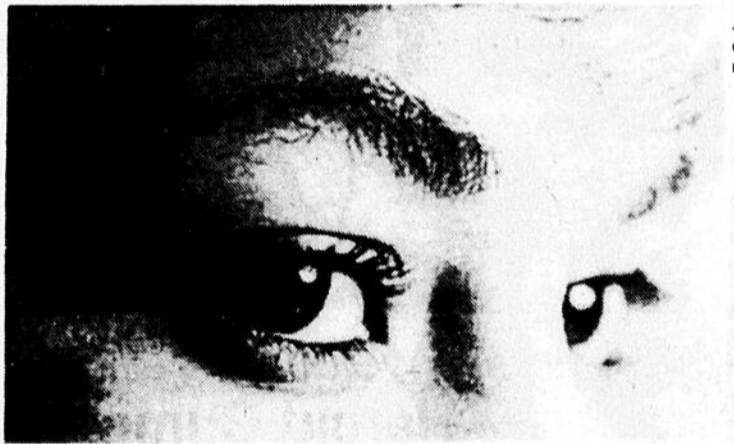
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Hockey player's attack investigated by city

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A Westmount hockey player was suspended indefinitely this week after a referee was punched in the face during a senior A league game at the arena last Thursday night.

An inquiry into the entire affair was announced by recreation director Robert Aiken Tuesday.

The incident took place about 11:10 pm during a regular house league game between the Sabres and the Bruins. The player received a match penalty during the second period, Mr Aiken explained.

According to MUC police, the player (a Bruin) took on the referee after being thrown out of the game for fighting with other players.

Daniel Labrecque, 31, the referee, sustained a sore cheek and sore teeth. He was not reported seriously injured. The Laval resident is a paid referee. He is to be questioned by recreation officials to determine the circumstances leading to the incident.

The suspended player was identi-

fied as Sandy Iliopoulos, a 26-year-old downtown resident. Recreation officials said he had been listed on the team roster as Sandy Knight under a Westmount address.

"He was one of those who managed to slip through the system," Mr Aiken confirmed.

Recreation administrator Peter Wallace, who has himself played in the senior league, said the city enforces the sportsmanship policies promoted in its house leagues.

Body checking has long been prohibited in all league games.

Mr Wallace said he does not know of any incident of such a serious nature having occurred in the hockey program in recent memory.

Police said the referee does not want to press charges.

Though most referees in the city system are volunteers, players in the senior A league chip in about \$50 each season to hire referees for their games. This is made necessary by the calibre of the play and the late-night hours of their games.



OLDTIMERS RAISE \$8,766 FOR CHILDRENS' HOSPITALS: Organizers of a hockey tournament held in Westmount last December handed over the fruits of their efforts, two cheques totalling \$8,766, to the Montreal Children's Hospital Fund N77 and to St Justine's Hospital at the arena Tuesday night. In the photo, organizer **Claude Bismuth**, hands a cheque to **Martha Matossian** who is flanked by her husband **Nicolas** on the left and her son **Christian** on the right. **Paul Beauchemin** and **Dr Barry Sternthal** are to the right of **Mr Bismuth**. Fund N77 was started by the late Nicolas Matossian who died of cancer at the age of 18. Gilles Jarry, chairman of the Telethon of Stars campaign, also received a cheque for St Justine's hospital that night.

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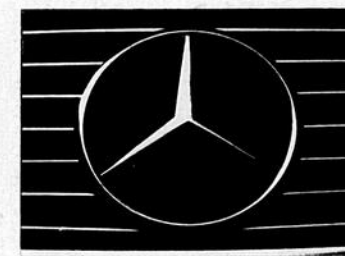
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Prizes galore handed out at awards night dinner

Victoria Hall was jammed Monday evening with young residents and their families feasting and making merry. It was recreation department awards night, honoring all those who participated in programs last spring and summer.

The gathering managed to pack away more than 600 hotdogs, 60 bags of chips and 600 soft drinks, according to recreation administrator Peter Wallace.

Once the inner person had been dealt with, the awarding of awards took place. Almost everyone got a mention, either individually or as part of a team. After the trophy presentations, the youngsters were able to collect certificates — complete with official red seal — showing in which programs they had participated.

Recreation department officials and Councillor Joan Rothman, commissioner of recreation (now recreation and culture), were kept busy handing out the many prizes and congratulating their recipients. A complete list of winners follows.

1989 soccer champions: novice, Scotland; atom, Portugal; peewee, Brazil.

Soccer sportsmanship trophies went to novices Nicholas Yanow, Scotland; Justin McManus, Spain; Zachary Eberts, U.S.; Benjamin Gillis, Ireland; Alesandro Salvo, Canada; Laurent Lecavalier, Argentina; Alex San Gregorio, Norway and David Beitel, Mexico. Trophies were given to atoms Nicholas Bell, Portugal; Jeffrey Imber, Bulgaria; Hugo Blomfield, Poland; Antonio Jaratta III, Austria; Joshua Beitel, England and Daryn Mitchell, Netherlands. Peewee trophy winners were Franco San Gregorio, Brazil; Charlotte

Davet, Uruguay; Tom Bell, Italy and Rory Kenny, Sweden.

Girls' soccer

The 1989 novice champions were the Bumble Bees.

Soccer sportsmanship trophies went to termites Ahilya Ramharry, Green Alligators and Veronica Asgary, Blue Jays. Novice trophy winners were Sarah Imber, Bumble Bees and Hayley Scott, Green Golden. Atom/peewee trophies went to Emily Watt, Team A and Sophie O'Brien, Team B.

1989 atom softball champions: Angels.

Softball sportsmanship trophies went to atoms Chris Lally, Angels; Michael Lord, Indians; Karl Herba, Astros; Patrick Quinlan, Tigers; Jeffrey Bernstein, Brewers and Joseph McLean, Rangers. Peewee trophy winner was Eli Zysman Colmen, Reds.

Tee ball sportsmanship trophies were given to Alexandra Loewy, Green Creamers and Yoshimo Cho, Yellow Tigers.

1989 baseball champion certificates went to atom Pirates, mosquito Blue Jays and peewee Cardinals.

Baseball sportsmanship trophies were won by atoms Bryan Wittman, Pirates; Crispin Smith, White Sox; Bryan Tritt, Dodgers; Jesse Salomen, Red Sox; Tommy Mezey, Mets and Justin McManus, Mariners. In the mosquito division, trophies went to Casey Kerr, Blue Jays; Joshua Beitel, Orioles; Caitlin McKenna, Athletics and Jonathan Stubbs, Yankees. The peewee trophy winners were Michael Yermus, Cardinals; Mike Vineberg, Phillies; Dan Zagury, Padres and Brandon Sant, Giants.

Touch football sportsmanship trophies went to atoms Oliver Bowser, Dolphins; Jonathan Gray, Bears and Mike Taylor, Raiders. Peewee winners were Darren Reid, Falcons and Luke McSweeney, Giants.

Volleyball sportsmanship trophy went to Andrea Stark.

1989 municipal tennis tournament championship trophies went to men's singles champ Romeo Bello, men's doubles to Ken Goodman and Eric Langlois. Ladies' singles champ was Susan Fryer and doubles Anna Ablen and Eleanore McNaughton. The boys' under 12 singles winner was Gandhar Chakavarty; under 14, Stewart Heshenfield; under 16, Stefan Moskvic. The junior open doubles champs were Chris Lally and Adam Lally.

Junior volunteer appreciation awards were given to Matthew Bell, Kevin Head, Sebastian MacDougall, Vichy Puni, Robert Aitken, Alison Slack, Rory Stubbs and Jonathan Frankel in appreciation for their dedication and contribution to the Westmount recreation and culture department during the spring and summer of 1989.

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Alert young police officers detected fire, saved occupant

One of the more heart-warming aspects of a fire or other disaster is the human-interest stories of people helping people which often emerge in the aftermath.

One such incident occurred during the blaze last Wednesday, Feb 7, that swept through a large detached home under renovation at 322 Metcalfe avenue within minutes of its detection about 2:24 am.

It is the story of two young MUC police constables, Marianne Rivest and Yves Methot, who discovered the fire about 2:20 am (see story last week). They also managed to lead the lone occupant of the burning home to safety.

Only four months ago the same two were accorded letters of appreciation from police officials for their discovery of a fire at 3837 St Jacques street and subsequent rescue of residents.

"These are two dedicated young officers who patrol with an eye for every disturbance in their neighbor-

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

hood," said Director Pierre Vézina. Their rescue efforts on Metcalfe were not widely known at the fire scene even by firefighters who simply knew the occupant was safely outside.

Even the next day, after questioning the occupant who spoke little English or French, fire investigators announced only that he appeared to have been saved by a smoke detector.

Constables found resident

But police officials looking into the incident Monday stated that constables Rivest and Methot found the 28-year-old man in the back of the burning house. He was nervous, panicking and unwilling to leave until he found his shoes.

The two had been led to the home by a heavy odor of smoke in the neighborhood and found smoke issuing from the eaves. They parked their cruiser outside with the siren

wailing to alert occupants.

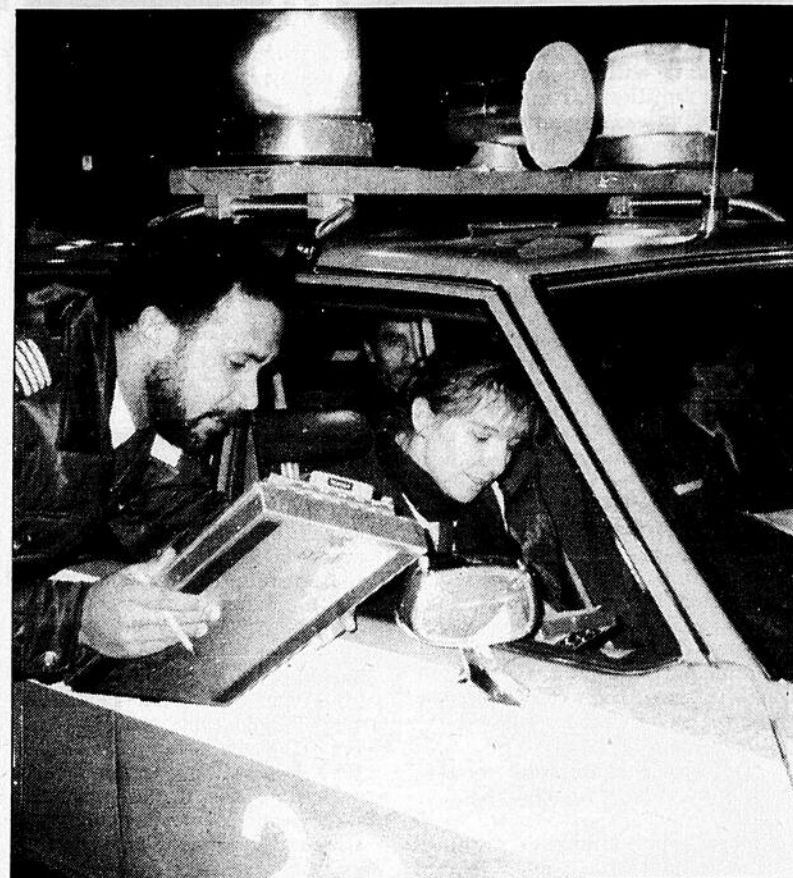
They then entered the house shouting "Fire! Fire!" and proceeded upstairs on hearing screams. When they realized the cries came from downstairs they returned and found a man in a back room looking for his shoes.

They said they had to take him by the arm to lead him outside, covering their mouths with their scarves.

Since they could not learn from the man whether anyone else was inside, a second attempt was made to find victims inside. Heavy smoke on the upper levels made this impossible and they backed out as firefighters arrived.

Dir Vézina attributed their actions and discovery of two fires to sharp observation and initiative rather than sheer luck.

Cst Rivest was among the group of recruits sworn in to the MUC force in a ceremony at Victoria Hall Jan 24, 1989. She was immediately assigned to station 23.



Police constables Marianne Rivest, in passenger seat, and Cst Yves Methot, driver, compare notes with Urgences Santé co-ordinator Gary McHugh, left, after the police pair led the caretaker of 322 Metcalfe from the burning house Feb 7. He is sheltered in the rear of the cruiser.

Cause of Metcalfe blaze remains mystery

Last week's overnight fire at 322 Metcalfe avenue broke out in the attic area, probably accidentally, fire officials determined this week.

Its cause, though still a mystery, is believed to be related to extensive renovation work at the million-dollar home, investigator Hugh Clarke said this week.

Efforts to pinpoint how the fire started early last Wednesday have been hampered by the heavy char of the interior and cave-in of the roof and attic. No propane heaters had been in use at the time and workers left at 6 pm, Inspector Clarke said. The home was reported to have been checked by a caretaker at 11 pm.

The man, who was paid to sleep in the home, is Spanish-speaking and was being questioned through an interpreter Monday in the hopes he might shed some light on the incident.

All appeared to have been in order when he went to bed after his check. A neighbor reported noticing certain lights on as usual about midnight.

Though an electric heater was in use in the basement to remove dampness for the caretaker, none were found to have been used upstairs where temporary power was supplied through junction boxes.

The blaze, detected by police as smoke began issuing through the

eaves, was believed to have been burning for some time. Upper levels were found heavily engulfed in fire when firefighters arrived shortly after 2:24 am.

The home then erupted into a ball of fire as the burning attic caved in, igniting other floors.

Damage was estimated by fire officials at \$700,000. The property was sold last June by longtime owner Sonja Reford Forster to Hosseinali Soudavar for \$1.2 million, believed to be the highest price ever paid for a single-family Westmount home below Sherbrooke street. It has a 2A rating in the city's study of heritage properties.

Crane downed

A construction crane had to be dismantled at Redfern avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard Monday morning when it blocked the intersection so completely that emergency vehicles could not have

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