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1990 was blessed and cursed with the golden touch

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Plans fly out window when GST jumps



One month after taking on a new business, Westmount Bar-B-Q owners Pat and her son Andrew Karmiris started coping with the GST. They ordered new menus before Christmas without the increase factored in, but Andrew changed his mind the day the GST went into effect. He's calling the printer to update the prices to include the GST, if it isn't too late. For now, this one menu is used as a master copy. The move was provoked when he bought a newspaper with eight cents added on that morning, and realized customers want to know the whole cost, up front. The restaurant is charging 15.5 percent instead of the actual 15.56 combination of 7 percent federal GST and 8 percent provincial sales tax, arguing the fraction is negligible. Others are going for the whole 15.56 and still others are taking the opportunity to charge 17 percent or more.

Photo by ALISON RAMSEY

Wet road blamed for car hitting pedestrian

Icy and wet pavement claimed three known victims over the festive season and resulted in a vandalized car, according to police reports.

A 49-year-old man was hit by a car at Elm and Sherbrooke while standing in the centre of the street waiting to cross on Dec 18. The man had just left a dentist's office and was described as being under the influence of a pain killer.

Police said the driver of the west-bound car which hit him claimed to have been blinded by the glare of sun

on wet pavement. The accident took place at about 4:50 pm. The driver was a 50-year-old woman living on Olivier avenue. The victim, a resident of Tupper street in Montreal, was taken to the Montreal General Hospital suffering a possible broken leg.

Earlier the same day a *Gazette* delivery man fell outside 48 Rosemount avenue while carrying 15 papers. Police said he had been getting out of a car in rain and failed to notice ice on the street. The 19-year-old Ridgewood avenue man was

treated at St Mary's Hospital for torn ankle ligaments.

On Dec 21, a 68-year-old Westmount woman fell on the sidewalk at Metcalfe avenue and St Catherine street. The sidewalk was described by police as a complete patch of ice. The woman injured a knee and was taken to the Reddy Memorial Hospital by a friend. She lives in the seniors' residence at 80 Hillside avenue.

The owner of a 1966 Jaguar was forced to leave the car in front of 443 Prince Albert avenue Sunday night, Dec 30, when the hill was too slippery to manoeuvre, police said. When he returned for the vehicle the next day, he found someone had broken the window and kicked in a door, causing about \$500 damage.

Like it or not, Westmount just couldn't shake off that Midas Touch.

As the city tore down its own Berlin Wall in 1990 to cast off old ways and move into a new decade, every brick and stone seemed painted or tainted in gold.

As surplus funds from new condos and other sources swelled city coffers and haunted city officials, almost every major change or issue facing the city seemed stamped with a dollar sign.

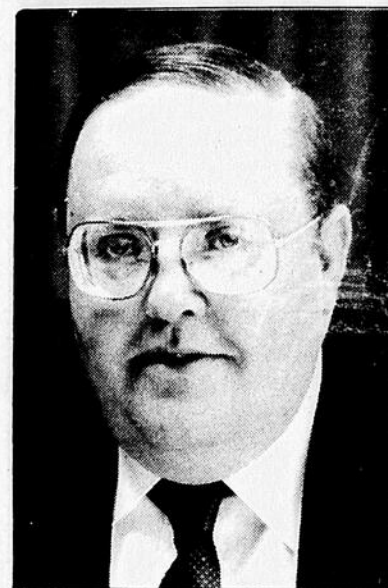
There were taxes the city forgot to collect and taxes it never planned to collect. There were golden handshakes, golden payoffs, golden consultants and golden squabbles.

By year's end, the debate on what to do with the huge surplus seemed to overshadow all else. When the tax break and spending slash citizens and council had fought so long to achieve went almost unnoticed, the Midas touch was complete.

Money matters headlined major issues of the year, and also underlined the whirlwind changes that seemed to blow through the city operation in the name of cost efficiency and social responsibility.

New seniors' residences opened. Handicap access for city hall was unveiled.

Politically, a battle for reform



PETER PATENAUE
Got golden handshake

Mayor May Cutler had waged for a year was suddenly espoused by consultants and councillors alike. The ball of change was already in flight when caught and carried forward in even greater earnest by a new man on city council.

He is Peter Trent, who became finance commissioner when a business tax fiasco was brewing. He took a stand. He fired his own shots and city hall shook.

Two months later a golden severance package was served to the director general on a silver platter and the city was already combing the business world for a CEO to lead a new lean machine into the 1990s.

But the "Gold Coast" was having problems attracting personnel. Positions of fire chief, director general and director of protective services could not be filled from the outside and the latter two remained vacant by year's end. It was easier for the council to abolish its own traditional commissionerships and replace them with "experimental" standing committees.

The year 1990 witnessed meter thefts, beautification of Victoria, departure of Brian Gallery from CN and the end of labor unrest for white collar workers who signed a contract in 1990 after holding their first-ever strike the year before.

Building starts dwindled but Roslyn School underwent major renovation and phase III rose quickly at Dawson.

There were sadder moments, too, when a driverless cab struck down gallery owner Elizabeth Lang while police still probed another death at the same place a few weeks before.

It was the end of a fight for Joyce Luker whose life had touched the hearts of many; the end of an era with the passing of ex-city manager Norman Dawe and the death of bird-watching dean George Montgomery.

Westmounters fought across Canada: Henry Morgentaler for abortions in Newfoundland, Paul Martin for the Liberal leadership in Ottawa and Brian Mulroney for the GST everywhere.

As the year came to a close, that fight for a tax would touch every man, woman and child in the days ahead.

Till another surplus would grow in Westmount.

Or another blue moon would shine.

For a month-by-month summary of the year that was, see pages six and seven.



PETER TRENT
New councillor got quickly embroiled

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The two taxes also now apply to our subscription rates. The one-year rate of \$22.43 comes to \$24.00 with GST then the provincial tax adds another \$1.92 to make the total \$25.92.

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Two bags mistaken for bombs

The police bomb squad was called to Westmount twice in two weeks to blow up parcels suspected of containing bombs. Both were discovered within a block of each other.

One was a vinyl bag found at 6:30 am in the Bank of Nova Scotia, 4016 St Catherine street, on Dec 19. It was "exploded" to reveal only sweaters and a wool scarf.

The other was a red sportsbag found about 4:35 pm New Year's Eve on a chair in Calories, the restaurant at 4114 St Catherine street. It was rushed outside after a customer joked that the unknown bag might contain a bomb. It was blown up at 6:20 pm to expose only personal papers. Efforts to contact the owner of the papers were not successful.

Steinberg dairy manager dies at work

John Richard Hembling, the 43-year-old dairy manager at the Steinberg store at 4840 Sherbrooke street, died Dec 19 after suffering a heart attack at work, police said.

He was rushed to Queen Elizabeth Hospital by one of several Urgences Santé ambulances which converged on the scene.

Mr Hembling was found on the floor of the washroom at 3:20 pm and was pronounced dead at the hospital at 4:45 pm. He reportedly suffered a previous heart attack in 1985. Mr Hembling was a resident of Ste Emile.

A private funeral was held Dec 22.

\$16,000 bank deposit stolen in rash of holiday robberies

A 52-year-old Westmount woman was robbed New Year's Eve at Metcalfe avenue and St Catherine street as a rash of holdups over the season continued right to the last day of 1990.

Two men, who approached the victim from a car, grabbed her by the shoulders, displayed a gun and a knife and snatched the bag. They fled in the car, escaping with the bag which contained an undisclosed amount of cash.

Investigators said it was not yet known if the incident was related to a series of similar holdups in October solved with the arrest of two men in N.D.G.

Two other seasonal holdups occurred outside Westmount banks. One took place Dec 22 when a bank deposit bag containing \$16,000 was reported stolen at gunpoint from two men making a night deposit at the Royal Bank in Westmount Square. One of the victims was a security guard.

The men were approached about

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

8:35 pm by a suspect who held a long-barrelled revolver to the head of one.

"Turn around and drop the bag to the ground," he ordered. The robber then picked up the bag and fled east with a second man who had hung back during the holdup. The victim worked for a nearby company which was not identified by police.

In the other incident, four young men held a knife to the neck of a 24-year-old man withdrawing money from a "Green Machine" at the Toronto-Dominion Bank on Sherbrooke street at Claremont avenue, police said.

The robbers waited as the man transacted his business about 10 pm

Dec 17 then one held a knife to his neck taking \$15 and credit cards. They then escaped in the direction of the Vendôme metro. The victim is an N.D.G. man.

Also before Christmas, on Dec 19, a 15-year-old Westmount girl was reported to have been robbed of her Walkman-type radio outside 440 Elm avenue. The thief was described as a teenage boy. The incident occurred about 3 pm as the girl was walking north.

The suspect asked for her shoes to give to his "friend." He then ordered her to hand over her Walkman "or I'll kill you." She was frightened and complied. No weapons appeared to have been involved.

Verdun man dies in snowbank

A 72-year-old Verdun man died Christmas Day after collapsing in a snowbank at 4056 St Catherine street west of Atwater avenue, police said. He apparently suffered a heart attack and was pronounced dead at the Reddy Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service is to be held for the deceased, Richard Joseph Dixon, on Jan 10 at Christ Church Cathedral.

Police said he was seen leaving the Atwater Métro station on St Catherine street by someone who subsequently noticed him lying in the snow about 4:40 pm. Police and Urgences Santé were called and CPR

was performed before he was taken to hospital.

Corolla corralled

A car reported stolen Dec 23 from the rear of 357 Olivier avenue was recovered the same day in police district 15, headquartered in N.D.G. The 1989 Toyota Corolla station wagon had been damaged. A second car parked at the same place was searched throughout but left behind intact.

Westmount Community Calendar

Today, Jan 4

Registration is under way for Greene Avenue Community Centre winter courses in fitness, martial arts, music, art, dance, second-language conversation classes and children's activities. Classes start Jan 7. 931-6202.

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

Saturday, Jan 6

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Saturday at 3:30 pm at Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street. This is a non-smoking group. 499-3940.

Sunday, Jan 6

Adult Prisoners of Childhood, a support group based on the therapeutic approach of Alice Miller and the 12 steps adapted from AA, meets at 7 pm every Sunday in the basement of Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street. \$1 per person to cover room rental. Newcomers welcome at 6:45 pm. 937-4392.

Cocaine Anonymous meets every Sunday from 2 to 3:30 pm at Greene Avenue Community Centre, 1090 Greene avenue. 931-6202.

Monday, Jan 7

Montreal Camera Club meets at 7:30 pm at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve. Shows by members. Please use rear entrance.

Wednesday, Jan 9

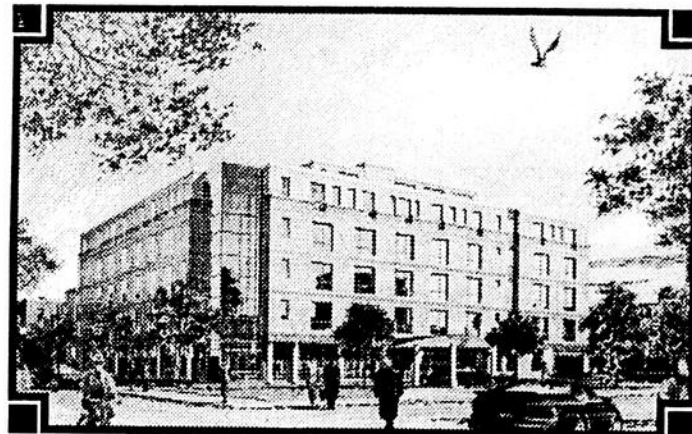
The SAVE tour is coming to Victoria Hall at 10 am, on invitation by two Westmount seniors' groups. All are welcome to hear this group of ecologically-concerned students discuss the environment.

COMING UP

Jan 12: Samedi Greene presents Funny Face in an original script, music and life-sized puppets. They tell a tale of a youngster's search for true friendship. At Greene Avenue Community Centre from 10 to 11:30 am. Sponsored by La Cache. Admission \$1. Children under six must be accompanied. 931-6202.

Jan 14: City council meeting at 8 p.m.

Jan 19: Samedi Greene presents filmmaker Louise Johnson with See how cartoons are made and learn how to make your own flip book. At Greene Avenue Community Centre from 10 to 11:30 am. Sponsored by La Cache. Admission \$1. Children under six must be accompanied. 931-6202.



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The year came to a close with heaping boxes of food being taken to 15 families by James Novak and Robert Hryciuk as well as other public safety officers.

Purr-fect surprise livens one Christmas basket

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A Westmount family encountered double good luck for Christmas — not only did they receive boxes of food from the Public Security Unit's annual food drive, but officers also returned their lost cat at the same time.

The tabby, which was picked up without correct identification, had been sheltered for a week at the Animal Hospital of Westmount, unknown to its owners.

A story in THE EXAMINER Dec 20 seeking the cat's owner was read by Christiane van Renesse who knows the family and informed them of its whereabouts.

"We decided to pick the cat up for the family and deliver it at the same time as we were taking over the food baskets," said public security Sergeant Greg Cockerell.

The cat, named Chase, turned out to live on Abbott avenue near where it had been found. The family, which moved on to the street recently, expected the cat to eventually find its way home.

Sgt Cockerell, who was among officers distributing the food hampers, said the 15 families who received food were very appreciative.

"It was good for our morale, too," he said. "It was a welcome change from giving out parking tickets."

The food was distributed on the last Thursday and Friday before Christmas to people whose names had been supplied by the Westmount CLSC, said PSO Robert Hryciuk, who organized the drive. He said some families referred by the CLSC refused the

offer, saying there were others more needy than they.

All the recipients, he said, live in Westmount except for two on the Montreal side of Claremont avenue and one longtime Westmounter who had since moved to N.D.G. Many are seniors, shut-ins or those with shopping difficulties.

Those living alone received one box filled to the top with non-perishable items. Those with children got several boxes; some also received toys that had been left at the library's food depot.

Each household also received either a turkey or a chicken along with cranberry sauce, oranges or clementines and a small Christmas fruit cake as well as a \$20 food voucher. These were made possible through cash donations totalling \$500.

Members of the PSU chipped in with \$100, most of which was raised at the Arts and Crafts Fair held at Victoria Hall before Christmas.

"We want to thank everyone who brought in food and made the drive a success," PSO Hryciuk said.

A large amount of food came from the seniors' residence at 80 Hillside avenue which turned over the results of its own food drive to the PSU, he said.

Westmounters also helped fill, twice-over, a large container of food for Sun Youth at the fire hall, fire officials said.

Donations made at Station 23 went to two churches and a high school in St Henri.

Autumn real estate market follows trend of low markups

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

Sale prices of Westmount homes are coming more in line with the Montreal Urban Community valuations, due to a declining real estate market.

Average markups of single and two-family homes sold in September and October dropped by more than 85 percent when compared to the same period last year. The average markup is calculated by dividing average price by the average Montreal Urban Community valuation.

An analysis of transfer files registered at city hall indicates that the average markup in September and October was 31.6 percent compared with 58.6 percent for the same two months in 1989.

The average markup in September 1990 was 32.5 percent compared with 74.1 percent in September 1989 while in October 1990 the average markup dropped to 30.7 compared to 43.2 percent the previous year. The September markup was influenced by three homes, which sold for between \$2.5 and \$1.3 million.

However, it is not much changed from August 1990's average markup of 31 percent on 24 sales totalling \$9,668,000.

Total sales for the 18 home transfers in September was \$10,304,800; there were 14 sales in October totalling \$7,143,000.

The average price of Westmount homes sold in September 1990 jumped to \$572,488 from \$402,833 the previous month. In October the average price dropped to \$510,214.

These figures are somewhat inflated by high-priced deals with high markups. If the two highest and lowest sale prices are removed, the adjusted average price of a home sold in September was \$503,485 and, in October, \$486,800.



48 Belvedere Place
highest price in September, \$1,900,000
(based on transfer tax paid)

Doing the same for markups results in an adjusted average markup of 31.4 percent in September and 28.7 percent in October.

Highest price

The highest-priced home sold in September was 48 Belvedere Place which, while officially selling for \$1 and considerations, fetched \$1.9 million based on the transfer tax paid. That was 27.4 percent more than its MUC valuation of \$1,491,800, which is supposed to be set at 90 percent of the total valuation. The highest markup of the month was at 3757 The Boulevard which sold for \$965,000, 84.2 percent higher than its MUC valuation of \$523,900.

The highest-priced home sold in October was 565 Argyle, which fetched \$1,050,000, 94.5 percent more than its MUC valuation of \$539,800. It also represented the highest markup of the month.

The lowest-priced home sold in October was 117 Blenheim Place, selling for \$165,000, 10.8 percent more than its MUC valuation of \$148,900. 325 Melville sold for \$300,000, 33.8 percent lower than its valuation of \$453,000, the lowest markup of the month.

In September, 378 Olivier sold for \$295,000, 13.6 percent lower than its \$341,400 valuation, representing the

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Westmount's first baby of 1991 being sought

THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER is looking for Westmount's first baby of 1991. For the ninth consecutive year, THE EXAMINER and local merchants and businesses have combined to offer the first baby of the year an array of gifts worth several hundred dollars.

The prizes will go to the baby born earliest in 1991 to parents living in the City of Westmount. As of yesterday, no word of any local blessed event had reached us.

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You Say

Statement to Clark urges alternates to war

The following is a statement to the Rt Hon Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, sent by Westmounter Georgina Smith Howick and signed and formulated by eight others:

Further to our recent telephone conversations re Canada's role in the Gulf, I am submitting the following statement prepared by several informed and concerned persons from diverse sectors of the community. We are convinced that the views expressed herein reflect a wide cross-section of grassroots opinion rather than the position of any particular interest group:

It is our intent to provide an alternative perspective on issues relating to Canada's role in the Middle East. All the world is in a critical state of flux. Actions taken now will have either beneficial or catastrophic consequences for years to come. For some time analysts have predicted that this region may well hold the key to human survival. It now appears they may have been right.

In an unprecedented manner, outstanding political and military spokesmen have come forth to insist that the military option should not be contemplated as such a war is fraught with action. We are indignant that our government has turned a deaf ear to these voices of reason. In his decision to cast his lot with Mr Bush, Mr Mulroney is prepared to sacrifice Canadian lives in a futile war that no one wants.

The present government with the help of the media has generated an atmosphere that war is inevitable. War is by no means inevitable as long as there are enough of us who believe that there are risk-free alternatives. We are convinced that our decision-makers must carve out an independent position for

support breakup of the country, but instead of merely deploring we rally behind those who want to hold Canada together and whatever new arrangements may be necessary.

HERE at home in Westmount, we start this New Year in warm support of mayor and council as they seek to do their conscientious best in running our city.

This is no blanket endorsement. For instance, they must show more alacrity in the appointment of a new general manager or director-general. This is key to the ongoing health of the city.

And, as alluded to at the outset of this editorial, a hard, critical, second look at that \$10-million capital spending program for this year is a necessity. One must be bemused that this proposed spending is double 1990's; bemused in the face of all the critical problems facing the province, the country and the world.

Just because taxes have been lowered, because we have a windfall surplus, because the city's immediate local prospects look good — these are not reasons to ignore the pressure gathering around us which threaten to invade our pleasant enclave in ways and in strengths not yet foreseeable.

Prudent husbandry invites city council to hold off on unnecessary spending, of which there are a number of desirable but postponable projects in the program, until the future is clearer. Basic public works, such as street reconstruction and repairs, should not be put off; the city did this in the recent past in a flurry of economy and regretted it. Catchup never really is achieved.

Just because a good budget was successfully wrapped up less than three weeks ago does not mean that the capital spending must be followed to the letter.

In such matters the solons are entitled to change their minds.

In these times, it is incumbent upon them to do so.

Canada within the UN structure — one that recognizes the emerging new world order. At this exciting point in world history, it is vital that Canada use to good advantage its position of world respect and influence.

In keeping with Canada's assumed traditional role of peacekeeper in the Middle East which began with the Suez War in 1956, it seemed quite logical to the Canadian public that our troops be sent to enforce the embargo against Iraq. However, more recently, it has moved from this position to one that appears to be in lockstep with U.S. war talk and war preparatory tactics. We are disturbed by the constant shifting of our government's position and contend that it is the result of an unclarified policy that tends to echo rather than initiate, leaving our nation vulnerable to the dictates of our southern ally.

We feel that our government is tagging along with positions that most Canadians eschew. The Canadian government is allowing itself to be duped into taking on a dangerous role. Except to those who are invariably influenced by clever journalistic propaganda and brainwashing, most Canadians and the thinking world view the selective demonization of Saddam Hussein as little more than a tactic for creating an enemy. Aggressive leaders should not be permitted by the world community to occupy neighboring countries, but we object to choosing to censure this aggression while the actions of other occupying powers are condoned or ignored.

In the Gulf, as elsewhere, the U.S. is supporting autocratic regimes, oil sheiks and feudal emirates. Why did we turn our backs on all the human rights abuses and chemical weapon buildup of the Iraqi regime until only a few months ago? Is this monster enemy being created to justify the protection of oil interests of these wealthy undemocratic powers?

At this time of deepening recession, we are incurring phenomenal expense by sending troops into what now appears to be a potential war. How does the government reconcile the financial cost to the already suffering economic reality of our country?

Has the government considered the tremendous environmental cost if nuclear weapons are used? Scientists warn that such a war in the Gulf would irreparably affect the entire planet for years to come. Thousands of lives would be lost in this armed conflict. To what purpose? Is this war primarily to support a Western lifestyle based on oil — a commodity which is coming under ever-increasing criticism and censure due to its damaging environmental effects?

Among other serious concerns, we are also frightened by the prospect of the potential destruction of the veritable "kernel" of our civilization. The archaeological ruins of the Tigris and Euphrates river could be totally destroyed by such a war in the area.

We urge our government to pursue the course it originally embarked upon, namely the enforcing of sanctions with the exception of food and medicine. This reflects a policy in keeping with Canadian tradition of opposing aggression while maintaining a humane stance. However, such a policy requires patience and a firm belief in our decision that sanctions can and will work.

We urge our government to play a key role in promoting and facilitating an international conference to deal with the deep-rooted serious conflicts in the area; in particular, the Arab-Israeli conflict which is a non-ending spiral of violence. We believe that it is vital to break the Israeli-Palestinian deadlock by bringing Israel into genuine international conversation. While linkage may be denied, the problems from Baghdad to Gaza are indivisible.

Georgina Smith Howick

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Other signatories are Westmounters Janet Weinroth-Aubert, Paree Melamed and John H. Lehnert, along with Montrealers Georgia Carpenter, Christine Burt, Lucia Kowaluk and the Very Rev Antony Gabriel as well as William J. Lawand of Town of Mount Royal.

I Say!

YOU have to take chances for peace, just as you must take chances in war... The ability to get to the verge without getting into the war is the necessary art. If you try to run away from it, if you are scared to go to the brink, you are lost.

— John Foster Dulles

We Say

Cut the capital budget

WESTMOUNT's \$10-million capital program slated for this 1991 New Year calls for a second look.

Overall, the budget which Councillor Peter Trent presented to city council just before Christmas is a good job. It bears the earmarks of more thoughtfulness than the spending and taxing estimates of recent years. Council as a whole is to be commended.

Highlight of the good side, which tended to be overlooked amidst the arguments with and among citizens over what to do with the huge, untoward surplus amassed in 1990, was a clear reduction in expenditures for local municipal purposes.

It is not huge, something over \$600,000, down to an estimated \$26.5 million for the year ahead. But in an era when the so-called "superior" governments can boast only of sometimes slowing the rates of increases in their expenditures, Westmount's achievement is noteworthy.

Unfortunately, this does not translate into an overall cut in the total budget. We have been saddled with an unconscionable increase in spending by the Montreal Urban Community, for which the levy on Westmount is a whopping \$2.5-million increase from a year ago to \$18.75 million.

We have little or no influence on the propensity of the metropolitan government to grow and grow. There are no Westmount Finance Action Committees or Westmount Municipal Associations to watchdog the MUC. Not even the provincial government seems to care how this, its creation, has become a monster which threatens to destroy the economic health of the island community, the motor of Quebec.

THE provincial scene is itself in runaway mode. Its spending has outrun its prudent taxing powers and we already have had the shameless defaulting on its financial undertakings to the local and school municipalities. The school boards and commissions already are back heavily into direct taxation of property.

Now, even before that new burden is digested or even realized by the ratepayers, we have Mr Claude Ryan, the municipal affairs minister, talking about slashing Quebec grants for transportation, roads and other local needs and leaving it to the cities, towns, villages, townships and parishes of the province to make up these losses as best they can.

Owning or even renting a home in Quebec is shaping up to becoming an onerous burden if not impossible for many.

Then, of course, there is Ottawa and the mighty mess which several succeeding

governments have made with large-scale deficit spending un mindful of the consequences, which the nation now has encountered. A third of the massive federal revenues must go just for interest on the debt — interest which has had to be kept artificially and expensively high to keep foreign lenders lending and prevent the country's financial collapse.

EVERYONE agrees that government spending, at all levels, should be reduced. They agree, that is, only if the pet projects of this group and that are not cut.

We get the feeling of a people, of Canada, staggering around in a daze from constitutional impasse, native people's militant unrest and mutiny, orneriness in the provinces and regions, the threat of major war in the Middle East, unemployment and bankruptcies, an ill-timed and badly mounted massive tax reform, uncertainty for world trade order, and other assorted problems.

In this mood we have a people, from its top-most leaders down, not knowing which way to turn and, when actions are proposed, turning angrily against both the proposers and the proposals.

There are some unbelievable reactions. The trimming of the capacious sails of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is the most recent example. Sure, some oxen have been goaded; but the CBC cuts are not out of keeping with necessity and are far from the national disaster they are being painted to be. There is a lot of CBC still there.

Lopping off barely- or under-used services of Via Rail elicited the same kind of hand-wringing a year ago. The loudest noises were made by some people who rarely if ever travel on a train.

There are other examples. It is sufficient to say that we have not seen anything yet, if we are to move beyond the complaining and the alarms to do something about not just the economy but the other problems confronting us.

We have got to stop complaining about "the politicians" and, like them or not, support and encourage them in their efforts. The chronic denigration of those we have elected to run our affairs suggests the most serious problem of all: loss of faith in the system itself.

We neither like nor admire our prime minister and our premier. But they are the only ones we've got, just now.

We are not fond of the GST, but we support it as necessary even though it has been made needlessly messy and costly to administer. We don't like cuts in government services, but we endorse them. We don't

EXAMINING THE FILES

Forty-five Years Ago
January 4, 1946

"In furthering the battle against tuberculosis in the community of Westmount, Dr. J.J. Day, medical health officer, announces that X-ray examinations of all city employees will be made on January 14."

"The holiday season was marked by an unusually large number of traffic accidents locally, due to bad weather, slippery roads and more driving. On Sunday a seven-year-old boy was hit by a car when his sled ran across Cote St. Antoine Road from King George Park... Seven-year-old Bryan Casey... was sledding in King George Park when an uncommonly long slide landed him in the Homoeopathic Hospital with a laceration on his neck."

Thirty-five Years Ago
January 6, 1956

"Teaching Junior tidy habits is usually not one of the easier tasks, but he can be trained to accept his own responsibilities in regard to his toys and garments if he has a special place of his own for his treasures and if his clothes closet is furnished with hooks and shelves at the right height for him to reach. If the putting-away practice is started when he is quite small it can usually become a routine affair."

"Canada's health record for 1955 is the best in the history of the country with births reaching a new high of close to 450,000 for the year, according to Brooke Clayton, vice-president and general manager for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Canada."

Twenty-five Years Ago
January 6, 1966

Column entitled "Views of Two Local Students" by John Aimers and Peter Ritchie: "We salute you, Jean Drapeau. You have brought life, vision, and imagination to the City of Montreal. By your foresight and enthusiasm for anything that might benefit the island, you have ensured Mont-

real's place in the ranks of great cities. You have made provision so that there will be no let-down after Expo '67. You will be remembered as being the man who catapulted Montreal from being a large city in Canada, to one of North America's prime cultural, educational, and economic centres... We salute you Richard Milhous Nixon. After a narrow defeat for the high office of President of the U.S.A., you conducted yourself as a gentleman."

Ten Years Ago
January 8, 1981

"Is firefighting next on the list of municipal services to be contracted out to private enterprise, along with snow removal and

garbage disposal? Such a move is one of the recommendations contained in a 'sensitive' report concerning the future of firefighting services in Westmount and its five municipal mutual aid partners, sources have revealed... The concept of contracting out fire services to private enterprise, as is done in many United States municipalities, is considered by some officials here as being either revolutionary or interesting, but not really applicable to us."

One Year Ago
January 5, 1990

"Witnesses are urgently sought in connection with a hit-and-run accident that killed a pedestrian at Olivier avenue and St

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No columns

Westmount's representatives who normally contribute columns to these pages all continue to enjoy the festive season this week. We expect at least some of the columns to resume next week.

Betty Lloyd dies suddenly at New Year's

A private funeral will be held today for Betty Lloyd, a 20-year Westmount resident who died suddenly New Year's Day.

She and her husband, Alwyn, a former Westmount alderman, were preparing for New Year's Eve celebrations at their country home near Magog when she suddenly was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage. She died several hours later at a Sherbrooke hospital.

Wilena Elizabeth Anderson was born in Montreal and spent her early years in Longueuil, moving to St Lambert when she married Al Lloyd. The couple moved to Westmount more than 20 years ago.

For several years in a secretarial capacity at the law firm of Ogilvy Renault, she retired to raise a family of four sons, who remember her as a devoted mother always on hand when they needed her. She kept up with the boys in sporting activities which included swimming, golf and skiing. Tending the garden was a favorite pastime.

During this period she also was very active with the local Cubs organization and other activities at Dominion-Douglas United Church. For several summers she organized the junior golf activities at the Hermitage Club in Magog. In later years, she was a big contributor to activities of the Women's Auxiliary of the Montreal General Hospital.

As the boys grew, she wanted a commercial challenge and for the past six years developed an extensive and appreciative group of clients as a travel consultant and retail



BETTY LLOYD

sales manager at W.H. Henry Travel.

She will be missed by many but remembered for her buoyant personality and ready smile.

Besides her husband she is survived by her four devoted sons: Greg (Andrea) and Ronald and his wife Pam, all of whom now live in Toronto; Philip, currently pursuing post-graduate studies towards an MBA at the University of British Columbia; and Roderick (Rod), an undergraduate at Queen's University. A brother, Leslie Anderson, teaches and resides in St Lambert.

The family requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Montreal Children's Hospital Donations Department, 2300 Tupper street, Montreal, H3H 1P3.

Outspoken councillor William Wood dies

William Trueman Wood, a former Westmount city councillor and school board chairman, died Dec 24 in Ottawa. He had been suffering from heart troubles. He was 69.

Mr Wood served as city councillor for seat 2 of ward 2 from Oct 25, 1971 to June 30, 1975. He was known as a maverick of sorts who was unafraid to publicly speak his mind, even if he was at odds with fellow councillors.

In a Dec 23, 1971 EXAMINER story, Mr Wood described himself, in part, "as representing the little guys in Westmount," especially homeowners facing mounting tax burdens.

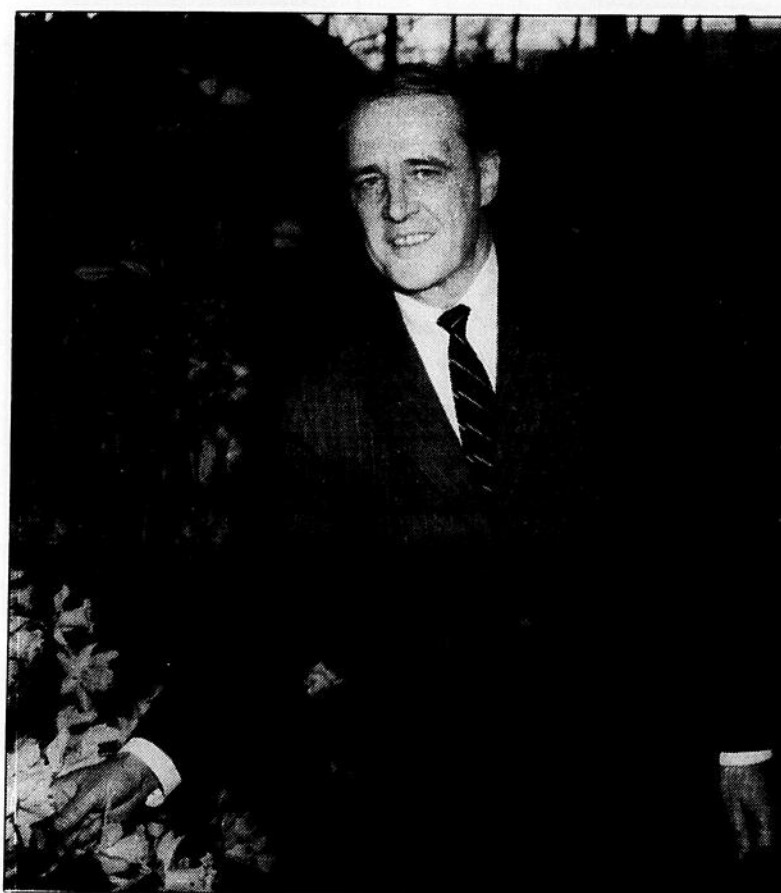
He was described as having "an abhorrence for centralized government and monolithic bureaucracies."

During his tenure as city councillor he was also commissioner of public services, a member of the civil protection committee and a member of the public information committee.

He resigned as a city councillor in 1975 when he moved to Ottawa and took a position with the Foreign Investment Review Agency. He was with the Westmount school board for six years, three as a chairman. The father of five, the family lived for some time at 3244 The Boulevard.

Born in Sackville, New Brunswick, Mr Wood attended Mount Allison University, McGill University, Osgoode Hall Law School and Columbia University in New York. He specialized in corporate law with Pitfield Mackay and Ross and was a member of the Bar of Ontario and the Law Society of Upper Canada.

As an Anglican, he attended St James the Apostle Church. His hob-



WILLIAM T. WOOD

bies included tennis, sailing and skiing.

He is survived by his wife, Stuart (Robertson), his son William, four daughters, Nancy, Lucy, Anne and Sarah, a brother, Bernard, a sister,

Faith, and granddaughter Alexandra.

Funeral services were held Dec 27 at St Bartholomew's Anglican Church in Ottawa. He was buried in Sackville, New Brunswick.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

January

• Police urgently seek witnesses in a hit-and-run accident that killed Longueuil resident Vera Horvat four days before Christmas. The mother of five was struck down at Olivier avenue and St Catherine street.

At January's end, Info-Crime re-enacts the incident to try and prompt witnesses.

Months later, in July, police locate the truck that struck Mrs Horvat. They also target a suspect who is not charged, for lack of evidence and lack of a confession. The file is closed.

• Many residents are greeted with a wet new year, as two dozen floods were caused by thawing and freezing pipes in poorly heated areas. Firefighters answered a daunting 78 calls between Dec 19 and Jan 2.

• Peter Trent is acclaimed to council; the city nearly held an election when contractor Rony Cukier said he would also run to uphold the democratic principle of choice, but he changed his mind and the city rushed about at the last moment to cancel ballot slips.

• PSBGM commissioners vote overwhelmingly to retain the English stream at Roslyn School.

February

• A fire which guts 332 Metcalfe avenue forces 10 nursing home residents on to the street at about 2:30 am. They slept in five ambulances parked on site, and were later transferred to hospitals for shelter. The house was built in 1912 by prominent French-Canadian nationalist Léopold Rodier.

• Owner of 22 Summit circle, Annie Kenane, sues the city for \$3 million because it disallowed her request to demolish. The city tries to hold firm, to retain the 91-year-old house, but in December an out-of-court settlement is reached where demolition is granted and Ms Kenane is given \$100,000 for legal and architectural fees. She is also allowed to subdivide the property. The former owner was denied permission to subdivide, which caused her to sell it to Ms Kenane in the first place. Citizens question the legality of the city's demolition committee. The contentious issue sparked a review of the way in which the demolition committee and Architectural and Planning Commission collaborate, or fail to.

• Westmount MP David Berger is charged with violating the election act, by doing pre-election advertising before the permitted date. He pleaded not guilty in March, changed his plea to guilty, and was given an absolute discharge in June. He was found to be not directly responsible for the ads inviting people to meet him at his campaign headquarters. Mr Berger did not give consent or participate in placing the ads, which was done by a volunteer.

March

• The City of Westmount affirms its commitment to bilingualism in a statement to the press. The city's stand is in reaction to resolutions by Thunder Bay and Sault Ste Marie declaring themselves unilingually English, perceived as a grave insult by francophones.

• Westmount MNA Richard Holden makes an ideological move away from the Equality Party he represents, by going to Winnipeg to fight for the Meech Lake accord, after the party opposed it during the provincial election. Some members of the Westmount riding association resign in protest.

• Newly-elected finance commissioner Peter Trent vows to hold the line on city spending, or reduce it with the next budget. He maintains that promise in December, when the 1991 budget is tabled with city spending reduced by 2.5 percent.

• The possibility of a curbside recycling program in Westmount is announced. The target date is fall. By December, the city has earned second place for the amount of recyclables collected per blue box in the nine participating municipalities.

• Five Westmounters are posthumously honored by the city for their contributions: Thérèse Casgrain who fought for civil liberties and women's political rights; Robert Findlay who, as an architect, helped shape Westmount; Brig-Gen James A. de Lalanne who was a former mayor and decorated First World War hero; William Lighthall, historian, poet, novelist and Westmount's turn-of-the-century mayor; and Frank Scott, considered to be Canada's greatest authority on constitutional law.

April

• Westmount city council joins the squeal of protest by municipalities against school boards being permitted to charge more school tax. The bill for Westmount homeowners works out to \$2 million more than the previous year, an increase of 127.5 percent. The tax bills are delayed until December because of a protest by suburban municipalities.

• Gazette columnist Albert Nerenberg provokes local ire by saying skinheads are a problem at Westmount High School. He subsequently apologizes to the principal.

THE GOVERNMENT FOOD CHAIN



Editorial cartoon from April 12.

• Guaranteed milkman Luc Daoust and Mac's Dépanneur co-owner Shabir Bhaloo are charged with drug trafficking following a seizure of 560 grams of heroin, with a street value of \$500,000. They were sentenced in May to seven and 12 years in jail, respectively. Two other men were sentenced in the same case, Mehmood Mawji of Pakistan, who was visiting Mr Bhaloo, his brother-in-law, and the brother-in-law of Mr Daoust, Daniel Gauthier.

• Following enquiries by THE EXAMINER, it is announced by finance commissioner Peter Trent that the city failed to collect \$200,000 in business tax within the prescribed period. A full review of business tax collection is promised, to see if more revenue was lost. One week later, the loss is toted up to \$300,000 over three years. Sloppy management is blamed.

A report issued in June reveals that 61 businesses went untaxed between 1986 and 1988, representing about 10 percent of all commercial billing. The lion's share of the \$280,000 in missed taxes were supposed to come from stores in Place Alexis Nihon and Westmount Square.

• A group, mainly girl and women students, turns out to protest the Montreal Arms Fair held at Westmount arena. The fair occurred less than seven months after 14 women were gunned down at the École Polytechnique. Demonstrators clashed with fair customers. One man leaving the fair yelled, "I bet you girls don't even know the right way to hold a gun. If you ever come on my property, I'll show you soon enough!"

In May, council votes to ban gun shows in municipal buildings.

May

• A by-law to protect Westmount's heritage homes is proposed in the city's five-year planning program. Vigilant zoning is another option; controlled development is stressed.

• The MUC is slapped with a \$3.5-million lawsuit by the City of Westmount, to recover damages incurred by errors in the 1988 valuation roll. The lawsuit amends an earlier court action for \$1 million.

• Director-general Peter Patenaude is given a golden handshake. His resignation, effective July 1, costs the city 32 months of salary, a minimum indexed pension of \$43,163, the city-owned car he drives, insurance coverage until September 1993 as well as relocation, financial and legal counselling not exceeding \$15,000.

June

• Westmounters are warned that their property valuations may rise by as much as 28 percent when the three-year freeze is lifted at the end of 1991, when the MUC roll will be based on 100 percent valuation and not the 90 percent now being used. Mayor May Cutler did not protest, saying the city must pay its share of MUC costs.

When the budget is brought down in December, the mayor said, "I really think there will be a tax revolt" and Councillor Sally Aitken, representing the mayor, votes against the MUC

budget, calculated to cost the city \$13,423,800.

• The first hint of integration of the fire department and Public Security Unit is given in a report to be presented in July, according to a councillor. The plan is delayed when the city decides to re-examine it, in light of public safety officers gearing up to protest manpower cuts contained in the plan. A new plan, released in October, has fewer positions cut — just two in all.

• Westmount MNA Richard Holden echoes the common political stance by urging Canadians to have a "cooling off period" in the wake of the failure of the Meech Lake accord.

July

• The city calls for tenders on a comprehensive study on the use of recreation facilities. The report, due in November, is delayed and is expected in the new year. As the \$39,500 study was just getting off the ground in November, residents flocked to a first public meeting to lambast the structure of a telephone survey included in the study, also complaining that no one was consulted before drawing up the questionnaire.

• Sunday supermarket shopping comes to Steinberg in Westmount. Customers, warned there would be limited staff on duty, flock to the grocery store anyway.

• Westmount adopts a "green" policy, vowing to take decisions with environmental impact in mind. Integration of economic and environmental decision-making, promoting environmentally-responsible policies and ensuring current practices that are environmentally sound are all part of the policy paper.

August

• Reconstruction of Victoria avenue begins. Merchants asked for the street's beautification, but delays in the project change their mood. Instead of being complete by September, when business perks up after summertime slowdown, the work dragged on until mid-October. At least one merchant asked for compensation, which was denied.

• An N.D.G. man, working as a cook, is killed at Château Bar-B-Q when a suspect walks in the kitchen and guns him down. Police believe the shooting is a settling of accounts.

• Students at Roslyn School are given a week reprieve from the start of the new school year, when it was decided at the last moment to keep the school closed to accommodate ongoing renovations. Parents were taken unawares; programs for children at the Westmount Y and city sports facilities were opened to try and help parents by giving their kids a place to go during the day. The school board promises to evaluate the effect of the renovations to avert a recurrence.

• A funding crisis is declared at Atwater Library. A campaign to raise \$100,000 begins after Labor Day. Seemingly impossible (the library has not raised more than \$20,000 during any other campaign) the library reaches its goal and will remain open.



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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

September

- After years of effort and information-gathering, council watchdog Ramzi Ferahian finally obtained proof — which he presented to council — that the city had been lax in monitoring occupancy permits. Only five were issued for five storeys of commercial offices at Château Maisonneuve during 14 years, he revealed.
- The Mohawk crisis comes to Westmount, in book form. Local publisher Optimum Publishing International announces a Westmount writer and photographer are collaborating on a book, to be released soon after the crisis is resolved. By December, when it hits the stands, the heated emotions and lengthy debates over native rights, army involvement and the standoff seem long past.

October

- Westmount announces it will demand automatic sprinkler systems be installed in all buildings higher than six storeys. The sprinklering is retroactive; the city gives owners five to 10 years to comply. The proposal is later shelved, after residents complain the high cost will be passed on in hefty rent increases.
- A Dunkin' Donuts in Westmount? Some residents are aghast at the possibility of the popular chain restaurant moving on to

Sherbrooke street near Prince Albert avenue. Management tries to allay fears by saying the restaurant will close no later than midnight weekends and will blend in visually with surrounding businesses. It is due to open soon.

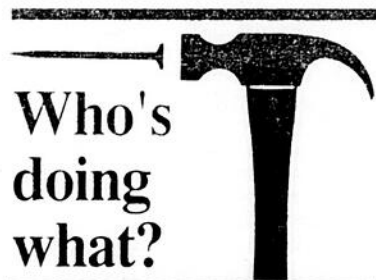
• Cedar avenue is narrowed to one lane, after lobbying by residents complaining about speeding. Residents and those living and working on The Boulevard react swiftly, calling the experiment flawed and dangerous. A petition to stop the experiment was ignored; the city narrowed the street still further when it was discovered two streams of traffic still squeezed through.

November

- Councillor Stuart Robertson resigns to take on a post with the CBC. Council decides there will be no by-election; his seat will remain vacant for one year, until the next municipal election.
- Councillor and PSBGM commissioner Joan Rothman wins Woman of the Year award presented by the Montreal Council of Women, for her work in education.
- A brief to the Bélanger-Campeau commission on the future of Quebec in Canada creates a media splash as commission members decry its contents. The brief, spearheaded by lawyer Julius Grey with input by Mayor May Cutler, states that Quebec fares well under federalism, and the notion that French is disappearing in Canada is a myth.

December

- A \$9-million city surplus, of which \$5 million was completely unexpected, might result in a 17-percent tax break, according to Councillor Peter Trent. That rosy prediction is toned down a week later, when council holds an emergency, closed-door session and hammers out a compromise whereby the tax break for 1991 would be 11 percent. Some residents attack the shallow tax cut, others agree the money should be kept in city coffers for future projects.
- The '91 budget is brought down. The city will collect and spend \$45,250,000.
- City hall approves the money needed to make the building wheelchair accessible. Seven years of lobbying by Councillor Sally Aitken, who wears a leg brace, finally paid off. The alterations include an elevator, a ramp and a washroom for the handicapped.
- Miss Westmount restaurant, a fixture for decades, changes hands as well-loved owner Shirley Blech retires.



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

Dec 17

- 318 Victoria: for Galerie Dan Delaney by Fecteau Signs, sign, \$400;
- 4872 Sherbrooke: for A.G. Grolmond by J. Blanchard, install four plumbing fixtures, \$3,500;
- 363 Lansdowne: for Rosaire Armand by Entreprie Jean Brière, six fixtures, \$3,500;

Dec 18

- 4326 Westmount: for Raoul Natonek by self, solarium and deck, \$16,000;
- 357 Kensington: for M.A. Smith by Plomberie R.L., six fixtures, \$3,000;

Dec 19

- 48 Roxborough: for M.H. Blatt by Plomberie J.B. Inc, seven fixtures, \$3,000;
- 1225 Greene: for Furst Capital by Plomberie R.J., four fixtures, \$3,000;

Dec 20

- 455 Mount Pleasant: for P. Stoker by self, alterations, \$4,000;

Dec 21

- 711 Grosvenor: for Mr and Mrs Seghl by Mr Brayer, bathroom renovation and painting, \$6,000;
- 338 Metcalfe: for S.W. Zucker by R.C.C. Inc, interior alterations and sprinkler system, \$50,000;
- 3172 The Boulevard: for Al Swartz by self, interior work, \$30,000;
- 214 Victoria: for Robert Thibodeau Architect by Ricon, office renovation, \$15,000;

Dec 27

- 4102 St Catherine: for 132034 Canada Inc by Diabec Construction, \$40,000.

Building inspector leaves post

Westmount has posted a job vacancy for a new building inspector and plans analyst to replace 10-year city employee Craig Skinner.

Mr Skinner, who had been the city's main building inspector, left the important position Dec 28 to take up similar work in Burnaby, B.C., according to operations manager Bruce St Louis. Until the vacancy is filled, Mr Skinner's work will be largely carried out by fire safety inspector Kevin Dawson, he said.

Mr Skinner, who had lived in Westmount, was a frequent visitor to British Columbia and had been looking for an opportunity to move west, Mr St Louis said.

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By Reg Morden

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Bright colors have a stimulating and invigorating effect while light ones are calming. Colors can also be used to visually "increase" or "reduce" the size of a room. Light colors tend to make a room look bigger, while dark ones make it look smaller. A ceiling can be made to look higher by painting it white, and lower by painting it darker than the walls. You don't just look at color — you live with it.

New Year

As always, we begin the new year full of hope and enthusiasm and an unfailing positive attitude. Over the past 12 months, this column has tried to address a wide variety of issues related to real estate. Should there be a topic you would like to see covered in the year ahead, please phone or drop me a line:

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Rain followed by cold destroys water pipes, flooding apartments

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Heavy rains prior to Christmas and extreme cold over New Year's caused a number of floods and water leaks in houses and apartments, according to fire and public security reports.

Rain backed up in the basement of a house at 1 Grove Park Sunday, Dec 23, when a blocked floor drain caused the water to back up inside, fire officials said. A plumber was called and reportedly found tree roots obstructing the drain. A city plumber also was summoned to check city pipes. Firefighters helped remove the water.

The next Sunday, Dec 30, a broken

radiator in an apartment on the 14th floor of 3 Westmount Square caused extensive damage as it leaked down to the lobby. Water was found in the entrance, lobby and running down the west side of the building. It took emergency crews from 11:27 pm until 1 am to clean up the water concentrated on the 12th, 13th and 14th floors.

Monday morning, Dec 31, PSO Robert Hryciuk was patrolling along Melville avenue when he spotted an excessive buildup of water and ice on the outside of a house for rent. On entering the home, firefighters found water from broken bathroom pipes on the second floor flooding down to the kitchen and to the garage below. The cause was attributed to a lack of heat because windows were left open in the second floor and the furnace was turned off, PSO Hryciuk explained. The matter was reported to the real estate agent.

Firefighters were again called to clean up water New Year's night when radiator pipes burst in an apartment at 335 Clarke avenue. Fire officials said a window had been opened behind a curtain to cool off the place and was forgotten. The hot water pipes froze and broke.

Gold gone

A Westmount woman lost a necklace of 18-karat gold last Friday, Dec 28, at de Maisonneuve and Kensington Dec 28, police said. It was described as having two ram heads.



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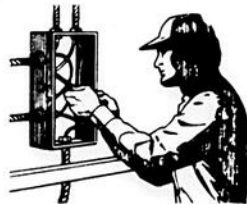


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Louise Charlebois-Plaxton and her daughter Elizabeth tote their recycling box and two extra bags — full to the brim of holiday recyclables — indoors for one more week. Homeowners were caught unawares when the recycling trucks did not make the rounds for the second week in a row. City officials suggest residents bundle newspapers and put extra garbage on the curb in paper bags or cardboard boxes during the next pickup Jan 9.

Photo by ALISON RAMSEY

Holiday garbage tough to toss

Garbage piled up in the west end of Westmount over aborted holiday collections, public safety officers said. The problem was apparent where regular Tuesday pickups were cancelled on both Christmas and New Year's.

In addition, local residents who had just become accustomed to putting out their blue box for curbside recycling on Wednesdays found themselves with three weeks' worth of recyclables when pickup was cancelled Dec 26 and Jan 2.

Officers said they found a large accumulation of garbage behind shops on the south side of Sherbrooke street east of Prince Albert avenue Sunday, Dec 30, when following up a neighbor's complaint. Gar-

bage containers were filled to overflowing.

Apartment fire caused by smoker

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

An apartment fire at Château Maisonneuve Dec 19 was found to have been started by smoker's materials, according to fire investigators.

The blaze, which caused an estimated \$35,000 damage at apartment 609, broke out in the area of a computer and stereo and was initially thought to have been related to electrical problems as reported in THE EXAMINER Dec 20.

Subsequent investigation revealed, in addition to other evidence, that electrical wires had been connected to two power bars, discounting the likelihood of a short circuit, explained Lieut Barry Coates.

The fire at 4998 de Maisonneuve boulevard was recorded as causing the second-most fire damage in Westmount in 1990. One last February at 332 Metcalfe avenue gutted the mansion, a \$1 million fire loss.

Firefighters were able to contain the Château Maisonneuve blaze to the one apartment but summoned help from all five mutual aid fire departments at 2:23 pm to help with evacuation when heavy smoke was found in the hallway.

Officials said the resident was visiting another tenant when he heard the fire alarm, discovered his apartment was ablaze and left the door open upon leaving. The blaze was extinguished using a hose connected to the building's standpipe.

Police said a year-old baby from a neighboring apartment was to be taken to hospital by the mother to be checked for smoke inhalation.

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STATION 23 LOG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The following are some items from the police files at Montreal Urban Community Station 23, which covers Westmount.

Sexual assault on Lansdowne

A 19-year-old Westmount woman was reportedly sexually assaulted as she walked north on Lansdowne avenue from Sherbrooke street last Friday, Dec 28, police said.

According to the police report, she was grabbed from behind by a young man and pulled between two houses where her assailant wrestled her to the ground and demanded she perform fellatio. The victim refused. She was not reported to have been raped and the man tried without success to steal her purse.

Investigators said signs of the struggle could be seen in the snow. It took place about 5:20 pm.

Domestic dispute injures in-law

A 29-year-old visitor from Korea was accused of assaulting his brother-in-law Sunday on Melville avenue near Sherbrooke street, police said. The two were involved in a domestic dispute over the accused's wife.

The woman, 25, along with her brother and father, were reported to have taken refuge in a nearby church. The husband tried to remove her. The assault occurred about 3 pm when the trio emerged. Police said the brother, aged 18, was punched and kicked and treated for various injuries at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

The incident was reported to police by the woman who feared for the safety of her family. She had apparently moved to Canada to be with her family in N.D.G. three or four months ago. Her husband came to Canada a few weeks ago.

Report a theft

Never give up on your stolen purse and don't forget to report its theft.

That's the lesson learned by a woman whose wallet was stolen Nov 4 at the Shaar Hashomayim synagogue. The victim received a telephone call Dec 23 from police in Ile Perrot informing her they had arrested two people in possession of personal papers belonging to her. Local MUC police said the woman had "not bothered" to report the theft at the time. The wallet had contained cash, papers and some cheques.

Think mink

Check the label in that new mink coat you got for Christmas. It could be a very hot fur. One such item was reportedly shoplifted from the Bleau and Rousseau shop at 5014 Sherbrooke street Dec 19 after two men and a woman had been looking around about 3 pm. The coat, valued at \$6,000, is described as a very dark Scotia mink.

Toy store shot up

Someone is taking pot shots at the front window of Victoire-Victorine toy store at Sherbrooke street and Victoria avenue, according to police reports. Four "bullet" holes were found Saturday, Dec 22, and another two on New Year's Eve. The holes are believed to come from an air pistol. No reason was known for the damage, which was estimated after the first incident at \$500.

Crimes for kids

A 21-year-old N.D.G. man was arrested Dec 23 while allegedly shoplifting four packages of Pampers diapers, police said. The man was charged with the theft of \$87.96 from the Cumberland store at 1222 Greene avenue.

The final touch

A decorated Christmas tree was stolen from the lobby of the apartment building at 418 Claremont avenue Dec 24, police said. The artificial tree disappeared between 11 and 11:30 pm. It is valued at \$100.

Pre-GST theft

Computer and stereo equipment was reported stolen from a house on Lansdowne avenue at Côte St Antoine road between Dec 30 and 31, police said. Access was gained by forcing the lock on a door, probably using a screwdriver. Value of the missing items was not immediately known.

Alarm's wires mixed

Alarm systems can be very contrary, it seems. Take the house on Oakland avenue that was found broken into on Saturday, Dec 22. Jewelry, cash and silverware were taken away without nary a sound though the system was on at the time, according to police.

Seven days later, however, firefighters had to break into the same home and call for police when the alarm went off. This time the house was checked and declared to be in order.

Ski season crimp

Ski racks were reported stolen from two cars parked in Westmount last month, according to police. One, engraved to identify the owner, disappeared from a Subaru parked outside 500 Prince Albert avenue between Dec 22 and 23. The other was stolen, along with an equipment box, off a 1990 Volvo parked in front of 497 Mountain avenue between Dec 24 and 25.

Police convinced PR approach towards drunken driving works

A holiday program to sensitize drivers about the perils of drinking and driving showed people are becoming more aware of the problem — at least in Westmount, according to police.

Charges of impaired driving were laid against only one driver in Westmount during December when numerous motorists were spot-checked during two roadblocks before Christmas, police said. Nabbed in the net was a 50-year-old man from Vaudreuil, one of 150 stopped Saturday night, Dec 15, at Sherbrooke street and Clarke avenue.

A second man was asked to park his car and take a ride from Nez Rouge when a roadside breathalyzer test evaluated his blood-alcohol limit as "almost but not quite" over the limit, police said.

A third driver, who was arrested on suspicion of impaired driving after striking a pedestrian Dec 21, passed a breathalyzer test and was released without charges. The 17-year-old victim, who had been running across Claremont avenue on a yellow light at 5:55 pm, was hit by the car as it rounded the southwest corner to go south, police said.

The boy, a Westmount resident, was taken to hospital. The nature of his injuries was not recorded by po-

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

lice.

Some 400 pamphlets on impaired driving were distributed to motorists during the two roadblocks on Wednesday night, Dec 12, at Sherbrooke and Victoria and on Saturday, Dec 15, at Sherbrooke and Clarke as well as during a Saturday afternoon public relations spree at Sherbrooke and Greene.

They deviated from the original published schedule.

"We used the occasion to try and

get the message across to the population," explains Sergeant Hubert Rodrigue, who heads the traffic squad at Station 23.

"Many people thanked us for what we were doing and we wished everybody a merry Christmas."

The local station conducted a similar campaign in St Henri where two drivers were charged. In all, 114 tickets were issued for various other matters such as failure to wear seatbelts and vehicle defects such as burned-out headlights.

Thieves rifle vehicles indoors

A rash of garage thefts in the apartment building at 4444 Sherbrooke street continued throughout December in wake of 14 cars that had been broken into Dec 11, according to police reports.

Apartment garages at 388 Olivier avenue and 335 Clarke avenue also were targeted.

An automatic door opener was stolen from a 1986 Subaru parked in the Olivier building overnight on Dec 16 while another door opener disappeared Dec 18 from the garage on Clarke, where a door-locking

mechanism had been removed to allow access at any time.

The control box at 4444 Sherbrooke was also found to have been broken into early Dec 24 when someone tried without success to steal a 1988 Honda Accord by removing the starter.

Two other cars were broken into in the same garage during the night of Dec 25. One was a 1984 Volkswagen Rabbit that was rummaged through but left intact. Maps and a flashlight, however, were reported stolen from another car in the garage.

Live coals toast garbage

Hot coals were believed to have ignited contents of a large garbage container at the rear of Sur le Gril restaurant Thursday, Dec 20, fire officials said.

The recurring problem summoned firefighters to Grosvenor avenue and

Sherbrooke street at 11:53 pm. A stream from the pumper was used to extinguish the smoldering garbage.

Firefighters said two metal trash cans for hot coals were found filled to capacity.

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Favorites of Jim West write the play list of Justin Time Records

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By JANET COUTTS

After a quarter century or so of living in Westmount, Jim West still loves music and hockey. Hockey and family have helped him put down deep roots in the community.

Before he founded Fusion 2000 Inc and Justin Time Records, Mr West was involved with music. He was the road manager for Mahogany Rush, and later a buyer for Sam the Record Man.

Then he went to work for a record importer and distributor, but six months later, the company wound down and out of business.

"I bought some of their goods and founded Fusion," says Mr West. "That was in 1982-83. Now we both import and export, and have 10,000 titles, mostly non-commercial. We deal mostly with classical music and contemporary alternative pop. We



distribute McGill University records, for example, in Europe.

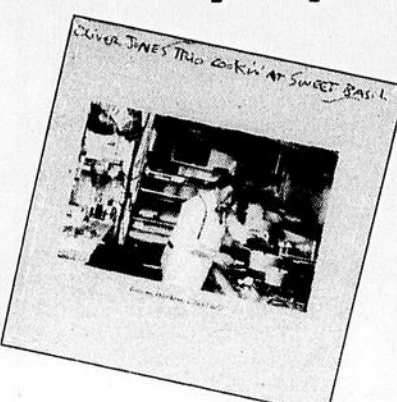
"One artist whose records we export who is doing very well is Montrealer Richard Desjardins."

Justin Time, his own label, named after his eldest child, was started about six months later. Today its catalogue includes 38 records made for the Justin Time label and 21 licensed for distribution that were made elsewhere.

"The first year we made records with Oliver Jones and Rane Lee and licensed the *Bilitis* sound track."

Recently the steadily growing company released eight records over a two-week period.

While the company has concen-



trated on jazz, Mr West says he records "any music that I happen to like."

The fourth licensed-for-distribution record the little company acquired was by the alternative band DOA. "It was a shock to the system to see them play live, I can tell you," says Mr West.

Though Mr West keeps nine-to-five hours, a good deal of his time is spent listening to music in the evenings, or travelling abroad to promote his artists.

Hockey inviolate

An inviolate activity, though, is his Friday noontime hockey game. "It's a pickup seniors' — over 35 — hockey league," he says. "It makes my day go real smooth."

"I'm in arenas all the time; nine times a week. I'm the atom intercity team coach, and Justin plays for that team and the Westmount atom Penguins. I play for the Westmount Senior B team as well as the pickup league."

Justin is nine, and his sisters Jessica and Jenna are six years and 20 months. Jessica is involved in ballet, skating and a cooking class. She hasn't cooked anything for her father yet, "but when she graduates she will be doing that."

Jennine, Mr West's wife, is an audio-visual librarian at the Côte St Luc Library.

"Jennine skates, but the baby sleeps crazy hours, so it's been hard to do stuff together lately. We recently went to New Orleans for four days, though, without anybody."

Then he corrects himself; without the family he means. "We actually went with a group of people, including George Bowser and his wife. We had a great time, listening to Cajun music and dancing the two-step."

The West family spends a lot of time up north and "the jazz festival



Jim West prefers jazz above all, and the records he produces prove it.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

takes up a certain amount of time, of course. But we go to Maine every summer for two or three weeks after the festival. The kids play soccer and tennis, we all play soccer and tennis, and the children go to baseball and hockey camp in the summer."

Another family involvement in his record company is with Mr West's father-in-law Hugo Wuethrich, who has painted a number of covers for Justin Time records. "He'll be doing more, too. He had a solo show of his paintings in Westmount recently."

Unsure about future

Mr West is unsure about projects very far in the future. "I do things in spurts," he says.

He plans to make a second recording with jazz pianist Jon Ballantyne in January, "and I want to do another Paul Bley record."

He says he will be "in a gospel vein in March. I will do a gospel record with Oliver Jones and Ed Thigpen, something I've wanted to do for a long time, and Christmas with the Montreal Jubilation Gospel Choir."

Both Mr Jones and the choir have released several records on the Jus-

tin Time label, and Mr West says his "favorite cut of all time" is from one of the choir's records, where tenor Kathleen Dyson-Oliver is the soloist on *Mary Don't You Weep*, Kat, as Ms Dyson is known, is also a first-rate guitarist, and Mr West hopes to produce a record with her and Mr Jones sometime in the near future.

Also in the works is a video with the Westmount comic-singing duo, Bowser and Blue. "They want to do a video of *Talking About My Vasectomy*, but it hasn't really been decided yet."

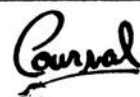
Mr West and a lot of his artists were at Claudio's in Old Montreal on Dec 15 for a tribute to jazz expert Len Dobbin but, after that, there's hockey to be played, and recording deals to be made.

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Westmount's long-awaited heritage brochure should be ready in a couple of months.

Westmount city council approved spending \$12,813.66 for the printing of 2,000 copies earlier this month. Imprimerie Gagné tendered the lowest of three bids.

Joanne Poirier, the city's director of building and planning, said the 64-page brochure should be ready in about two months.

A 300-page heritage study detailing Westmount's history and development was prepared in 1988 by the city and the Quebec ministry of cultural affairs. The study includes a list of 375 homes categorized 1A, 1B, 1C or 2A, depending on their heritage value.

The booklet, prepared by Westmount resident Susan Scott, will have a summary of the main points of the heritage study, a history of the evolution of Westmount, and a list of heritage homes which will be identified on a map so people can design their own walking tours of Westmount.

All homes listed 1A and 1B will be accompanied by a picture and archi-

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The booklet will be available at city hall for \$10, Ms Poirier said.

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Shirley Klein — giving life to old clothes

Shirley Klein was getting tired of working in a cubicle in an office, and her husband Ernest, in the nuclear engineering business, lost his job at age 50.

They needed something to do, so they opened a bagel shop at Marché de l'Ouest in Dollard des Ormeaux.

They worked there seven days a week for 6½ years, and then it got to be too much. They sold the business.

"But after a couple of vacations, I wanted something to do," says the cheerful Ms Klein, in between visitors at her Boutique Swap on St Catherine street near Metcalfe avenue.

The word visitors is used advisedly. While some people come to leave clothes on consignment, and others to browse for things to buy, there are those who just stop by to say hello.

A customer is leaving with a sunny "Goodbye, Shirley. See you soon," when an elderly gentleman of the neighborhood arrives. He tells Ms Klein, who has clearly heard the story many times before, about an accident he had in the past. She listens, and he leaves as soon as he finishes his story, considerably cheered. He'll be back in a day or so, and Ms Klein will listen once more, gently reminding him that he told her all about it last time he was in.

Boutique Swap is celebrating its first anniversary, and Ms Klein is expecting an anniversary gift from her daughter-in-law in the form of her first grandchild, due any minute.

'What to do?'

Ms Klein decided to open the second-hand clothing shop because "I needed something to do. We sat around with friends. We knew the store was available and we thought, 'What to do? What to do?' until we knew what to do. I really like being with people."

Westmounters, she says, both shop and bring their clothing in to be sold. "Once upon a time maybe Westmount was the upper echelon who never would buy second-hand clothes. But today there is a big cross-section of people living here."

"People also come from Côte St Luc, Snowdon, St Laurent and even

Dollard, where I live."

A woman comes in, and Ms Klein checks her records. "I sold those white shoes."

"Oh, I'm so glad you sold them. They were so pretty. I don't care if they went for a couple of dollars less, so long as someone is getting use from them."

"Who takes size 8? I have a couple more pairs of nice shoes," she demands of the shop at large.

Ms Klein pays the consignment money. When she sees the spring things the woman has brought in to go on consignment, she asks her to take them back home temporarily.

Do people worry they might end up sitting next to a neighbor who sold the dress they are wearing? Ms Klein shrugs that idea off. "Why? And anyway, the same dress can look very different when someone else is wearing it."

When Ms Klein and her husband went to work together after he lost his job, "people in the same position as we were came by to visit us at the Marché. They were doing nothing, and congratulated us for having the guts to be doing something."

"I don't believe in sitting and doing nothing. I have witnessed people my age who are not active; they are not happy either. At this time of life, if you don't keep active you go downhill."

Never too old

"I would like to tell people that you're never too old to start something new. I basically believe that when you are over the hill, you start to pick up speed."

Another customer comes in. She has a winter coat she finds too heavy, and would like to find it a good home.

"Hang it here by the door, so I can't forget to ticket it," says Ms Klein.

This customer is a little disappointed that the boots she brought in earlier are still in the shop, but she still dives into the depths of the stock, looking for something to buy.

Ms Klein is one of the anglophone Quebecers whose roots go deep in the province. "My mother was born in Préfontaine 84 years ago," she says.



Shirley Klein temporarily dons feather hat ("I never wear hats!") and fur boas, for sale at her shop where once-loved clothes get another chance.

Photo by ALISON RAMSEY

Another customer comes in. She fishes in her purse for her card with an identifying number on it.

Ms Klein continues. "We are a very close family. I have three children, two girls and a boy. Two live in Montreal, and one daughter in Boston. She drives up six to eight times a year just to say hello."

Ms Klein hasn't lost her love of vacations. She says by saving the change in her purse at the end of every day, including loonies, she's saved enough within a year to go to Florida. Her sister will mind the store when she leaves.

Most of the people who pop in and out of the shop "are people I met in the store. I have made many friends. My customers come in and help out, tidying the stock and so on. They come spend time here, I guess because they are comfortable here."

There's something about it — for one thing, there is no high-pressure selling."

There's no coffee served, and nowhere to sit down, but there's no denying people feel comfortable.

"I have a lot of steady people," Ms Klein says when the store is empty. "But there are always new people coming too, from different areas. Everybody's welcomed with the same warmth."

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

Dec 18

11:50 am: 5761 Honoré de Balzac, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 12:02 pm;
2:47 pm: 4350 St Catherine, Westmount High School, first responder unit for intoxicated girl;
5:09 pm: 4898 de Maisonneuve, smoke detector activated by water leak from roof;

Dec 19

6:30 am: Strathcona and Sherbrooke, fire in trash can;
2:23 pm: 4998 de Maisonneuve, apt 609, fire in apartment (see story page 8);
8:19 pm: 5900 Armstrong, mutual aid assistance to Côte St Luc for fire in home, returned at 12:02 pm;
9:38 pm: 4377 Westmount, burned transformer in halogen lights;

Dec 20

2:47 am: 110 Sunnyside, defective smoke detector;
8:16 am: 721 Upper Belmont, flooded basement from leaking hot water tank;
9:06 am: 65 Forden, gas detector activated by defective furnace;
11:53 pm: Rear of 4785 Sherbrooke, Sur le Gril, fire in garbage container (see story page 9);

Dec 21

4:27 pm: 637 Roslyn, strange odor, spilled cooking on stove;
7:27 pm: 4488 St Catherine, code 3 automatic mutual aid cancelled at 7:36 pm, smoke scare, steam from dryer venting outside;

Dec 22

9:16 am: Rear of 120 Irvine, branch fallen on power line;
12:12 pm: 610 Belmont, defective hot water heater;

Dec 23

9:04 am: 1 Grove Park, flooded basement (see story page 8);
5:03 pm: 626 Murray Hill, smoke in house, fireplace in use with partially closed damper;

Dec 24

8:47 am: 442 Elm, leaking water valve;
1:10 pm: 5510 Robinson, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 1:17 pm;
6:21 pm: 38 Anwoth, smoke detector activated by smoke from cooking;
11:38 pm: 4469 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for medical assistance;

Dec 25

Nil;

Dec 26

3:49 am: 222 Prince Albert, defective fire alarm;
3:11 pm: 322 Elm, fire in oven;

Dec 27

3:24 am: 5707 Westminster, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 3:30 am;
12:11 pm: 4333 St Catherine, suite 320, warm wall, furnace flue;
1:19 pm: 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 1:35 pm, fire in waste basket on third floor caused by smoker's materials, all ready out, no damage;

Dec 28

11:32 am: 3001 St Antoine, water leaking from rusted pipe;
2:05 pm: 6595 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 2:11 pm;
1:29 pm: 746 Upper Belmont, strange odor, smoke from chimneys in area;

Dec 29

10:56 am: 44 Oakland, fire alarm ringing;
5:06 pm: 6609 Côte St Luc, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 5:18 pm;
6:22 pm: 4646 Sherbrooke, Manoir Westmount, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 6:31 pm, strange odor, humidifier in use;
6:47 pm: 201 Metcalfe, refrigerator gas leaking from pipe punctured accidentally during defrosting;

Dec 30

4:54 pm: 1277 Greene, assistance to MUC police to secure front door;
11:27 pm: 3 Westmount Square, apt 1413, burst pipes (see story page 8);

Dec 31

5:15 am: 250 Clarke, first responder unit for medical assistance;
9:02 am: 323 Melville, burst pipes (see story page 8);
10:15 am: 4430 St Catherine, first responder unit for medical assistance;
11:32 am: 57 Belvedere road, fire alarm activated;

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2:18 am: 1090 Greene, community centre, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 2:29 am, defective alarm;
2:53 am: 56 Sunnyside, defective alarm;
4:37 pm: 30 Edgehill, defective alarm;
6:16 pm: 243 Côte St Catherine, assistance at mutual aid fire in Outremont, released at 2:55 pm (see story this page);
7:54 pm: 736 Lexington, smoke detector activated (see above story this page);
9:08 pm: 335 Clarke, apt 2, burst pipes (see story page 8).

St George's students have a gleam of footlights in their eyes

By SCOTT INNISS

Upstairs at St George's High School, Matthew Myer opens the door to one of the rooms where his theatre program used to be.

He can remember back 12 or 13 years, when everything to do with the show took place there. Backdrops being painted, lights hooked up, a circular saw building sets — all during Mr Myer's English class, at least once.

"We had a sign on the door for a while," says Mr Myer. "Do not enter without a hard hat."

Now Mr Myer, 41, can look back on those days with a chuckle. His new office is in a corner of the large black former gymnasium now called the Bahadur C. Bhatla Theatre. Completed in December 1989, the new facilities allowed him to round up equipment and costumes from generous parents' basements and turn the space into a school theatre to be envied.

It has been 10 years since Mr Myer taught an English class. He came to St George's in 1976 to run the new drama and theatre arts program, and since 1980 he has been able to devote himself full-time to that end. Beyond the obvious achievement of the new theatre, estimated by Mr Myer to have cost "a couple hundred thousand dollars," he has won a reputation inside the school and out as a tough, professional mentor.

"No one takes drama lightly in this school," he says, mentioning the notion — which students soon lose — that theatre arts may be one of the school's easy credits.

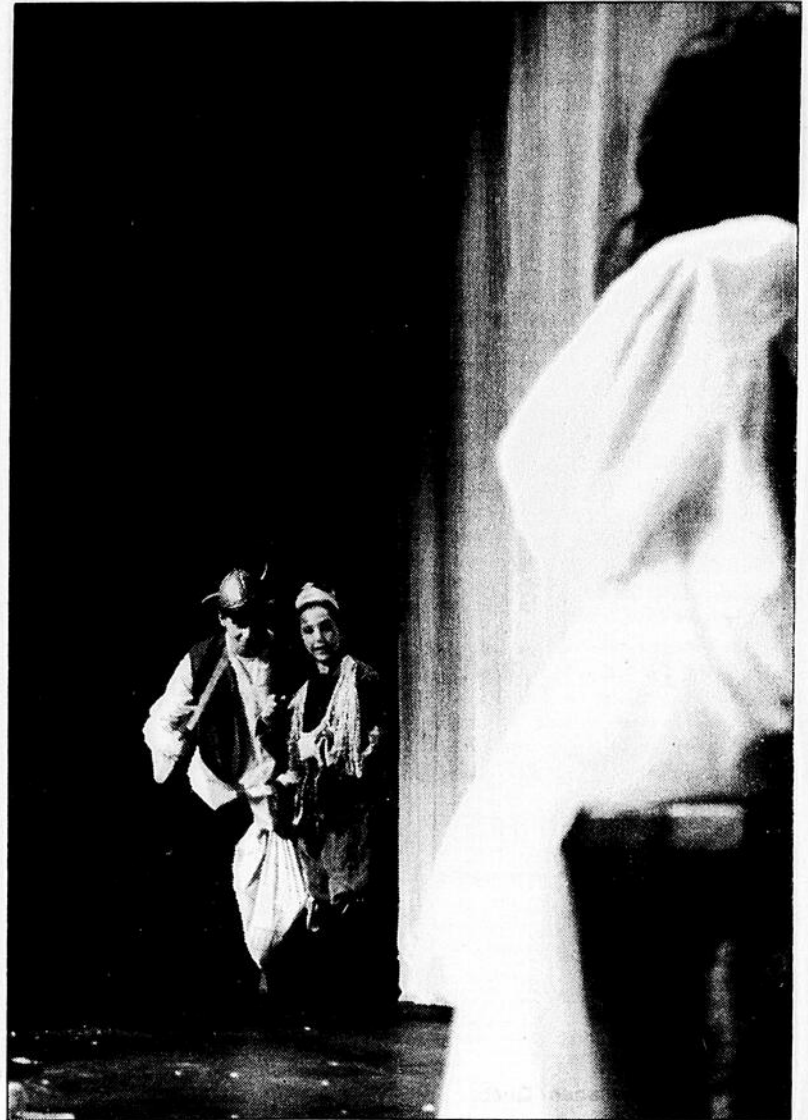
Worth it

Westmount student Andrea Stark agrees. In Grade 9, she has one of the lead roles in this week's production of *Raggedy Ann and Andy*. Although many of her fellow Grade 9 students may drop out before next year, she says the theatre arts program is "difficult but it's worth it."

"He (Mr Myer) pushes us, we do monologues, we do dialogues, and it helps us when we come down to do the play," says Andrea. She says she chose the drama program after taking it as a mandatory course in Grades 7 and 8 because she's looking for "a future in theatre arts — probably film or TV."

Andrea doesn't know where she will go after St George's, but says anywhere she ends up "will have to have a good theatre program anyway," joining many former St George's students at local CEGEPs or theatre schools in the United States pursuing acting or theatre studies.

Theatre classes usually shrink by



Prince Leonard (Johnny Golfman) and his trusty companion Lester Looney (Zackery Medico) have just spied their abduction victim Babette (Jordanna Bloom) in a performance this week of *Raggedy Ann*. The Grade 9 drama class put on two shows Tuesday for St George's students and those from other schools.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

half or more before Grade 10, a fact which Andrea attributes to the time-consuming workload which the program demands. This year there are 13 students in Grade 10 and 12 students in Grade 11, compared with 40 students in Grade 9.

The costumes and scenography are separated from the acting and writing side, newcomers learn the crew's work under the guidance of more experienced students. This year there are eight students from all grades doing crew.

Mr Myer attributes the good reputation of his program to community and parental support, which he says is overwhelming. Besides sometimes storing equipment, many parents of the school's 270 students will attend the department's six major productions this year.

"The theatre program is as vital to this school as the physics program," he says, explaining the parental ideal of well-rounded education.

Challenging plays

It is always difficult to avoid routine, says Mr Myer, and so year after year he chooses challenging plays for his students. Shakespeare's *Macbeth* or *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Shaw's *Major Barbara* or Shaffer's heavy psychological drama *Equus*, are found among the simpler *Pinocchio* or the improv game on his list of plays done in the past fourteen years.

"At that moment when a Grade 11 student clicks, and that student is no longer a student, but an actor," is what Mr Myer calls the one of the high points of watching his students grow.

"I learn at that point." He also looks forward every year to taking his Grade 11s on tour — this year they are headed to Ontario and New York state to give performances of Sheridan's *The Rivals* and Ryton's

Crown Matrimonial.

"The Grade 9 plays," he says, watching Andrea recite her lines for *Raggedy Ann*, "are simply to get them on the stage, in front of an audience."

Mr Myer will also vary the routine by introducing gender reversals for traditional plays such as *The Taming of the Shrew*. He says sometimes the concept of discipline is hard to instill in students, and the theatre is sometimes emotionally draining.

Mr Myer recalls former students he has taught and from whom he receives postcards in their jobs at Centaur Theatre, CBC or in the U.S. He regrets there is not more work for those interested in theatre in English in Montreal. But he is looking forward to at least another 14 years at St George's.

Local firemen battle blaze in Outremont

Westmount firefighters spent nine hours New Year's night battling a residential fire in Outremont, fire officials said.

The blaze, discovered about 6:16 pm, was reported to have gutted the Victorian-type building which housed apartments at 243 Côte St Catherine road. Occupants were reported to have escaped unhurt. The local crew of four was replaced at 11:38 pm by a second group who returned at 3:09 am.

Over the same period, two calls were made to the fire department by Westmounters which were answered by firefighters covering the station. These were for a fire alarm at 736 Lexington avenue triggered by steam from a child's bath and a flood at 335 Clarke avenue (see separate story).

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Efforts to track down one Westmount family with unreturned books dating back to 1985 proved unsuccessful Friday, Dec 28, public safety officers said. Replacement cost of the books is \$291.

Officers said they just missed the family by a month when arriving at the last known address on Redfern avenue. Seems the delinquent readers had only recently moved out. Montreal Urban Community police were informed and attempts are continuing to find the family, which is believed to have remained in Westmount.

The Public Security Unit received a recent request from the Westmount Public Library to recover the reading material which had been checked out between May 1985 and December 1989.

New hours at Atwater Library

The Atwater Library and the Atwater Computer Centre have announced new prices and hours effective Jan 7.

The library and computer centre open Monday to Saturday at 10 am. On Saturday, it closes at 5 pm; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday it closes at 6 pm; and Monday and Wednesday at 9 pm.

Library membership is \$30 for the general public, \$20 for students and \$15 for seniors.

For the computer centre, to cover GST, the price of diskettes has risen to \$3.50 each. The hourly rate for using the centre is \$3.50 for members, double that for non-members. Membership costs remain at \$30 per year, and \$20 for seniors.

Obituary

WOOD, William T.

William Trueman Wood, eldest son of William T. Wood of Sackville, N.B. and Mildred Uniacke of Halifax, died in hospital in Ottawa on Monday, December 24, 1990 at age 69. He had been suffering from heart failure for some time. After funeral services at St Bartholomew's Anglican Church in Ottawa, Thursday, December 27, he will be buried in Sackville, New Brunswick.

On returning from overseas in 1946, where he served as a Captain with the 5th Canadian Armoured Regiment (8th Princess Louise's Hussars) in Italy and Holland, he studied law at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto and at Columbia University in New York. He was called to the Bar of the Province of Ontario in 1949.

In 1951 he was named General Counsel for Dow Chemical of Canada, Limited in Toronto and Sarnia. He later became an investment banker and was associated with the investment firm of Pitfield, Mackay, Ross and Company in Montreal for some 20 years.

While residing in Montreal, he was actively involved in municipal affairs, being at one time chairman of the Westmount School Board and later a member of Westmount City Council. He and his family maintained a summer residence in Hudson, P.Q.

He is survived by his wife, the former Stuart Robertson of Montreal, a son, William of Arlington, Massachusetts, and four daughters, Nancy of Schenectady, New York, Lucy (Hughes) of Toronto, and Anne and Sarah, both of Ottawa. He is also survived by a brother, Bernard of Edmonton, and a sister, Faith (Breen) of Toronto, and a granddaughter, Alexandra Faith of Arlington, Massachusetts.

Seniors Say St Margaret's moving in March

Following is a summary of an address to the Westmount Contactivity Centre for Seniors by Carol Hobley, director of nursing for the Centre d'accueil St Margaret.

Centre d'accueil St-Margaret, aka St Margaret's Home for the Elderly, will move to its new building at 50 Hillside Avenue in the middle of March. It will have rooms for 96 men and women, accommodating initially the women residents of St Margaret's and the men from the Good Shepherd Residence.

St Margaret's has its Anglican traditions, the Good Shepherd its Catholic traditions, but the new home is part of a government network and spiritual care is wholly a matter of personal choice. In fact, today at St Margaret's there are visiting clergy from six different denominations. The altar and pews of St Margaret's chapel, much appreciated by the residents, will be brought to Hillside.

"Centre d'accueil" identifies a home where residents receive two to three hours a day of nursing care. A physician is on 24-hour call; the home provides transportation and a companion on medical visits. Half the 50 residents who will be moving from 51 Sherbrooke Street West are more than 90 years old.

Since it is part of the Montreal Regional Council network, the current charge for a single room at St Margaret's is \$1,001 a month provided the resident has sufficient means. This is defined as possessing at least \$2,500 in a bank account or other investment. Those with more limited means, depending on the Old Age Pension, are charged accordingly, with the law requiring that each individual be left with \$125 a month for personal expenditures.

Applications to enter St Margaret's are processed by Ville Marie Social Service Centre, made either

direct or through a hospital or CLSC. The home centre has no waiting list of its own or geographical requirements for residence. Government policy, however, is that every effort will be made to meet the preference for a particular residence expressed by an applicant.

The range of activities is a feature of St Margaret's. There are courses, for instance, in art, music and cooking, and residents contribute to their own magazine, *Tidbits*. It is planned to add a seniors' day centre for the district in about a year.

The staff will come from both St Margaret's Home and the Good Shepherd Residence. St Margaret's has its established auxiliary with a range of defined tasks both inside and on behalf of the home, and both institutions have their knowledgeable volunteers. However, there will certainly be need for additional volunteers, and it is hoped that working with their new, in several cases returned, neighbors will have an appeal to Westmounters of all ages.

Editor's note: We are on the lookout for submissions by seniors on any topic or experience, past or present. Maximum length is three typed, double-spaced pages. Please include full name and phone number for verification. Send to THE EXAMINER, Seniors Say, 155 Hillside Avenue, Westmount H3Z 2Y8 or fax it to 932-5700.

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Break-up leaves lover in hallway

A man camped out on the 11th floor of 2 Westmount Square early Sunday when his former girlfriend refused him entry to collect his possessions, public safety officers said.

The 33-year-old man from Pointe Claire was found sleeping on a couch in the hallway at 2:41 am. He told officers he had been living with the woman who would not let him inside to remove his belongings. The matter was referred to Montreal Urban Community police.

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State of Israel Bonds Montreal Builders Division will honor Charles Bedzow, a leading North American real estate developer and noted philanthropist in support of the Bonds Soviet Jewry Housing Drive "Operation 200" announced Myer Samuels.

This year's campaign is in response to Israel's call for all out mobilization of productive investment capital through the international Bond program in order to absorb a mass influx of Soviet Jews successfully.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir underscored the importance of the Bond campaign when he recently stated: "On the basis of the present numbers of Soviet newcomers, we estimate that we will have to build about 35,000 housing units, 300 new classrooms in our schools, and bigger ulpan facilities for the thousands of adult students. The cost of such an undertaking is estimated at more than \$1 billion for every 100,000 olim. The people of Israel will cover the major share of the costs, but we are relying on world Jewry and Israel Bonds to make extraordinary efforts to help in this great national enterprise."

"Operation 200" launched by Montreal Bonds Builders Division is designed to secure investments in excess of \$10 million U.S. to build 200 apartment units for Soviet Jews and Young Israelis.

"We are delighted to have so distinguished an honoree as Charles Bedzow to spearhead the 1991 Builders Drive in support of the international effort to provide Soviet Jews with housing, jobs and education," said Myer Samuels, Bonds National Chairman, Builders



Charles Bedzow

Division and host of the first cocktail reception in honor of Charles Bedzow on Tuesday, January 15, 1991.

Charles Bedzow, born in Lida, Poland in 1924, a Freedom Fighter and survivor of the Holocaust, has risen from the ashes and tears of unprecedented destruction to become a builder in every sense of the word. As chairman and president of Pacific International Equities Inc., Charles Bedzow enjoys a great deal of success shared generously with all those in need and many Jewish and Israeli-based institutions all contributing to the economic well-being of the State of Israel.

Charles Bedzow, who was honored for the B'Nai Brith Israel Bond program in support of Israel's quest for economic strength, is also active with a myriad of Israel-based organizations. He is on the Board of Directors of the Miami Beach Holocaust Memorial, Heritage Governor of United Talmud Torah of Montreal, Member of Mount Scopus Lodge B'Nai Brith Canada, Research Governor Sir Mortimer B. Davis Foundation and active participant in the Hope & Cope program of Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital.

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It's always the season for ball hockey



End-to-end ball hockey games were raging at the quiet intersection of Metcalfe and Hillside avenues all afternoon Wednesday until the sun went down. This team, or teams, are comprised of goalie Alex Carrara, Phil Lagana, Jason d'Angelo, Eddy Hoyeck and Steven Hirst.

Photo by ALISON RAMSEY

Environment tour coming to Victoria Hall on Wednesday

Local seniors' groups SWAG and Contactivity Centre have teamed up for the first time in three years to organize a meeting with students who are touring the country to talk about the environment.

SAVE, Student Action for a Viable Environment, comprises two groups, one bilingual and one English, touring the country this school year. The English group is in Montreal visiting mainly schools during the first part of January.

SWAG, the Seniors of Westmount Action Group, arranged for the

group to come to Victoria Hall on Wednesday, Jan 9, for a rendez-vous of old and young.

The meeting takes place at 10 am. There is no admission charge and all are welcome.

The student presentation includes a video and discussion, sparked by questions from the floor. The students have been versed in different environmental issues, each taking on the study of specific aspects.

"I thought it would be a good idea, an intergenerational thing," said SWAG chair Neill Currie.

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Friendship Circles meets

Friendship (Helping) Circles, a project of My Brother's Keeper, meets at 2 pm every Friday at 2235 Delisle street, no 300, four blocks from Lionel Groulx Métro.

Discussions on life's challenges take place in small groups. Meeting topics fall under the general heading

LCC open house

Lower Canada College will hold an open house on Thursday, Jan 17 and Friday, Jan 18 from 9 am to noon.

The private, non-profit boys' school, founded in 1909, has graduated many leading members of the Montreal community.

The open houses provide an opportunity for the public to get a look at the school in operation. The school is located at 4090 Royal avenue in Montreal. For information call 482-9916.

Priory gathers goods for poor

The Priory School student council started off the annual campaign for the needy of Montreal at Christmas with a bake sale that raised \$50 for food supplies.

The student body then went on to collect 50 bags of food, 45 bags of clothing, 17 bags of toys and a tricycle.

The collected donations were distributed through The Welcome Mission, the Montreal Women's Centre and Sun Youth.

Welcome Club invites singer

of Finding Inner Peace, and include readings, discussion and socializing.

The specific topic for Jan 11 is *Delaying gratification* (M. Scott Peck, "The Road Less Travelled").

On Jan 18, the topic is *Would you take a million dollars for what you have?*

On Jan 25, *Making friends and joining groups* presents 10 ways of coping with loneliness.

The Welcome Club of the Golden Age Association presents singer Nanya Gresko at Shaare Zedek Synagogue, 5305 Rosedale avenue in N.D.G., Tuesday from 1 to 3 pm. The club, for men and women, meets weekly.

Everyone is welcome, and refreshments will be served. Call 739-4731 for information.

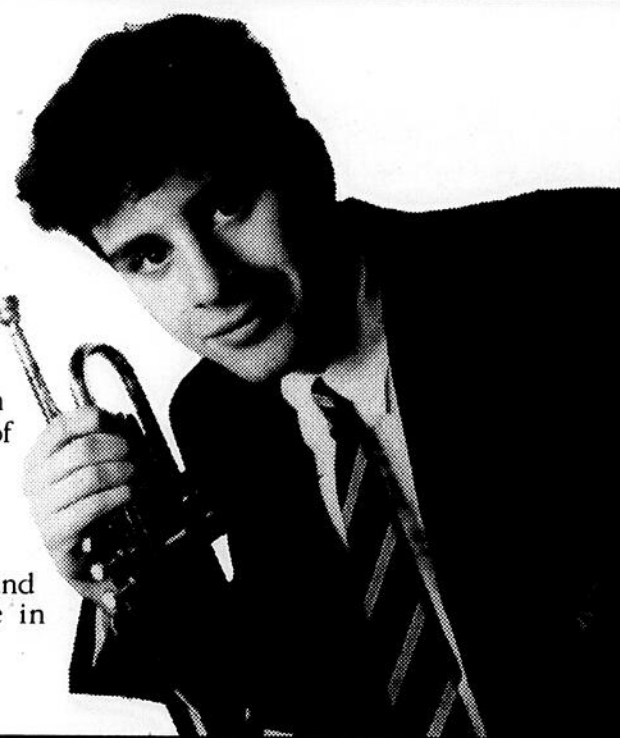
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If you would like to find out more about the BCS advantages, come and meet Judith Detchon, our Director of Admissions. She will be in Westmount on January 22nd.

For further details please call Kim Laliberté at 819 - 566 - 0227.



Fall sale prices higher than in 1989

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lowest markup that month.

The typical price for a house in September was \$500,554, up slightly when compared to the \$478,840 figure the previous month, but sharply down when compared to the September 1989 figure of \$618,264.

The typical house price is calculated by applying the adjusted average markup to the average Westmount house valuation on the roll. The city calculates the 1989-91 average valuation of single-family homes in Westmount as \$380,939.

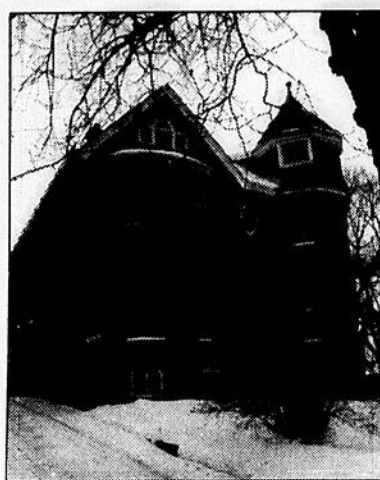
The typical price of a home sold in October was \$490,268, down from the \$539,410 figure in October 1989.

Condos sold

In September and October, nine condominiums were sold in Westmount for a total price of \$3,020,500, an average price of \$335,583 per condo. Total valuation is \$2,489,600 for an average MUC valuation of \$276,622 per condo.

The markup of average price over average MUC valuation for the two months is 25.5 percent (see details below).

In September, three condos at Number One Wood sold for a total of



565 Argyle
highest price in October, \$1,050,000

\$1,027,850. In October, six condos sold for a total of \$1,992,400.

Also in October, a lot on Hillside avenue owned by the City of Westmount was sold to the Quebec government for \$101,366.32 for the construction of St Margaret's nursing home while an apartment building at 4652 Sherbrooke street sold for \$700,000 (see details below).

Following are the details of the September transfers, in alphabetical order by street address:

128 Arlington: from James Edward Neville to Lorne Wiseman and Gale Yanofsky, sale price \$425,000 (1989-91 Montreal Urban Community valuation \$337,500);

48 Belvedere Place: from Jean François Roy to Mona Clair Friedman, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$1.9 million (\$1,491,800);

1120 Greene: from Daniel Delisle to Guy Vezina and Carole Helie, \$260,000, (\$199,700);

365 Grosvenor: from Charles W. Magill to Jeremy Lee Mackenzie and Roselyn Drouin, \$285,000 (\$191,000);

580 Grosvenor: from Sarkis Akacherian to Gilles Philippe Ouimet and Jocelyne Caron, \$740,000 (\$462,600);

364 Kitchener: from Dorothy M. Harper to Alta Dorothy Freeman and Arthur Reid Murphy, \$450,000 (\$340,800);

113 Lewis: from Ronald Dale Mielitz to Clara de la Pena, \$241,000 (\$150,300);

4006 Montrose: from Robert James Lewis and Barbara Jane Johnston to Catherine Anne D'Amour, \$495,000 (\$351,600);

506 Mountain: from Gerald B. Wasserman to Jonathan Howard Wasserman, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$150,000 (\$172,900);

378 Olivier: from Allison Russell Stafford and Jean Edith McKillop to Michael Hale and Marjorie Hair, \$295,000 (\$341,400);

359 Redfern: from Marc Dhavernas succession and Marie Louise Hul to Joanne Teasdale, \$510,000 (\$457,900);

597 Roslyn: from George Harrower Hodgson to Charles Michael Melic and Paule Fortier, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$335,800 (\$335,800);

672 Roslyn: from Wesley Moore Scott and Marilyn Swan to George R. Hucal and Christine M. Kandic, \$825,000 (\$547,100);

492 Strathcona: from Joseph Meloul to Francine Poirier, \$690,000 (\$512,900);

18 Summit Circle: from Overseas Trade Developments to Alberto Cefis, \$800,000 (\$627,700);

3757 The Boulevard: from Corrado Mastropasqua to Immeubles Cofort Inc, \$965,000 (\$523,900);

812 Upper Belmont: from Steven Brem and Hanita Mizne to Robert Coppenwrath and Elizabeth J. Woolcombe, \$645,000 (\$440,800);

607 Victoria: from Royal Trust Company to Gerald Vininsky and Barbara Moscovitch, \$293,000 (\$289,800);

1 Wood (condo 303): from Rhomcorp Inc to 164227 Canada Inc, \$227,850 (\$258,100);

1 Wood (condo 304): from Rhomcorp Inc to Heather Avrith, \$250,000 (\$248,200);



506 Mountain
lowest price in September, \$150,000
(based on transfer tax paid)

OCTOBER TRANSFERS

Following is a summary of sales of single and two-family houses in Westmount registered in October, 1990. Transfers of properties due to successions, family or business transactions are excluded, as are commercial and industrial properties:

- Total sales: 14
- Total price: \$7,143,000
- Total evaluation: \$5,465,800
- Markup of average price over average evaluation: 30.7%
- Markup of average price over average evaluation (adjusted*): 28.7%
- Typical price based on adjusted mark-up of typical evaluation**:

\$490,268

• Average price for month's transfers (adjusted*): \$486,800

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

**The City of Westmount calculates the average 1989-'91 valuation of single-family homes in Westmount as \$380,939. The typical price is determined by applying the adjusted average markup to this average valuation.

SEPTEMBER TRANSFERS

Following is a summary of sales of single and two-family houses in Westmount registered in September 1990. Transfers of properties due to successions, family or business transactions are excluded, as are commercial and industrial properties:

- Total sales: 18
- Total price: \$10,304,800
- Total evaluation: \$7,775,500
- Markup of average price over average evaluation: 32.5%
- Markup of average price over average evaluation (adjusted*): 31.4%
- Typical price based on adjusted mark-up of typical evaluation**:

\$500,554

• Average price for month's transfers (adjusted*): \$503,485

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

**The City of Westmount calculates the average 1989-'91 valuation of single-family homes in Westmount as \$380,939. The typical price is determined by applying the adjusted average markup to this average valuation.

1 Wood (condo 401): from Rhomcorp Inc to Norman Beckow, \$550,000 (\$395,500).

Following are the details of the October transfers, in alphabetical order by street address:

565 Argyle: from Nicholas Hoare to Bui Quang Hung and Thi Do Huong, \$1,050,000 (\$539,800);

117 Blenheim Place: Laura Jan Miggins Patton succession to Birgit Ursula Koch, \$165,000 (\$148,900);

630 Carleton: from Caisse Populaire St Arsène de Montréal to Anne Marie MacLellan, \$820,000 (\$651,100);

432 Clarke: from George R. Hucal to Diep Dao Kim and Louis O. Racine, \$400,000 (\$288,400);

102 Columbia: from Elizabeth Pearen to Maureen Burke, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$300,000 (\$217,200);

18 de Casson: from Dagobert H. Lissier to Boerris Terfloth, \$400,000 (\$336,200);

4500 de Maisonneuve (condo 21): from Corporation Citidev Inc to 100401 Canada Inc, \$128,000 (\$118,700);

4500 de Maisonneuve (condo 41): from Corporation Citidev Inc to Danvid Development Corporation, \$114,400 (\$116,000);

4100 Dorchester: from Tronny Marcovitch to Elizabeth Pearen, \$690,000 (\$385,300);

Lot on Hillside: from the City of Westmount to Société d'Habitation du Québec, \$101,366.32 (\$105,100);

4 Hudson: from Edward J. Broderick and Natalie Welaish to Mary E. Rolph, \$798,000 (\$435,100);

200 Lansdowne (condo 305): from 2423 9782 Quebec Inc to Christa Kratz, \$255,000 (\$174,800);

325-27 Melville: from Danae Eliades to Clement Rhodius and France Laflamme, \$300,000, (\$453,000);

3441-51 St Antoine: from Pierre Charbon-

neau to Studios St Antoine Inc, \$240,000 (\$154,500);

4175 St Catherine (condo 2204): from Placements Anjar Ltée to Marie C. Ariaudo, \$600,000 (\$571,800);

4700 St Catherine (condo 801): from 164536 Canada Inc to Andre Kaiaphas, \$670,000 (\$361,200);

4652 Sherbrooke (apartment building): from Rita Blitt, Samuel Galperin, Colpan Karpan and Investissements Diveriwealth Inc to Semeret Medhane and Medhin Guenet Guebre, \$700,000 (\$528,600);

76 Summit Circle: from Andreas Wirtz and Anne Katrin Jaeger to Barry Luch and Betty Gordon, \$625,000 (\$640,300);

45 Thornhill: from Monique Tremblay to Rosalino M. E. Pepall, \$365,000 (\$338,300);

740 Upper Lansdowne: from Marlene Cohn to Saimeh Mahmoud and Oussayma Ambari Amira, \$545,000 (\$579,100);

1 Wood (condo 102): from Rhomcorp Inc to Number One Wood Avenue Condominium, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$225,000 (\$245,300);

424 Wood: from Donald McElroy and Susan Audrey Ritchie to Carole Hoffman, \$445,000 (\$298,700).

Mountie car vandalized

Chances are one Mountie won't park his car behind Westmount High School again.

The RCMP officer's car was found vandalized during school vacation at that location where he had parked it while out of town on assignment for a few days, public safety officers said. The blue Ford Tempo sustained a flat tire and a broken window.

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