

Mayor Cutler vows tax fight will continue



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Premier's office next stop after minister does little

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

MAYOR May Cutler Tuesday reaffirmed her earlier vow to take the property valuation fight to Premier Robert Bourassa following refusal by Municipal Affairs Minister André Bourbeau to annul the MUC's 1988 valuation roll as requested Monday by suburban mayors.

"The fat's in the fire," she told THE EXAMINER after the meeting between MUC mayors and Mr Bourbeau.

"I'm going to consult with the rest of council and we'll have to investigate all the different possibilities," she said. "We're still going to fight."

Sounding upset, but undaunted, Mayor Cutler reiterated her intention to meet directly with Premier Bourassa, claiming that Mr Bourbeau's proposed six-month study of the MUC valuation department offers no relief for this year.

Neither does it solve the problem faced by Westmount of having to pay its share of MUC costs based on original inaccuracies in the valuation roll.

These could end up costing Westmount \$500,000 or more in payments that should be spread around other municipalities, she said.

Although Mr Bourbeau acknowledged that Westmount's valuation roll was "a museum of horrors," she said, "he told me our problem was with the MUC."

The minister further maintained that Bill 82, permitting a cap on valuations, was "the perfect tool," she said.

During the meeting, Mayor Cutler claimed, Mr Bourbeau's staff provided him with inaccurate facts concerning Westmount's position, including the premise that under Bill 82's capping provision Westmount's valuations could be capped at 40 percent when, in fact, the ceiling would be 60 percent.

"He's mixing up taxes with valuations and taxes are none of his business."

Meeting 'terrible'

Mayor Cutler summed up the meeting with Mr Bourbeau in one word: "Terrible."

"He dances around and sloughs off all the problem onto the MUC."

Although Bill 82 benefits Montreal and some suburbs, many municipalities such as Westmount have refused to invoke its provisions, maintaining that the remedy leaves the majority of property owners making up budget shortfalls created by limiting some assessments.

Municipalities "dumped on" by the MUC's 1988 valuation list are what Mayor Cutler calls the "super" residential communities such as the West Island, Westmount, Montreal West, Outremont, Town of Mount Royal and Hampstead.

She believes Westmount to have

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\$800,000 in values rolled back

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Property assessments representing \$800,000 in tax revenue to Westmount have already been recommended by the MUC for roll-back in its review of the 1988 valuations, city officials confirmed Tuesday.

The recommendations, which have yet to be made official, concern 169 properties which have had initial assessments reduced by a total of \$47.5 million.

Although the city so far has submitted 728 properties for review where anomalies appear to exist, it is not known how many have actually been studied, according to city treasurer Jean-Luc Emond.

"All we know is that the evaluators are out there physically looking at properties," he said.

"They've obviously taken the properties with the bigger increases first since those were the first we submitted."

Although individual taxpayers stand to benefit from the rollback, the city must still pay its MUC share based on the original valuation roll including inaccuracies, he noted.

Although the city may lose this year, Mr Emond says there are other years when Westmount has come out as a winner relative to other municipalities.

"Over a five-year average we probably break even."

There were other municipalities in past years that were "in the same boat" as Westmount finds itself this year, he added.

In addition, he explained, although the MUC does not adjust the amount of shared costs downward after review, neither does it readjust upward a municipality's

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GIANT STEPS RECEIVES GUESTS: Last Friday morning, students from Irving Bregman Memorial Elementary School in Chomedey came to visit the Giant Steps program for autistic children in Westmount Park School. Their classmate, **Ronnie Budner**, centre, is a Giant Steps student who is being integrated into Irving Bregman, which he attends twice a week with his "shadow." With Ronnie, from left, are visiting student **Jenny Nitsos**, **Bonnie Freeman**, a special-care counsellor at Giant Steps, **Tia Tsolis**, another visitor, and **Mathieu Gagné**, another Giant Steps student. The visitors toured the therapy areas, went tobogganing with their hosts and concluded the morning with hot chocolate.

Victor Drury:

Westmouter takes plunge; seeks Liberal nod in Lachine

By THOR VALDMANIS

Bypassing a confused local political scene, Westmouter Victor Drury has plunged into a four-way battle for the federal Liberal nomination in

the neighboring riding of Lachine-Lac St Louis.

The 40-year-old national executive director of the Kidney Foundation of Canada is considered by many to be the frontrunner as the March 27 nomination meeting in the riding approaches.

A team of some 100 Drury supporters is blitzing the riding, signing up new party members before a Feb 25 deadline.

Given his intimate links with Westmount, Mr Drury's decision to run in Lachine came only after a lengthy discussion last summer with embattled St-Henri-Westmount MP Donald Johnston — only days before Mr Johnston resigned from the Lib-

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"It's really strange — Fenton and I had so little in common, then one day he won the lottery..."

Local police enjoy lull of two weeks of low crime

WHERE has all the crime gone?

That's what local police officials at Westmount's MUC station 23 were left wondering at the end of last week following two weeks of few criminal incidents.

Not that they mind the situation, but the new crime low is unusual, Director Gilbert Côté admits.

The quiet streak continued throughout the weekend with only 10 incidents, including traffic accidents, reported in both Westmount and St Henri on Saturday and seven on Sunday.

Coincident with the calm, the station has lost two of its well-known sergeant detectives: Richard Hawley to the MUC hold-up squad and Jean-Guy Auger to the homicide squad.

Sgt-Det Hawley had served at the local station since initially joining the Westmount Police Force more than 25 years ago and had requested a change. He had latterly headed a special anti-burglary squad at station 23. Sgt-Det Auger specialized in work in St Henri.



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These revenues are used to offset the annual operating expenses and long-term debts incurred by the Light & Power Department. Once these costs are deducted, the balance (being net profit) is used by the City as a source of funds for other municipal activities. The net profit recorded in 1986 exceeded \$1,000,000, and it is hoped to reach this figure again in 1987.

This alternate source of funding contributes towards reduced tax rates, to the benefit of all Westmount taxpayers.

With the recent construction boom in Westmount, substantial funds were committed in 1987 to purchase the necessary materials to supply these new buildings with power. Additional investment will be required in 1988. However, when these buildings are completed and the new 1,000 plus customers begin using electricity, we anticipate a further improvement in our total net profit.

The Westmount Light & Power Department welcomes any comments or inquiries concerning our operations, which can be forwarded to the Director, Mr. B. St. Louis, at 935-8531, local 400 or by writing to the City of Westmount, Light & Power Department, 4333 Sherbrooke Street, Westmount, Quebec H3Z 1E2.

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Notre service de l'Énergie électrique

Westmount est l'une des rares municipalités au Québec qui sont encore propriétaire d'un service d'énergie électrique indépendant d'Hydro-Québec et qui l'exploite encore. L'énergie électrique achetée d'Hydro-Québec est distribuée à tous les clients dans Westmount par notre propre service de l'Énergie électrique.

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Ces revenus servent à compenser les dépenses annuelles d'exploitation et les dettes à long terme encourues par le service de l'Énergie électrique. Déduction faite de ces coûts, le solde (soit le profit net) est appliqué par la Ville au financement d'autres activités municipales. Le profit net enregistré en 1986 était supérieur à 1 000 000\$, chiffre que l'on espère atteindre encore en 1987.

Cette autre source de revenus permet de réduire le taux des taxes, ce qui est à l'avantage de tous les contribuables de Westmount.

L'expansion récente et importante de la construction dans Westmount a exigé des engagements financiers substantiels en 1987 destinés à acheter les matériaux nécessaires pour fournir l'énergie électrique à ces nouveaux bâtiments. Il faut prévoir d'autres investissements à ce chapitre en 1988. Cependant, nous comptons enregistrer une hausse de notre profit total net une fois que ces bâtiments seront construits et que plus que 1 000 nouveaux clients s'abonneront à notre service de l'Énergie électrique.

Le service de l'Énergie électrique de Westmount accueille avec plaisir les commentaires ou les questions concernant son exploitation qui peuvent être communiqués à M. B. St-Louis, au 935-8531, poste 400, ou, en écrivant à la Ville de Westmount, Service de l'Énergie électrique, 4333, rue Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 1E2.

Next Scheduled City Council Meeting

Monday, February 15, 8 pm

Date de la prochaine séance du conseil municipal
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**Local doctor prepares
for first birth using
new conception technique**

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

"The first one, I thought it was a fluke. The second, I began to think I was doing something right. Now it looks as though I may have a third one."

Dr Nadir James Bakar is talking about babies. A Westmount resident who practices at the Westmount Medical Building and Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he is using a new technique called Gamete Intra-Fallopian Transfer (GIFT) to help women bear children.

On Monday, his first GIFT baby is scheduled to be delivered by Caesarean section at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

In traditional *in vitro* fertilization techniques (commonly but erroneously called "test tube"), eggs are taken from the mother and sperm from the father. Following combination of the two, the embryos are incubated for a few days until the uterine lining is ready for their implantation. The embryo is then placed into the uterus. Dr Bakar says that the success of *in vitro* fertilization is only about 10 percent.

The GIFT technique was developed about three years ago in the United States. Eggs from the mother and sperm from the father are combined and the fertilized egg is placed immediately into the natural envi-

ronment of the mother's fallopian tube, the passage leading from the ovary to the uterus.

During a natural pregnancy, the newly fertilized egg spends several days in a slow migration down the fallopian tube to the uterus — the time necessary for the uterus to become ready for implantation. *In vitro* embryos spend this time in incubation outside the mother's body; GIFT embryos are allowed to complete a normal migration through the tubes.

The drawback to the technique is that the potential mother must have at least one functional (open) fallopian tube. A frequent cause of infertility in women is blockage of these tubes.

Dr Bakar says that the success rate of the GIFT technique could be as high as 35 to 40 percent.

To put that in perspective, however, he explains that in a random sample of 100 normal women trying to become pregnant, 60 to 65 will either have spontaneous abortions before 12 weeks of pregnancy or they will fail to conceive. That means 35 to 40 will succeed in becoming pregnant. GIFT potentially offers odds as good as nature's.

"Well," says Dr Bakar, "You can't beat nature."

**Special
council
meeting
Monday**

A special meeting of city council has been called for Monday night to give notice of motion to amend Westmount's zoning by-law regarding the height of buildings in the Sherbrooke-Victoria commercial zone.

The change, which in general will limit the height of certain buildings in the area to the status quo, is aimed at maintaining the village character of the zone, city officials said.

The meeting, which is set for the usual 8 pm starting time, is also slated to carry on whatever other business may be required.

By press time yesterday, the only other agenda item was approval of accounts for the month ending Jan 31, 1988.

**City crews
secure sites**

City works crews were called out two nights last week to secure construction sites when contractors failed to heed warnings by inspectors, public safety officers report.

One call was to replace defective hazard lights around a container on the northwest corner of Lansdowne and St Catherine street Wednesday last week after workers at the construction site had failed to do so.

On Friday night two openings in hoarding on the southeast corner were found still insecure despite warnings by a city building inspector earlier in the day and had to be secured.

**Dryer lint
causes fire**

A fire at the rear of a clothes dryer at 4155 de Maisonneuve boulevard Tuesday last week started when an accumulation of lint ignited, fire officials said.

The fire was put out by the occupant of the home before arrival of firefighters shortly after 1:58 pm and no damage was reported.

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**WESTMOUNT
Community
Calendar**

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, Feb 11

Theatre: *A Man Is a Man ... Brecht Said* is performed by Witches and Warlocks Theatre Group at the Atwater Library today and tomorrow, 8 pm, 484-6176

Friday, Feb 12

Exhibition: Contemporary textile murals go on display at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, until March 5

Sunday, Feb 14

Valentine's Day party: Seniors are invited to celebrate with residents of Goodwin House, 336 Metcalfe avenue, 2 pm - 4 pm

Sight-reading: CAMMAC invites singers and instrumentalists, especially strings, to a sight-reading of Vivaldi's *Magnificat*, St Matthias' church hall, 10 Church Hill, 3 pm

Monday, Feb 15

Chess club: Sponsored by the Westmount recreation department, Victoria Hall, 6:30 pm

Public information meeting: An expert on fluoridation and its effects, Dr P.J. Morin, is guest speaker at a meeting sponsored by the Common Front Against Fluoridation, Victoria Hall, 7:30 pm

Réunion de l'ACAT: L'Action des Chrétiens pour l'Abolition de la Torture de Westmount invite ses membres et les sympathisants à son action à une rencontre avec Mme Dora Montalvo au 310, avenue Clarke, 19h30

Art exhibition: Watercolors by Hélène Rigg are on view at the Westmount Public Library, during library hours until Feb 28

Tuesday, Feb 16

Westmount Initiative for Peace meeting: Victoria Hall, 8 pm

Wednesday, Feb 17

Luncheon meeting: Rotary Club of Westmount, Victoria Hall, 12:30 pm

Free seminar on RRSP strategies: One of a series hosted by Moneystrat, 4606 St Catherine street, 7 pm - 8 pm; call Terri, 933-7669, to reserve a place

COMING UP

Feb 18: The public is invited to ask questions at the MUCTC board of directors' meeting, Victoria Hall, 7:30 pm

Feb 18: Author Valmai Howe will read from her book *The Dreams of Zoo Animals* at the Double Hook bookstore, 1235A Greene avenue, 8 pm

Feb 19, 26, 27, and March 4: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare will be performed at Victoria Hall by Rathbone Theatre; for tickets and information call 636-5248

Feb 24: Annual open house of Jardin d'enfants/Unity Westmount preschool for three- and four-year-olds, 1090 Greene avenue, 8 pm; 932-5480 for info

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1:58 pm: 4455 de Maisonneuve, electrical problem (see story);
3:28 pm: 4505 St Catherine, Belvedere Residence, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 3:32 pm, smoke detector activated by spill milk on burner (see story);

Feb 3

3:36 am: 58 Summit crescent, first responder unit;
7:57 am: 550 Claremont, water leak (see story);
12:03 pm: 372 Kensington, fire in oven (see story);

Feb 4

9:33 am: 200 Kensington, service call (see story);
9:50 pm: 285 Clarke, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 10:03 pm, service call (see story);

Feb 5

7:15 am: 5790 Parkhaven, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 7:31 am;
7:35 pm: 4505 St Catherine, Belvedere Residence, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 7:39 pm, smoke detector activated by kettle (see story);
10:17 pm: 250 Clarke, apt 517, first responder unit;

Feb 6

3:46 pm: 3200 The Boulevard, smoke detector activated accidentally during renovations;
4:52 pm: 5500 Borden, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:58 pm;
9:53 pm: 400 Lansdowne, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 10:30 pm, fire in furnace (see story);
11:02 pm: 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, strange odor, dissipated before arrival;

Feb 7

8:00 pm: 427 Mount Stephen, fire in dwelling (see story);
9:07 am: 5795 Caldwell, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 9:15 am;
9:13 am: Blenheim and St Catherine, water leak in sewer manhole;
10:49 am: 4855 Sherbrooke, burglar alarm;
1:13 pm: 532 Clarke, first responder unit;

Feb 8

7:41 am: 215 Redfern, Reader's Digest, T-connector broken on sprinkler system;
2:18 pm: 4275 Richelieu, sprinkler alarm ringing (see story);
5:22 pm: 1222 Greene, first responder unit;
7:37 pm: 4949 de Maisonneuve, steam scare, venting of clothes dryer;
10:29 pm: 231 Melville, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 10:34 pm, defective oil furnace.

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appointment



John W. Sancton, publisher, announces the appointment of **Kathleen Hugessen** as news editor of THE EXAMINER. Ms Hugessen has been writing freelance articles for THE EXAMINER in recent months and is completing her graduate diploma in journalism at Concordia University. She is a longtime resident of Westmount and a former veterinarian. She replaces Peter Black, who has left THE EXAMINER to accept a position as copy editor with Montreal's new English-language daily paper, *The Daily News*, scheduled to begin publication March 1. Don Sancton continues as editorial director of THE EXAMINER and Laureen Sweeney and Thor Valdmanis remain on the reporting staff. In another change, photographer Rick Kerrigan has left THE EXAMINER to take up a full-time photography position with the McGill University School of Architecture.

Sugar causes fire in oven

A bag of sugar that caught fire in an oven while being heated Wednesday noon at 372 Kensington avenue ended up causing an estimated \$1,300 damage to the stove and kitchen, fire officials report.

Although the fire had gone out when the oven door was closed, firefighters found smoke damage in the kitchen on arrival. They had been called to the home at 12:03 pm.

Anti-fluoride group to meet here Monday

By THOR VALDMANIS

Anti-fluoridation forces are taking their cause to the people Monday in Victoria Hall at 7:30 pm.

The information meeting is one of two scheduled by the Common Front Against Fluoridation (CFAF) before public consultation meetings are held March 9, 14 and 19 examining a City of Montreal plan to fluoridate drinking water later this year. Montreal supplies water to Westmount and 13 other communities.

"We're not a radical group," CFAF spokesperson Andrea Sparling, a Kensington avenue resident, said yesterday.

"We just want to stop a horrible mistake. It's a definite step backwards. We should really be removing the existing fluoride from our water supply."

Leading researcher Dr P.J. Morin is expected to address the fluoride question, discussing the European rejection of fluoridation; fluoride as an enzyme poison; and the importance of measuring total fluoride ingestion and accumulation, not merely through drinking water.

A question and answer period will follow.

"It's imperative we inform people about the potential hazards of fluoridation," Miss Sparling said. "Most don't know anything about it and yet it's going to affect all of us."

though a vote taken in committee at an earlier meeting had favored fluoridation.

Montreal is likely to announce a final decision on fluoridation in early May. If Montreal executive committee approval is given as expected, Westmounters could be drinking fluoridated water (1.2 parts fluoride per million) by fall.

Detectors work again; alert residents to fire

Smoke detectors are credited by fire officials with alerting sleeping occupants of a house at 427 Mount Stephen avenue Sunday morning to a plastic radio burning in the basement.

The fire was filling the stairwell with smoke when the alarm sounded after a candle had been left burning atop a portable plastic radio in the furnace area, igniting it and causing the plastic to melt, fire officials said.

Guests were reported to have been sleeping on a mattress nearby.

The fire was extinguished before arrival of firemen by placing a wet towel over the radio and damage was estimated at \$150.

The incident is the second in a month in which smoke detectors in Westmount homes awakened sleeping persons to basement fires.

On Jan 13 residents of a home on Lansdowne avenue were alerted at 2:44 am by smoke detectors to a fire in a defective clothes dryer, which had ignited clothes (see story Jan 14).

The most recent rescue occurred at 8 am when detectors on the first and second storeys were set off by smoke travelling up the stairwell.

A basement detector, which did not activate, was reported not to have contained a battery.

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We Say

Responsibilities on taxes

WESTMOUNTERS would be excused for choking on their breakfasts if they were listening to CBC Radio Tuesday morning. Not that the good folks at the Mother Corporation were doing terrible things. On the contrary, they did a nice job of reporting on Monday's meeting of the Conference of Suburban Mayors with Minister of Municipal Affairs André Bourbeau.

The source of our indigestion was Mr Bourbeau, who was interviewed on his position in the wake of a front of angry mayors led, it would seem, by our own May Cutler. His comments left the listener despairing for any hope of real reform to the municipal tax structure. Despite all the investigations he has undertaken, Mr Bourbeau simply doesn't understand the gist of the whole tax problem.

The evidence: He blithely declared that his coveted Bill 82 is a "perfect" solution to all our tax woes and that even though the 1988 MUC valuation roll is a "chamber of horrors," it has to stay because it's against the law to withdraw it. On the latter point, we are glad CBC host Jon Kalina quickly pointed out to Mr Bourbeau that the National Assembly does exist to change laws. In fact, it seems to us the capping of valuations for tax purposes was against the law too — until Mr Bourbeau dreamed up Bill 82 and had it passed.

But in the mess that now exists in the brewing tax revolt, we lay blame not just at the feet of the minister. The mayors could be doing a better job, we believe, of going to the right place to get what they want and what is needed.

The tax problem comes in two distinct parts, and there's no point barking up the wrong tree to solve them.

THE AREA of Mr Bourbeau's jurisdiction is the overall structure of the municipal tax system and we would have hoped the suburban mayors might have gone beyond the problems with the 1988 roll and laid before the minister detailed proposals for changing the tax system, instead of seemingly going all out simply to get him to void the 1988 roll.

The root problem that must be dealt with by Quebec is the structure of the system that has been shifting more and more of the tax burden on to individual homeowners while giving more and more of a break to businesses, commercial buildings and industries. Whether by variable tax rates, increased business rates or abandonment of real market values as the basis of valuation rolls, or a combination of these or other measures, something must be done by Quebec to reverse this trend or the battles now simply will be repeated

year after year, just as this year's struggle repeats much of what went on in 1982.

That part of the question clearly lies with Mr Bourbeau to handle, but to date he has not shown any appreciation of the gravity of the problem, let alone proposed any specific or immediate solutions.

But the other aspect of this year's tax problem lies in the back yard of the mayors themselves, in the MUC valuation department which produced this "chamber of horrors" valuation roll. We don't see from the suburban mayors a realization that it is they who make up a large portion of the MUC council which supposedly controls the valuation process and that it is they who should be doing something about it.

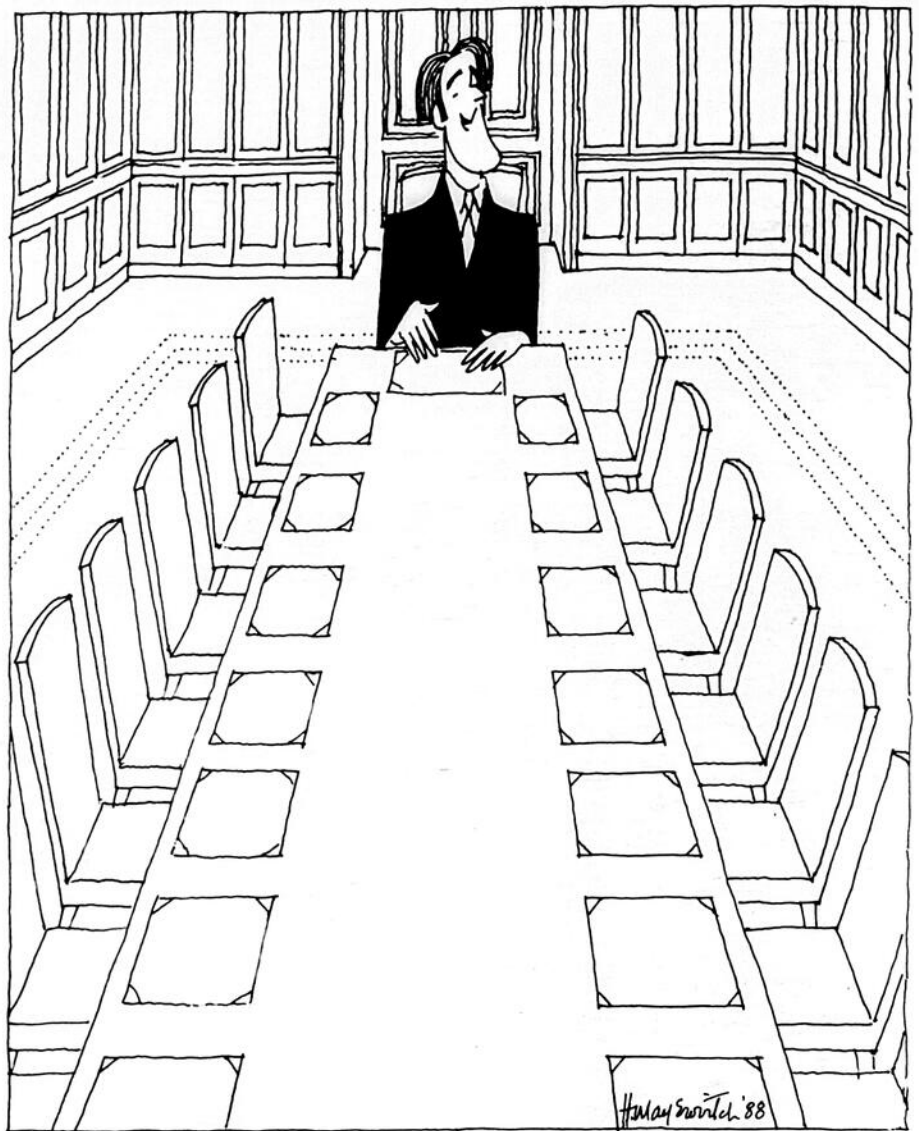
The vice-chairman of the MUC's valuation and finance committee, for example, is a suburban mayor, Côte St Luc's Bernard Lang. We don't recall seeing him reacting in that capacity, demanding and getting answers from his civil servants in the valuation department who were responsible for this mess. Is he seeing to it that the bureaucrats responsible are being fired, or at least demoted or disciplined? Are more evaluators being hired or other resources committed to ensure things are set straight in the valuation department? What internal investigations are in progress?

THESE all are MUC matters over which the mayors supposedly have control. If they aren't running the MUC, who is? Are the mayors ensuring that the MUC council will vote on a formal resolution to ask Minister Bourbeau for permission to revert to the 1987 roll? It would seem to us this would be the formal and correct way to demand the minister repeal the 1988 roll, rather than simply confronting him across a table.

The suburbs cannot forever keep believing the MUC is a monster for which they are not responsible and over which they have no control. That is a self-fulfilling prophecy. Rather, they must believe they can use the system to get what they want, and then they would have some hope of meeting with success. If they have a united front on the tax situation, as they say they do, then why don't they, representing a majority of the MUC population, put the political heat on their Montreal counterparts on the MUC council to go along with the necessary changes, not to things controlled by Quebec, but to things controlled by the MUC?

The constituent municipalities of the MUC must be careful in criticizing Mr Bourbeau for inaction on the tax problems if they have not got the MUC itself to do what it can to remedy a truly terrible situation.

You Say



"Will the meeting of the cabinet now please come to order?"

Harry Mayerovitch

WESTMOUNT

Dog Appreciation Day suggested for clean-up

Sir: I would like to suggest that city council consider adopting a by-law designating the second or third Saturday in April as Dog Appreciation Day.

On that day, all able-bodied dog owners would be compelled to turn out with shovels and garbage bags, and clean away the excrement that their beloved pets have left on our front lawns during the winter. I was reminded of the need for this kind of service during

the recent unseasonable thaw, which exposed a number of gigantic deposits in front of our house. It was a daunting preview of what awaits many of us this spring.

Dog Appreciation Day could become a very merry, much-anticipated annual event, with the gaily attired dog-persons scooping their way up and down our streets, singing their traditional songs. Meanwhile householders like myself would await them on our doorsteps, with heartfelt words of encouragement and advice.

I am sure that the public-spirited Westmount Dog Owners' Association would be only too glad to supervise this annual fiesta.

William Weintraub

433 Wood avenue
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A word of praise for our cartoonist

Sir: With her simplicity of line, her knack for producing likenesses and her wit, Judy Yelon is one of the best cartoonists around.

Pierre Ranger

79 Bruce avenue
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Underlying principle of assessments flawed

A copy of the following letter has been sent to THE EXAMINER:

The Mayor and Aldern...
City of Westmount

Dear Sirs:

Like all Westmounters, I am appalled at the new assessments which have been levied on our homes in Westmount for 1988 as well as the rate of taxes levied, which has increased the taxes on my own home at 16 de Casson road by over 20 percent in one year.

You should be aware that, if municipal taxes are increased by over five times the rate of inflation in one year, that increase will, of course, cause inflation itself. It is unjustified, especially to elderly people, that such large increases should be imposed

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our M.P.

Hon. Donald J. Johnston
says...

Meech a Challenger?



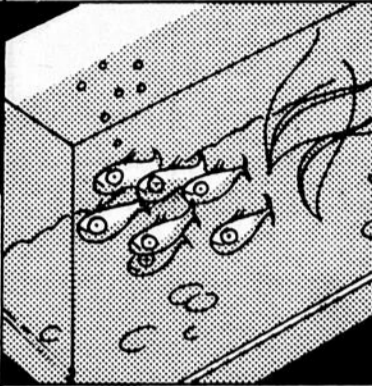
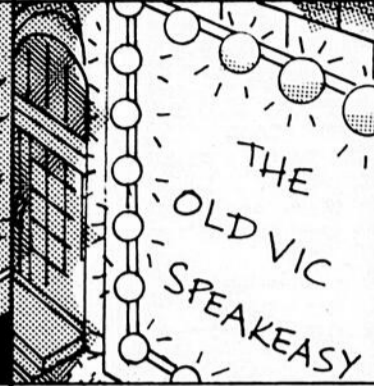

BRITISH COLUMBIA — The debate before the British Columbia and Yukon Bar Associations went very much as I expected. Both sides agreed to disagree on what the effect of Meech Lake might be.

However, no one had an answer to the dilemma described by columnist Lise Bissonnette which I referred to in last week's commentary. Specifically, since the "distinct society" clause is being sold in Quebec as a significant achievement, it is being sold to the rest of Canada as being insignificant and there will be profound disappointment when the judges finally speak. The supporters of the accord at the debate did support the view that the clause has little, if any, significance.

Nonetheless there was agreement among all present that the accord is flawed and imperfect. The chairman picked up this point in his closing comments. Drawing an analogy with reference to the disastrous launch of the last space shuttle... "the evidence at the inquiry revealed that competent engineers had warned of the flaws but the decision was made to launch anyway."

While he did not say so, I presume he supports those of us who do not believe this constitutional accord should be launched until the obvious flaws are corrected.

CITY GIVES FIVE TOPICS FOR ESSAY COMPETITION

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Forty-five Years Ago
February 11, 1943

"An exhibit of the 'Book and Magazine Depot' is now on show at the Public Library. On the top of one of the glass cases is a specimen carton all packed and ready to send to the troops. About 18 inches square, the carton is filled with a varied assortment of literature. Although 970,000 magazines and 45,000 books have been sent all over the war zone since the beginning of hostilities the demand is very great. Some of the far-flung places to which these cartons go are Newfoundland, Labrador, Iceland, the Middle East and the United Kingdom. Letters of appreciation lie within the glass case, one from Winston Churchill, and a number from chaplains and officers telling of the wonderful effect the books have had in keeping up the 'morale' of the men."

Thirty-five Years Ago
February 6, 1953

"City of Westmount citizens who have been paying increased water taxes while their city and Montreal battled it out in courts will be entitled to their refunds this week. Westmount council has announced that the excess rate paid while the decision had been in litigation will be refunded or else credited to the resident's account. The council made the announcement following failure of the City of Montreal to appeal a court ruling which refused it permission to raise the rates from 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 percent of property value."

Twenty-five Years Ago
February 8, 1963

"Westmount city council gave first reading Monday to a by-law re-zoning the lower section of Westmount. Based on the 'master plan for the City of Westmount' submitted in 1960 by the architectural firm of Bland, Le Moynes and Edwards, the new by-law established requirements 'controlling and limiting the form of buildings.' ... In order to preserve the 'open character' of the area near Westmount Park no building over six stories is permitted. Existing buildings are not affected. ... Buildings of twelve storeys are permitted along most of St Catherine street. ... Only residential buildings will be allowed on Sherbrooke street, in order that the character of the street along with



our mayor
Her Worship May Cutler
says...

Angry old mayor

IF THIS keeps up, I'm going to develop a reputation as "the angry old mayor"! Actually — and maybe it was ever so — my anger this past Monday was a cover-up for my disappointment over our meeting with the Quebec minister of municipal affairs. I was so sure he would care, for who else was there?

We have a whole judicial system, bills of rights and laws — criminal and civil — to protect individuals against injustice. But nothing to protect the owner of a single family home against being taxed out of it. Except a minister of municipal affairs and he treats them like so many protesting college kids. But they are actually the people who hold our society together. They saved to make the down payment on a house, sacrificed luxuries to pay off the mortgage and

the 'architectural interest of the region' may not be affected."

Fifteen Years Ago
February 8, 1973

"The dwellings owned by the provincial roads department on Greene avenue are to be demolished to make way for a park or playground, it was revealed yesterday by provincial authorities. The houses have been the centre of controversy ever since they were expropriated by the roads department to build a ramp onto the Trans-Canada Highway. After city intervention, the ramp approach was modified to save the buildings. André Riopel, Montreal area representative of the eviction division of the roads department, felt it would be 'too expensive' to refurbish the buildings to make a community centre, as a community group wants to do if given the chance. 'If there was history in the houses,' he said, 'we might keep them up. But nobody wants to move into them as they are now.'"

Five Years Ago
February 10, 1983

"The Speaker's throne from the Quebec Legislative Assembly, which Monday night took its place in the Westmount council chamber, is somewhat of an oddity in government tradition. J. Richard Hyde, who represented Westmount at the assembly from 1955-70 and donated to the city the majestic oak throne which he occupied as Speaker, was on hand for its inauguration here. The custom of providing a new throne for each Speaker in his turn is peculiar to the Quebec government, Judge Hyde told THE EXAMINER. 'It's an oddity,' said the former minister of revenue for Jean Lesage. 'I don't know where the custom started. In Ottawa and in Britain, the Speaker's throne stays there. In Quebec it's replaced at the expense of the poor taxpayer.'"

gave up personal freedom to raise a family. But now they have no security from one year to the next that they will not be taxed out on the street.

It's weird. The Quebec government decries the decline of the family, but furthers that decline by doing nothing to shelter it. Since the Second World War, those who rent have been protected against inordinate increases. Why nothing for those who buy homes?

The argument that Quebec cities outside the MUC and most cities within the MUC are satisfied with the valuations is no argument at all. Each of the 10 residential cities under siege this year is unjustly treated. Even if one were mistreated, it should concern the minister of municipal affairs. He is the protector of the individual city against the tyranny of numbers.

The minister dismissed our pleas Monday by saying he was ordering an investigation — the traditional way of governments doing nothing. He told us we should have used the "perfect tool" he provided in Bill 82. That's like saying "Forget the truck that hit you. Let me put on a Band-Aid."

In Westmount, we did not use Bill 82 because it would have meant a 60 percent cap on evaluations and a 40 percent cap on taxes. Our finance department at city hall, under our dedicated Councillor Phillip Aspinall, fed every single dwelling in our city into our new computer, studying all the possible variations that caps, heritage fund, etc would produce. What we came up with seemed the fairest possible in an unfair situation to protect our single family dwellings. Using Bill 82 would have shoved the burden still further onto them. Bill 82 was obviously set up for the City of Montreal — capping taxes there at a modest 15 percent.

Our finance department also came up with the long list of errors, discrepancies, and over-evaluations that have produced to date 780 appeals for review to the MUC evaluators and should warrant the whole roll being thrown out. The extra \$1.6 million that our MUC assessment went up this year is based on those erroneous evaluations, and even though the 169 corrections to date have decreased evaluations from \$95 million to

You Say

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at one time. Surely the City of Westmount can, together with all other Canadians, try to fight inflation and not add to it.

In respect to the amount of the new assessments, I wish to point out the following:

The new assessments are based on the fact that a number of properties sold during 1987 at inflated prices. Therefore, all of the properties in Westmount have been assessed on the same basis. However, we all know that if 200 houses sold in Westmount last year for certain inflated prices that, if 400 or 600 houses had been put on the market at the

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I Say!

OLD age takes away from us what we have inherited and gives us what we have earned.

—Gerald Brennan

\$47 million, the city must still pay as if they were correct.

Where to now? I will ask Mr Bourbeau to look into the matter again. I shall ask our council, this Monday, for suggestions.

In protesting this injustice, I do not feel I am acting only for Westmount and other MUC communities affected. I feel I am acting for every single family homeowner throughout Quebec. Not one of them is safe if this kind of thing is allowed to continue. This is not politics. It is life.



our M.N.A.
Hon. Richard D. French
says...

Good economic news

FOR THE third consecutive year, Quebec's economic performance has been superior to the Canadian average. Quebec's gross provincial product grew by five percent in 1987, while Canada's GNP grew by 3.8 percent. More than 100,000 jobs were created in Quebec, our best record in that regard since 1973. Two-thirds of those new jobs are held by women.

The dark cloud on the economic horizon remains unemployment. The unemployment rate in 1987 was 10.3 percent, compared to the national average of 8.9 percent, and an outstanding performance in Ontario of some 6.1 percent. As Quebec's economy improves, more and more people are drawn into labor markets from the ranks of the inactive, meaning that unemployment figures do not decrease in proportion to job creation.

Inflation was 4.5 percent last year, while industrial wages increased an average of only 3.7 percent, penalizing workers but improving our competitiveness. Average hourly wages in 1987 were \$10.67 in Quebec, \$12.46 in Ontario, and Cdn \$13.23 in the U.S. Days lost to strike action were minimal, which is very good news indeed.

We should never forget that much of this positive economic picture depends upon fluctuations of the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar against its U.S. counterpart. That is a variable that we cannot control, but which affects our ability to export. Daniel Johnson, minister of industry and commerce, said this week that every one-cent increase in the value of the Canadian against the U.S. dollar costs millions of dollars to Canadian pulp and paper companies.

What about next year? According to the minister, there is no recession in sight, but there will be a slowdown in growth. Let's keep our fingers crossed. I don't believe that we have yet faced the underlying weakness of the overall economic picture.

1987 accident statistics compiled:

City pondering traffic changes at accident-prone intersections

Traffic accidents causing bodily injury rose 35 percent in Westmount during 1987 over the previous year, compared to a 14-percent increase in the total number of all traffic mishaps in local streets and parking lots as reported to MUC police.

In efforts to reduce the hazards of at least one location, city officials are understood to be acting on a previous proposal to block the west-bound access to Côte St Antoine road at Clarke avenue and Sherbrooke street which claimed five of last year's 128 traffic victims.

The hazardous five-way intersection tied with Greene and Sherbrooke as being the most hazardous intersection in 1987, the third consecutive year it has earned the dubious title.

Each intersection accounted for at least 10 of the year's 706 accidents.

The modification of the Clarke intersection was one of many recommendations made last year in an extensive report by the city's administrative traffic committee.

"All those injured at Clarke and Sherbrooke were cyclists," Consta-

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

ble George Payne told THE EXAMINER in reviewing the 1987 figures.

More hit-and-runs

The total number of 706 accidents reported to police in 1987 included 244 hit-and-run incidents, a 51-percent increase in such incident over 1986.

Police attribute this phenomenon to the stiffening of impaired driving penalties, believing that motorists would rather risk being charged with leaving the scene of an accident than losing their driver's permits for drunk driving.

The 244 hit-and-run incidents is 83 higher than in 1986, more than accounting for the total increase of all accidents in 1987, which was 76.

Although 128 persons were listed as injured last year, 28 percent more than the previous year, many of these sustained only minor aches and pains recorded for official purposes, police point out.

Of those injured, 23 were cyclists,

21 were pedestrians and the others either driving in vehicles or on motorcycles.

The intersection of Claremont avenue and Sherbrooke accounted for three pedestrian mishaps (see separate story).

No fatal accidents were recorded last year, despite the increase in the number of accidents causing injury, up 40 percent from 80 to 112.

Sherbrooke-Victoria

Despite a mid-year report by police citing the Sherbrooke and Victoria area as leading all others in traffic accidents, the intersection ended up recording eight mishaps. Twelve others, however, occurred on Sherbrooke on either side of the intersection and another five in the Steinberg parking lot.

City officials also are understood to be considering modifications to the north side of the Victoria intersection.

A detailed accident record maintained at local MUC police station 23 by Cst Payne further reveals that

1987 ACCIDENT STATISTICS IN WESTMOUNT

As reported by MUC Police

	1986	1987	Percentage change
Material damage only	546	594	+9%
with injury	83	112	+35%
with fatality	1	0	-100%
TOTAL	630	706	+12%
- Hit-and-run	161	244	+51%
- Persons injured	103	128	+24%

construction work accounted for a number of mishaps during 1987. Four of these occurred on Belvedere road involving a truck, shovel loader, trailer and back hoe.

Several other construction-related accidents occurred on St Catherine

street in front of Alexis Nihon Plaza where the burnt-out tower underwent demolition leading to its rebuilding.

The city's main east-west arteries accounted in total for 297 of the year's accidents comprising: Sherbrooke 142, St Catherine 85, de Maisonneuve 42 and The Boulevard 28.

Seventeen intersections in the city logged a minimum of four or more accidents (see separate story).

Separate streets other than main arteries that were particularly accident prone included Stanton street where several police and fire vehicles crunched fenders and other parts.

Greene avenue accounted for 31 mishaps between intersections, Grosvenor 11 and Roslyn 10, while Olivier, Clarke and The Boulevard all chalked up eight each between intersections.

If you are healthy and between age 18 and 65, remember to give the gift of life. Be a Red Cross blood donor.

Car in crash spins to bank

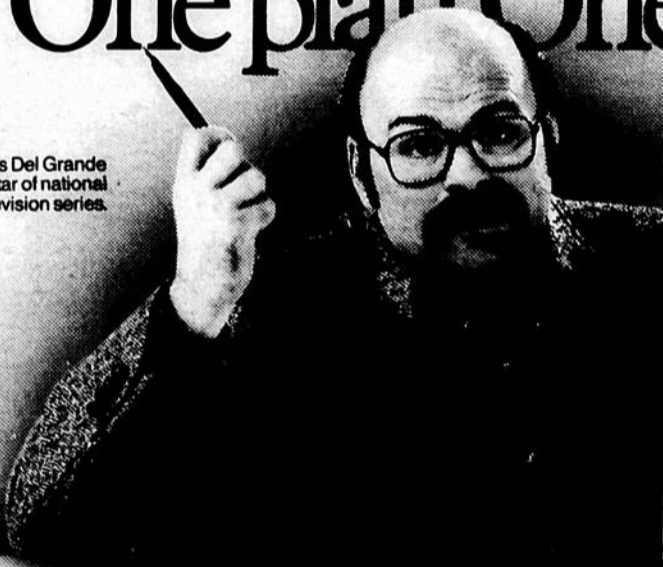
A car travelling south through the intersection of Claremont avenue and Sherbrooke street early Saturday was spun around into the side of the Toronto-Dominion Bank on the southwest corner after being hit by an eastbound vehicle, police said.

The black 1987 Mercury sustained over \$500 damage but its driver, a 17-year-old Laval man, escaped injury.

The accident occurred at 3 am when the car was struck by an eastbound vehicle whose driver, an 18-year-old Town of Mount Royal resident, was ticketed for going through the red light on Sherbrooke. Damage to that car, a black 1985 Ford, was estimated between \$250 and \$500.

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Spatches restaurant ordered to rehire man fired for 'theft'

By THOR VALDMANIS

A popular Westmount pizza palace has been disciplined over alleged heavy-handed treatment of a former employee.

Spatches Inc recently lost an appeal to uphold its prompt Nov 21, 1986 dismissal of a bartender and union activist. Employee Douglas Cameron was officially sacked for neglecting to pay for a slice of chocolate mousse cake.

On Jan 18 this year, a provincial labor tribunal supported a previous ruling in favor of Mr Cameron and criticized owners of the Sherbrooke

street and Grosvenor avenue restaurant.

"Rarely have I seen an employer go to such lengths to exaggerate a slight offence, with the intention of justifying the firing of a union militant," Mr Justice Robert Burns of the Quebec Labor Tribunal concluded in an 11-page written judgment.

"If a law (to prevent this) didn't already exist, it would be necessary to write it to deal with this case."

Spatches' management contended

that Mr Cameron was correctly fired after failing to abide by company policy and pay for the cake. Mr Cameron claims he offered to buy it and was instead the target of an anti-union conspiracy. The bartender had been the moving force behind an effort to establish a union at Spatches after being hired in July, 1986.

Under article 3 of the Quebec labor code, "...every employee has the right to belong to the association of employees of his choice." Justice Burns sided with Mr Cameron, claiming that the severity of management action indicated discrimination.

'A pretext'

"The case that Spatches has invoked is nothing but a pretext to mask the firing of an employee for union activities," Justice Burns maintained.

He noted that when the supervisor saw Mr Cameron eating the cake he asked if he had paid for it and Mr Cameron admitted he had not but intended to do so. Despite this, the supervisor left and telephoned the restaurant owner at 1 o'clock in the morning to report the theft, "without trying to regularize the situation, as would any reasonable person in a similar case. He returned several minutes later with news of his firing."

He ordered the restaurant to rehire Mr Cameron and compensate him for lost wages.

Spatches has a few weeks to launch an appeal in Superior Court if it so chooses.

Myer Bick, an owner of Spatches, refused to comment on any aspect of the case Tuesday, labelling it an "exclusively internal matter."

John Mancini, the lawyer acting for Mr Cameron, said last week that he expects Spatches to prolong the issue despite having already lost one appeal.

"I don't think we can seriously consider that Spatches will take Mr Cameron back," Mr Mancini said.

According to former employees, labor strife is not new to Spatches.

"It has one of the highest (employee) turnover rates of any restaurant I know," said a former waitress, who worked at Spatches until shortly before the Cameron firing.

Labor unrest has been linked to several reports of vandalism at the restaurant in the past year, local police report.

On Aug 24 for instance, telephone wires were deliberately cut at the restaurant, triggering a burglar alarm and causing some \$900 damage.

Sheeting blows into heater

Wind was found to have blown plastic sheeting into a propane salamander heater at the construction site on the southeast corner of Clarke avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard last Thursday night, fire officials said.

The plastic had been hanging from scaffolding over the heater but no fire was reported to have occurred.

Firefighters had been called to the condominium site on previous occasions concerning salamander incidents.

Blauplucked

Two Blaupunkt radios were stolen from cars broken into Monday last week, one on Atwater south of Dorchester boulevard, the other on Dorchester west of Atwater, police report. They were valued respectively at \$300 and \$550.

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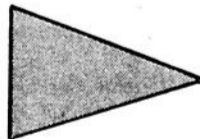
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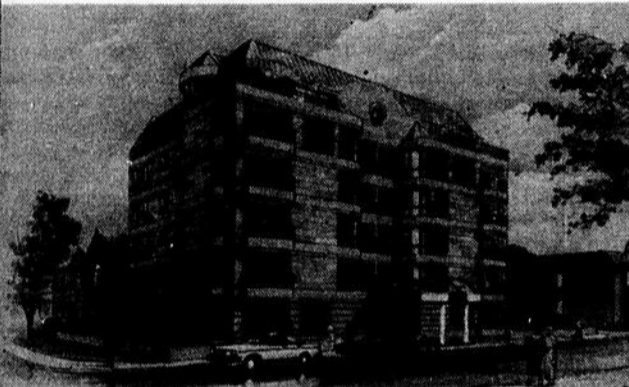
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A new bus shelter is to be erected on the south side of St Catherine street west of Metcalfe avenue following a citizen's request at recent city council meetings, city officials announced recently.

Other shelter sites approved by city council in general committee are the northeast corner of Sherbrooke and Metcalfe, southwest corner of Sherbrooke and Wood and northeast corner of Claremont and Westmount avenues.

Since the sidewalk is deemed too narrow to accommodate a shelter at the southwest corner of St Catherine and Metcalfe the proposed shelter instead will be installed in a recessed area beside Haines grocery store, explained Peter Patenaude, city director general.

Although it is not known when the MUCTC will install the shelters, he said, a letter has been forwarded to the transit commission requesting that it be carried out as quickly as possible.

This might not take place until spring, Mr Patenaude said, noting that the shelters require concrete bases.

New designs for bus shelters of "improved aesthetic quality" are being considered by the city's architectural and planning commission for use in Westmount.

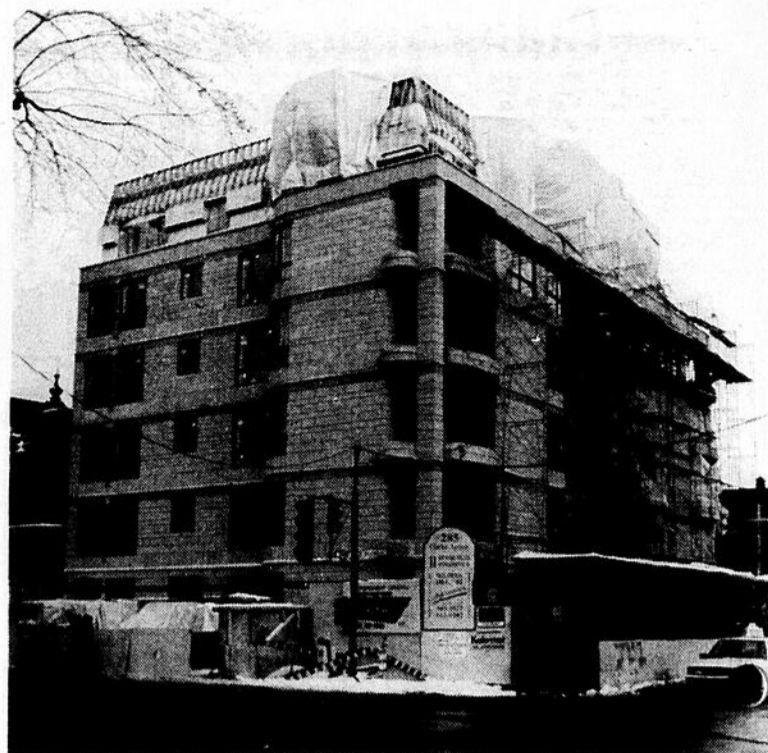
One design favored, Mr Patenaude said, is one being used by the City of Montreal, provided free by a private firm which retains revenue from advertisements in the shelters.

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TOWER BY TOWER: Condominium projects all over Westmount are reaching final construction phases. The 285 Clarke avenue project, at de Maisonneuve boulevard, is practically complete and this week the sheeting covering the exterior was removed to reveal the distinctive sand brick with dark reddish lines of stone marking each storey. Occupancy of the 11-unit, luxury development is expected to begin in mid-March. The bottom floor has yet to be sold.

WMA plans to examine Westmount expenditures

The Westmount Municipal Association plans to examine the expenditure side of the municipal taxation nightmare.

A report studying the Westmount budget relative to other communities is expected to be released in early March by WMA finance committee chairman David Lightfoot.

Mr Lightfoot has been critical of rising operating expenditures at city hall.

"It is not obvious at all that Westmount can control its budget anymore than the MUC," Mr Lightfoot recently declared.

"There is a lot of room to control expenditures better than they have been... but unfortunately city hall has not got the message."

If results of Mr Lightfoot's study warrant, the WMA may possibly host a public meeting similar to last

month's successful property valuations symposium, president Donald Ross said Tuesday.

Mr Ross added that in response to the concerns raised at the valuations meeting, WMA directors are sending André Bourbeau, Quebec's minister of municipal affairs, a letter strongly urging action be taken to shift the growing property tax burden on homeowners.

"Our primary concern right now is the increases in taxation," Mr Ross explained.

The WMA has information packages on how to contest property valuations available at the Westmount Library. In addition, WMA directors are examining ways to help tax-sick homeowners through contact with local community organizations like Contactivity, the Westmount senior citizens' centre.

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Cutler victory came inexpensively

Mayor May Cutler appeared to get good value for her \$4,194 of campaign spending in the Nov 30 Westmount election as each vote turned out to cost \$1.55, one of the lowest in the election.

By comparison, according to a report on election expenses released

By LAUREEN SWEENEY
yesterday by the city, her opponent Brian Gallery spent \$5,505 in his unsuccessful bid. This translated into \$2.86 per vote.

The most "bang for the buck," however, was recorded by John Lehnert, who lost the aldermanic race in ward 7 to Paul Fortin by 32 votes. The votes he won cost only \$1.34 each compared to Mr Fortin's at \$8.81.

Mr Fortin, who rented a storefront campaign office, listed his total election spending at \$2,238 or 90.1 percent of the permitted limit.

Other high spenders per vote were unsuccessful candidates Neil Fernandes at \$9.60 per vote and Lawrence Vatch at \$9.12.

Three uncontested candidates were listed as submitting no election expenses. They were Phillip Aspinall, Sally Aitken and Peter Duffield.

Total campaign expenses incurred in the mayoral race by Mrs Cutler amounted to 45.4 percent of the maximum permitted by law, whereas Mr Gallery spent 59.5 percent.

In the ward 5 aldermanic race where three candidates squared off for what turned out to be Stuart Robertson's victory, the winner reported spending \$1,089 or 44.3 percent of the maximum for that ward at a per vote cost of \$2.73.

Wrong-way driver charged

A 52-year-old Boucherville man was charged with impaired driving Friday after being stopped at Côte St Antoine road and Grosvenor avenue at 10:15 pm, police said.

He also was reported to have been issued a ticket for driving in the wrong direction on Côte St Antoine, a one-way street.

This compared to \$1,478 in spending by Mr Fernandes, or \$9.60 per vote, for 60.1 percent allowed. Jacques Beaugard, who finished in third place, spent only \$448 for 12.2 percent costing \$3.09 for each vote.

Joan Rothman, who carried ward 6, declared \$785 in expenses or 31.3 percent of the allowable limit, translating into \$2.74 per vote. Her opponent, Mr Vatch, spent \$1,086 or 43.3 percent to obtain the costly \$9.12 votes.

A complete summary of election expenses is contained in the Westmount Notice Board, page 29.

Youth Horizons to take over Boy's Home

When the gavel strikes late this afternoon, it will signal the end of one of the city's oldest children's service organizations.


The Boy's Home of Montreal was established in 1870 to provide "a home for educating and training homeless boys to become good Canadian citizens."

The decision to cease its operations and to transfer its property at 6 Weredale Park to the Youth Horizons Foundation comes in response to changes and growth in youth services.

The Weredale Park address is the site of an innovative day-treatment and school program for teenagers provided by the Youth Horizons reception centre. The centre's administrative headquarters are also based there. Youth Horizons is funded by the Quebec ministry of health and social services. It provides treatment and care to troubled, English-speaking young people between the ages of two and 18.

The Boy's Home of Montreal will officially surrender its charter this afternoon at 5:15 pm. The transfer will take place in the conference room of the Youth Horizons reception centre located at 6 Weredale Park.

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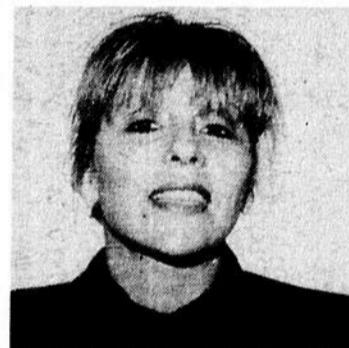
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It's small and it's hard to find, but Westmount has an 'industrial park'

By LAUREEN SWEENEY



Viewed from Richelieu street in St Henri, this warehouse is recessed behind others and located over the border in Westmount.

"A little forgotten part of Westmount."

That's how one city official describes Westmount's mini-industrial park, a narrow strip of land bordering St Henri.

Wedge between east-west Richelieu street, one block north of St Antoine, and the Ville Marie Expressway, which cuts it off from the rest of Westmount, its six manufacturing and warehousing firms make up the city's only industrial and warehousing zone.

Few Westmounters know it exists. Few even know how to find Richelieu street.

Chances are, however, that many local residents enjoy the products made there such as Lofa Sofas, Yuletide artificial Christmas trees or the little plastic organizing cabinets turned out at Holt Industries.

The zone also produces wrapping machines made from steel at Orion Packaging Inc and equipment for the steel industry at Canadian Foundry Supplies.

The industrial zone also lays claim to specialized long-term storage of

documents at the Archivex warehouse.

Although its six Westmount businesses bear civic addresses on the north side of Richelieu between Laporte and Lacasse streets, they are located in buildings forming a second row behind those fronting on the street and in Montreal.

As such, they are hidden from view.

"We always have a problem with our civic number," explains Joyce Bresee, office manager at Orion Packaging Inc. "Whoever looks for us is always confused."

Although the firm's address is 4263 Richelieu, it is located behind civic number 4107.

Long warehouse

The company occupies premises in a long warehouse belonging to the H&H Warehousing Company which it shares with three other manufacturers. The building originally formed part of the Westeel Products metal working complex.

"That was before we moved here in about 1964," recalls John Szulewski, president of Yuletide Enterprises Canada Ltd, which makes Christmas trees in the same warehouse using a civic number of 4251 Richelieu.

He also says his business is hard to find but he's not too bothered by the problem. Although his trees are sold through such stores as Pascal's and Zellers, he also enjoys the international trade, exporting to Australia, Great Britain and the Caribbean.

The firm, he said, produces about 60,000 artificial pine and fir trees each year on the Westmount premises. "We're the only makers of artificial pines in Quebec."

Another occupant in the warehouse is the Lofa Sofa firm which shares the same civic number with Yuletide. It's a relatively new occupant in quarters formerly housing the firm of Standard Building Components, manufacturers of sliding patio doors, which moved to Lachine about a year ago.

Occupying the entire west end of the building at 4275 Richelieu (addresses bearing little relationship to each other) is Holt Industries, manufacturers of metal parts and cabinets.

The most noticeable of the firms is Canadian Foundry Supplies Ltd (CFS) whose separate plant is characterized by a prominent cluster of blue silos at civic number 4295, immediately west of the warehouse complex.

Here, large trucks can be seen unloading barrels of chemicals and piles of materials that are fork-lifted into the plant to be used in the manufacture of molds and other foundry equipment.

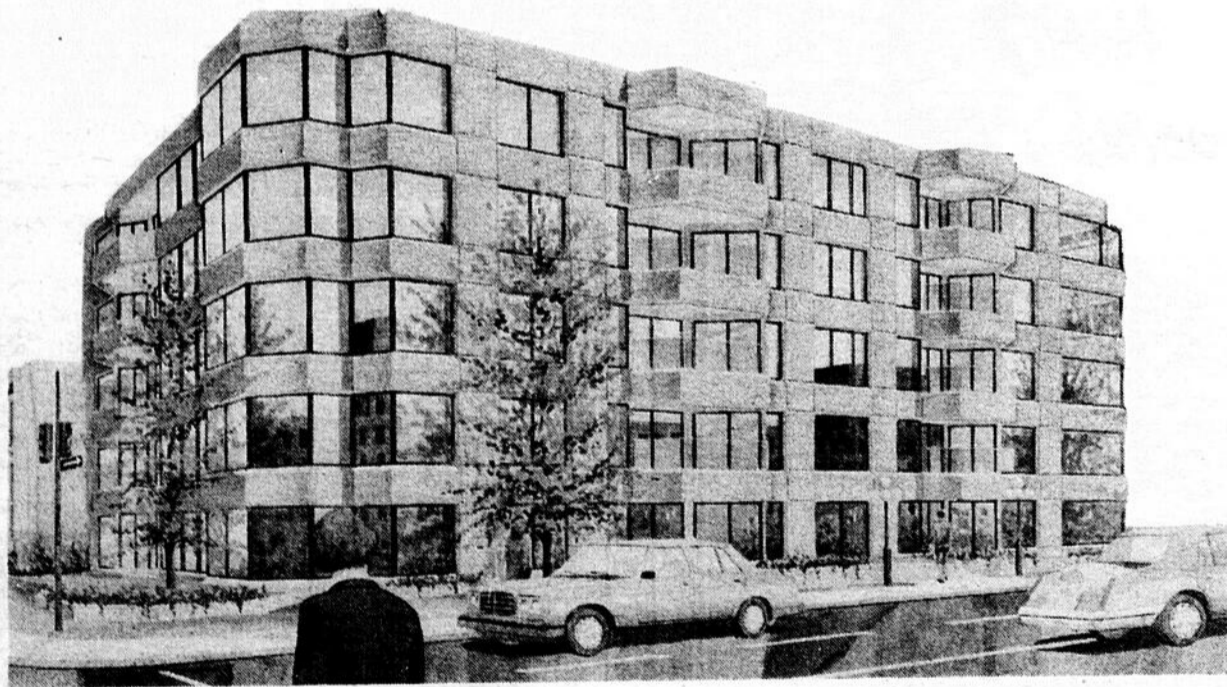
Although the west end of Westmount's "industrial park" ends there, at the top of Lacasse street, the city limits continue west through the rear of the MUCTC Glen Yards to the Glen power station and CP rail lands.

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sector, near du Couvent street, is the property of Archivex Limited, 4005 Richelieu, whose building extends at the rear into Westmount. This company, which specializes in archive storage, rents allotted space in its building to persons or firms needing to store documents, some for as long as 100 years.

Archivex is located across the street from the Richelieu campus of Dawson College.

Taxes negligible

Although the six firms pay business taxes to Westmount, the yield is almost negligible compared to revenues from industrial parks in such municipalities as St Laurent, Town of Mount Royal or Pointe Claire.

It is, however, Westmount's only "industrial strip" and the only area zoned for warehousing, according to Bruno Di Lenardo, director of services.

"It's a little, forgotten part of Westmount," he said. "We should re-evaluate it."

The Richelieu strip made news recently when Westmount firefighters were called there on two occasions.

One was for burst plumbing in the boiler room of the H&H Warehousing building. The other was for a borderline fire in Montreal which threatened Holt Industries to the rear in Westmount.

Although local firefighters provide service to all the Richelieu buildings or portions of buildings which lie in Westmount, the city's electric utility does not.

"It's one of those border areas where we have special arrangements with Montreal to supply electricity," explains Bruce St Louis, the city's



A cross section of Westmount's industrial strip shows how the narrow zone stretches from the rear of buildings fronting on Richelieu street, at right, north to the Ville Marie Expressway on the left. In the foreground, characterized by its light blue silos at left, is Canadian Iron Foundry Supplies Ltd, one of the six industries located in Westmount. Others stretch east in the background as viewed from the roof of Victor Studios on Lacasse street.

director of light and power.

During THE EXAMINER's visit to the strip, a special link with Westmount's past was uncovered in Joyce

Bresee's office at Orion Packaging where a picture of a one-year-old boy hangs on the wall. He's the great-grandson, she explained, of the late

Robert Byford, who served as Westmount's police chief from 1946 to 1957. Mr Byford was Ms Bresee's father-in-law.

Angry driver breaks barrier at parking lot

An altercation between an attendant of the parking garage at 4040 Tupper street and a car driver Saturday night ended with the driver breaking an exit barrier in three places before fleeing the scene, police report.

The incident caused about \$50 damage.

It all began, police said, about 10:40 pm when a number of cars were leaving the garage following a Forum hockey game, causing the attendant to accidentally lower the barrier onto the roof of a white Pontiac.

The driver was reported to have got out of the car to discuss the matter and lifted the lever violently, causing it to break.

He then drove off, but was followed by the attendant who managed to catch up to him in congested traffic to tell him police would be notified. The culprit again drove off and a licence number was recorded.

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Feb 3

65 Belvedere Place: for Jacques Francoeur by self, repairs, \$160,000;
343 Clarke, Apt 4: for Mr Davenport by Fitzpatrick Inc, plumbing, four fixtures, \$3,000;
46 Richelieu: for Archivex Inc by self, extension, \$750,000;

Feb 4

57 Holton: for M. Markwell by Gregy Plumbing and Heating, plumbing, seven fixtures, \$2,000;
3765 The Boulevard: for C. Erbstein by B. Nicolson Engineering, plumbing, 198 fixtures, \$25,000;
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Referendum years return in Westmouter's novel

The Restoration: the referendum years, by Keith Henderson; DC Books, 200 pages.

Gilbert Rollins' world is in turmoil. His mother is leaving his redneck, pigheaded father, his province (Quebec) may be leaving his country, and his work, the study of Montreal's architectural history, is leaving him afflicted with self-doubt.

Gilbert is the central character in Clarke avenue resident Keith Henderson's *The Restoration: the referendum years*, billed by its publisher as an "intricate novel of ideas."

Intricate or not, the ideas expressed through the characters in the book — notably, must the past be trashed to make a better future? — are developed through the interrelationship of some cookie-cutter stere-

otypes stencilled on the thin fabric of recent events in Quebec.

There are some redeeming insights in the book, and Mr Henderson is to be commended for attempting to find a thoughtful human focus for the turbulent and divisive period following the election of the Parti Québécois. But what could have been a gritty depiction of vicious political and personal experiences is reduced to a somnambulist stroll down memory lane.

Gilbert is caught between the world of his father Norman, a bitter cliché-spouting anglo dinosaur, and that of his friend Matthew Oates, who has renounced his heritage to take up the separatist cause of his boss, the PQ minister of culture. What unites these opposing forces is Gilbert's discovery of important

architectural remains in the basement of the building housing his father's strike-bound company. The discovery also is important to Matthew's minister — for sinister reasons thrown into the book's mélange of plots.

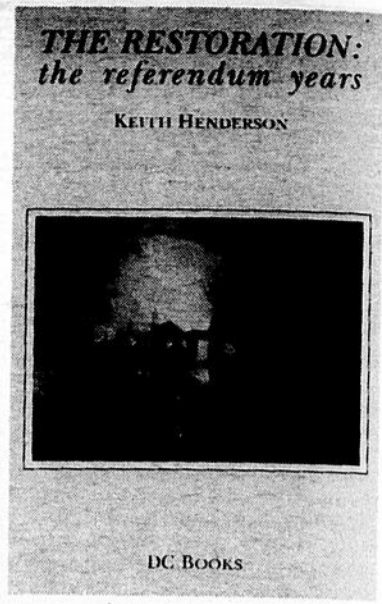
Gilbert's tender romantic involvement with Jacynthe, a Québécoise not caught up in the separatist politics of her former lover Matthew, forms a hopeful and symbolic counterpoint to the concurrent dialogue of destruction.

Mr Henderson is, without doubt, a talented writer with an easy grasp of descriptive language bordering on the poetic. Where he stumbles is in the rough cut of his characters. Mr Rollins senior is unbelievably scathing and one-dimensional in his loathing of French-Canadians. Gilbert's

brother-in-law Randy is made to speak in ridiculously exaggerated academese. Matthew Oates spouts Péquiste orthodoxy that would embarrass even a diehard sovereignty warrior like Jacques Parizeau. And, most regrettably, Gilbert, the story's eyes and ears, is almost transparent as a living, breathing person.

Local readers will probably enjoy the tour of Montreal's neighborhoods seen through the perspective of Gilbert, the architectural historian. That clinical vantage point, though, is what mars *The Restoration*. Had Mr Henderson invested his characters and plot with more vitality, the ideas espoused in the book would have been more compelling.

— Peter Black



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THE PROGRAMME

Friday, February 26, 1988

- 7:00 p.m. Crowning of King and Queen
- 7:05 p.m. Annual figure skating show presented by the participants of skating classes (Arena) "Winter Wonderland"

Saturday, February 27, 1988

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Novice/Atom hockey games (arena)
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sleigh rides in Westmount Park (start at junior tennis courts)
- 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. On-the-spot "Build the Best Snowman" contest (beside arena parking lot)
- 1:00 p.m. Adult Broomball game (arena)
- 1:30 p.m. Races for children (arena)
- 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Refreshments for all (arena)
- 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Tug of war - East of Lansdowne vs. West of Lansdowne
- 3:00 p.m. Costume parade (all ages - arena)
- 3:45 p.m. Puck shooting contest (arena)
- 4:00 p.m. Family skating (arena)

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- 19h05 Spectacle annuel de patinage de fantasia offert par les élèves des cours de patinage (arène) - "Winter Wonderland"

samedi, le 27 février 1988

- 9h00 - 13h00 Parties de hockey Novice/Atome (arène)
- 10h00 - 16h00 Promenades en carriole dans le parc Westmount (départ aux courts de tennis Junior)
- 10h00 - 13h00 Concours des sculptures de neige sur le coup (à côté de l'arène)
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Radiothon to be conducted by the MSO

If you've been dreaming of a trip to Jamaica, or of spending an evening watching hockey at the Forum with Jean Béliveau or, perhaps, of deposing Charles Dutoit and conducting the Montreal Symphony Orchestra for a night, you may get your chance this month.

The Women's Committee of the MSO will hold its fifth *Symphonia* radiothon tomorrow through Sunday from Ogilvy's fifth-floor Tudor Hall. It will be broadcast on CFQR radio, 92.5 FM. Among the many offerings are the three mentioned above.

The complete *Symphonia* catalogue has been published in *The Gazette* and *La Presse*. Additional copies can be had from the MSO offices at 85 St Catherine street west, 9th floor, or from Ogilvy department store.

The public is welcome to attend the radiothon from noon until 9 pm Friday and from 9:30 am to 5 pm Saturday.

Textile murals at Visual Arts

The Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, will have a display of contemporary textile murals from Feb 12 to March 5.

Works by Kaija Sanelma Harris of Saskatchewan, Claire Robitaille, a Quebecer now living in Alabama, and Elizabeth Taylor of London, Ontario, will be shown.

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Dorval winter fun

After teasing us with thoughts of spring because of his relative absence in January, Old Man Winter seems to have returned for February. That's good news for some, including the organizers of Dorval's Winter Festival which opens tomorrow and continues through Feb 21. The public is invited to a slew of events designed to chase away the winter blahs. There's an ice castle at a Winter Wonderland at the Dorval Arena, 1450 Dawson avenue, the queen will be crowned and there will be a fireworks display tomorrow evening at the Dorval Desnoyers Community Centre; there'll be a parade and teen dance Saturday, a pancake breakfast and broomball tournament Sunday and a big wind-up dance the following weekend. For program details, call 633-4000.

He writes! He reads!

This Saturday night will not be hockey night in Canada. As far as the League of Canadian Poets is concerned it's Poetry Night in Canada, or at least Montreal. The second annual Poetry Night in Canada cross-country program holds its Montreal date Saturday, 8 pm, in room 937 of the Hall building at Concordia University. The evenings of entertainment by poets across Canada this year again will focus on Valentine's Day and the tradition of love poetry which accompanies it. Participating in Montreal will be poets Mona Adilman, Robert Allen, Anne Diamond, Ralph Gustafson, George Johnson, Michael Harris, Lawrence Hutchman and Erin Moure. For information, call Lawrence Hutchman at 1-264-5215.

Calling all poets

The League of Canadian Poets is also in the midst of its first national poetry contest, featuring a first prize of \$1,500, a second prize of \$750 and the publication of the top 50 poems in a book. Deadline is Feb 29. The competition is open to all Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. You may submit as many poems as you wish, but there's a charge of \$5 per poem. Poems must be typed and not exceed 75 lines. Send to the League of Canadian Poets, 24 Ryerson avenue, Toronto, M5T 2P3. For information call the league, 416-363-5047.

Tribute to Gauvreau

Playwrights' Workshop Montreal next week presents a retrospective tribute to Quebec poet/playwright Claude Gauvreau (1925-71) to mark the 46th anniversary of the signing of the *Manifesto Global*, a 1948 manifesto which "signalled the beginning of the Quiet Revolution and embodied the explosive impulse of Gauvreau's work." The four events planned include a reading of his poetry Wednesday, Feb 17, 9 pm, at La Folie du Large (for details call 397-1221); a showing of Jean-Claude Labrecque's film *Claude Gauvreau, poète* and reading of *Reflections of a Young Dramatist* Feb 18, 8:30 pm, at Playwrights' Workshop, 843-3685; a performance of the play *Gauvreau* Feb 19, 8:30 pm, at Salle Fred-Barry, 253-8974; and readings from *Les Entrailles* and their translation Feb 20 at the Conservatoire d'Art Dramatique, 873-4283.

Concordia one-acts

A festival of one-act plays continues at Concordia University this weekend with the presentation of *The Bond* by August Strindberg and *Tim* by Terry Armstrong tonight at 8, Friday at 3 and 8 pm and Saturday at 7 pm. Next weekend, Feb 18-20, the

plays *The Subscription List* by Namiki Gohei III, *Joe* by Amerie Daniel and *Action* by Sam Shepard will be presented at the same times. All performances are at the Chameleon Studio on the Loyola campus, 7141 Sherbrooke street west. Admission is free but seating is limited and it's first-come, first-served.

Classics for kids

Walt Disney's classic animated films *Fun and Fancy Free*, starring Jiminy Cricket, and *Sorcerer's Apprentice* will be shown Sunday, 1 pm, at the Jewish Public Library, 5151 Côte St Catherine road. There's a small admission charge and children under age 7 must be accompanied. For information call 735-5911.

Music at McGill

Martin Foster, violin, and Eugene Plawutsky, piano, will play *The Romantic Sonata* by Robert Schumann, Monday, 8 pm. Student soloists and ensembles will play works by Chopin, Schumann, Brahms, Bach and Kaderavek Tuesday, 5 pm. Jean-Pierre Noisieux, recorder, Mary Cyr, viola da gamba, and David Sandall, harpsichord, will play Bach, Hotteterre and Scarlatti Tuesday, 8 pm. On Wednesday, Feb 17, the McGill Concert Choir and members of the McGill Symphony Orchestra will present Mozart's *Vesperae Solennes in C major*. On Feb 18, 8 pm, Nathalie Fortin, French horn, and Anne Denoncourt, piano, will play works by Haydn, Schumann, Poulenc and Busser. The Symphony Orchestra of State University of New York, Binghamton, will play works by Hindemith, Parker and Bartok Feb 20, 8 pm. All these concerts are free and will be held in Pollack Hall, except the one Feb 18, which will be in Redpath Hall. For information call weekdays, 398-4547 or 398-4539.

Talking music

If you've always wanted to learn more about choral music but were

afraid to ask, the St Lambert Choral Society has just the thing. Sunday at 3 pm in the Centre Communautaire St-Michel, 31 Lorne avenue, St Lambert, music director David Christiani will give a preview talk about the society's March concert of Fauré's *Requiem* and the Montreal première of another *Requiem*, by John Rutter. Mr Christiani will play recorded extracts of the music and will show slides illustrating points of interest about the composers and their compositions. The concert itself will be given March 12 and 13. For information call 461-0273.

Morrison at Golem

Songwriter Linda Morrison, a folk festival veteran who now directs a 24-voice choir and contributes songs to *Sesame Street*, will be at the Golem Concert Room, 3460 Stanley street, at 8:30 pm Saturday. Her concert program includes traditional and contemporary classics "that span the entire musical spectrum."

Sun King dances

The Studio de Musique Ancienne de Montréal will recreate the music and dancing of the court of Louis XIV in a performance Sunday, 8 pm, at Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west. Dancers Geneviève Duseault, Jean-Pierre Talbot, Sylvie Blain and Robert D. Morais will recreate original choreographs to music by Lully and Mouret performed by the studio's orchestra, directed by Réjean Poirier and featuring Danièle Forget, soprano. For ticket information call 843-4007.

Touring the island

The Orchestre Métropolitain, directed by Raffi Armenian, is in the midst of a tour to communities all over the Island of Montreal in a series called "Jouer dans l'île," sponsored by the MUC Arts Council. This week's concerts are all within easy striking distance of Westmount and include a selection of Mozart and Weber arias as well as a variety of operatic favorites. Soloist is Colette Boky, soprano. The free concerts will be Saturday, 8 pm, at Eglise St Edouard, St Denis street at Beau-bien (872-1730); Monday, 8 pm, at Eglise Notre Dame des Neiges, 5366 Côte des Neiges road (738-1907); and Tuesday, 8 pm, at Eglise Notre Dame des Lourdes, 4949 Verdun avenue, Verdun (766-2349).

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Exhibitions about town

Paintings by John Eaton will be on view Monday and Tuesday from 5-8 pm in the Salon Printemps of the Four Seasons Hotel. ... An exhibition of the furniture designs of Ettore Sottsass Jr is on view until April 3 at the Château Dufresne Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Pie IX at Sherbrooke. It's called "Furniture for the Ritual of Life." ... Works of Roland Poulin will be at the Galerie Chantal Boulanger, 372 St Catherine street west, from Saturday to March 12. ... "Fleurs" is the title of an exhibition by Denis Pellerin at the Galerie Noctuelle/Michel Groleau, 307 St Catherine street west, until Feb 27. ... Works by Flavie Beaudet, Françoise Barraud and Paul Cloutier make up a group show called "Rêves Bavards" opening today until March 31 at Restaurant l'Invité, 1270 Bernard avenue west, Outremont. Jazz music will be played by Paul Desgagnés, Richard Gendreau and Eric Rock at the public vernissage tonight, 6-8 pm. ...

Photographic works by Susan McEachern, Jayce Salloum and Chuck Samuels are on view until Feb 28 at Dazibao, 4060 St Lawrence boulevard. ... Thirty-three works by Quebec artists, all of them using the

human figure as a focal point or point of departure, are included in the exhibition "L'Élément Humain" which opens Saturday and runs until March 13 at the Stewart Hall Art Gallery, 176 Lakeshore road, Pointe Claire. All are welcome to a vernissage Sunday, 2-5 pm.

Bits'n'pieces

An international symposium called "Women, Work and Place" will be held tomorrow and Saturday at McGill University, sponsored by the university's departments of geography and Canadian studies. All are welcome to the sessions. For details call 398-4111. ... An "Animal Rights Awareness Day" will be held in Concordia University's Hall building, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, next Thursday, 10 am to 8 pm. There will be kiosks featuring animal rights information and vegetarian food will be sold. ... "Your tax questions answered" is the title of a free seminar Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 pm at the Côte St Luc Library, 5851 Cavendish boulevard. It will be led by Benoit La Salle of Parisien, Grou, La Salle and Associates and will focus on the effects of tax reform.

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Impressive figures in annual report:

Westmount Public Library reports on eventful 90th year

The Westmount Public Library last week issued its annual report for its 90th year of existence.

At first glance, the report is astonishing for the number of numbers in it.

"We count everything," says Maria Varvarikos, children's librarian. That is how we now know that the staff of the children's library picked up 39,494 books from the tables and floors during 1987.

Norma Barrow, the library's administrative assistant, says, "We count everybody in the library once an hour." That is how we now know that there were 44,733 readers in the adult library during 1987.

Along with all the counting — the results of which are invaluable in gauging use of the facilities and thus for planning — the staff and volunteers of the library have had a very productive year.

While use of the adult library did not change significantly from 1986, changes in the last 10 years have been marked. The total number of members is almost 2,000 fewer than in 1977 but those members are borrowing more items. There is a much greater call for inter-library loans and more books and periodicals were consulted in the library than a decade ago.

Lysanne Ferron-Godin, librarian of the French collection, says about 10 percent of the library's books are in French. "And they are being read a lot," she says. Twenty-five percent of the library's budget is allocated to the growing French collection.

Watery rescue

Libraries, too, have their moments of drama. On July 14 the staff found themselves desperately trying to save thousands of books as flood waters from the freak storm

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

rose in the lower stacks. They were successful, also managing to save files and the collection of the Westmount Historical Association. There was some loss, however, as many of the books that had been set aside for the library's book sale were severely water-damaged.

"The book sale usually takes place about every 18 months. The next one was due this spring," says Ms Barrow, but there won't be one this year, because of the flood.

In November, a mini-branch was set up at Manoir Westmount. Every second Thursday, a trolley of books is taken over to the neighboring residence and the seniors can borrow and return books without having to brave the elements. The mini-branch has been much appreciated and will continue during the months of harsh winter weather.

Two sets of volunteers known as the "Tuesday group" and the "Thursday group" serve the shut-ins of the community. Every second Tuesday or Thursday, one member chooses books which the other two deliver. Mrs H.G. Williams, Miss E. Peterson and Mrs N.P. Bryant (former chief librarian) retired from these groups at the end of the year. While they are missed by those who benefited from their work, other volunteers have come forward to continue the service.

Special events

The library was host to a number of special programs including poetry readings, slide shows and art exhibits. Among the many events, Westmount poet Michael Harris gave a reading of some of his works; there was a display of Conan Doyle memorabilia; a slide show was given previewing the Leonardo exhibit;

author Sandra Phillips gave tips on "Smart Holiday Shopping."

The Westmount Public Library post card collection was used extensively by researchers and architectural students. Several of the cards were used to illustrate an article, published in the April-May *Canadian Geographical Journal*, on the resort communities of the lower St Lawrence river that were so popular with Westmounters and Montrealers earlier in the century.

Two longtime members of the library's staff left in 1987. Catherine Spielman retired after 26 years behind the adult circulation desk. Brooke Clibbon resigned as assistant to the children's librarian and is studying at the University of Western Ontario.

On Oct 13, the city council gave a reception in honor of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the library.

Children's library

Membership in the children's library set a record for the last 15 years. An impressive 67,260 loans were made by 2,650 children of 12 years or under.

The children's library continued to offer a number of special contests to intrigue and stimulate its young members. There was the annual Valentine contest, a summer quiz contest which drew 690 participants and a highly successful pumpkin-decorating contest.

Special events included appearances by a puppet theatre, readings by several prominent children's authors, the stamp club fair and fire prevention week activities.

The children's library offers a selection of games which were used extensively by its members.

English story hour and the 3:30 Club, an after-school program for six- to nine-year-olds, were among the most attended activities with 1,712 and 2,556 participants respectively.

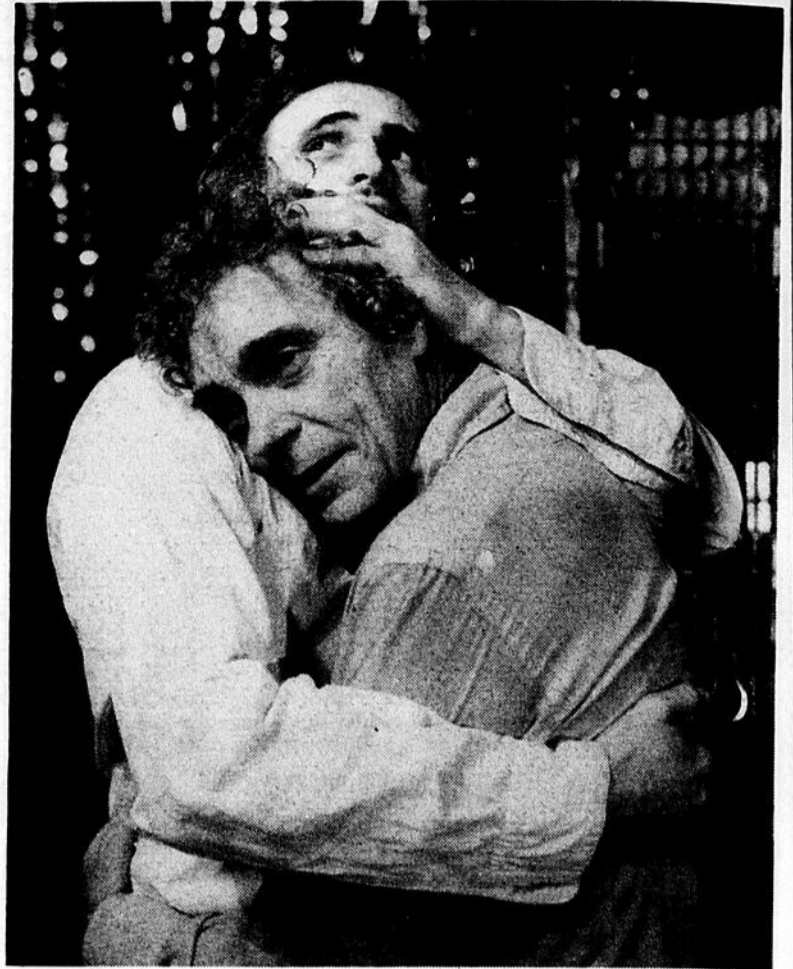
The Westmount Public Library, children's and adult's sections, has had a very successful year and the librarians and staff seem prepared to get the next 90 years off to a vigorous start.

Howe reads

Westmount author Valmai Howe will read from her first novel, *The Dreams of Zoo Animals*, at 8 pm on Thursday at the Double Hook bookstore, 1235A Greene avenue. Delectables will be served.

Volvo vol

A \$700 radio of unknown make was reported Friday to have been stolen the previous week from a car parked outside 459 Strathcona avenue, police said. The beige 1987 Volvo station wagon was not damaged in the incident, which occurred overnight Jan 29-30.



Jack Langedijk and Joe Cazalet in APA's *Kiss of the Spider Woman*.

Jack Langedijk's APA has intoxicating *Kiss*

Westmounters will remember Jack Langedijk as the good ol' boy in *Lone Star* which his company, APA, brought to Arts Westmount audiences in 1986.

In APA's current production, he's a bearded revolutionary Latino, jailed for his activities and trying his best to believe you can't change the world if you allow your emotions to become engaged in personalities.

APA has found a new home, the refurbished Elysée Theatre near Sherbrooke street and St Laurent, and Manuel Puig's *Kiss of the Spider Woman* may be just the thing it takes to make this venue as familiar as Centaur or the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

It certainly has a lot going for it. The acting — the best I've ever seen from the two established actors, Mr Langedijk and Joe Cazalet. A fine script, sensitive direction by internationally acclaimed Alexandre Hausvater, excellent mood-enhancing original music by the Montreal pop group Janitors Animated and a claustrophobic set and light design by Jean-Charles Martel contribute to the production's success. There is also the excitement of being in a new venue and wondering whether this company will be able to pull off what was a critically acclaimed general release movie.

The opening night consensus on the last point was almost unanimously yes.

Molina, played by Mr Cazalet, is a middle-aged, effeminate gay who has been in prison for a long time on charges of corrupting youth. He

manages to keep himself from going mad and from grieving for his mother by reliving, in every detail, his favorite films.

Valentin (Mr Langedijk) tries to study during the day, in spite of the toll that inadequate diet and ill treatment is taking on his eyesight and general health. But in the evenings he is diverted from his misery by Molina's stories, as long as they include "no food, and no naked women."

Valentin becomes disgustingly ill, and Molina tenderly and respectfully nurses him.

Over a period of time, the men grow to respect, then admire, then love one another. But we also learn that Molina is getting concessions from prison authorities in return for a promised betrayal of his friend.

While the story of the two men ends with their deaths, this is a triumphant story of the human spirit, showing what the producers call "the mystical capacity of the human imagination to conjure up beauty and use it to surmount brutality."

This is an intoxicating and thought-provoking evening of theatre; those who attend may become the supporters that APA, with its 15th production in the four years of its existence, has earned.

—Janet Coutts

The Kiss of the Spider Woman by Manuel Puig, an Association of Producing Artists production, directed by Alexandre Hausvater, with Joseph T Cazalet and Jack Langedijk with additional voices by Vlasta Vrana and Alex Hausvater; set and light design by Jean-Charles Martel, costumes by Paule-Josée Meunier, original music by Janitors Animated, at Elysée Theatre, 35 Milton street, 8 pm Tuesdays through Sundays until Feb 28. Tickets \$8 and \$10; box office: 843-6376.

Computer gear taken from car

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Playing With Words more than play; psychologist demonstrates teaching tool

Playing With Words by Margie Golick, Pembroke Publishers Limited, 1987, 139 pp, \$12.95.

Ancay ouyay eakspay igpay atinlay? If your answer is yes, you're probably already familiar with Pig Latin, a language that is usually acquired by children from their peers outside the classroom. (The question, by the way, was "Can you speak Pig Latin?")

Chances are, though, that you didn't know that by learning a secret language you were also gaining an insight into the "sound system of the standard language" as well as "consolidating relationships."

In *Playing With Words*, Westmounter Margie Golick describes Pig Latin and more than 50 other activities that enhance the learning process.

Dr Golick is chief psychologist at the McGill Montreal Children's Hospital Learning Centre and a consultant for CBC's production of *Sesame Street*. She has 35 years' experience in the assessment and correction of learning difficulties.

This is Dr Golick's third book. Her other two, *Deal Me In* and *Reading, Writing and Rummy*, explored an unconventional teaching tool, a deck of cards. *Playing With Words* is a collection of further playful activities and word games that, Dr Golick says, are successful in helping children to develop language, reading, spelling, thinking skills and memory.

Beyond the traditional

Collections of word games have been around a long time; however, *Playing With Words* goes beyond the traditional "family fun" compilation of 50 years or so ago that provided rainy day entertainment for bored youngsters. Along with a description of each activity she suggests, Dr Golick identifies a learning difficulty(ies) and explains how the activity helps correct it.

In treating spelling problems, for example, she finds "an inability to register and remember the precise order of letters in words" can be helped by playing anagrams and scrambled words, which "sensitizes children to, and heightens their awareness of, the way words are constructed."

She further refines this activity by using categories of words — animals, vegetables, etc — that may aid in vocabulary building and classifying, she says.

Mnemonics is another device that is useful in overcoming learning difficulties. This type of word play, especially where rhythm and rhyme are used, she says, "can be enlisted to help children learn facts, memorize

lists, and remember tricky spellings." Starting out with "Thirty days hath September," she lists several dozen she has found useful, some of them of her own invention, such as "If you don't know whether you'll roast or freeze, double the number, add thirty degrees," which has helped her to cope with Celsius reports.

Other areas she discusses are secret languages, alliteration, games of deduction and grammatical games. She is even concerned with some children's lack of confidence in themselves and suggests asking them questions they can answer as a way to involve them in the learning process.

Hard to fault

It's hard to fault a book that is as carefully and thoughtfully assembled as this one. There is, however, one item a parent who is not an educator would probably welcome. Nearly every commercial children's game has clearly marked on its box the age range for which it is suitable.

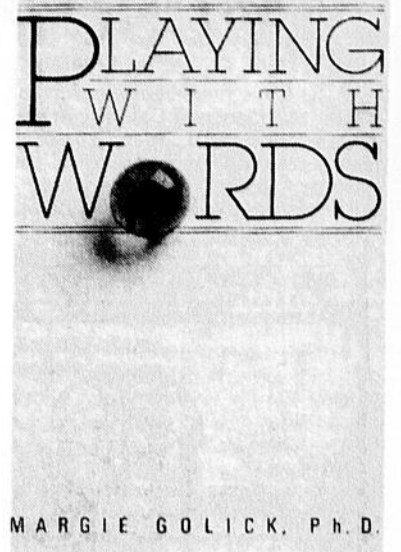
Though Dr Golick does sometimes link an age with an activity, she doesn't do this systematically, and when she does, the information is buried in text. Of course, she probably has a perfectly plausible reason for not behaving like the manufacturer of, for example, Scrabble.

The target audience of the book, according to its back cover, is classroom and special education teachers, speech pathologists and teachers of English as a second language as well as parents. I could have used it 20 years ago, when as a volunteer I tried to teach inner-city children to read.

The attractive cover deserves special mention. A translucent blue marble forms the O in the word *Words* in the title and casts a blue shadow on a glossy white background.

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Tao's Chicken*..... 7.95</p> <p>Chunked Chicken with Hunam Sauce*..... 6.95</p> <p>Mu Shu Chicken..... 6.95</p> <p>Diced Chicken with Kung Bao Sauce*..... 5.95</p> <p>Diced Chicken with Orange Flavor*..... 5.95</p> <p>Shredded Chicken with Yu Hsiang Sauce*..... 5.95</p> <p>Shredded Chicken with Celery..... 5.95</p> <p>Crispy Chicken..... 5.95</p> <p>Chicken with Mushrooms..... 5.95</p> <p>Chicken with Black Bean Sauce*..... 5.95</p> <p>Crispy Duck..... 7.95</p> <p>Peking Duck (order in advance)..... 17.95</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">Beef</p> <p>Spicy Honey Beef*..... \$8.95</p> <p>Beef with Orange Flavor*..... 8.95</p> <p>Sizzling Beef..... 8.95</p> <p>Sauteed Beef Hunam Style*..... 6.95</p> <p>Beef with Kung Bao Sauce*..... 6.95</p> <p>Beef with Snow Peas..... 6.95</p> <p>Sliced Beef with Bamboo Shoots & Mushrooms..... 6.95</p> <p>Shredded Beef with Yu Hsiang Sauce*..... 6.95</p> <p>Beef with Broccoli..... 6.50</p> <p>Shredded Beef with Green Pepper..... 6.50</p> <p>Beef with Ginger & Shallots..... 6.50</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">Vegetables</p> <p>House Mixed Vegetables..... \$5.25</p> <p>Bean Curd with Oyster Sauce..... 5.25</p> <p>Broccoli with Yu Hsiang Sauce*..... 5.25</p> <p>Eggplant with Yu Hsiang Sauce*..... 5.25</p> <p>Broccoli Oyster Sauce..... 5.25</p> <p>Snow Peas and Water Chestnuts..... 5.75</p> <p>Stir-Fried Three Kinds of Mushrooms..... 6.25</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">Pork</p> <p>Twice-Cooked Pork*..... \$5.95</p> <p>Shredded Pork with Yu Hsiang Sauce*..... 5.95</p> <p>Shredded Potk with Bean Sauce*..... 5.95</p> <p>Mapo Tofu..... 5.95</p> <p>Mu Shu Pork..... 6.25</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Full Course Dinners</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">All dinners served with choice of soup: Hot and Sour or Crab Meat & Corn Fried Rice Almond and Fortune Cookies</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="margin: 0;">No. 1</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Spring Rolls (2 each)</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Chicken Sauce Kung Bao*</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Beef Broccoli</p> <p style="margin: 0;">For one..... \$9.95</p> <p style="margin: 0;">For two..... 17.95</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Addition..... 8.95</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="margin: 0;">No. 2</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Spring Rolls (2 each)</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Beef Sauce Yu Hsiang*</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Shredded Chicken with Celery</p> <p style="margin: 0;">For one..... \$9.95</p> <p style="margin: 0;">For two..... 17.95</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Addition..... 8.95</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="margin: 0;">No. 3</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Dumpling in Hot Sauce</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Honey Spicy Chicken*</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Shrimps & Scallops with Mixed Vegetables*</p> <p style="margin: 0;">For one..... \$11.95</p> <p style="margin: 0;">For two..... 21.95</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Addition..... 10.95</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="margin: 0;">No. 4</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Dumpling in Hot Sauce</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Beef with Orange Flavor*</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Double-Delight Shrimps</p> <p style="margin: 0;">House Mixed Vegetables</p> <p style="margin: 0;">For two..... \$31.95</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Addition..... 15.00</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">488-0096</p>
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PLAYS IN RUDDIGORE: Westmounter Wilfrid de Freitas will play Robin Oakapple in the Lakeshore Light Opera's forthcoming production of *Ruddigore*. The Gilbert and Sullivan operetta opens Friday, Feb 19, with other shows Feb 20 and Feb 25-27, all at 8 pm. The troupe has changed its venue this year, to the auditorium of John XXIII High School, 1301 Dawson Avenue, Dorval. For ticket information, call Mr de Freitas at 935-9581. Proceeds will benefit the Lakeshore General Hospital.

MCSC international school to be housed at St Léon's

After three years of discussion and study, the Montreal Catholic School Commission will open its Ecole Internationale in September this year at 360 Clarke avenue where it will "co-habit" with Ecole St Léon.

The commission reached its decision at its meeting Wednesday last week. The school will include pre-school and primary grades. Planning for secondary grades has been postponed but it is likely that these grades will open at 11 Côte St Antoine road, in the Centre St Paul, in the fall of 1989.

The international school will draw its students from three areas: children of foreign parents living temporarily in Montreal (40 percent), children of Quebec parents who may go to work abroad (30 percent) and children from the general MCSC student population (30 percent).

The school will emphasize language learning and exposure to different cultures. Pre-school children will attend 23 1/2 hours of classes each week, which is the equivalent of a

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

regular, full-time class load. The primary grades will carry an additional nine hours of classes each week, to make time for language courses, extra-curricular options and directed studies.

Marie Bélanger, MCSC commissioner for ward 3 which includes Westmount, is a member of the International School Committee. She says that parents will have to pay for the extra hours of schooling. "I'm not sure the school will really be accessible to all MCSC students who might be interested in attending," she says.

The MCSC says that tuition fees of \$500 per student to pay for the cost of the additional and optional courses will enable the commission to absorb the start-up cost of the International School of Montreal.

The MCSC estimates the project will involve an initial investment of \$42,500 in 1987-88 with \$379,000 to be spent to run and maintain the school from 1988 to 1999. The commission is hoping for a subsidy from the Quebec ministry of education to help finance the school.

Concerned about timing

Mrs Bélanger says she is in favor of the international school but she is concerned about the timing. "MCSC schools need books," says Mrs Bélanger, "and postponing the opening of the new school until 1989 would make money available for those books."

When the commission decided to go ahead with the 1988 opening, Mrs Bélanger says she was determined to get some guarantees for the existing schools. "I wanted it guaranteed that St Léon would remain the local MCSC school," she says, "and the commission has given that guarantee. The two schools will co-habit in one building. And the name of St Léon will not change."

Dominique Foulon, president of the St Léon school committee, says the committee is generally in favor of the proposal. The school will lose its classes d'accueil, the 10-month introductory immersion classes for non-francophone students who must, under Bill 101, receive a French education.

"We will be sorry to see them go," says Mrs Foulon, "but the students may benefit since the classes will probably be held in schools closer to where they live."

Of more concern to the school committee, says member Susanne McSweeney, is the fact the commission has issued two different statements regarding the administration of the schools. One calls for the schools to be run independently, the other calls for a combined direction. The latter would mean that the existing staff might be completely changed.

"The committee is very concerned with keeping the same principal and teachers," says Mrs McSweeney. "We're just going to write letters and letters and letters asking for clarification."

Mrs Bélanger says she supports the present administration. "If we touch it we threaten its very existence," she says. She says she doesn't believe school parents were included

enough in consultations. "It's a big problem with the MCSC," she says, "lack of consultation."

Mrs Bélanger also wants the commission to guarantee that the adult students of Centre St Paul will not have their course of studies disturbed by the arrival of the secondary grades of the international school. "I want the Centre St Paul involved in consultations. Students who are already enrolled must be able to finish their studies at Centre St Paul. Students who enrol later have to be told that they may be moved after a year."

The proposal submitted last October included plans for moving Centre St Paul students to the St Henri polyvalent. This part of the proposal and, with it, Mrs Bélanger's concern, have been tabled for the time being.

Everyone is welcome to sing the transit blues

Five years ago, in May 1983, a joint Westmount-N.D.G. proposal for improved bus service was presented to the MUCTC.

The proposal called for greater frequency of buses along Sherbrooke street; greater frequency of buses along St Catherine street with service to the Victoria avenue shopping area; elimination of the dangerous transfer between the 24 and 105 buses at Decarie boulevard; a direct link between Sherbrooke street and the Atwater Métro station; reliable and co-ordinated scheduling with bus timetables posted in the Métro stations and published in local newspapers.

Today these problems remain, essentially unchanged. Next Thursday, Feb 18, the board of directors of the MUCTC will hold a public meeting at Victoria Hall, giving a chance for those and other concerns of the public to be voiced here again.

Councillor Sally Aitken was, in 1983, chairman of the safety committee of the Westmount Municipal Association. She was one of the principals in preparing the proposal and accompanying petition. She plans to attend next week's meeting.

"I'm going to sit and listen," she says. Council is to meet privately with the board the following day and Mrs Aitken believes the subject will be expansion of the Métro system.

"Local concerns will be discussed, especially if they're heard at the pub-

lic meeting," she said, but council doesn't have enough information from the public to put forward their complaints. She urges people to attend the public meeting and to voice any dissatisfaction with the transit system.

Joan Adye, who owns property at 422 Prince Albert avenue, spoke out at last week's city council meeting to suggest that citizens attend the meeting; she has attended other such meetings and is an outspoken critic of the transit system.

"We're paying \$4 million for this wretched thing," she said. "They don't run it properly. They waste the money."

She says she knows senior citizens who have a hard time getting around on the MUCTC. The walk from the No 24 bus stop on Sherbrooke street down to the Atwater Métro at de Maisonneuve boulevard can be very difficult for older people, she says.

"I'd be delighted if some old-age pensioners would go to the meeting."

Individuals who attend the meeting are welcome to ask questions of the board members but they must register their questions before the start of the meeting. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm and questions are to be registered 20 minutes before that time.

Centraide drive here falls short

Barring a miracle, local Centraide fundraisers will fall short of their \$250,000 goal for last year's campaign.

"I think this is about it," second year Westmount Centraide chair Grace Hancock said yesterday.

"I'm very pleased with the result, though. People move and others say no, they give at the office, but we've covered all the bases."

Westmounters contributed \$233,560 this year, down slightly from \$234,393 last year.

"The head office downtown sent us an impossible goal," Mrs Hancock, a resident of The Boulevard, said, "but we managed to come close."

Overall, Centraide raised a record \$19,528,000 on the island in 1987, under the leadership of Westmounter Ronald Corey. The target was \$20 million, up from \$18 million in 1986.

Proceeds of the annual campaign aid hundreds of social and community service agencies throughout Montreal.

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TERRORISTS ATTACK BISHOP'S CASINO: A solemn Hartland Price was taken hostage by a ruthless pack of Patti Hearst look-alikes during the Bishop's College School Alumni casino fundraiser at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel last week. Mr Price (class of '46) was to be ransomed off, with the proceeds going to BCS. "Nobody actually knows whether his freedom was bought," publicity chairman Nancy Gallery admitted yesterday. "Somebody said (BCS chairman) Shirley Stoker set him free. Who knows?" Over 250 people attended the gala event and organizers expect to exceed their fundraising goal of \$10,000 — apparently, however, with little thanks to Mr Price.

Marianopolis alumni plan reunion gala

The new Marianopolis alumni association is planning its first reunion gala.

"Midnight at the Oasis" will be held at the Windsor Hotel ballroom on Saturday, March 19, at 8 pm. A brunch and inaugural alumni meeting are scheduled for noon the next day, at the college.

Advance tickets for the gala are \$15 and can be purchased at Marianopolis student services or by contacting Monique Polak at 931-8792 ext 225. Tickets will be available at the door for \$20.

Former students are urged to contact alumni co-ordinator Pat Ducros at 931-8792 to update addresses for future mailings.

SPCA needs volunteers

The SPCA is in urgent need of volunteers as consultants to assist prospective adopters in choosing the most suitable animal.

Volunteers are needed for numerous other tasks such as: placing follow-up calls to check on the progress of adoptions; staffing the SPCA store, Animagasin; and staffing SPCA booths.

Please call Marlene Harris at 735-2711 if you can give time for any of these services.

Author addresses Parkinson group

Victor Holman, author of *One Person's Parkinson's Pilgrimage*, will speak at the February meeting of the Parkinson Foundation of Canada.

The meeting will be held at the Constance Lethbridge Rehabilitation centre, 7005 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, Monday at 7:30 pm.

Interested patients, family members and care providers are invited to hear Mr Holman describe his technique for coping with Parkinson's disease.

For further information call 866-2511 or 733-3332.

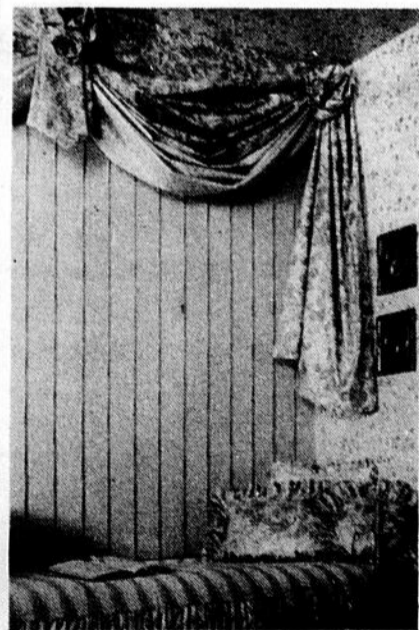
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Epilepsie Montreal plans supper

Epilepsie Montreal's anglophone parents support group will hold its next meeting Wednesday at 6 pm in the Ross Lounge of the Montreal Children's Hospital, 2800 Tupper street.

A potluck supper has been scheduled for this meeting. This is a family event, so spouses and children of group members are encouraged to attend. There is no scheduled speaker for the evening.

All interested persons are invited to attend, but are requested to call Aneta Sperber at 489-1017, or Epilepsie Montreal at 252-0859 in advance.

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Concordia alumni plan Vega\$ North

The Concordia University Alumni Association is holding its second annual casino night. Vega\$ North will take place Saturday, Feb 20, at 8 pm in the Loyola Campus Centre, 7141 Sherbrooke street west.

Participants will be able to win door prizes and use casino winnings to bid on prizes.

Suggested dress is black and white and "glitzy."

For ticket information call the alumni office, 848-3819.

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Bad joints lecture topic

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Dr Kapusta will give a one-hour, illustrated lecture on arthritis and the latest research findings on the disease. Questions and discussion will follow the talk, which will be given in room 232 of the Leacock Building.

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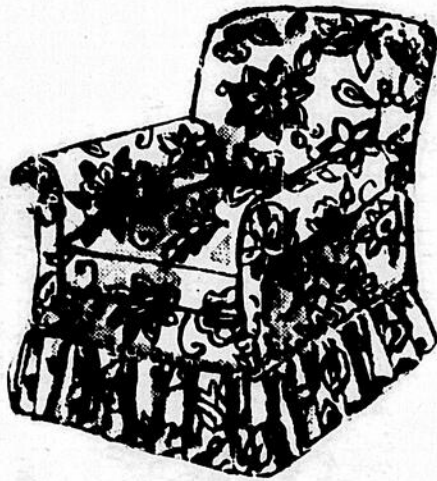
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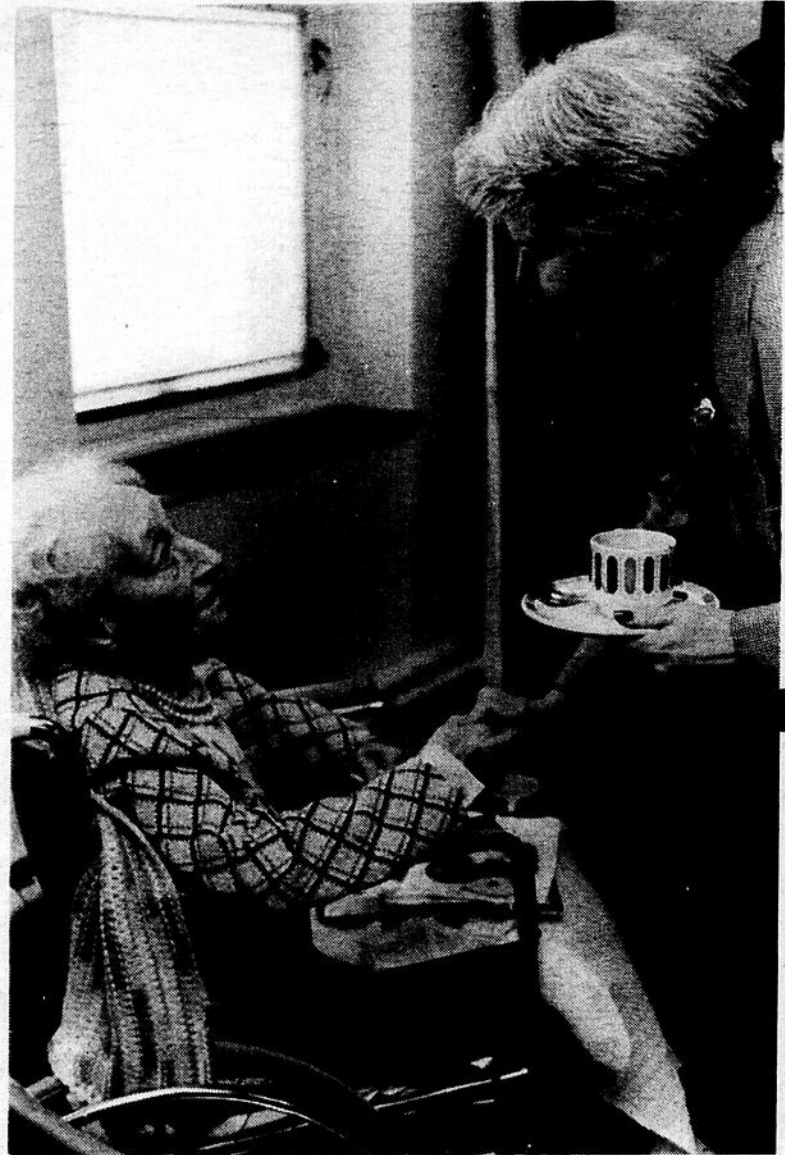
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MAYOR AT AUXILIARY: Mayor May Cutler chats with Susie Rutherford, the oldest living member of the Reddy Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary, at a meeting of the group Tuesday afternoon at the hospital. Mrs Rutherford will be 97 in April. The mayor addressed the gathering, talking about how she managed to become mayor in one month.

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Next Thursday, Feb 18 at 3 pm, the Sparklers (the social and cultural group of Concordia's Centre for Mature Students) will be offering another interesting lecture to their students and to the public.

"What's Happened to Canada's Inuits?" is the subject of the lecture. It is to be given by Canadian North specialist Dr Richard G. Diubaldo, professor of history, Concordia University, and director of their Centre for Mature Students, in room 762 (the faculty club), Hall building, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west.

CLSC Metro Westmount branch, at Victoria and de Maisonneuve, has some goodies to offer seniors in the community.

For one thing, they have established a special health clinic for seniors within the network of McGill University's nursing health resources centre. This is a great opportunity for all seniors here, and we are invited to phone in and make an appointment.

They are prepared to do foot care, check blood pressure, discuss your medications and help you organize them, talk about nutrition generally or specifically for people with heart or other problems and discuss transportation problems.

The staff is interested in knowing what seniors in Westmount need and what they'd like. They are very

aware of how difficult it is to deal with sudden changes, like an upcoming move or a death in the family. They'd like to help you if you are wondering about a retirement home and whether this might be good for you or not. So phone and get to see them: 934-0354, local 247.

Another program offered by the CLSC is a special group for caregivers. You might be a friend, or a relative, or a neighbor who is helping someone else, and you may feel that you need help too.

Diane McCormick will be taking this group, starting on Friday, March 4, at 1:30 pm. It will run until May 6. Call Diane at 934-0354, local 247, if you are interested.

Now here's an interesting invitation. Recognizing that there have

never in history been so many men and women over 55 and that, by the year 2000, more than 20 percent of our population will be seniors, Dr Richard Lonetto and Joanne Duncan-Robinson of the University of Guelph's department of psychology are doing a study on the positive side of aging. They realize that only five to eight percent of Canada's elderly are in institutions, while 92 to 95 percent of older people are in their community. Most studies, they say, base their findings on people in institutions. That doesn't say much for those of us who are not.

Well, they'd like to give us a say. This year, their book *The Time of Your Life* will be published and they are inviting people over 55 to write to them. They want to know what you have to say about growing older. They are interested in your experiences, your insights, your plans for the future.

Tell them anything you feel will give other people a better understanding of what growing older means. They ask you to tell them your age.

You can write or send an audio-cassette to Dr Richard Lonetto, department of psychology, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON N1G

The World Federalists of Canada will join with the Monchanin Intercultural centre to present a bilingual program on "Unity in diversity."

Kalpna Das, director of the Monchanin centre, and Ross Smyth, past-president of the WFC, will be the speakers. They will address the next WFC monthly meeting Thursday, Feb 18, at 7:30 pm. A discussion in English and French will follow.

The meeting will take place in the Monchanin Intercultural centre, 4917 St Urbain street, corner of St Joseph boulevard.

Those wishing to be present are asked to confirm their attendance by Feb 12. Information is available at 844-7268

Valentine party open to all seniors

Senior citizens in Westmount have been issued an open invitation to join the annual Valentine's Day party Sunday afternoon at Goodwin House, 336 Metcalfe avenue.

Westmount's only nursing home will open its doors to all seniors between 2 and 4 pm.

"We'd like them to join us for entertainment and a small buffet," owner Pamela Martin told THE EXAMINER this week.

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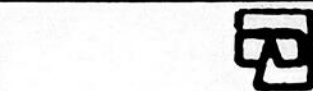
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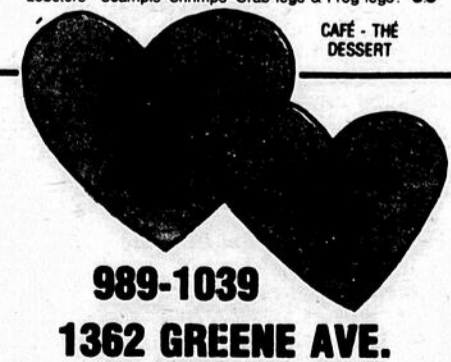
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New theatre group at Atwater Library

The Witches and Warlocks Theatre Group premiers today and tomorrow at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater avenue, at 8 pm. The play being presented is an original comedy, *A Man Is a Man...* Brecht Said.

The play is about two women who try to resolve a situation by doing what society expects of them. As the

play progresses, they reach a conclusion of personal choice rather than the one required by society.

The director, Ana Gloria Blanch, is from Mexico. She is an actor who has studied and worked in Mexico in theatre, radio and television for the last 15 years. She has also taught and participated in children's theatre.

Witches and Warlocks is a new group, currently seeking more members. Anyone interested may contact Ms Blanch at 484-9074.

The theatre group is planning to remount its current production soon, and also to produce children's theatre.

Parked car hit

A car that was parked Friday morning in front of 4 Winchester avenue was found to have been hit on the left front corner, police report.

Hélène Rigg works at library

The Westmount Public Library will have an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Hélène Rigg from Monday, Feb 15, to Sunday, Feb 28.

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Unity alumni to assist club

Unity Boys' and Girls' Club's process of redefining its role in Westmount and surrounding communities has received a boost with the return of several people who were members in the '50s and '60s.

The alumni group, which has been brought together by Sue White-Holden of Westmount, has met three times since December to discuss ideas for improving Unity's image and performance. Among those attending the meetings have been Bill Standing, John Walker, Kevin O'Halloran, Ken Annable, Lawrence Jeppesen, Susan Fein, Heather Baylis, Jan Anemaat.

In addition to discussing plans for improving the club itself, the group is looking into the possibility of hosting a reunion dance as a social event and fundraiser. There has also been talk of organizing activities to commemorate next year's 40th anniversary of the construction of the Unity Club building.

"We have been very encouraged by the support we've received from the club," said Ms White-Holden. "We've had the club director and members of the board of directors at each of our meetings, and they have offered to give us any help they can with our plans."

The Unity alumni group's next meeting will take place on March 2 at 7 pm at the club, 1090 Greene avenue. In the meantime, efforts are under way to develop a more complete list of past Unity members. "The alumni list will be a resource to draw on for some of the things we're planning, but it's also a great way to get old friends back in touch with each other," explained Ms White-Holden.

Persons who want their names added to the alumni list or want to find out more about the alumni group's plans and activities should contact Ms White-Holden through Unity Boys' and Girls' Club at 931-6202.

Planned filming of Bethune here postponed

Proposed filming of a movie on the life of Norman Bethune to be undertaken in Westmount has been delayed by the production company, city officials said yesterday.

The delay also provides city council with more time to formulate its filming policy which is under review, says city director general Peter Patenaude.

Although the previous council had closed the door to commercial movie-making in Westmount following complaints from citizens, the policy is being re-examined by city council members.

A request by St Léon's Church to allow the filming of *Bethune* was made Dec 14 on the grounds that the church would stand to profit from revenues gleaned by rental of its facilities for the filming.

To date, city council has not decided whether or not a filming permit should be issued.

Crash at Wood

Two westbound cars sustained over \$500 damage each Tuesday last week when one, a taxi, passed the other which was stopped in traffic on St Catherine street at Wood avenue, police said. The impact occurred at 9:50 am. No injuries were reported.

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Woman hears banging thieves

Two men attempting to break into a house on Dorchester boulevard near Columbia avenue Wednesday last week fled when they were confronted by the resident, police report.

The incident occurred between 11:10 am and 11:20 when a woman inside the home heard banging at the front door and went to answer it.

When she opened a locked inner door, she discovered two men

already inside an outer door. They asked for someone who did not live at the home and then left.

When the woman went to close the outer door, she discovered the frame damaged in addition to other signs of forced entry.

The suspects were described as white men, one aged about 30 wearing a long grey and black jacket. The other was dressed in a light color.



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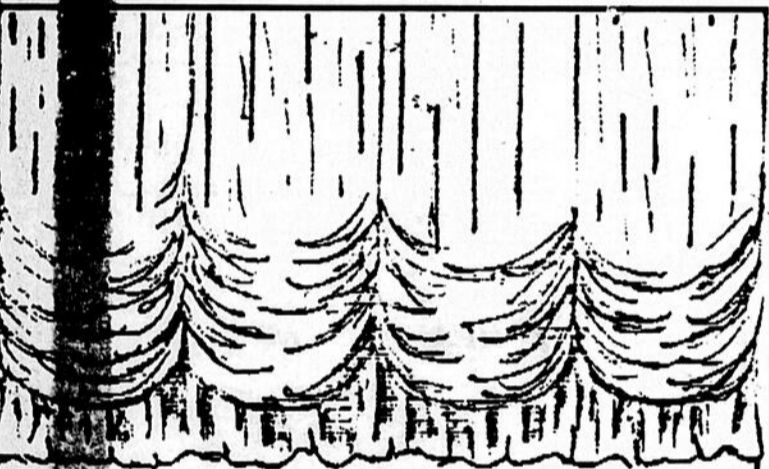
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Tools disappeared from two St Catherine street construction sites in Westmount last week, according to police reports.

A \$350 Ramsset was reported stolen from the Westmount Park Towers at civic number 4700 Friday, the third lost since Jan 21.

The other theft involved "all kinds" of tools at Place Kensington, the new seniors' residence at the foot of Kensington avenue.

That equipment, of undetermined value, was taken after someone broke into the building by removing nails from a door and forcing open three padlocks securing a storage room in the basement. Other tools have also been reported missing previously at that site as well, according to police reports.

Broken pipe sets off alarm

A broken sprinkler pipe activated the alarm system at Holt Industries, 4275 Richelieu street, Monday after being hit by a forklift truck carrying a high load, fire officials report.

The alarm was relayed to Westmount firefighters at 2:18 pm taking them for a third time in several weeks to the industrial area south of the Ville Marie Expressway (see separate story).

Purse, wallet lost on streets

A red purse containing personal papers was lost at Sherbrooke street and Victoria avenue Tuesday last week, police report. It belonged to an N.D.G. woman.

A blue wallet also was reported lost the same day at Clarke avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard.

Crash at Clarke

Two cars sustained over \$500 damage Tuesday last week after colliding at Clarke avenue and St Catherine street, police said. The mishap took place about 4:32 pm when a south-bound vehicle was reported to have been hit by one traveling west. The latter driver was ticketed for failing to heed the traffic signals.

Critter chased

A squirrel that became trapped in a house on Westmount avenue near Sydenham avenue Sunday was finally chased outside, public safety officers report.



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Renovations, funerals subjects of recent scams

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Police are asking citizens to beware of two scams being carried on in the MUC territory. One concerns home renovations, the other involves pre-paid funeral arrangements.

In outlining the renovation fraud, police said ads are placed in newspapers and when customers reply, a substantial down payment is requested before the work starts.

Once the money is pocketed, the work is either never done or else only begun before the "contractor" disappears.

"Don't pay until the job is done or almost finished," cautions Constable Michel Caza, crime prevention officer at local station 23. "A reliable company won't ask for a substantial down payment," he added.

"We are advising everyone to ask for a good contract, including the worker's permit number which can be checked out."

The pre-paid funeral scam, on the other hand, involves door-to-door salespersons who do not represent major funeral homes, Cst Caza said. In this fraud, the operators collect money on the spot, an effort that has resulted in at least \$150,000 being taken from some 200 victims to date.

Cst Caza suggests that anyone considering such funeral arrangements deal with known funeral homes. He also advises that payment be made by cheque and "in trust."

The law, he says, requires that such payments be made "in trust" so that the customer has "a legal right against the financial institution" if

Vibrations yield noise complaint

A noise complaint from an apartment at 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard turned up only vibrations Friday night when public safety officers responded to the call on the 29th floor at 10:17 pm, officials said.

The vibrations were reported to be issuing through the ventilation system from drilling in the burnt-out office tower on Atwater avenue.

Mountie car hits Selby fence

A beige 1983 Ford belonging to the RCMP hit a chain link fence on Selby street near Rose de Lima Saturday night causing between \$250 and \$500 damage to each, police said.

The accident occurred at 9 pm when slippery streets were reported to have caused the driver, a 28-year-old man, to fail to negotiate the turn in the road.

Car hurled across Boulevard

A westbound car was struck Monday last week on The Boulevard at Belvedere road, hurling it across the street where it ended up against an iron fence and steps at civic number 3166, police said. No injuries were reported.

The impact took place at 10:45 am as an eastbound car turned left, striking the rear of the other and earning its driver a ticket for turning without due care.

The 75-year-old St Laurent man also was ticketed for not wearing eyeglasses, a condition of his driver's permit. His car sustained less than \$250 damage. The other, driven by a 39-year-old Montreal woman, sustained over \$500.

Driver backs into car, ticket

The driver of a snow removal truck was ticketed Friday for backing up on de Maisonneuve boulevard without exercising due care, causing it to strike a car travelling south on Clarke avenue through the intersection, police said.

The accident, which occurred at 1:20 pm, caused over \$500 damage to a blue 1985 Ford driven by a Westmount man living on Côte St Antoine road. Damage to the truck was listed as less than \$250.

Agent stalked

A user of the Westmount Public Library was followed outside Sunday afternoon after claiming to be a CIA agent who knew MUC police director Rolland Bourget, public safety officers report. The man, who was identified as a Westmount resident, had been creating a disturbance.

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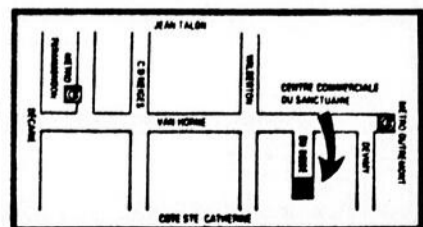
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un menu frugal et bien original invite au jeûne, au partage et comporte la liturgie de la Parole de ce jour. On y présentera aussi les deux projets de carême pour la communauté chrétienne de Saint-Léon; cette présentation sera suivie de la cérémonie des Cendres et de l'Eucharistie. On aura l'occasion dans les prochaines semaines

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Depuis 1982, quelques paroisses ont adopté l'ordinateur et depuis 1985, des sessions d'informations sur l'opportunité et les avantages de l'information ont été présentées par l'abbé Jean-Pierre Duchesne pour les paroisses du diocèse de Montréal. Pour plus d'efficacité et de rendement, pour l'accumulation de données: tenue des registres, mise-à-jour constante des listes de paroisses avec les changements d'adresses, les listes et agenda des intentions des messes, la comptabilité... etc.

Les marguilliers ont longuement réfléchi et en ont discuté à maintes reprises avant de prendre la décision d'entrer dans ce projet diocésain d'informatiser progressivement les paroisses.

À l'occasion du Bazar automne '87, l'Encan avait suggéré avec l'accord et l'assentiment des marguilliers que le produit de cette vente irait à l'achat d'un ordinateur pour le secrétariat de la paroisse. Une famille de notre communauté chrétienne avait alors offert de combler ce qui manquait au montant de l'achat. Il manquait 2500\$ et nous avons reçu ce montant tel que promis pour l'achat d'un ordinateur avec l'imprimante. Nous remercions tous ceux qui ont participé à la réussite de ce projet, et qui ont compris qu'il y a de nombreuses façons de réaliser l'Eglise et de faire progresser par toutes sortes de services, le Royaume de Dieu.

Bientôt donc, notre secrétariat sera doté de son ordinateur, et nous verrons sans doute le travail et les merveilles qu'accomplira le service du secrétariat.

Everyone knows someone who's been helped by a blood donation. You might be next. Do your part to keep the supply available. Be a Red Cross blood donor.

St Matthias' prepares special program for Lent

"To everything there is a season," a popular song taken from Ecclesiastes says, "and a time to every purpose under heaven."

For Anglicans, and especially for the friends and members of St Matthias' Church, a special season of worship, music, study and prayer is about to begin. That season is Lent, opening Wednesday, Feb 17 — the day traditionally called Ash Wednesday.

Lent is understood by the church to be a time of self-examination and penitence, but it is also a time of expectant joy, looking forward to the triumph of Easter.

St Matthias' Lenten program begins with a service of holy communion at 7:30 am on Ash Wednesday, followed by a breakfast. At 10:30 am another holy communion service

will be held, and then a Bible study. The evening of Ash Wednesday, at 8 pm, the prayerbook evensong will be sung, with the imposition of ashes for those who desire it. Use of ashes as a sign of penitence and remorse is an ancient and biblical practice.

"Christians should take stock of where they are," says Fr Paul James, rector of St Matthias'. "Lent is a time to deepen faith both individually and corporately. There is an element of mission and renewal for the individual as well as the parish."

Fr James says the St Matthias' program is unusual because it will give participants "a chance to study and pray together in a systematic way, both surrounded by worship."

Following Ash Wednesday, a special weekly program is planned for Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout Lent.

One of the highlights of the program will be "The Bible and the Arts," a lecture series scheduled for Feb 23, March 1 and March 8. Three experts will speak about their fields: Cynthia Dunsmore on painting, Byron Harker on literature and Stephen Crisp on music. The lectures will be preceded by a service of evensong at 7:15 pm.

Every Wednesday in Lent a service of holy communion will be held at 7:30 am followed by breakfast. Holy communion will be celebrated again at 10 am with Bible study after.

Ecumenists to discuss fundamentalism

The Canadian Centre for Ecumenism will present a panel discussion of "Fundamentalism — Why?" next Thursday, Feb 18, at 7:30 pm at the Newman Centre, 3484 Peel street. Admission is free.

Dr Michael Oppenheim, chairman of the religion department of Concordia University, Dr Gregory Baum, Catholic theologian and professor of religious studies at McGill University, and Mr Kutubi Ahmed, Imam of the Mosque of Montreal, will form the panel. They will discuss the rise of fundamentalism and its implications for their respective faiths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

The Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, founded in 1963, serves both French and English Canada in a ministry which calls Christian churches to the goal of visible unity. It promotes mutual discovery and understanding among different world religions.

For further information, phone 937-9176.

Seminarians aided by scholarships

The Assistance to Third World Seminarians Inc has organized a scholarship fund to aid in the education of six candidates for the priesthood in underdeveloped countries.

Already benefitting are students in Honduras, the Ivory Coast, Haiti, the Philippines and Taiwan.

The Assistance to Third World Seminarians encourages everyone to participate in this sponsorship program. Anyone willing to contribute can call 738-1214 for further information.

Al-Anon group marks birthday

Al-Anon family groups are non-profit self-help fellowships founded in 1951 on the belief that alcoholism is a family disease.

Now, in addition to regular Al-Anon and Alateen groups, there are meetings especially for the adult, of any age, whose life has been affected by the disease of alcoholism, specifically in a parent or guardian, whether active or recovering, living or deceased.

Whatever your relationship to the alcoholic, for more information call 729-3034.

The Getting Real group of Al-Anon Adult Children of Alcoholics is celebrating its second anniversary on Feb 22 at 8 pm in the basement of St Thomas More Church, Verdun, corner of Bannantyne and Moffat (Métro LaSalle, bus 108).

Speakers will share their experience, strength and hope. Anyone who is interested may attend.

Emergency foster families needed

Jewish Family Services is searching for a bilingual, loving and sensitive couple willing to provide emergency foster care for two or four children from diverse backgrounds.

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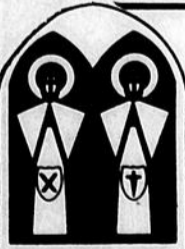
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Côte St Luc back on duty for mutual aid

The loan of Westmount's backup fire pumper to Côte St Luc last week has enabled firefighters from that community to resume normal mutual aid coverage of Westmount, fire officials said this week.

Côte St Luc had been able to supply personnel only (without truck), since the crash of its 1981 pumper Jan 13 on the Côte St Luc hill.

The return to normal mutual aid coverage resulted in the Côte St Luc firemen responding to five code calls here between Feb 2 and 8 using its first-line pumper.

This was made possible by the added protection provided by the loan of the extra pumper, explained Westmount Fire Director William Timmons.

The 1966 Westmount pumper, number 233, left here Tuesday last week for up to two months in its temporary new home where it is to serve only in a backup capacity while repairs are made to the damaged vehicle.

The community owns a third pumper, a 1969 model, described as being not always dependable.

Crash victims found owing unpaid fines

Two Westmount residents who became victims in separate car accidents here last week found themselves having to pay up outstanding traffic warrants, police report.

In both cases the unpaid fines were uncovered during investigation of the accidents. Both paid up, one \$192.56, the other \$169.13.

One of the victims sought help from police Tuesday last week after her stalled car was struck by a hit-and-run vehicle in the middle of Grosvenor avenue just south of The Boulevard as she waited for a tow truck.

The other driver was involved in an accident last Thursday after losing control of his car while driving west on Sherbrooke street east of Melville avenue. He crashed into a taxi parked on the south side of the street. The accident occurred at 7:30 am.

City van hit on Somerville

A City of Westmount van stopped on Somerville avenue sustained between \$250 and \$500 damage last Thursday when struck by a car turning off Victoria avenue, police report.

The van, a blue 1985 Dodge, was driven by a parking meter collector and had been stopped in the outer lane.

It was hit in the side at 10 am by a car whose driver lost control of the vehicle while turning, police said. The driver, a 16-year-old Westmounter, was ticketed for not carrying his driver's permit.

Residence cooks set off detectors

Cooking incidents summoned firefighters twice last week to Belvedere Residence at 4505 St Catherine street but neither offered tasty treats.

In the first incident, fire officials said, a smoke detector was activated by spilt milk on a stove Tuesday afternoon. In the second, Friday night, a smoke detector was activated by a kettle boiling dry.

Although both calls generated an automatic call-out of firemen from Côte St Luc and Outremont as a precaution, both were quickly cancelled once the cause of the problem was determined.



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WESTMOUNT SOMMAIRE DES RAPPORTS DE DEPENSES ELECTORALES ET DATES DE REMISE DES RAPPORTS FINANCIERS (Re le 2 novembre 1987)

Mairie ou District	Candidat(e) - Agent(e) officiel(le)	Rapport financier (Date de remise)	Montant maximum de dépenses permis	Rapport de dépenses électorales par la loi
Mairie	May E. Cutler - Henry Finkel	29 janvier 1988	9,247,00\$	4,193,93\$
	Brian O'N Gallery - Ian Black	27 janvier 1988	9,247,00	5,504,63
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	Neil Fernandes - Leila Kovacevic	23 janvier 1988	2,460,00	1,478,09
	Stuart Robertson - Anthony Shine	29 janvier 1988	2,460,00	1,088,68
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8	Peter Duffield - John Bridgeman	18 janvier 1988	2,670,00	NIL

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WESTMOUNT SUMMARY OF REPORTS ON ELECTION EXPENSES AND DATES FINANCIAL REPORTS WERE FILED (re November 2nd, 1987)

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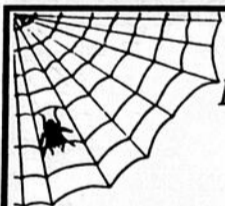
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You Say

same time, the prices would have dropped drastically. Consequently, all of the houses in Westmount cannot logically be assessed in relation to the top prices at which 200 or 300 houses sold in 1987.

The proof of this was seen during the FLQ crisis when there was a large number of houses for sale and the prices dropped dramatically, as much as \$100,000 to \$150,000 for individual houses. But have Westmount's assessments ever decreased following a recession period? Not in the 34 years in which we have owned our house.

In respect to the City of Westmount's share of the Montreal Urban Community taxes, that share is determined by the overall assessment of all the houses in Westmount in proportion to the overall assessment of the houses in Montreal and the other communities. I have just proved that, in fact, if all of the houses in Westmount are put up for sale at the same time, they will not all sell for the assessed values, so the basis for Westmount's share of the total Montreal Urban Community taxes is a false basis.

The fair market value of a residential property is supposed to be defined as what a willing vendor, not under duress to sell, will obtain from a willing purchaser, at arm's length. Possibly 200 or 300 houses could be sold in Westmount on that basis in each year but if all of our houses are put up for sale at the same time, you know and I know that they will not sell for those top prices or for the present assessed values for that matter.

Consequently, the method of assessment is wrong and must be revised.

I am submitting this letter to assist you in arriving with the government at a fair method of assessment for all concerned. The tax rate set must not increase a homeowner's taxes more than the rate of inflation in any given year.

A. Patrick Wickham

16 de Casson road
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 241

New French immersion focuses on math/science

Sir: For approximately 20 years, anglophone children in the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal have had the opportunity to learn French as a second language through French immersion programs. Both early and late immersion programs are available, and a unique feature of the early immersion program is that children in the primary grades are first taught to read and write in French rather than their native language, English.

Over the past few years, enrolment in primary French immersion programs has increased dramatically. The PSBGM has experimented with modified versions to our established French immersion model.

Research proved that these programs were less effective.

Our guidelines for immersion have been adopted throughout Canada, and researchers have been evaluating the effectiveness. Extensive research has proved that immersion students are transferring their French language arts skills to reading, writing and spelling in English. Students are able to achieve a high level of fluency in both oral and written French without any long-term detrimental effects on their English language skills.

When anglophone children enrolled in French immersion classes are introduced to English language arts instruction they learn at a rapid rate. Research indicates that French reading instruction contributes significantly to their English reading ability. Once literacy has been achieved in a second language, phonological awareness and story understanding are easily transferable to a native language. Although reinforcement of second language skills is recommended outside of the classroom, it has been proved that children can successfully learn to read French at school and in English at home without detrimental effects on their reading skills in either language.

An alternative math/science school has been approved by the PSBGM to open in September. The program will follow the established and proven French immersion

model. Students enrolled in this school, to be housed in the Royal Vale School building in the Snowdon area, will be challenged to meet the demands of both high technology and bilingualism.

Gloria Freedman
PSBGM commissioner

600 Fielding avenue
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Sell shares in CBC to employees, public

Sir: The federal cabinet recently put on hold the CBC's expansion into all-news cable TV. That's a welcome measure but cabinet avoided addressing the real issue.

Why is the government in the broadcasting business at all?

The hundreds of other free enterprise broadcasting stations in Canada didn't need the three quarters of a billion taxpayers' dollars that the CBC got as a subsidy last year. With a \$30 billion annual federal government deficit, we taxpayers can't afford it.

The federal government should privatize the CBC by selling shares to the employees, managers and the general public and guarantee control of the network to Canadians. We would still have a national radio and

television network but it would be owned directly by Canadians and taxpayers would be relieved of a heavy burden.

It's time to put the CBC where it really belongs — in the free enterprise sector.

David Somerville

President

National Citizens' Coalition

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'Necklacing' suggested for Mandela Park

Sir: The City of Montreal should be congratulated on its council's decision to name Mandela Park.

To be sure Mandela's message is kept alive the playground in the park should be equipped with swings made of old tires. Winnie Mandela (in the unavoidable absence of her husband) should be invited to the opening ceremony featuring the "necklacing" of the effigy of a "collaborator" with an old tire doused in diesel fuel and set on fire. Diesel is the preferred fuel — it burns hotter.

Such a ceremony would proclaim to the world Montreal's wonderful humanitarian spirit.

N.R. Schindler

598 Grosvenor avenue
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They Say

Municipal Regional Council requires gossip for rolls

An editorial in The Equity, Shawville, Pontiac County, Quebec

IN THE early 1970s someone convinced the Government of Quebec that they knew enough to predict people's behavior and thus to calculate the market value of real estate. The government instituted market value assessment to replace the then-current method of having each municipality arbitrarily assign a value to each property.

The immediate result was a great opportunity for a small number of evaluation experts, and a rapid increase in the assessed value of all the property in Quebec. This permitted the province to borrow even greater sums of money abroad, which contributed to the inflation of the '70s, and resulted in a large increase in municipal taxes to pay the new breed of experts.

It also created an entire field of inexperience among Pontiac's municipal politicians. The process of estimating property values became shrouded in a mystery more impenetrable than the secrecy surrounding the negotiations of free trade. For years now, the subject of evaluation has been a constant

thorn in the hide of most of Pontiac's mayors, baffled by the inability of the new science to produce meaningful and consistent results.

At the monthly meeting of the Pontiac MRC (Municipal Regional Council) on January 25, the mayors were finally told that the emperor had no clothes; that the new science of evaluation was incapable of predicting actual sale values of property to better than a factor of two.

Graphs were prepared for each municipality showing property sale prices compared to assessed market value for the last five years. Even though "less than arm's length" sales and sales where the exchange included more than money and real estate were excluded, the lack of agreement between assessed and true market value was appalling.

The proposed solution to this mess was to ask each mayor and municipal council to provide as much information as possible to the county's assessor about the circumstan-

es of each sale, about whether the parties were related, about whether any money was paid under the table. In other words, all the gossip that only a local council official would know. The reasoning behind this request is that the theory of market value assessment is complete and accurate and needs no change. According to the professionals, it is the information about each sale that is wrong or missing.

Social scientists have been trying to predict human behavior for centuries with no success. To claim that theory does not agree with experiment because the results are wrong is ludicrous. The real problem is that in Pontiac there are far too few transactions each year to provide the statistical basis required for accurate market value assessment.

Once again, a process created in Quebec City to solve city problems has proved unworkable in Pontiac. It should surprise no one that the MRC has to resort to collecting gossip to clear up the mess.

New-fangled map convenient but it's riddled with errors

What is more important in a map, convenience or accuracy?

If you like the former, the new Falk map of Montreal Island is for you. It uses an ingenious folding method so it's easy to look at any part of the map without going crazy or ripping your map into 10 pieces.

On the other hand, if you don't want to end up driving the wrong way on Grosvenor or Victoria avenues, you had better find another way of navigating.

This new map might look and handle great, but it's chock-full of errors. Wrong directional arrows for one-way Westmount streets is but one of a couple of dozen mistakes we found on the Westmount portion alone.

The story behind the new map, which sells for \$10 at book stores, including the Double Hook on Greene avenue, might explain, but certainly not excuse, the shoddy cartography.

The Montreal map exists thanks to the efforts of Jack Kowalski, a local businessman best known for operating rafting trips down the Lachine Rapids. He's spent a lot of time in Europe and found his way around many a European city with Falk's maps. When he found there was none

for Montreal, or any other city in North America, he took on the project himself.

But the production of the map was done at Falk's German headquarters by a staff that obviously doesn't know Montreal or Westmount from Paris or Cologne. They worked from existing city maps sent by Mr Kowalski, but it would seem some of them must have been a quarter of a century old and no one here bothered to check.

Elm to St Catherine

How else to explain that this new map still shows Elm avenue running all the way to St Catherine street when the southern block was closed in the early 1960s to allow construction of Westmount Square? Or the indication of a church at Greene avenue and Dorchester boulevard, where Calvary United was torn down a few decades ago?

But that's not the limit of the errors.

Among other mistakes involving streets, Park Place has moved a block west to the front of the arena, Upper Roslyn and Upper Lansdowne connect with The Boulevard, Murray Hill does not rate a name,

Glen road is extended north to de Maisonneuve and Mount Pleasant takes over Greene all the way south to de Maisonneuve.

Westmount closed de Maisonneuve boulevard through Westmount Park over a decade ago but it's back on Mr Kowalski's map. Not only is it still there, in fact, but it's highlighted in yellow as a "principal highway."

Among the misspelled street names are Anwoth (Anworth), Lansdowne Ridge (Landsdowne), Church Hill (Churchill) and Olivier (Oliver).

As for the symbol used to denote houses of worship, there's a difficulty with it being a decidedly Christian cross. That's no problem for Shaar Hashomayim, which isn't marked at all, but it's strange to see Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom marked with a cross. St Andrew's Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer both are indicated though they closed some time ago.

Forden police station

Residents of Forden avenue will be interested to see that Westmount's Stanton street police station is, in fact, on their street, at Montrose ave-

nue. And did you know there is a post office at Claremont and Sherbrooke but none at Prince Albert and Sherbrooke or Olivier and St Catherine?

There also are problems with the placement of symbols indicating schools. Private schools seem to be excluded, but there are symbols at Selwyn House and Shaar Hashomayim. Missing is any designation at the site of Roslyn School.

Perhaps more seriously for those using the map in an emergency, hospitals fare even worse. Just outside Westmount the Montreal Children's Hospital has been placed at Atwater and de Maisonneuve instead of Atwater and Dorchester and Westmount's only hospital, the Reddy Memorial, has been eliminated altogether.

There's a nostalgic note for fans of Westmount train station. According to this new map, it's still a stop on the CP commuter line. Though the Vendôme Métro is shown just to the west of it, there's no indication that that's where the trains stop now.

Are all these mistakes in Westmount indicative of problems with the whole map? We can't say for sure but we're also familiar with the Town of Mount Royal and a quick

glance at the map of that community shows a similar number of errors. The train station is in the wrong place, the post office is shown as a police station, as is the building that ceased being a police station a few years ago, and the Anglican and United churches aren't shown. This doesn't augur well for the rest of the island.

Users of this new map certainly will be less frustrated by using its unique folding technique. A pity as much care wasn't taken determining what's printed on the paper as was given to figuring out how the paper is folded.

— Don Sancton

Italian consul luncheon speaker

Alberto Candilio, the Italian consul general, will address the American Women's Club of Montreal at its charter day luncheon on Wednesday, Feb 17, starting at 11 am.

The reception will be held at Le Grand Hotel, 777 University street. Further information can be had from Mrs A.B. Massie at 695-8613.

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eral shadow cabinet in disgust over his party's backing of the Meech Lake constitutional accord.

"To be honest," said Mr Drury, a Kensington avenue resident, on Tuesday, "we have a very intelligent and capable member (in Mr Johnston) right now. And in discussions with him, at least personally, he indicated fairly strongly his intention to run again next time around."

Mr Drury is not the only Westmount Liberal with eyes on Parliament Hill to recently vacate Mr Johnston's fiefdom. Paul Martin Jr, a resident of Belvedere crescent and a man often hailed as the future leader of the Liberal Party, has announced his intention to seek the party's nomination in LaSalle-Emard riding.

In limbo

Mr Johnston's apparent waffling over whether to seek re-election has left a handful of potential candidates in limbo.

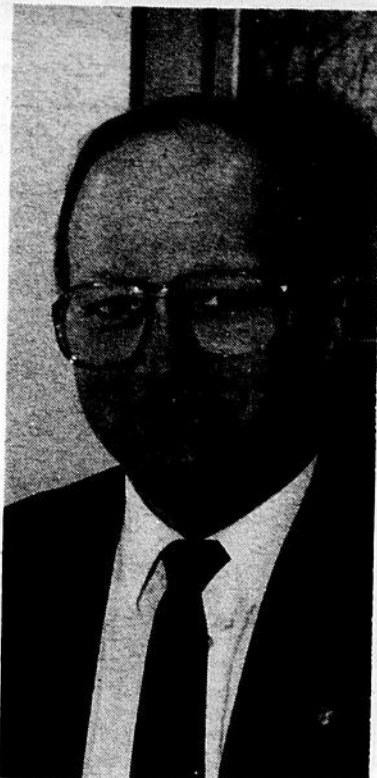
If he does not stand for re-election, it is expected Liberal MP David Berger will contest the St Henri-Westmount nomination. Mr Berger's current riding of Laurier is to all but disappear after federal electoral boundaries are redistributed in July. Caucus colleague Jacques Guilbault, the MP for St Jacques, also will find himself without a riding after redistribution, although he is less likely to consider St Henri-Westmount a second home.

Several prominent Westmounters have been mentioned as possible successors to Mr Johnston, including former Alliance Quebec president and lawyer Eric Malloff and McGill University principal David Johnston.

Meanwhile, Mr Drury stresses he is comfortable with his choice of Lachine-Lac St Louis.

The riding is only a seven-minute drive from his Kensington avenue home, he quipped Tuesday, and it shares similar "demographics and make-up" with St Henri-Westmount, being primarily a residential district with a solid industrial base.

After compiling an impressive



Victor Drury

record in both the private sector and as head of community service organizations, including the Montreal YMCA and the Portage drug dependency program, Mr Drury said he felt it was time to jump into the jungle of federal politics.

"To me," he explained, "the ultimate honor, if you will, is solving national problems and meeting national responsibilities."

Touching on his family background, Mr Drury added, "I guess I've had this (desire to run federally) in my blood a long time."

Mr Drury is the son of former veteran Westmount MP and Liberal cabinet minister C.M. "Bud" Drury. His father served in consecutive Pearson and Trudeau cabinets from 1963 to 1978. As minister of industry, Mr Drury signed the Auto Pact with Washington in 1965 and later served six years as president of the Treasury Board. On his retirement from politics in 1978, Mr Drury was appointed chairman of the National Capital Commission. He now lives in retirement near Wakefield, Quebec.

"Both my parents were great believers in giving back to the community you've benefitted from," Victor Drury said.

Agrees with leader

On matters of policy, Mr Drury appears to be in agreement with Liberal leader John Turner. While supporting the "notion of free trade," he insists the Mulroney deal is full of holes. And while backing the Meech Lake constitutional accord in principle, Mr Drury has "grave misgivings" about Quebec's recognition as a "distinct society." He suggests

Foyer window found broken

A window in the foyer door of an apartment building at 4516 St Catherine street was discovered broken last Thursday night, report public safety officers who were called to the scene by the janitor.

The incident, which had occurred between 11:30 and 11:45, was referred to police who said the \$350 damage was not believed related to any burglary attempts.

Dog and cat go back home

A loose dog and a lost cat that were picked up by the Public Security Unit were reunited Tuesday last week with their owners, both of whom phoned to report their lost pets.

The dog, a Gordon setter, and the cat, partially blind, had both been taken to the Animal Hospital of Westmount before their owners were heard from.

introducing an amendment guaranteeing that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms supersede the "distinct society" clause.

Mr Drury is being challenged for the Lachine-Lac St Louis nomination by Montreal Children's Hospital remedial therapist Joan Kouri, Concordia University and Marianopolis CEGEP public policy lecturer Jeremy Hayes and St Hyacinthe CEGEP philosophy professor Eugene Kalzyny. In 1984, Stanley Roberts got the nod from Lachine Liberals.

Should he capture the Liberal nomination, Mr Drury will likely go head-to-head with incumbent Conservative MP Robert Layton, a former Westmount resident and past-president of the Rotary Club of Westmount.

Mr Layton has announced he will seek re-election in Lachine-Lac St Louis, despite disappointment at losing his portfolio as minister of state for mines in a June 30, 1986 cabinet shuffle.

Conservatives in St Henri-Westmount are reportedly gearing up for a hot nominations race, although riding officials are keeping the names of potential candidates under wraps. The New Democratic Party has yet to seriously organize in the riding.

The list of aspiring federal politicians from Westmount likely will grow before Prime Minister Brian Mulroney calls a general election, expected sometime this year.

In recent weeks, it was widely believed the prime minister, a former resident of Belvedere road, would cash in on rising Tory fortunes in public opinion polls — until, of course, renewed conflict-of-interest allegations were brought to the forefront.

Taxation seminar set for artists

A full-day seminar to unravel the mysteries of the tax system as it pertains to those in the art world will be offered at the Downtown YMCA, 1450 Stanley street, on Feb 20.

Sponsored by the ArtsFund, the seminar is intended as an opportunity for artists to discuss practical financial concerns with leading business and professional experts. Topics to be covered include taxes, investments, pensions and insurance. A question and answer session will follow each presentation.

The seminar is for all individuals employed or self-employed in the arts. For registration information, call 524-8298.

Car slides, then collides

Slippery pavement resulted in a rear-end collision Friday at 8:55 am on St Catherine street at de Maisonneuve boulevard, police report.

The accident occurred when one northbound car struck the rear of another which was waiting at the intersection. Both sustained between \$250 and \$500 damage.

Two merchants' wallets stolen

Two merchants in the Sherbrooke-Victoria shopping area reported thefts of their wallets last week, police said.

One wallet that contained \$50 and personal papers was taken from the pocket of a jacket at the rear of a store between Tuesday and Thursday last week.

The other, containing \$145 in Canadian and U.S. funds, disappeared from the basement of another outlet.

Minor crash

A minor traffic accident outside 4 Summit Circle Sunday night occurred about 10:15 when an east-bound car skidded and hit the left rear door of an Audi, public safety officers said. The extent of the damage was reported as not warranting a call to police.



READY FOR ACTION: Four section leaders were appointed recently in the city's volunteer Civil Protection Unit, which meets weekly at No 2 fire station. Pictured in the fire hall's tower are from left, front row: Geoffrey McCarthy and Don Baker; back row, Andrew Stead and Mark Gallop. The four will serve for one year along with the rescue group's platoon leader, Abe Miller, and deputy leader, Art Thomas. The unit has a membership of 22.

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been the worst hit "because our evaluations are so erratic with no relationship to reality."

"That's what upsets people," she said. "They know what their neighbor's house is worth."

She said she felt the minister had a responsibility to protect individual municipalities. "We protect individual criminals better than we protect individual communities."

Westmount's MUC property valuation roll rose 40 percent in 1988. Under Bill 82's formula, municipalities would be able to place a maximum ceiling on valuations equal to 1.5 times the increase in the roll.

City officials determined that by capping valuations at the prescribed 60 percent level in Westmount, 33 percent of single-family dwelling owners would benefit, leaving 67 percent to pick up the resulting budget shortfall.

Keys the key

An apartment on de Maisonneuve boulevard near Wood avenue was broken into Saturday night after its keys were stolen from the janitor's place, police report. It was not known if anything was taken. Access to the janitor's apartment was believed gained by a window.

\$800,000...

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payments during the year as new construction is added to the roll.

"It works both ways," he said.

Although many more Westmount properties are expected to be rolled back as the MUC review continues, he said, he advises all property owners who believe their properties are overvalued to apply formally to the board of revision to contest them.

In this way, if their property turns out not to be automatically reviewed or adjusted, they will have maintained their legal right to contest.

Applications regarding 1988 assessments must be filed by April 30. Forms can be obtained at city hall.

Left turn ends in crash

Two cars sustained more than \$500 damage each last Thursday when they collided on Sherbrooke street at Kensington avenue, police said.

The accident resulted when the driver of the eastbound car, a resident of Côte St Antoine road, turned north into a car heading west, receiving a ticket for failing to yield the right of way.

No injuries were reported in the mishap at 8:25 pm.



FUNERALS AND FRIENDS: Long-time Westmounter John Fraser gave fellow Westmount Rotarians a unique look at operations inside a mortuary last week. The manager of Collins, Clarke, MacGillivray and White Funeral Home on Sherbrooke street said he planned to stay in the business and "help people through times that are often very tricky." While admitting funeral costs can be incredibly high, Mr Fraser, a graduate of Westmount High School and Macdonald College, said the process is "part of a value system we've established over the last 75 years."

Nominations open for carnival king and queen

AS PART of this year's Westmount winter carnival, the recreation department is holding a King and Queen of the Carnival contest.

Contest rules are as follows: all contestants must be residents of Westmount and between the ages of 10 and 17; nominations will be accepted until Feb 18 and must be submitted to the recreation department; the king and queen must be present for the events on Friday, Feb 26, and Saturday, Feb 27.

To make a nomination you must provide the name and age of your nominee and the position (king or queen) for which you are nominating him or her. You must also give your own name, address and telephone number.

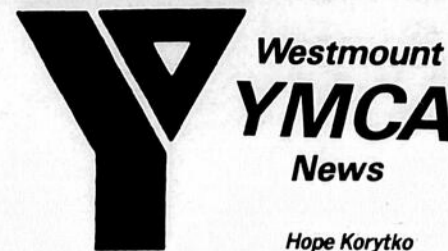
Local alumni in Lennoxville for BCS tourney

The caustic odor of mothballs should permeate the third annual Bishop's College School alumni hockey tournament as has-beens and never-wases strap on old pads and take to the ice in Lennoxville tomorrow night beginning at 7 pm. A conservative, plodding brand of

hockey is expected at the weekend tournament as graduates from 10 high schools across Quebec and Ontario face off, including Westmount High School, Selwyn House School, Loyola High School and Lower Canada College.

"Loyola and Appleby (College in Oakville, Ontario) have to be favored," BCS tournament organizer Stuart McTavish predicted Monday.

Loyola took top honors last year. All games are at the BCS rink. The championships are scheduled for 4 pm Sunday.



Hope Korytko
Executive director



Today's column is geared to the youth of our community. The Y has programs, courses and great plans with ample opportunities to be productive, active and gain leadership skills.

Since our building closed, the Westmount YMCA after-school program is held at The Study every weekday from 3 pm to 6 pm. If you are between six and 12 years, this program is for you. The group is small and well supervised. Gary White, our co-ordinator, plans interesting activities such as sports, games, skating, music, arts and crafts, to name a few. Time also is allotted for homework and a nutritious snack is provided daily.

We are offering a babysitting course for 11- to 15-year-olds. This four-week program begins Feb 17 and runs on Wednesday nights from 7 pm to 8 pm. Through informal discussions you will learn basic childcare, child behavior and first aid. When you pass this certified Red Cross course, your name will be placed into our Y job bank. You could be called to babysit. What a rewarding way to make money! Call Lisa at 931-8046 for more details.

We are putting together an A-one teen development program for 13- to 17-year-olds. We have visited almost all the schools in Westmount. If you haven't filled out our questionnaire in school this past week, we would appreciate it if you can come to our offices (245 Victoria avenue, suite 220) and help us out. Your assistance will help develop the proper teen program for our new building. Become involved in making your future at the Y a learning experience.

Our counsellor-in-training course for 16- to 18-year-olds will begin March 21 and will run on Monday nights from 6 pm to 8 pm. This course is geared for summer employment. The program includes child development, leadership, games, arts and crafts ideas and program planning. This is a great way to gain knowledge and experience if you are thinking of applying for a summer camp job. Registration begins March 7. Keep the Y in mind for summer fun and learning.

Youth nutrition tip: Instead of reaching for the cookie jar after a hard day at school, reconsider and select fresh fruit, veggies and dip, or dried fruits and nuts. If you have the time, make a small fruit salad, add plain yogurt, raisins and sunflower seeds for a more nutritious snack food idea.

Open house at preschool

The Jardin d'enfants - Unity Westmount preschool will hold its annual open house on Wednesday, Feb 24 at 8 pm.

The co-operative preschool for three- and four-year-olds is located at 1090 Greene avenue.

All interested parents are cordially invited. For further information call 932-5480 or 931-6202.

Tom Potter position wrong

An EXAMINER story Jan 28 incorrectly reported that Tom Potter, manager of the new Marianopolis College athletic complex, had at one time been "director" of the Westmount YMCA.

In fact, Mr Potter had been director of physical education programs at the Westmount Y, not executive director as was implied in the article.

THE EXAMINER regrets the error.

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Lean years over for Seals; clinch spot in playoffs

Dylan Hoey surveyed his team proudly after Monday's 5-2 win over the Scouts. "The work was always there, but this year the Seals have come together as a team."

After four tough years at the helm of the Seals, coach Hoey and assistant coach Badger are finally leading the league. They are the first peewee team to qualify for the championship series. They built this year's success with strong defence, hard-working forwards, and solid goaltending.

Regarding the forthcoming playoffs, Hoey said confidently, "Two games are all it is going to take. If we could do it in one we would." This confidence was reflected around the noisy locker room, with goaltender Scott Sternthal proclaiming, "The puck stops here!"

This is a challenge to the three other teams who are all still in contention for the remaining spot. The Canadiens, after a 6-1 victory over the Capitals, are in second place with 14 points, trailed by the Scouts and Capitals with 11 each. The three remaining games for each team are sure to be exciting.

In the atom division, the Canadiens moved to within one point of a playoff berth with a tight 7-6 victory

over the second-place Nordiques. Jonathan Brady had a "career game" with five goals, including the winner with only 50 seconds remaining.

In the match that followed, the Canucks moved one point ahead of the Nordiques into second place with a 5-4 win over the Penguins. The Nordiques and Canucks must now battle for the last playoff spot. The

Penguins fall into the role of spoiler, trying to make those playoff spots as elusive as possible for the other teams.

Two novice matches were held Saturday. First the Dragons led by Karl Herba who had one goal and one assist, overcame the Bears in a 4-2 decision. Ryan Moskovic played an outstanding game, along with linemate Nicholas Bell, who had two pretty goals. Patrick Weldon replied twice for the Bears, with help from Scott Bailey and Craig Brownstein.

The second game featured the Guards against the Canadiens. Guards' netminder Jamie Seguin, keen to make up for the loss in the earlier game, held the Canadiens to three goals as his teammates potted five. Djata Weaver had a strong outing, netting three goals and one assist. Linemate Daniel Hébert was also hot, assisting twice and scoring once.

On the Canadiens' side, Anthony Perzow scored twice. Daryn Mitchell, Carl Bennett and Gabriel Flores all played well.

Recreation staff member Danny (DJ) Reynolds emphasized how the

earlier-age activities are helping the overall program in Westmount. He pointed to the success of the atom and peewee all-star teams and said how the time and effort put in by the many volunteers and parents clearly show up in the quality of the local athletes' play.

"Today's atom players skate better than I did when I was in peewee. The ankles on my skates were usually more worn than the blades, and I only had them sharpened once a year!"

Many games this week were played with the accompaniment of the musical theme from 2001: A Space Odyssey, among other selections. This, of course, means that the figure skating classes are in preparation for their annual show. Visitors to the arena will have noticed the troupe *dansant en rond* at the north end.

Next week we will meet the people who make the spectacle come alive, and also some of the bright lights from the upcoming show.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey leagues as of Tuesday Feb 9:

	GS	GP	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
NOVICE								
Dragons	16	13	8	3	2	49	26	18
Guards	16	13	6	4	3	39	38	15
Bears	16	13	4	7	2	31	44	10
Canadiens	16	13	3	7	3	36	47	9
ATOM								
Canadiens	16	13	8	2	3	79	59	19
Canucks	16	13	6	4	3	54	48	15
Nordiques	16	13	7	6	0	62	56	14
Penguins	16	13	1	10	2	48	80	4
PEEWEE								
Seals	17	14	10	4	0	51	31	20
Canadiens	17	14	7	7	0	52	48	14
Scouts	17	14	5	8	1	50	50	11
Capitals	17	14	5	8	1	30	54	11
ALL STAR								
Novice	-	18	15	3	0	104	41	30
Atom	-	16	9	7	0	86	53	18
PeeWee	-	11	8	2	1	52	23	17
EXHIBITION								
Competitive								
Old Timers	-	6	2	2	2	32	29	6
Senior								
Old Timers	-	11	4	5	2	57	55	10
SENIOR B								
Fathers	28	20	17	2	1	99	49	35
Devils	28	20	12	7	2	84	58	26
Oilers	28	20	6	10	4	70	91	16
Aces	28	20	6	12	2	56	81	14
Flyers	28	20	5	14	1	61	91	11
SENIOR A								
Wanderers	28	22	19	2	1	110	38	39
Bruins	28	22	11	8	3	87	73	25
Stars	28	23	10	10	3	89	79	23
Flames	28	22	9	11	2	74	72	20
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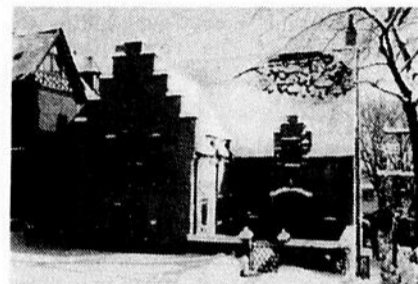
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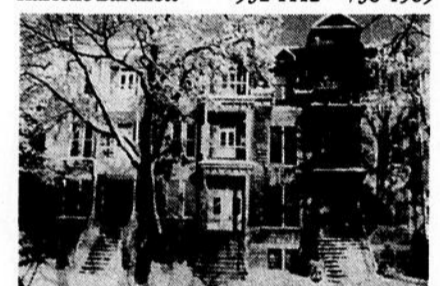
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