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Police estimate that 1,000 citizens crammed into Victoria Hall for Sunday night's "town meeting." Additional rooms had to be opened up.

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# Mayor claims 'election' win; seeks new way to run city

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

**WESTMOUNT'S reformist mayor, buoyed by citizen support over the past week, yesterday presented her council colleagues with a new way to run the city.**

The proposal is to abolish councillors' commissionerships and replace them with committees composed of council members, city staff and citizens with expertise in related fields.

"I will try to have council see that the citizens want change, they want a different kind of city," Mayor May Cutler told THE EXAMINER Tuesday.

Mayor Cutler, who garnered 1,500 signatures of support from Westmount residents in four days, drew an overflow crowd, estimated by police at 1,000 persons, to a town meeting Sunday (see separate story). At least 100 had to be turned away.

Citizen response to her efforts at cost cutting and greater city efficiency has made her even more determined than ever to lead the city into a new era of change and openness, she says.

"I consider I have had an election and I have won it. I have a mandate to go back there (to city hall) and do what I've been doing."

Meanwhile, Councillor Paul Fortin, pro-mayor, said councillors would not be withdrawing their appeal to the mayor to resign which was made last Wednesday and repeated at a press conference Friday (see separate story).

Mayor Cutler said that her proposal to create committees in lieu of commissionerships would benefit everyone, including councillors. Most lack the time required by commissionerships as it is, she said.

The committees would have no power except to make recommendations, she explained. They would, however, bridge gaps between departments, top management, council, mayor and citizens.

They also would allow for "upward communication and citizen input."

Her model is the library committee which she believes has proved itself to be an effective means of handling problems as they occur.

Mayor Cutler went to her office in city hall Monday following Sunday's show of support. She attended to correspondence and attempted to get down to nitty gritty with director general Peter Patenaude regarding the hiring of a new secretary, the problem which sparked the current crisis.

She also began analyzing suggestions and citizen reaction from Sunday's meeting.

She said she hoped to meet with Councillor Paul Fortin before attending next Monday's closed-door meeting of the general committee of council. As the current pro-mayor, it is Mr Fortin who will be chairing Monday's committee meeting.

**INSIDE:**

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*MUC pressing for payment:*

## Westmount's resolve firm not to pay for MUC errors

Westmount's $.5 million dispute with the Montreal Urban Community will be on the agenda Monday at city council's committee meeting, Councillor Daniel Tingley told THE EXAMINER yesterday.

In the latest chapter of the continuing saga over the error-fraught valuation roll on which 1988 property taxes were assessed, the city has received notice from the MUC asking for payment of $512,706 plus interest charges within 90 days.

Council voted last year to withhold that amount from its total MUC payment of $14,658,300 because of self-admitted errors on the part of the MUC evaluators, Mr Tingley said. These included typographic, mathematical and extrapolation errors.

"We find it difficult to understand why the MUC insists we pay tax on errors they made. They want us to pay the money and discuss it afterwards. We think they should just focus in on the problem," Mr Tingley said.

In a letter dated Feb 6, the MUC warns Westmount that it will take sanctions against the city if the overdue amount is not paid within 90 days.

If the payment is not made, the MUC executive committee could take the matter to the Quebec Municipal Commission, which in turn could petition the Superior Court to have Westmount declared in default and placed under trusteeship.

Mr Tingley said trusteeship is not an imminent possibility.

## Two assault charges laid after dog-walking altercation at summit

A 42-year-old Montreal man has been charged with two counts of assault in connection with a dog-walking incident in Summit Park Saturday, police said.

The accused was sent downtown to police headquarters after his arrest when he was found to be wanted for nonpayment of 16 traffic warrants totalling $2,398.92.

He lives on Côte des Neiges road.

The assault occurred about 4:40 pm when a Westmount woman was walking her dog accompanied by another woman.

Police said the woman's dog ran away and jumped onto another dog as if to mate rather than to attack. This caused the owner of the other dog to hit the woman in the chest, knocking her to the ground. He then reportedly kicked her leg and threatened to kill her dog if it jumped onto his again.

As the man proceeded to get into his car to leave, the other woman began recording the licence plate number.

The man then stepped back out of the car, this time with an axe in hand, held at his side.

Someone in the car called to him to return.

A second witness asked the man what he was doing but was told to mind his own business. The man then got back into the car and left, making a U-turn and almost hitting the second witness, a man.

A public safety officer was informed of the problem and MUC police were called.

Not long after, investigators at local MUC police station 23 heard that the suspect was at station 31 on Côte des Neiges complaining that he had just been assaulted. They requested that the man be arrested and brought to the Westmount station.

Police said he was subsequently charged on one count of assault regarding the woman as well as a second count for almost hitting the man.

The woman victim was identified as a 40-year-old Westmount resident.

The man was a 56-year-old resident of N.D.G.

## Raccoon injured

A vicious raccoon that was found at 10 Douglas avenue Wednesday last week was believed to have been hit by a car, public safety officers report. The animal's back legs were injured. The SPCA was called to handle the matter.




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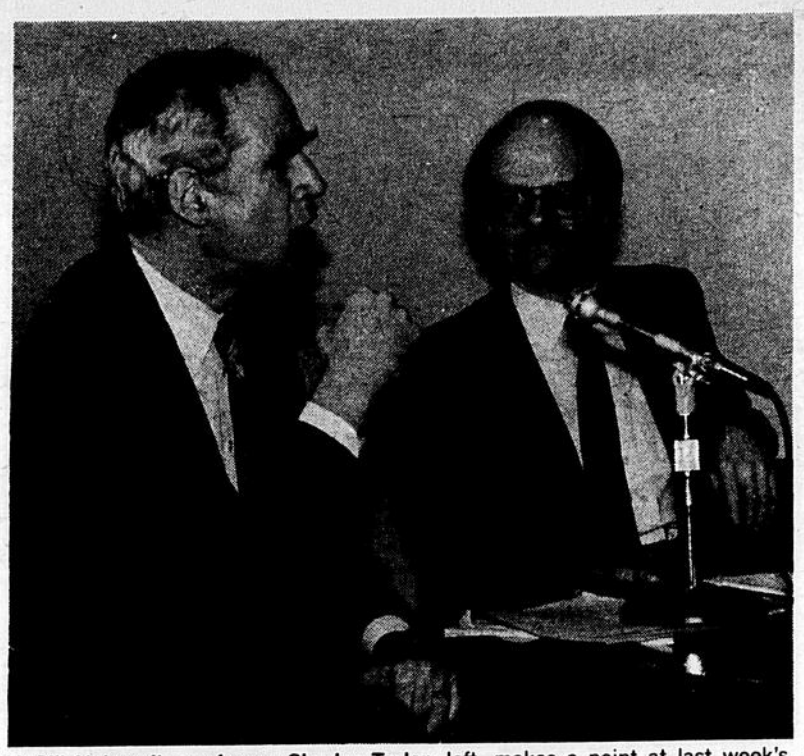
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**McGill University professor Charles Taylor**, left, makes a point at last week's language symposium while Westmount MNA **Richard French** looks on. Both are residents of Metcalfe avenue.

***Many misconceptions and fears:***

# Both sides air views at language symposium

**By CHARLES MAPPIN**

"It's time to stop talking at each other and to start talking with each other."

That piece of advice could apply to many situations, and it's how Bob Keaton introduced a language symposium Monday last week sponsored by McGill and Concordia Universities.

As chairman of Dawson College's political science department, Mr Keaton was moderator for the day-long event.

"We hope to demonstrate to the larger community that dialogue and face-to-face discussion lead to a greater understanding of the situation," Mr Keaton said to the seven-member panel and the public audience gathered in McGill's Leacock building.

The morning panel included three local residents: Westmount MNA Richard French, McGill professor Charles Taylor and former Alliance Quebec president Eric Maldoff. Mr Taylor spoke first.

"We won't solve the language crisis today," he said, "so we shouldn't even try to. But there are three obvious premises from which we must start."

He listed them: that French as the majority language of the community is facing quite a challenge, that any government of Quebec has to take measures to meet this challenge and that some of these measures may seem to impose upon non-francophones. Mr Taylor described these as three absolutely self-evident premises.

"We must take all necessary and efficient methods to promote French, but we must demonstrate they are efficient before we engage them. And we must banish from the discussion prehistoric thinking."

Mr Taylor said he could accept having some measures limit fundamental rights, but he doesn't think Bill 178 does so because it regulates only commercial signs. Nor does he think Bill 178 is an efficient law for the promotion of the French language.

Mr French said he voted against Bill 178 "because I don't believe in a society that limits expression of a group. I don't think promotion of the rights of one group should negate the rights of another."

### Fundamental error

Mr French called Bill 178 a fundamental error of public policy on the part of Premier Robert Bourassa's Liberal government.

"I'm tempted to remind my anglophone audience the government faces a situation where one part of the community says 178 doesn't go far enough and the other part says it goes too far."

Since he expects the government to maintain Bill 178, Mr French suggested the English community should concentrate on other areas such as getting more funding for English universities, ensuring the full implementation of Bill 142 which guarantees access to health and social services in English, and improving the teaching of French in English schools.

"We can't isolate ourselves from the mainstream of Quebec politics," Mr French said.

Eric Maldoff said Quebecers must appreciate "there are real problems facing the French language and society. But we worry about signs and the big bad English language, when we should be worrying about demography, the declining birth rate, immigration and the Quebec economy.

"The English and French communities must realize that each is legitimate.... We're getting headlines worldwide that make us look like a banana republic," Mr Maldoff said.

*La Presse* columnist Lysiane Gagnon said both anglophones and francophones approach the issue with misconceptions.

Francophones see Montreal becoming anglicized, they think they're more bilingual than anglophones, and they view Alliance Quebec as a radical extremist group that wants to rid the province of French.

Anglophones, Ms Gagnon said, see Montreal becoming francicized, they think Bills 178 and 101 are bad laws bordering on fascism, they think commercial expression is an important fundamental right, and they believe Parti Indépendantiste leader Gilles Rhéaume is a real political threat.

The other panel members were Société St Jean Baptiste member Jean Dorion, CNTU union official Pierre Paquette and McGill student Angelo Nikolikakis. The symposium continued with a different panel at Concordia in the afternoon.

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***Monday at 7:30 pm:***

# Vic Hall once more site of 178 meeting

Committee 178, the ad hoc group opposing Quebec's language of signs law, is holding another Victoria Hall rally Monday at 7:30 pm.

This will be Committee 178's fourth regional meeting in two weeks to discuss Bill 178 with people in a particular area. The others were held in Pointe Claire, Hudson and Beaconsfield.

The keynote speaker at Monday's meeting will be Quebec author and university professor Jacques Renaud. Committee 178 organizer Stephen Nowell said the meeting will give local residents the opportunity to discuss the controversial law.

Mr Nowell, the owner of Westmount's Magnus Books, founded the group in December. It began with a sign he posted in his store window calling for civil disobedience by all Quebecers concerned about the loss of their rights.

At the group's first rally held Jan 9 in Victoria Hall, Mr Nowell was overwhelmed by a turnout of over 1,200 people. At subsequent meetings, he has urged a number of protest measures, including wearing black armbands, paying Hydro-Québec bills in coin and late, and writing to American tourist agencies to discourage visitors.

Magnus Books is closing its doors for good on Feb 25, Mr Nowell said, because of declining sales and a prohibitive rent increase. For the immediate future, he plans to devote all his time to Committee 178. The group is looking to set up a small office in the area.

Tickets are required for Monday's meeting, a restriction imposed by the city to keep the numbers under control. The tickets are available free of charge at Magnus, 4932B Sherbrooke street near Prince Albert avenue.

## *Data crunchers, jackets, purse gone from Dawson*

**Computer equipment valued at $5,000 was stolen from the Atwater campus of Dawson College overnight last Thursday-Friday, police report. It consisted of two computers and one monitor.**

**The previous Wednesday, two leather jackets and a purse were reported stolen from a locker there. The women's jackets, one brown and one black, are valued at $295 and $260. They belong to two 18-year-old students, one from Châteauguay and the other from Mercier. The purse was recovered at the Berri street entrance to a gymnasium rented by the college.**

## WESTMOUNT *Community Calendar*

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

### Today, Feb 16

☐ **Choir concert**: Local elementary and high school students join with members of Harnes Singing School Ensemble under the direction of Sondra Harnes to sing songs of peace at 7 pm at Westmount High School

☐ **Fibres to adorn, body and wall**: Work by jeweler Madeleine Dansereau and silk tie-dye artist Carter Smith at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, until March 11. ☺

☐ **Watercolor exhibit**: Work by Claire Wharmby at Westmount Library until Sunday. 482-5687.

☐ **Jewelry exhibit**: Rare jewelry from Turkestan and Afghanistan at Galerie des 5 Continents until March 11.

### Friday, Feb 17

☐ **Children's theatre**: Rathbone Theatre presents J.M. Barrie's *Peter Pan* at 9:30 am and noon today, Feb. 24 and March 3 as well as Feb 25 at 10:30 am and 2 pm. 636-5248, 486-2876. ☨ ☺

☐ **Committee 178 meeting**: At 7:30 pm in Victoria Hall. Guest speaker is to be Jacques Renaud. Free tickets are needed to enter and can be picked up at Magnus Books, 4932 Sherbrooke street. ●

### Saturday, Feb 18

☐ **Writing workshop**: *Writing for our best magazines*, at Victoria Hall from 10 am to 4:30 pm by Adrian Waller. Information and registration at 634-2020. ☎

### Sunday, Feb 19

☐ **Vocal Jazz**: The first of Sunday afternoon jazz concerts for the whole family, at 3 pm at Victoria Hall. Individual or series tickets available at city hall, library and Victoria Hall. 488-8JAM. $

### Monday, Feb 20

☐ **Benefit art show**: Montreal General Hospital show at Artlenders Gallery on Victoria avenue gets under way at 6 pm and continues to Feb 27. 484-4691.

☐ **Junior Firefighters course**: For boys and girls aged 10 to 13 runs for 10 weeks from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Westmount Fire Station. Registration at Westmount schools or by calling 935-2456. ☨

### Wednesday, Feb 22

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

☐ **Co-ed basketball**: Recreational game weekly for adult residents from 8 to 10 pm at Westmount High School through the city recreation department. Call Stephen Guy at 935-8531.

### COMING UP

☐ **Feb 24**: Opening night of new play by Montrealer Terry Armstrong, *The Sticking Place*, 8 pm at the Atwater Library, a presentation of Post Script Productions. The show runs Friday to Sunday to March 5, with 2 pm matinées on weekends. 482-3671 or 489-4603.

☐ **Feb 24 and 25**: Westmount Winter Carnival. Various locations. Tickets are on sale at recreation office.

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**Feb 8**

**12:41 am:** St Catherine and Abbott, first responder unit (see story);
**9:18 am:** 4304 Montrose, burnt fuse on main electrical entry;
**12:10 pm:** 90 Arlington, furnace smoke pipe disconnected from chimney;

**Feb 9**

**3:08 am:** 1675 Deguire, mutual aid assistance to St Laurent for fire in apartment building (see story);
**9:33 am:** 43 Stayner, strange odor, propane heater in use next door;
**12:03 pm:** In front of 6 Roxborough, smoke scare involving school bus (see story);
**12:40 pm:** 4505 St Catherine, Belvedere Residence, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 12:43 pm, for fire alarm, all in order;
**3:49 pm:** 4670 St Catherine, for smell of gas on third floor, dissipated;
**4:51 pm:** 21 Windsor, grease pot fire (see story);

**Feb 10**

**3:40 pm:** 418 Claremont, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 3:44 pm:

**Feb 11**

**1:02 pm:** 4646 Sherbrooke, Manoir Westmount, first responder unit;
**2:59 pm:** 442 Mount Pleasant, person locked out of house on rear balcony;
**7:00 pm:** 4998 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit;

**Feb 12**

**12:29 am:** 24 Edgehill, first responder unit;
**11:31 am:** Rear of 4785 Sherbrooke, Spatches Restaurant, fire in garbage container (see story);
**3:53 pm:** 555 Grosvenor, burglar alarm;

**Feb 13**

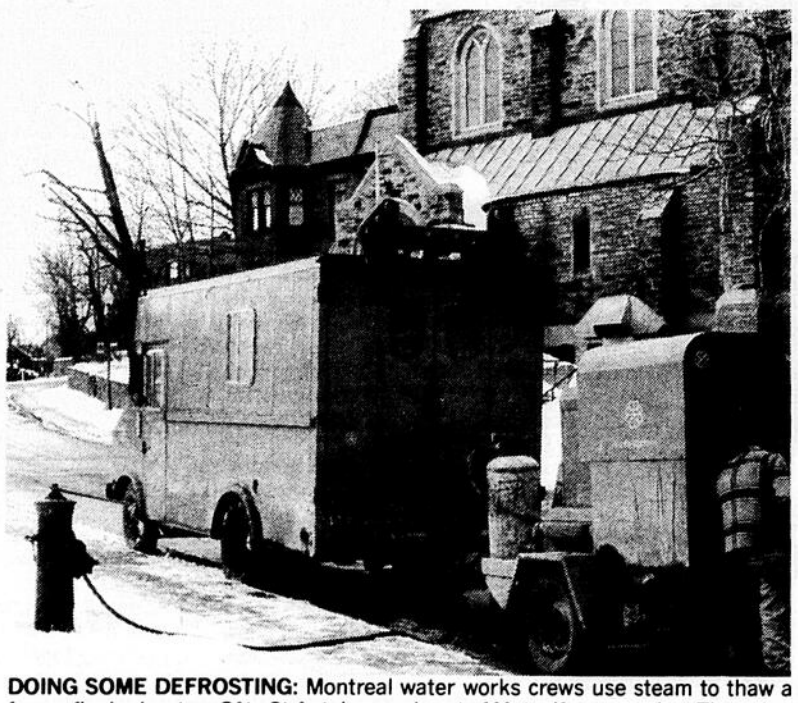
**2:39 am:** 547 Prince Albert, noisy furnace, defective water pump;
**7:10 am:** 322 Kensington, smell from furnace motor;
**10:19 am:** 4998 de Maisonneuve, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 10:29 am, smoke detector in garbage room activated by condensation after washing of floor;
**2:22 pm:** 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, code 3 automatic mutual aid from St Laurent and Outremont cancelled at 2:28 pm, smoke detector on 9th floor east activated by condensation;
**3:54 pm:** 4380 Montrose, water leak, burst exterior pipe for lawn;
**5:05 pm:** Front of 55 Thornhill, water running down from above leak;
**5:45 pm:** 6505 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 5:51 pm;
**6:00 pm:** 368 Wood, burglar alarm;

**Feb 14**

**4:48 am:** 580 Grosvenor, defective fire alarm.

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**DOING SOME DEFROSTING:** Montreal water works crews use steam to thaw a frozen fire hydrant on Côte St Antoine road east of Metcalfe avenue last Thursday. The hydrant was one of hundreds that were frozen, according to the workers. Westmount hydrants are maintained by the Montreal department as part of its water-supply contract.

**Power out in northeast:**

## Montreal waterworks crew cuts cables during dig

Over 1,000 homes in the northeast sector of Westmount were blacked out Wednesday afternoon last week for between two and four hours.

Light and power director Bruce St Louis said a City of Montreal waterworks crew broke two primary power cables while digging a hole at the corner of Westmount avenue and The Boulevard to thaw a frozen water valve. The incident occurred at about 1:15 pm.

The pneumatic hammer broke through cables on circuits 23P and 34P "in one shot," Mr St Louis explained. A city power crew was dispatched and temporary repairs returned power to one of the circuits by about 3 pm.

"The other one wouldn't re-energize so we switched those customers over to a stand-by circuit at around 5 o'clock," he said.

Working into the evening, the crew discovered that a 750-foot length of cable had burnt, presumably a result of a build-up of energy when it was cut. The cable was replaced Thursday.

"The City of Montreal will be sent a letter of intent holding them responsible for the expenses Westmount incurred," Mr St Louis said. His preliminary estimate of the cost of the new cable and the overtime pay for the line and power crews is "conservatively, $10,000."

He said the city had marked the sidewalks to indicate the location of the cables after Montreal informed him of the excavation, but snow covered the markings by the time the work began.

## Westmount teenager charged in one of week's four car thefts

A 14-year-old Westmount boy has been charged with stealing a car parked outside the arena Monday night last week, police said.

The blue 1987 Oldsmobile was recovered the next day in front of 4617 Royal avenue.

It was one of four vehicles stolen in Westmount last week. Only one of the others was reported to have been recovered.

Discovery of the car stolen from the arena was made by police in plain clothes from N.D.G.'s station 15 who became suspicious of four youths in a car parked on Royal. The four were arrested, but charges laid only against one. All were aged 13 to 15. Only one lived in Westmount.

The front of the car had been damaged by one of the youths, who admitted having hit a tree the previous night in Dorval. The youths appeared to have stolen the car to ride around in, police said.

The $20,000 vehicle was stolen while its owner, a resident of Somerville avenue, was skating between 7 and 7:30 pm. He had left the car keys in his jacket in the locker room.

Several weeks ago, a City of Westmount van also disappeared from the arena lot after keys went missing from the recreation office. Police said the two thefts are not believed to be related.

One of the other three stolen vehicles last week also was recovered.

It was a gold 1986 Volkswagen that disappeared overnight Monday-Tuesday from Lewis avenue. Stolen along with the car were sunglasses, a ski rack and an electric door opener. The car was found on Fullum street where it had been running all day, according to a complainant who called police at 4 pm. The ignition had been removed, causing over $500 damage.

A 1988 Jeep Cherokee remained unrecovered a week after being stolen in front of 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard Monday afternoon. The $20,000 vehicle belonged to a resident of Côte St Luc.

The fourth vehicle was a red 1988 Honda which disappeared Saturday night in front of Dawson College, 3040 Sherbrooke street, while its owner attended a hockey game at the Forum. The $13,500 car belonged to a Town of Mount Royal resident.

## Bike at hall

A red bicycle was turned in at local MUC police station 23 by public safety officers last Thursday, police said. The Tour de l'Île bike had been found at Victoria Hall.

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# We Say

## Where to from here?

AN OLD joke has a stranger asking an old man directions. The man replies, "You can't get there from here."

We are reminded of that line when pondering the current impasse between Mayor May Cutler and her councillors, now nearly three weeks old. Everyone would like things to be resolved and for life to go on, but no one seems to know exactly how to get to that exalted state of affairs. And the ones who say "you can't get there from here" see the only solution as the one put forward by the mayor two weeks ago — for them all to resign and for new elections to be called.

But unlike the joke, the City of Westmount and its residents can't live with the story ending with such hopelessness. We *must* find a way to a resolution.

And, for the good of the city, it must be done soon.

We hope that Sunday's meeting has at least brought a round of this sorry conflict to a conclusion. Let's call it the "Try to get the other to resign" round. The problem with that strategy on both sides is that there is nothing in the law to force anyone to resign. Anyone who wants to stay can, and that's what they all apparently intend to do.

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BUT that, obviously, does nothing to resolve the situation. Indeed, the calls to resign have simply enflamed emotions. Particularly shocking was last Friday's press conference at a downtown hotel (not even within the city!) by the eight councillors which was nothing more than a name-calling exercise. The councillors justify their outburst by saying the mayor "slandered" them and the administration earlier in the week, but not once in any of this has Mayor Cutler resorted to personal attacks on the character of the individuals. She has criticized their work and their attitudes but not their persons. Indeed, she often has gone out of her way to do the contrary.

And while the mayor clearly stated the reason for her staying is to carry out the wishes of the citizens, the councillors have invoked nothing except the personal flaws of the mayor. Nowhere in their statements do they talk about their view of what they are trying to do for the citizens. They simply refer to their own difficulties in dealing with the mayor.

The councillors thus are steadfast in their resolution not to step down and let the voters have the final word. As a result of that and the evident public support she has, the mayor, too, is steadfast, and correctly so, in not resigning unless all nine of them do.

Since no one or no group of citizens can force a resignation, the onus now is on the mayor and the councillors to work together for a solution. Some have said or implied the onus is on the mayor, as one person, to be accommodating and work with the eight, but we think otherwise. Movement must come from both sides.

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THE first and obligatory step, however, is for the councillors to withdraw their demand for the mayor to resign, to apologize for the personal attacks and indicate a willingness to work out a new working relationship recognizing her mandate from the citizens. Without such an end to the demand to resign, it clearly is impossible for anything else to be discussed. How could the mayor talk with a council which still believes the best thing is for her to resign?

Sunday's meeting and the mayor's strong petition of support put the ball for accommodation back into the councillors' court. If they can take that first step away from the mud-slinging, some progress might be possible.

If they cannot, they have but one option: to do as the mayor suggested and all resign. We are sure the mayor would then follow suit and elections between competing slates would follow as the ultimate way to clear the air.

We believe it would be totally unacceptable to most citizens, on whatever side of this issue, for the situation simply to continue as it is now, with the mayor doing her work on her own and council determined to continue on its own while still calling on the mayor to step down. That is the worst possible outcome because it is no solution at all. Certainly the eight councillors could still continue under the law to govern the city by their majority vote, but their moral claim to the power to govern would be gone.

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THEY also must remember that the issues Mayor Cutler has brought forward in this controversy will not go away if she simply stepped away from the scene. In her 15 months in office and particularly in the past three weeks she has changed forever the way Westmount's government will work, whether she is a part of it or not. The relentless demands by citizens for a municipal government that makes sense will continue. The demands for more openness and more communication will be unceasing. The vigilance by citizens of council's every move will be unblinking.

The doors to city council's inner workings have been opened too wide to be shut again.

Indeed, perhaps the long-lasting benefit of the travails of the past three weeks will be the implementation, by whoever holds the post, of Mayor Cutler's resolution to conduct almost all the business of city council in public. It is something long since overdue. The intelligent and caring citizens of this city deserve to know what is going on, who is proposing what, who is voting how and who is blocking whom. The inevitable process of that opening up has been given a huge boost by Mayor Cutler's resolve.

But for now, if the councillors cannot resign, if they cannot take their position to the people as bravely as has Mayor Cutler, they have no other choice but to work with her to help her fulfill the clear mandate she received in 1987 and still enjoys from the people of Westmount.

If, however, they can initiate the process of conciliation, it then will be up to Mrs Cutler to reciprocate and the piecing together of a new relationship can proceed.

Either way, as we said two weeks ago, let it be done quickly. There is more important business to attend to, namely the proper running of this city.

# You Say

## Boy in WHS incident not a student there

Sir: Regarding your reporting last week of an incident at Westmount High — thank goodness for the principal, Mr Richard Meades! Not only did he immediately recognize that the boy in question was *not* a student at Westmount High (nor had he *ever* been), but he dealt with him swiftly and firmly.

In responding as courageously and effectively as he did, Mr Meades is again showing this community that he will not tolerate any disrespect of the Westmount High School community.

**Linda Stern**

338 Kensington avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 2H3

## Rosemount fire victims say thanks to firemen

Sir: Having had our house extensively damaged by fire recently while we were away, we wish to express our gratitude to the courageous men of the Westmount fire department under the guidance of Fire Director W.J. Timmons.

We too often forget those Westmount employees who risk their lives to protect us and our belongings; without their dedication our house would have been totally destroyed. Those men who remained on the premises for more than 48 hours in frigid temperatures were extremely co-operative and supportive.

We particularly wish to express our sorrow and sincere thanks to the three men who were injured while fighting to protect our homestead.

**The Audet family**

66 Rosemount crescent
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 2C9

## Responsible for crisis, mayor should resign

Sir: I did not intend to support the mayor at the meeting on Sunday night, but thought I should attend it to be fully informed of her position. I learned nothing new and was disappointed at the number of people who seemed to think the mayor should not resign.

The breath of fresh air she seemed to be giving has developed into a much-publicized crisis for which she is responsible.

She has been unable to rise above her lack of experience in civic affairs; another and fundamental lack is her inability to work as part of a team, or lead one.

The comments of current and past presidents of the Westmount Municipal Association, former councillors and the eight members of the present council should guide the mayor, as guidance seems necessary.

I hope the mayor will see the light and resign and the councillors will get on with the jobs for which they were elected.

**R. H. Stevenson**

453 Mount Stephen avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 2X8

## Mayor Cutler supported as needed boat-rocker

*A copy of the following letter, dated Feb 9, has been sent to THE EXAMINER:*

Mayor May Cutler
City of Westmount

My dear Mayor Cutler: This is to assure you that my wife and I join those who hope that you will not resign as mayor. The Westmount administration needs someone like you right now to shake the boat.

We are alarmed and upset at the approximate 20 percent increase in our municipal tax bill due March 1, 1989 — an $844 increase in one year! That is almost five times the rate of inflation, which is ridiculous, and one of the reasons is that the administration is top heavy.

Recently, the Westmount light department replaced two small electric junction boxes in the lane in rear of our home and my wife counted not one, two or three men working on the job — no — there were a total of nine men for the one job: a truck driver and two assistants to guide him when he backed up, two men to carry and work on the boxes and four others to supervise. In our humble opinion, there were at least six men too many and we, the taxpayers, are paying heavily for that. It has to stop — and now!

Please do something about it.

We regret that we cannot attend the meeting on Sunday night but we will be out of town.

With our best wishes and thanks.

**A. Patrick Wickham**

16 de Casson road
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 2H1

## Concerned citizens should write to city councillors

Sir: In response to a council statement in last week's EXAMINER urging the mayor to resign, it seemed that, as of Sunday evening, only four "concerned citizens" made their views known to the mayor on this issue, and wrote her to do so.

I suggest, as a "concerned citizen," that we write to our councillors and make our views known to them as well.

**Annemarie Usher-Jones**

14 Melbourne avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 1H7

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**our M.P.**
***David Berger***
**says...**

## *Adapting to competition*

THE O'Keefe Brewery on Notre Dame street, located in the riding of St Henri-Westmount, will be closed with the merger of Carling-O'Keefe and Molson's.

In Quebec, 550 full-time jobs will be lost in the two companies. Only 150 will be laid off, while 400 positions will be eliminated through attrition and early retirement. However, fewer part-time employees will be hired. O'Keefe alone has some 400 part-time employees and as many as 250 work up to 11 months of the year.

Molson's, as the new company is to be called, has said it intends to be a "model employer," in terms of the early retirement package, retraining and counselling services it will offer its employees. Curiously, provincial government retraining programs don't apply to the brewing industry, presumably because trade in brewery products is exempted from the national treatment provisions of the free trade agreement.

Correcting such anomalies and helping Canadian workers and companies adapt to global competition is clearly a responsibility of the government of Canada. Yet it has failed to introduce any new adjustment policies.


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## Forty-five Years Ago
*February 18, 1944*

"The executive of the Westmount Stamp Club is making preliminary arrangements for their annual exhibition to be held in Victoria Hall on the Easter weekend. This is the feature event of the year for the local stamp fans and a display in comparison with the splendid exhibits of other years is expected. Next week's meeting of the organization will be held in the Oak Room at Victoria Hall when a contest will be held for the entertainment of the members. Lantern slides of various stamps will be shown and the members will try their hands at naming them. The club held a Red Cross auction at last week's meeting and another will be held in the future."

## Thirty-five Years Ago
*February 19, 1954*

"A balanced budget, a record attendance and an expanding program were the highlights of the 42nd annual report of the Westmount YMCA presented last night at the annual meeting. The chairman's report for 1953, presented by A.W.D. Swan, retiring chairman of the board of management, which headed a long list of worthwhile statistics documenting the efforts of the various phases of the institution, revealed that 1953 for the Westmount Y was the biggest and best yet. In his report, Mr Swan said: 'Our success is due largely to the work of the whole staff... assisted by the enthusiastic law leaders who give freely of their time, knowledge, ability and fellowship'."

## Twenty-five Years Ago
*February 14, 1964*

"Only about two percent of Westmount citizens wish their city to join up with Montreal, according to an EXAMINER ballot survey presented last week. Westmounters by the hundreds gave full vent to their feelings and made it clear they wish Westmount to remain autonomous. Among scores of reasons for retaining independence emphatically stated on the ballots, five were predominant: 'Westmount's efficient government; Montreal's desire to grab Westmount taxes; only as an autonomous city can Westmount retain its unique character; municipal services; English-speaking citizens are in a minority on the island and prefer to remain in a community administered by their own kind'."

## Ten Years Ago
*February 15, 1979*

"Mr and Mrs Ivar Rushevic moved out of 74 Columbia avenue late last week and turned over the vacant house to officers of the public curator's office on Friday, but not without considerable legal struggle which still has not been concluded. A deal from the public curator to refund the back taxes paid by the squatters in return for a waiving of a court appeal of the eviction was brought forward Tuesday morning and as of press time... the Rushevics were still considering it. The deal follows an icy confrontation in front of the house... a trip to the court of appeals and, finally, a very complete inspection of the home by the curator's officials."

## One Year Ago
*February 11, 1988*

"Bypassing a confused local political scene, Westmounter 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. 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."






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

## *How to interrogate?*

THE Surêté du Québec arrested Alain Chapleau very quickly after the St Basile fire last summer.

Arsonists of the pyromaniac variety have a peculiar tendency to return to the scene of the crime in order to admire their handiwork. The Surêté questioned Chapleau because he was present at the scene and arrested him because they were dissatisfied with his answers.

Immediately thereafter, it would seem, the investigators made a major mistake which cost them their chance at a successful prosecution. They refused to permit Chapleau to consult a lawyer.

The presiding judge in the subsequent trial also made serious objection to the type of interrogation which the Surêté had Chapleau undergo. The judge was able to undertake such a critique because the Surêté used a new practice in the criminal justice system: the interrogation was videotaped.

This second series of objections by the judge raised very important operational questions for police investigators. Leaving aside the question — indeed fundamental — of the arrested person's right to legal advice, what practices of questioning suspects are consistent with the Charter of Rights?

Without having attended the trial and seen the videotape, it is hard to judge precisely what police practices were regarded as objectionable. We expect police to solve crimes. They sometimes err in doing so. Nevertheless, if they are to get confessions, they are going to have to be permitted a minimum of opportunity to place psychological pressure on suspects, to plea bargain, to play bad cop/nice cop, and so forth. Physical violence and physical deprivation are unacceptable. So are direct or indirect threats.

But in interrogation, a degree of manipulation is inevitable and perhaps indispensable. Where do we draw the line? That's what the new inquiry by the Quebec Police Commission is supposed to tell us.

# You Say

## Letter sent to mayor asks her to resign

Sir: Because I felt that attending the meeting at Victoria Hall on Sunday would be understood as an expression of confidence in Mayor Cutler, I delivered to her house the following letter.

"Dear Mayor Cutler: Having read, listened and watched during the past year and a half, I had begun to feel that your considerable talents were not best suited to municipal politics.

"The present impasse confirms this feeling.

"I hope that you will submit your resignation."

**Sarah A. Stevenson**
453 Mount Stephen avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 2X8

## Husband says councillors deserve better from mayor

Sir: I am the husband of one of the city councillors whom Mayor Cutler has criticized for indulging in personal extravagance at taxpayers' expense. Specifically, the mayor has encouraged Westmounters to think of their councillors as dilettantes who enjoy "smoked trout" and other luxuries in a "country club" atmosphere.

The meeting at Victoria Hall on Feb 12 showed the ease with which innuendo can be converted to a perception of truth, and as I have a perspective that is shared by only a few I want to contribute to a better understanding of the reality.

During a typical month my wife is engaged in city business for at least 60 hours. Some of this time is scheduled beforehand, such as council meetings, committees and preparation, but the telephone rings whenever a citizen dials our number and it is a fact of life that dinners are interrupted by unexpected calls.

Our street is already paved and we have no interest in promoting municipal favors for ourselves or cronies. My wife believed when she first ran for office in 1984, and she still believes, in her ability to contribute to the government of our city. It is my view that this applies equally to the other seven councillors. To hear them ridiculed by the mayor as parasites sucking our tax dollars for their own enjoyment is a contemptible distortion.

No one on council is motivated by the remuneration of $8,000 per annum or by the availability of food during meetings that begin at 5 pm and often stretch past midnight.

Mayor Cutler: You sit at council with eight honorable people who deserve better treatment from you.

**Allan O. Aitken**
95 Arlington avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 2W5

## Employees not behaving neutrally in dispute

Sir: As a lifelong Westmount resident I have had the impression over the years that our quaint, somewhat anachronistic municipal administration and its employees were being managed without much imagination but with a modicum of efficiency and competence by the elected city councillors. But an extraordinary incident that happened while I was attending Mayor Cutler's rally cum accountability session Sunday night at Victoria Hall has led me to believe otherwise.

During the mayor's speech, I slipped out of the main hall to have a chat with a fellow Westmounter, Canadiens' captain Bob

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# I Say!

OVERHEARD at Sunday's meeting called by Mayor Cutler: "The real reason the councillors all stayed home was so they could tune CBC and watch *Struggle for Democracy*!"

## Fire department not soliciting, don't give to requests for funds

POLICE and fire officials are appealing once again to local residents and merchants not to hand over money to anyone seeking funds in the name of the Westmount fire department.

"We are not soliciting funds for any purpose," Fire Director William Timmons said Tuesday.

Various versions of the fire department scam have surfaced from time to time, he noted. Usually these involve someone posing as a fireman attempting to sell advertising in a fire prevention publication.

Several attempts to solicit money by this means were reported to him recently, he said. He has referred them to MUC police.

The fraud often involves an initial phone call to the victim, police said, followed up by a visit from a courier to pick up the cheque or money. The scam is carried out in such a manner as to make it difficult for police to link the caller with the courier.

Anyone encountering such an experience is cautioned not to hand out any money and to refer the matter to police.

## Jumped red

A 30-year-old St Henri man was charged with impaired driving Tuesday after driving through a red light at Atwater avenue and Dorchester boulevard, police said. He was stopped at 3:20 am.

**To increase capacity:**

# Hydro comes through with two new circuits for city substation

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Hydro-Québec has backed down on its refusal to supply Westmount with two new circuits needed for expansion of the King George Park substation.

Due to an increase in the demand for electricity in the northern part of Westmount, the city made plans last year to install a fourth transformer in the substation in 1990.

The city requested the two circuits — one regular circuit and one for stand-by — from Hydro in early December.

Westmount light and power director Bruce St Louis said Hydro told him no spare circuits were available at the Poste Maisonneuve power station where the city gets all its electricity. Hydro suggested the city consider re-arranging its distribution system to meet the increased demand.

"They thought we could shuffle some of our circuits around to redistribute our loads, but that would have virtually eliminated our stand-by capacity," Mr St Louis said. The stand-by capacity is needed as a backup to reduce the extent and duration of blackouts when a circuit breaks down.

He met with Hydro officials last month to explain the problem and present a computer simulation of future power distribution within the city. Hydro now has made the circuits available.

Mr St Louis said the new cables will require no digging since the conduit from Poste Maisonneuve to the park is in place. The city light crew is "fishing" the conduit with rope so the new cables can be pulled into place.

At its meeting Feb 6, city council amended its $750,000 loan by-law passed in September to cover the cost of the work. The amendment was needed to comply with a request from the provincial government for a cost breakdown before it would give its approval.

"We can't spend a penny until we get the go-ahead from the minister of municipal affairs," Mr St Louis said.

The city has budgeted $150,000 for the new 6,500 kVa transformer, $70,000 for switch gear and grounding, $100,000 for an extension to the substation building and $30,000 to cover "professional fees for plans and specifications for building modifications."

That gets the power from Poste Maisonneuve to the park. Distribution of the electricity in the northern sector will require $100,000 for new conduit and cables. A further $50,000 will cover contingencies and financing costs.

Mr St Louis said the building extension will be done in the autumn of 1989 and he expects the transformer will be delivered in early 1990. It should be energized and in operation soon after.

## City forced to follow Hydro's dual-energy rates

Dual-energy users will be paying slightly less for electricity soon as Westmount is forced to follow Hydro-Québec's lead and reduce its price to reflect the drop in the world oil price.

City council gave notice of motion Feb 6 of a by-law amendment to effect the change retroactive to Jan 1, 1989.

Councillor Rhoda Vineberg, commissioner of light and power, said the change "creates a financial hardship" for Westmount's utility. With the lower price, it will lose money on the power it sells to dual-energy customers (see story Jan 26).

Fourteen major customers, including Reddy Memorial Hospital and many large apartment buildings, will see their rates drop from 1.71 to 1.60 cents per kilowatt-hour. Residential customers already receive a preferential rate.

Mrs Vineberg said the department would discuss the situation with Hydro to work out a solution. Council is expected to adopt the by-law amendment at its next public sitting.

## St Laurent fire recalls Rosemount

Eight Westmount firefighters were sent to help fight a stubborn apartment building blaze in St Laurent last Thursday morning, fire officials report. The mutual aid assistance was provided over a period of two shifts.

The initial local crew of four was called out at 3:08 am. On arrival, they were assigned to the roof of the burning building at 1675 Deguire, as well as an adjoining one to help prevent the fire jumping across. Four other Westmount firemen were sent to replace them after the 7:30 am change of shift.

Frigid temperatures reminded firefighters of the house fire at 64-66 Rosemount crescent Jan 6 when they were called out at about the same time, 3:05 am.

## Resident deals with burning pot

An occupant of the house at 21 Windsor avenue smothered a flaming grease pot last Thursday before firefighters arrived on the scene, fire officials report. The fire was put out by covering it with a pot lid. No damage resulted.

Grease in the pot had ignited on the kitchen stove about 4:50 pm. Efforts to quell the flames using a towel proved unsuccessful. Firemen ventilated the house of smoke.

## Smoky bus

Firefighters were called to 6 Roxborough avenue last Thursday when smoke from the engine of a small school bus was mistaken for a fire, fire officials report. The smoke turned out to have been caused by transmission oil leaking onto the engine.




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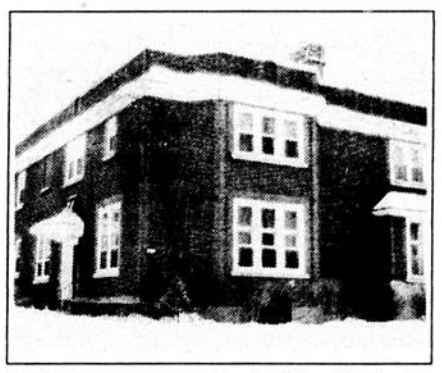
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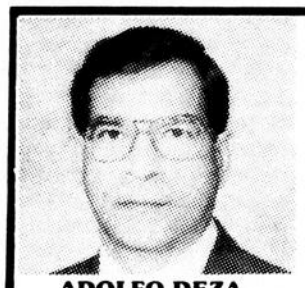


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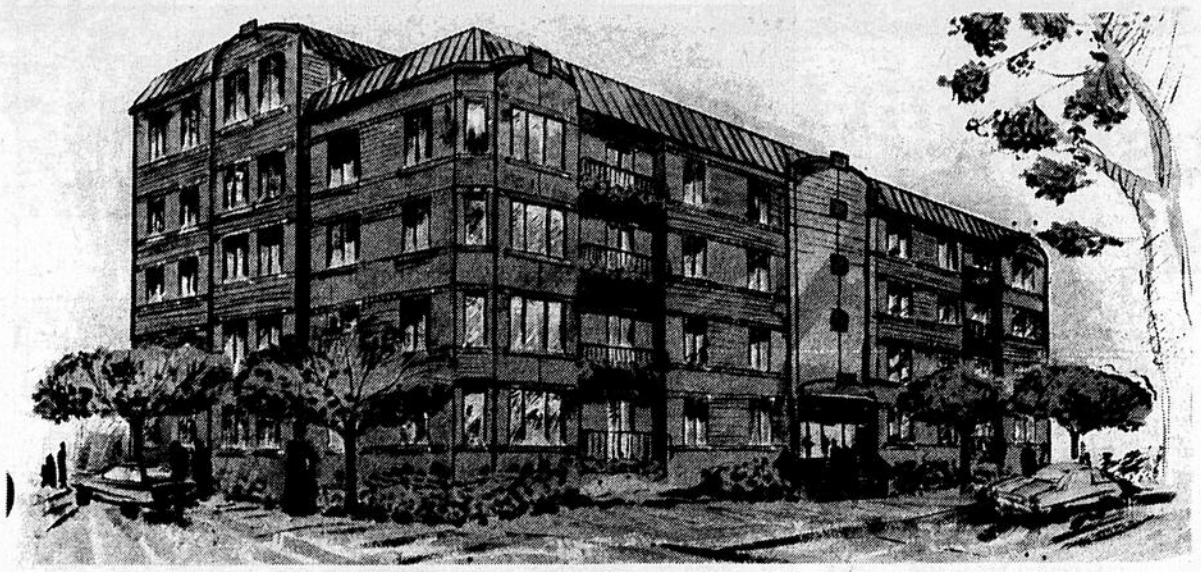
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An artist's rendition of the Westmount Emerald condominium project on St Catherine street at Victoria avenue.

## Westmount Emerald condos:

# Council approves project while voicing disapproval

By CHARLES MAPPIN

"Inappropriate" and "unfortunate" were the words two city councillors used last week to describe a new $1-million condominium project to be built on a vacant lot next to the Westmount train station.

At the Feb 6 public meeting, council approved an exception to the city's zoning by-law and gave the developer permission to build the underground garage and front entrance 10 feet in advance of the zoned 10-foot building line.

The property is located at the foot of Victoria avenue, immediately west of the station. The 18-unit, four-storey building slated for the lot will be known as the Westmount Emerald.

"It has been deemed inappropriate for the site, but the zoning allows it," Councillor Stuart Robertson said after proposing the motion that would grant the exception. "And once the zoning allows it, we have to allow it whether or not we want it."

Mr Robertson is the city's commissioner of planning and redevelopment. His motion included making similar routine exceptions at three other sites in Westmount.

Councillor Joan Rothman took the opportunity to make her own comments on the proposed structure.

"It's an unfortunate building to appear in that place. I'm certainly not in favor of what I think will be the general appearance at the end of Victoria," Mrs Rothman said.

### Remarks explained

Mr Robertson later explained his remarks to THE EXAMINER. "We're not enamoured with the architecture. The look is not what we'd like to see on that site, but there's not much more the architectural and planning commission can do to modify it," he said.

Mr Robertson described it as having a domineering look that will dominate the intersection. He called it inappropriate, sandwiched between the one-storey train station and the railway cottages.

Developer Saul Ettinger bought the 12,000-square-foot lot in early 1986. He's had quite a struggle to get anything at all built on the land, after obtaining it for $157,787 from Marathon Realties, CP Rail's real estate arm.

Initially Mr Ettinger planned to build a restaurant on the site. He owns the popular Bishop street restaurant Briskets and converted the Grand Trunk railway station in Old Montreal into another restaurant, Il Était Une Fois.

Before his plans were complete, Westmount downzoned the land in late 1986 from commercial to residential and lowered the maximum height from six storeys to four.

Mr Ettinger then opted for a 20-unit condo building. In July 1987, council asked him — under its cadastral fund by-law — to cede one-tenth of the land on the east side of the narrow lot to permit an eventual extension of Victoria into the CP Rail lands which one day will be developed.

The cadastral fund is intended to preserve and enhance green space in the city. The by-law requires owners to grant the city one-tenth of the municipal valuation of their property before undertaking new construction. Usually the tithe is exacted in money rather than land and used for green-space development. This second impediment forced Mr Ettinger back to the drawing board to revise his plans.

Despite the councillors' recent verbal swipes at the Westmount Emerald, the developer picked up his $1,080,000 building permit last Thursday under the name of his numbered company.

Mr Ettinger said he plans to break ground some time this year and have the building finished in 1990. He described it as a "traditional-looking building with an ultra-modern interior." It will be of red brick with granite inserts and a copper roof.

Mr Ettinger blames bureaucratic delays at city hall for holding his project up. He said these delays have resulted in his entering the condominium market when the boom is over and demand has subsided.

### Other approvals

The other three instances of building over the building line approved at last week's meeting were presented along with cadastral operations at two locations.

At 809 Upper Belmont avenue, permission was given for the erection of a fence 4½ feet in advance of the 15-foot building line to surround a new swimmming pool and to replace an existing fence.

At 324 Victoria, new stairs are to be installed 10 feet in front of the 10-foot building line to allow access to the basement.

Permission was given for a wheelchair ramp and handrail eight feet in front of the 10-foot building line at 4016-18-20 St Catherine. The building includes the Bank of Nova Scotia, McNiece's sporting goods and space upstairs used by Montreal Children's Hospital.

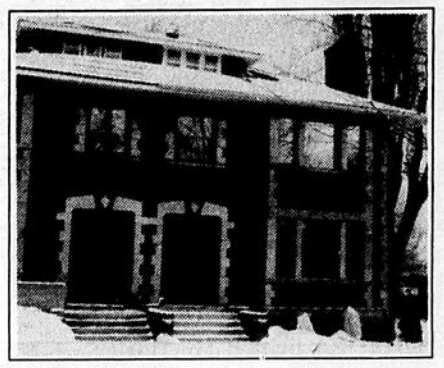
Cadastral operations also were approved at 4294 Montrose and 433 Lansdowne avenues before the owners make extensions to their houses.

Cadastral operations are merely changes on paper in the city records of cadastral lot numbers. Many houses and other buildings are located on more than one lot or parts of lots.

So that the records eventually will show every building with a single lot, the city's by-laws require cadastral operations before an owner undertakes major work or changes a building's status.


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Real Estate

By Reg Morden

WHAT IS A FIXTURE?

Every real estate agent sooner or later becomes involved in a dispute between a home buyer and seller about what fixtures are included in the home sale. Problems regarding the inclusion or exclusion of these items from the home sale can be solved in two ways. One is to understand what a fixture is. The easier method is to specify in the written sales contract which fixtures are included in the sale price.

A fixture is personal property which is permanently attached to real property. An example is a bathroom sink, which becomes a fixture when it is bolted to the wall. A sale of real property includes any fixtures, unless they are explicitly excluded.

As most realtors can testify, it's not always easy to tell what is a fixture and what is personal property. Rather than going to court or losing a sale, it's best to provide in the purchase and sale contract for disposition of troublesome items such as window coverings, appliances, carpets, outdoor plants, chandeliers, mirrors and TV antennas.

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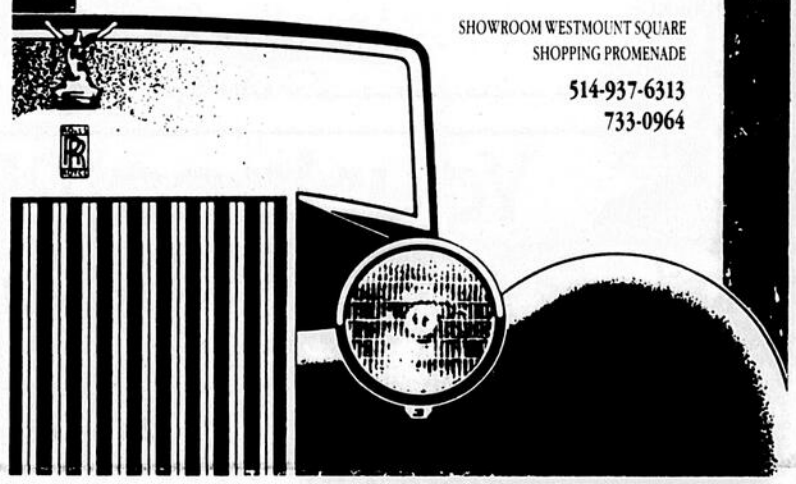
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***Still wrestling with role in elections:***

# WMA gives short shrift to crisis at city hall

By CHARLES MAPPIN

"When she starts to get into the kitchen, that's when the problems arise," city councillor Daniel Tingley told the Westmount Municipal Association meeting Monday night.

Mr Tingley was referring to Mayor May Cutler's delving into the running of the city administration which led to the current dispute between her and the eight city councillors.

Mr Tingley was one of four councillors and eight other residents who turned out Monday for the WMA's first public meeting since the dispute came to light.

It was a timely coincidence that the WMA had invited Mr Tingley some time ago to discuss his portfolio as commissioner of administration at Monday's meeting.

WMA president Donald Ross announced he had sent letters to the mayor and councillors last week inviting them to meet privately with the WMA executive "in the hope we might be able to help resolve the problem."

No date has been determined for such a meeting, Mr Ross said, adding that he plans to wait to see if they are interested.

Mr Ross then turned to the WMA's regular monthly business. The subject of the dispute only came up again at the end of the meeting when Mr Tingley made his presentation.

Mr Tingley explained that it was too early still to determine if the new structure in the administration is working. In 1986, the city added two directors-general and did away with assistant department heads.

A management-by-objective strategy was introduced in which each employee sets goals for the coming year and then has his performance reviewed.

Mr Tingley said that strategy is being implemented for the first time this year, so it would be premature to make drastic changes at this point.

"Council's job is not to get into the kitchen. Our job is to set policy and to let the senior managers manage," Mr Tingley said.

He called the mayor's posting of the job vacancy for a new secretary "symptomatic of problems at city hall where someone on council does something without going through the director general."

Paul Beauchemin warned Mr Tingley of a possible pitfall. "It's been known to happen in the public sector that evaluations given of one employee by another are overly generous," Mr Beauchemin said.

WMA vice-president John Johnston said council has been saying "give us more time" every year since Donald MacCallum was mayor (he retired in 1983). He said residents don't want to wait any longer.

**New positions**

Mr Johnston questioned Mr Tingley why he was so concerned with having the mayor's notice taken down for not complying with the union contract, when two other jobs were filled last year without any posting at all. Mr Tingley said that hadn't contravened the union contract as they were new positions.

In other business Monday, Tom Thompson said the WMA is ready to proceed with its survey of residents on a wide range of municipal concerns.

The survey will be sent to the 750 WMA member households next week and then to another 200 residents chosen at random. It will be available next month at the library for anyone else, Mr Thompson said.

Coun Rhoda Vineberg suggested the survey be extended to cover all residents, with city funding if needed. Mr Thompson said the WMA would rather proceed independently as planned.

A lengthy discussion surrounded the WMA's ongoing problem of its role in municipal elections. No consensus has yet been reached on whether the WMA should support one or more than one candidate per ward.

Claude Bismuth suggested ward committees be set up on a permanent basis to keep in touch with residents and so that the WMA will always have candidates to put forward.

A motion was passed to put off the matter until the results of the survey are known since the question is asked in it. But it may remain unsolved even then, since the board agreed it would not be bound by the results.

## Graffiti vandals hit three times

Three incidents of language law-related graffiti Wednesday last week are believed connected, police said.

The inscriptions were made by blue spray paint on a wall and door at 4311 de Maisonneuve boulevard and at the entrance of the apartment building at 4560 St Catherine street. Also hit were a door, wall and painting at Church of the Advent, 4119 de Maisonneuve.

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**A series on the private residences designated 1A in Westmount's architectural heritage study**



### No 17: 50 Forden crescent

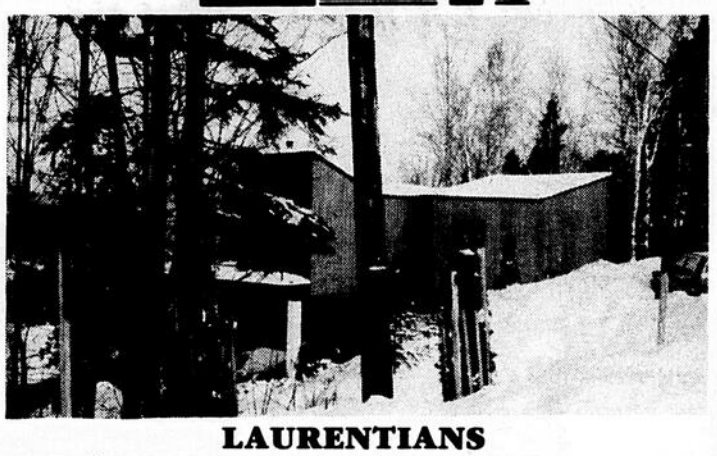
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This is the final entry in THE EXAMINER series on the 17 private residences given top rating in Westmount's architectural heritage study. French and English copies of the study — including the two-volume text, maps, fiches on some 350 individual homes and public buildings and hundreds of color photographs — are available for consultation at the Westmount Public Library. Furthermore, color photocopies of one or more fiches can be ordered from the services department at city hall for $2.

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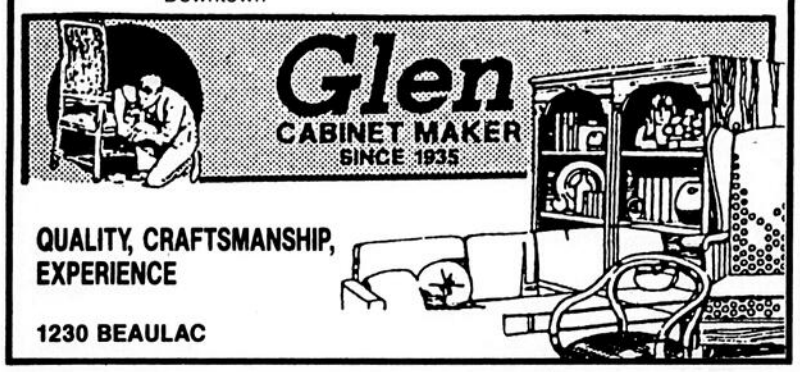
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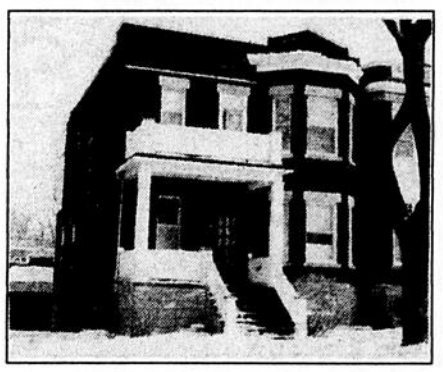

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## CITY HALL IN TURMOIL

# Councillors lambast mayor at press conference

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor May Cutler has failed Westmount, city councillors declared at a press conference they held Friday at the Sheraton Centre hotel downtown.

They called the mayor their "embarrassment" and said she had "a fundamental inability to participate in the democratic process."

The recurring theme was in direct contrast to overwhelming support from most of the 1,000 citizens who crowded into Sunday's town meeting in Victoria Hall which the councillors boycotted.

While councillors Friday charged the mayor had withdrawn from the city's government, one citizen at Sunday's town meeting won applause by saying the eight empty chairs reserved on stage for the councillors showed *they* had already resigned.

Councillors had announced at the press conference that they would not attend the public meeting, choosing instead to present their point of view directly to the media.

"If 1,000 people turn out Sunday won't that be indicative that they like her style, that the burden of blame is not on her shoulders?" councillors were asked.

"You can pack a hall," the councillors' spokesman, Stuart Robertson, replied. Collectively, he said, the eight councillors represented Westmount.

Councillor Sally Aitken said the mayor was street politicking.

Mrs Aitken said she personally found it difficult not to attend since a town meeting "is in my blood." The purpose of this meeting was wrong, she said, "I think the mayor believes in revolution rather than evolution."

### No threat

What if the deadlock continues, councillors were asked, would the city continue to operate? There was no threat to the city, it would simply make it more difficult, Mr Robertson replied.

Coun Robertson, in presenting the councillors' side of the story, said they felt the mayor had failed Westmount by withdrawing from government, no longer attending meetings of general committee of council and refusing to work with city councillors (during the previous week).

"On our part," he said, "we have tried very hard. She has good ideas and we have tried to help her implement them."

He said she is a strong-willed person who had created the impasse by being unable to work with her staff. She had failed by hurting the employees rather than helping them.

He described her style as autocratic, negative and destructive but said he believed councillors could "still work with this mayor if she can work with the system."

Although the mayor is trying to cut costs, he said, "the mayor is also a spendthrift." He cited ideas she has to extend the library, convert Victoria Hall to a community centre and build a parking garage under the bowling green.

"These are big capital expenditures, unresearched ideas." He said these are again failures by the mayor.

### Mayor responds

Mayor Cutler responded to such allegations at Sunday night's meeting, saying it had never been her idea to use taxpayers' money for the library-Victoria Hall complex. She intended to raise some $10 million through public appeal but councillors had rejected that idea. The underground garage was to pay for itself (see story Jan 12).

Coun Robertson said he and the other councillors are proud of the City of Westmount but "sadly, it seems, the mayor is not proud of Westmount" and again had failed.

"She is not our ambassador. She is our embarrassment."

Coun Fortin said he did not believe there should be another election at this time. "She'll find herself in the same situation where she can't work with the council."

Coun Daniel Tingley told the press conference how he had approved removal of the mayor's notice for a new secretary, how this had led to the mayor's suspension of the director general and his being escorted out of city hall by two MUC policemen. "And that's what I find *deplorable*, to bring two policemen in to escort him out."

When asked by a reporter, Mr Tingley later admitted he could not answer whether police had been visible or had kept out of sight when the suspension was announced in the director general's office. (A police report stated police were not required to escort the director general and had remained in the mayor's office throughout the incident).

Councillors Phillip Aspinall, Joan Rothman and Rhoda Vineberg also attended the press conference. Coun Peter Duffield was out of town.



City councillors, from left, **Stuart Robertson**, **Paul Fortin** and **Phillip Aspinall** tell the councillors' side of the city hall crisis at a press conference held by councillors Friday at the Sheraton Centre downtown.

# Council's mind unchanged by Sunday's meeting

City councillors maintained this week that citizen support for the mayor Sunday did little to change their minds.

It was not likely that they would be withdrawing last week's group statement urging her to resign, said pro-mayor Paul Fortin.

"I think we'll let it sit," Mr Fortin told THE EXAMINER Tuesday.

He said that he and three other councillors had held a debriefing session Monday night and remained unconvinced of the value of Sunday's town meeting as a measure of support for the mayor.

The meeting was boycotted by the councillors but attended by several of their spouses.

Mr Fortin said there would be no more joint statements from councillors and no more press conferences. "We're not planning anything.

"If May comes back to meetings of general committee of council, we'll go on as usual." A period of calm may help bridge the recent impasse between mayor, council and management, he added.

Efforts by her to bring city council business more into the open are fine with him, he said. "I'll take the mayor on in public any time."

Feelings appeared unchanged from last week, however. "I am very upset at the level with which she handles things, specially her claims that council is running the city from the University Club."

Other councillors attending Monday's meeting were Sally Aitken, Phillip Aspinall and Rhoda Vineberg. Both Peter Duffield and Joan Rothman have been out of town.

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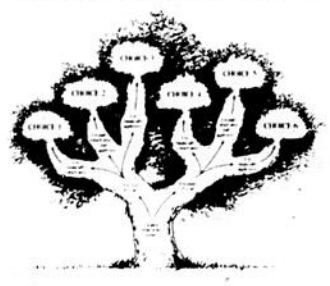
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# Mayor outlines grievances at Sunday's Vic Hall session

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor May Cutler presented citizens Sunday with examples of sloppiness and inefficiency at city hall following a year's investigation into costs and operations.

She told how she had been blocked in efforts to reassure city staff she was not on a firing spree and told to "keep out of the kitchen" when rising costs indicated the need for investigation.

Her annual report, which led off her overflow town meeting at Victoria Hall, traced an uphill struggle since her election to find out where the money goes, reduce waste and increase citizen value.

Mayor Cutler told about an election list fraught with errors, of a $10,000 fraud report no one followed up on and of plans to buy an even larger computer when the existing one can serve an even bigger city.

She told how she had fought to obtain a donated art work for city hall only to have the city's two assistant directors-general circulate a petition protesting its hanging.

She told how office space in city hall annex went unused while the city negotiated to rent outside quarters for its Public Security Unit.

And how personnel problems in another department remained unaddressed for almost four years despite pleas for help.

Some of the problems she attributed to a "let go" attitude, others to a belief that all was well.

She described most city workers as kindly, gracious people who like their jobs but experience terrible uncertainity.

She decried what she called council's lack of interest in how other municipalities did things, "a kind of assumption that nothing is to be learned from others."

### Electoral list

Her term of office started badly, she said, right from two days before the November 1987 election when she discovered, despite "tremendous computers," so many mistakes in the electoral list that she asked, without success, for postponement of the vote.

Since no enumeration had been carried out since 1971, she said, the list was full of names of persons who no longer lived at the addresses "though I have no evidence that any one voted who shouldn't have.

"To give you an idea how bad the lists were," she cited: at 2 Westmount Square, 27 percent of persons listed no longer lived there; at 3 Westmount Square, it was 30 percent; at 220 Olivier, 41 percent; 225 Olivier, 32 percent and at 4000 de Maisonneuve, 20 percent.

On Lewis avenue, a block of private homes, she said 27 percent of those on the list no longer lived on the street.

A check with Côte St Luc, Outremont and Town of Mount Royal, she said, revealed their lists are updated almost monthly.

### Increased spending

Her fight to clear up the property valuation mess last year led to the charge by André Bourbeau, then minister of municipal affairs, at one meeting that Westmount's spending was partially to blame for soaring tax increases here.

"So I came back and started to look at the finances of the city," she explained. And she found that while Westmount's budget was going up year after year, other municipal budgets were at a standstill or close to it.

A presentation of her findings to the director general and to city council members was met by "no curiosity, no expression of concern that we should even look into it."

This sent her to other municipalities but when she brought back reports of startling differences, she was told that Westmount had better services. "But do we give *that* much better service? We've got to find out where the money is going."

As she started to investigate costs department by department, she began meeting more and more with employees. She challenged and vetoed the dismissal of finance worker Jean Henri but it was overturned by council, still doubting the firing was fair.

At the ticket office, she found "archaic" procedures. Thousands of traffic tickets were stacked in cardboard boxes on the floor, she said. "It looks like a third world country."

She was told by one employee that he had worked for the city for 29 years and she was the first person who had ever asked his opinion.

"We have a very good staff here; kindly, gracious people who like their jobs... and who feel terrible uncertainty. I tried to have a meeting with them (all city hall workers) before Christmas to tell them I was not on a firing spree... but the council stopped me and said instead we should have a Christmas luncheon."

### 'Little victories'

Not all has been bad, she said. "There have been little victories."

Even the business of getting art into city hall was a fight, however. Purchase of a painting, one per year, was rejected out of hand, so she persuaded Arts Westmount to lend the city paintings.

"One of my greatest delights" was when renowned artist and local resident Marian Scott provided the city with two large paintings. "This meant a great threat... a new attitude," she said of the reaction. "And the two assistant directors general circulated a petition (to workers) asking that the paintings not be put in their area of work."

Mayor Cutler then turned her attention to the attitude of city council.

Over and over again, she said, she asked members to look at the finances. "'Don't go into the kitchen' I was told again and again." Only by harping on it was this year's budget not increased, she said to lengthy applause.

"I suppose the most extraordinary thing was the refusal of council to go into depth" in the Grenier affair. This involved a timekeeper at the Corporation Yards who was found to have defrauded the city of $55,000 over three winters in a cheque scam to which he recently pleaded guilty. "I've been told (to) forget the Grenier affair."

Though it occurred before her election, she said, the previous council had ordered a $10,000 investigation by auditors to find out what controls were needed to prevent a similar situation. When completed, shortly before her succession as mayor, it went to the director general who never presented it to council.

That, she said, was bad enough. But after the election, six of the previous councillors who had ordered the report remained on council "and it never occurred to them to ask for the report."

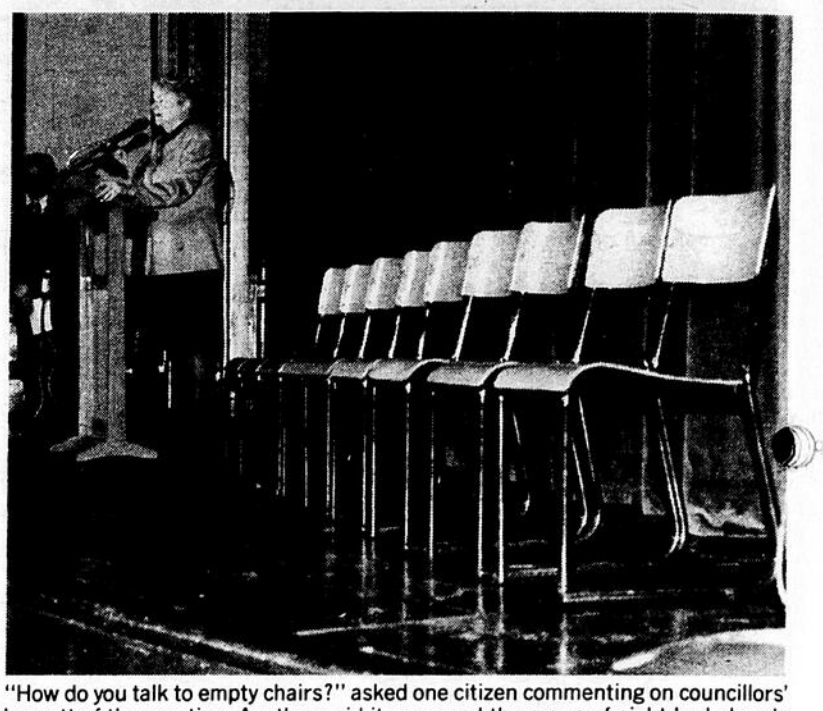
She came across the report by accident, she said, while looking at a package of reports from the city's auditors at home one night. "I nearly fell out of the bed."

### Commissionerships

The commissioner system is bad, she said. "Each has a special area of concern... they think they have more power than the mayor." Commissioners often do not report in full as they should to the council or to the mayor. "It's kind of divide and conquer."

"In the council-management form of government," she found, "the mayor is a figurehead... it's maybe why half the cities in the U.S. are on the verge of bankruptcy."

She said she preferred committees to commissionerships. The work of Rolland Benard and the Westmount Finance Action Committee was a good example of what committees might achieve, she said.



"How do you talk to empty chairs?" asked one citizen commenting on councillors' boycott of the meeting. Another said it appeared the group of eight had already resigned.

Mayor Cutler countered accusations made last Friday by councillors that she was a spendthrift for wanting to extend the library and convert Victoria Hall into a community centre.

"I never expected to tax people when you can get donations," she said, giving the example of the Lincoln Centre in New York City, built largely through donations. She believes each generation should contribute to the community. No new facilities have been added in Westmount for many years.

"It is a tattered and worn-down city with a beautiful façade." It is lovely to walk down the streets "if you don't ride down them," she added to more hearty applause.

The mayor said she was accused of hurting Westmount's image.

"I want to change Westmount's image."

The city, she explained, should no longer be portrayed as a Rhodesia, "a Westmount of the rich who don't give a damn about anyone. This is not the Westmount I know, not the kind of people I know."

Today's Westmounters, she said, participate in the life of Montreal and Quebec, in pesticides control, peace movements and recycling.

### Citizens and computers

On the question of recycling, she said, councillors reduced a budgeted amount from $100,000 to $50,000 "though I know many who want it. There are legitimate expenses and there is waste."

In direct contrast with citizen value is the issue of computer pur-

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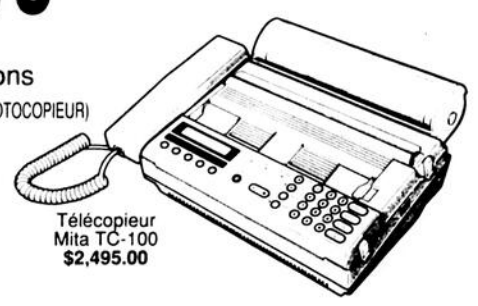
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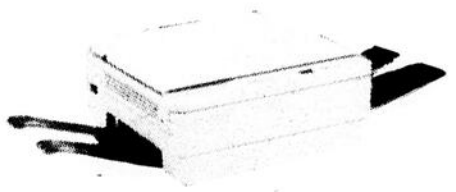
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# Opinions on city hall chaos voiced warily by citizens

By GISELA McIVOR

Westmount may be buzzing with reactions to the latest developments in the war at city hall, but opinions are being more hesitantly aired in public, according to an unscientific EXAMINER survey at local gathering spots.

The main exception was the Cantor store on Victoria avenue, which has been a forum for citizens' lively comments on their way home after work.

"I've heard Mayor Cutler called everything from power hungry to the greatest thing that ever hit Westmount," said one of the assistants. "I love it! It's fun listening to different people's opinions, Westmount needs to be shaken up," he continued.

"People complain that services will be cut but I think they will be increased. If anything, people will become more aware of how public funds are wasted."

Meanwhile, at Westmount Video next door, manager Glenn Watson said, "I think Bill 178 is more important to people. I've heard nothing outside of the papers."

And Susan Stern of Sherbrooke street's A.L. Van Houtte said, "I haven't noticed, people haven't started fisticuffs or anything."

**No reactions observed**

Employees at Westmount Stationery hadn't observed reactions from their customers either. "I think she should stay, I'd be disappointed if she quit," said one of the clerks.

Many business people asked to remain anonymous. One shopkeeper said, "It's such a mess. I think that May Cutler has a definite mandate for change but not to become a dictator. I admire councillors (Stuart) Robertson and (Sally) Aitken greatly, and I think that grown-ups should be able to work it out."

She continued, "Everyone would be well-served by open meetings. If Cutler is difficult to work with let's all see for ourselves.

"Also," she said, "I am so tired of comparisons with Outremont and Côte St Luc. Outremont has no library, our garbage pickup is twice as good, we have a public security system and I have always found this city much more approachable than any other. And it's ludicrous to compare Westmount to Côte St Luc, we have totally different urban concerns."

Shirley Blech from Miss Westmount has listened to reactions from both sides. "There is a lot of interest, opinions have run the gamut," she said. "Nothing like this has happened in Westmount before." Mrs Blech likes the mayor because "she is my kind of person, she does what she has to do."

**Three sides**

Mrs Blech continued, "If you're not sitting in on council, how do you know what is going on? There are three sides to every story."

She thinks that Westmount's changing face is part of the problem. "People aren't all presidents of banks any more, they have to watch where they spend their money and how it is being spent for them."

Employees at the Cantor shop on St Catherine street have found that customers don't understand what the mayor wanted nor why everyone wasn't "getting along."

A customer said that she had found the mayor's supporters pushy in asking people to go to the Sunday night meeting and to sign the petition.

Reaction at the Metcalfe Coffee Shop, a popular stopping spot for city workers, has been more against the mayor than for her.

"She is accused of being too strict and powerful," said one server. "On the other hand, some say she is digging the way she is supposed to."

"What I don't like is that not one of the councillors showed up on Sunday night," said customer Mr Fell, a retired Westmount resident.

August Carl, also retired, warned, "If they all don't grow up, we're going to find the bailiff at our door and the mayor's name will be Doré."

# Citizens get involved, react to city crisis

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Municipal politics are far from dead in Westmount.

It may be said that citizens are apathetic to what goes on at city hall as long as the snow is cleared away and the garbage picked up.

But the recent crisis at city hall has proved otherwise.

It took only four days of planning a town meeting at Victoria Hall to bring out 1,000 local citizens on a Sunday night.

Westmount politics suddenly became so exciting that residents outside the city, from as far away as Laval and Châteauguay, wanted to attend but had to be refused.

In the same four-day period, close to 1,500 persons signed a petition circulated by supporters of Mayor May Cutler.

So many phone calls were received at her home, in fact, that two additional phone lines had to be installed last Thursday night.

"This is the most exciting thing in a long time," agreed Clare and Jim Dowie during a brief intermission at the meeting. Both said they thought town meetings should be called more often.

"This is our greatest hope since our tax protest in 1982," said Carla Laufer.

Another resident stopped on his way into Victoria Hall to tell friends that he had left a dinner party "be-

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# More than 30 questioners, majority on mayor's side

Westmount has the most expensive services in Quebec but their quality is equal only to those in an "ordinary" municipality.

The revelation came at Sunday's "town meeting" from Jeanne Wolfe, who was a member of the Parizeau Commission looking into the future of Quebec municipalities in 1985-86.

Mrs Wolfe, who has lived in Westmount 21 years, was one of some 30 citizens who spoke from the floor at the meeting. She is a resident of Westmount avenue.

Her intervention followed discussion of the difference in operating costs between Westmount, Côte St Luc and Outremont.

Mrs Wolfe told Mayor Cutler that the commission had paid particular attention to Westmount since this city had led the way in the city manager form of government.

"And to our astonishment, we discovered that every service cost more than everywhere else on a per capita basis," she said. "The level of services (excluding trees) are equal to an ordinary municipality."

Her own children, she recalled, found better recreational facilities in St Henri.

Among other citizens to speak at the meeting were, in order of appearance:

**By LAUREEN SWEENEY**

**W.P. Keating**, 14 Anwoth: a lawyer from the firm of Bronstetter, Wilkie, Penhale which until last year provided the city with legal services. He asked about the mayor's objection to legal fees. She replied that she was amazed it had cost the city $54,000 in fees to write the CUPE contract. Her late husband was a labor lawyer "and if he had charged that to write out a labor contract we could have bought all of Westmount."

When she asked that legal fees be reduced, she said, Councillors Tingley and Fortin (both lawyers) "sat down at the University Club and worked it out to put the lawyers on retainer at $190,000 for this year. I agreed because it sounded better than $274,000." It is still too high, she said.

**Stanley Baker**, 4300 de Maisonneuve: from a practical point of view, how does the mayor plan to work out her problem with the councillors, he asked. "I shall move all deliberations out to the public. I want you to know how each councillor has voted on them," she said. Mr Baker then suggested an election for all council seats.

### Tempest in teapot

**Thomas Gillespie**, 48 Aberdeen: said the mayor allowed the removal of the notice incident to become a tempest in a teapot. The mayor, like an orchestra leader, bore responsibility to get the musicians back in harmony. This could be achieved if she "shut up," the mayor replied.

**Lionel Segal**, 19 Springfield, a Côte St Luc councillor 1978-82: "I think you can conclude you have the support of citizens" he told the mayor. She was encountering problems, he said, because she wanted to be innovative. Urged elimination of in camera sessions by councillors, saying they weren't necessary. "I want to see the issues discussed by eight mature councillors and a mature mayor which we have."

**Harry Bloomfield**, 20 Surrey Gardens: wanted to know how eight councillors could think so differently from the mayor. It's a mixed council which votes differently behind the scenes but votes unanimously out in the open, she said. It did not surprise her that they "came together on this."

**Jim Wright**, 318 Kensington: mayor has shown she can't work with councillors and should resign. "I have offered to resign. I am not power mad," she replied. Believes she is responsible only to the citizens and takes seriously her obligations as mayor to present proposals to council "and oversee everything. The councillors have only one single power: their vote."

**Mrs Gerstein**, 504 Lansdowne: in total support of mayor; "I'm for cling..." This is a democracy, councillors can't tell a mayor to resign. What can she do now? "Move everything out in the open," mayor replied.

**Malcolm Fletcher**, 46 Academy road: appreciated mayor's stand on legal fees; "you have my support."

### 'Good sniffer'

**Kevin Prendergast**, 495 Lansdowne: "When something's rotten it takes someone with a good sniffer to pick it up." How did mayor expect to have citizen input heard? Through establishment of citizen committees like the library committee, she said.

**Norah Bryant**, 400 Lansdowne, city's retired chief librarian: found mayor dealt with people in an "abrasive manner" and did not think her temperament would change.

*Five-minute recess was called to meet media deadlines.*

**Patrick Bolland**, 4571 Sherbrooke: suggested a mediation process with one mediator chosen by councillors and one by mayor. "I don't want you to leave office. I was afraid I was coming to watch Cutler's last stand." Next election requires an alternative citizen party. "Westmount is changing. More folks at bottom of the hill than at the top."

**Jim Coristine**, 114 Abbott: would citizens have input into any change in the library? Likes it as is. Of course, mayor replied. Any changes would be to restore the library to its former beauty and provide space for videos, chess games, security, etc.

**Unknown speaker**: asked about assigning of city director general. Mayor said there were three and questioned "if we need three." Sometimes she felt there were more chiefs than Indians.

**Jean Durcak**, 422 Metcalfe: Thanked mayor for meeting, an exercise in democracy. Did not think council had right to ask mayor to resign. Democracy means opposition. Lived in a communist country and appreciates different views. Also called for a citizen party. "The mayor has a clear mandate and if councillors ignore their duty to come (to the meeting) and explain, as far as I'm concerned, they have already resigned by not coming here."

### Calls for mediator

**John Lehnert**, 117 Lewis: called for a mediator to break deadlock between mayor and council to avoid "a circus." Didn't want mayor or councillors hurt and didn't want to lose mayor.

**Unknown speaker**: why city council not here to back up their feelings? To mayor: "We voted you in. We love you."

**Richard Riendeau**, 500 Mountain: believed councillors stayed away to avoid "mudslinging." How can mayor ensure that in an election she would get along with a new set of councillors? Don't need a fighting mayor. Mrs Cutler said any one of the councillors could be a non-fighting mayor. There was no point of her being on council as a "yes" person. Has brought many groups together since election.

**Unknown speaker**, 200 Grosvenor: congratulated mayor for tough stand with MUC.

**Unknown speaker**: advised help from a specialist in municipal administration.

**Rolland Benard**, 722 Victoria: president of Westmount Finance Action Committee: has been fighting with city council for reduced costs for six years and was always told everything was fine. This mayor is only person who listened "so I'm forced to go along with you." Has made many proposals to council. Wondered what success committees would have working with council. They are very helpful to the mayor, she said. She then addressed how citizens can provide expertise. "What Côte St Luc does with such a small budget is astonishing." In Westmount there was no upward movement of ideas. Friction in fire department has gone unanswered by management. "Even when departments are begging for help they're not getting it."

**Ronald Pow**, 441 Argyle: How difficult would it be to revamp Westmount's administration on model of Outremont or Côte St Luc? Mayor said those mayors might have interesting information for Westmounters on how their cities had reorganized. "They have been very, very good to me." Would try to arrange a citizen meeting with them.

**Jeanne Wolfe**, 4700 Westmount avenue: Westmount services were most costly in Quebec per capita (see above).

### Entitled to secretary

**Steven Joo**, 3 Bellevue: "I believe anyone in a senior function is entitled to have a loyal and competent secretary of their choosing." Key point in city crisis was provocation by Coun Tingley in authorizing removal of mayor's notice. Noted councillors' boycott of meeting. "How do you work with empty chairs?" Recommended mayor remain because citizens had confidence in her. If stonewalled on an issue, raise it at public meeting.

**Claire Davis**, 84 Chesterfield: city council should be in constant dialogue with citizens. "I regret council-

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## Finance Action Committee lists city's financial woes

*Following is the text of a letter distributed by the Westmount Finance Action Committee at Sunday evening's meeting called by Mayor May Cutler. Sources cited by the committee are presentations submitted to the council with figures extracted from Westmount, Côte St Luc and Outremont statements, budgets and published statistics from the Quebec ministry of municipal affairs.*

1. Westmount (population 20,011) has three directors general. Côte St Luc (population 28,582) has two and Outremont (population 22,900) has only one.

2. Westmount spends $17 million on personnel, professional fees, administration and other. Côte St Luc $8.5 million and Outremont $8.3 million.

3. Westmount has 289 permanent employees (excluding library and electrical distribution employees) against 175 for Côte St Luc and 134 for Outremont.

4. A hiring freeze to reduce personnel through attrition was rejected by council.

5. Westmount has two full-time salaried lawyers on staff, but in 1988 spent $200,000 in additional legal fees. Outremont spent $70,000.

6. The cost of running Westmount in 1987 was $1,194 for each resident; Outremont was $630 and Côte St Luc $616.

7. The administration wants to spend $350,000 on a new computer, when it already has one that can serve a city much larger than Westmount.

8. Though the law requires competitive bids on tenders, favored suppliers have been allowed to prepare the city's specifications, ensuring their obtaining contracts.

9. Because of gross lack of control at the city yard, an employee was able to defraud the city of over $55,000.

10. In 1987 Westmount's garbage removal costs were double the provincial average, and the highest on the Island of Montreal.


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### The perils of love

ONCE in a flip moment, long before I became a political person, I said: "I don't want to be loved too much. The more people love you, the more they expect of you." It proved prophetic. Odd, since love is generally perceived to work in the opposite direction only, and people who love are supposed to be people who do, without experiencing returns.

I've thought of this often during the past year and more intensively during recent days. Love (and the accompanying expectations) came from the citizens who rose so unexpectedly in my 1987 election and turned what I thought would be a feeble voice of protest into a movement for change. (I almost added "futile" after "feeble," but I don't believe any protest is futile. One should protest the unfair, the unreasonable, and all the other "un"s in the most direct way, at each stage of life. Who can say how many other feeble protests are out there waiting to join yours?)

Since that election I have felt public love — a far stranger thing than private — surround me wherever I went. Citizens came to me, telling me I was doing a good job, curious about what I had to say and, best of all, helping me with advice and time whenever I asked for it. It is they who kept me from resigning when the temptation to return to private life was strongest. Call it paying the dues of love; for the love you accept, you must pay for.

During this past week, the dues I owe have increased to debt proportions. I must be careful for popular love, like popular hate, can be dangerous. How much change do citizens really want? And how fast?

To come to matters at hand, I suppose it is the sheer quantity of the costs, issues, findings and suggestions that I have brought to council members that have made it so difficult for them, particularly since most feel their role to be that of benign overseer. I am told I try to do too many things too fast, that I am undemocratic. Democracy is considered synonymous with gradualism — does that mean the slower governments move the more democratic they are? Postpone to another meeting, order another study, have another circular discussion.

Events are overtaking the world, all of it. The rain that falleth on the evil and on the good falls on democracies and totalitarian states, bringing down pollution, impervious to political virtue. Cancer, AIDS and respiratory diseases are not longer increasing "gradually." Democracies, no matter how gradual or gentle, must act when evidence is put before them.

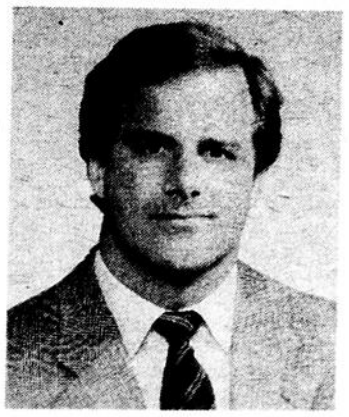
Perhaps a different type of democratic representative is in the making. One who depends less on handshaking and arm-twisting, courting and convincing, and more on evidence, facts, and the obligation to take action. Forthrightness might perhaps come to be recognized as more valuable than charm.

I do not consider myself a lovable person. Such qualities of character as I have are harder and, admittedly, "abrasive." It is strange to receive so much public affection and private vituperation, when the inverse might be reasonably expected.

Can we work it out? I don't know yet. It would be great if we who are so far apart can come together. Our problems are in full view now. How we resolve them will encourage and discourage, and who can say how far the influence will stretch?

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## Garbage ignites behind Spatches

A garbage container at the rear of Spatches restaurant, 4785 Sherbrooke street, caught fire Sunday morning, fire officials said. The burning garbage was discovered at 11:31 am.

Public safety officers reported using a fire extinguisher to control flames until arrival of firefighters since the container was located close to a building. A 1¾-inch stream was used to douse the fire. It was not known how the fire started.

## At long last the record's set straight

THE EXAMINER wishes to correct an error which appeared in its edition of Feb 11, 1944.

Westmount's Deputy Fire Chief William Burriss did not serve in the navy. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Artillery, part of the army.

The error was drawn to the attention of THE EXAMINER's staff by Mr Burriss' son, Robert Burriss, Westmount's supervisor of inspectors.

The error appeared 45 years ago and, again, in last week's "Examining the Files" column. THE EXAMINER regrets the error.

Better late than never.




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

**Feb 6**

**4141 Sherbrooke**: for Globe International by Berdevco Construction, second floor alterations, $15,000;
**49 Hallowell**: for Lucie Fontein by self, extension and deck, $8,000;
**728 Upper Roslyn**: for J.L. Bourque by Plomberie Normand, water entrance, one fixture, $850;
**730 Upper Roslyn**: for H. Brunengraber by Plomberie Normand, water entrance, one fixture, $850;
**50 Windsor**: for P. Davey by John F. Russell and Son, plumbing, seven fixtures, $7,000;
**638 Clarke**: for A. Nihon by Outremont Plumbing Company Ltd, plumbing, three fixtures, $3,000;

**Feb 7**

**65 Prospect**: for Mark London by self, alterations, $33,500;
**433 Argyle**: for Mr Simon by Plomberie Armand et Jean, plumbing, five fixtures, $950;

**Feb 8**

**4150 St Catherine**: for Montreal Trust by Claude Neon Ltée, sign, $3,000;
**4100 St Catherine**: for Edifice Stowe by Alabec Inc, general renovations, $1,100,000;

**Feb 9**

**315 Grosvenor**: for H. Oksenberg by self, deck, $1,500;
**4850 St Catherine**: for 2524 5036 Quebec Inc by self, new condominium building, $1,080,000 (see story);

**Feb 10**

**1 Westmount Square**: for Montenay Inc by Surentech Inc, sixth floor office renovations, $75,000;
**321 Victoria**: for W. Daley by P. Samuel, windows, $1,000;
**4818 Sherbrooke**: for C. Trudeau by self, renovations, $2,500;
**4351 Montrose**: for I. McArthur by Pierre Limousi, plumbing, nine fixtures, $5,000.

## Toy Box plans move onto Greene

The Toy Box is leaving Westmount Square after 21 years in the shopping concourse, but it's not going far.

One of Westmount Square's original tenants, Bella and Jack Kattan's popular gift and stationery store has become a fixture over the years.

In 1971, the Kattans bought a store next door, Paper Things, and changed the name to Paper Place. A few years later, they combined their two businesses.

Mr Kattan said the Toy Box is moving because the extensive and ongoing renovation work in Westmount Square has hurt sales and because he has not worked out a new lease with the landlord.

The store will close for a couple of days at the end of this month and reopen March 1 at 1259 Greene avenue in the storefront currently occupied by Rojé pour Hommes, between Café Gourmet and Montreal Trust.

Rojé is closing its doors this Saturday, store employees said, because there is not enough demand for their clothes.

## Light fingers lift lighters

A case of lighters was reported to have been stolen Friday from Cantor's on St Catherine street near Kensington avenue, public safety officers said.

A city parking inspector was alerted to the theft at 9:55 am and MUC police were called. Two persons were reported to have made off with the lighters.

## Found wandering, dog taken to vet

A black dog without identification was taken to the Animal Hospital of Westmount Saturday morning when it was found at Burton and Prince Albert avenues, public safety officers report. It was still unclaimed Monday.

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Theo Aronson, *The king in love*; A. Edward Aust, *The employment contract*; Amalia Barnea, *Mine enemy*; Jack Batten, *On trial*; *Building Canada*; James Calano, *Career tracking*; John Cannon, *The Oxford illustrated history of the British monarchy*; Anthony Daniels, *Zanzibar to Timbuktu*; Alain Dreuilhe, *Mortal Embrace*; Peter Feibleman, *Lilly*; William Finnegan, *Dateline Soweto*; Richard Lipsey, *Evaluating the free trade deal*; Joyce Carol Oates, *(Woman) writer*; Josef Skvorecky, *Talkin' Moscow blues*; Greg Weston, *Reign of error*.

**French non-fiction**

Frank Ching, *Ancêtres*; Elizabeth Gaynor, *L'art de vivre en Scandinavie*; Lawrence Joseph, *Catherine Pozzi*; Gérard Oury, *Mémoires d'éléphant*.

**English fiction**

Richard Bach, *One*; Italo Calvino, *Under the jaguar sun*; Howard Engel, *A victim must be found*; Laurence Gough, *Silent knives*; Joseph Heller, *Picture this*; Beverly Lowry, *Breaking gentle*; James Michener, *Journey*; Dennis Potter, *Blackeyes*; Anne Rice, *The queen of the damned*; David Serafin, *The angel of Terremolinos*; Isaac Singer, *The king of the fields*; Charles Templeton, *World of one*; Charles West, *Funnelweb*.

**French fiction**

Jeffrey Archer, *La main dans le sac*; J.M. Coetzee, *Foe*; James Ellroy, *Brown's requiem*; Gabriel Matzneff, *Harrison Plaza*; Alice Parizeau, *Nata et le professeur*; Anne Pons, *Les sentiments irréguliers*; Jean Raymond, *Transports*; Alberto Savinio, *La maison hantée*; Junichiro Tanizaki, *Un amour insense*.

**Children's books**

**English:** Lois Lowry, *Rabble Starkey*; Lois Ruby, *Pig-out inn*; Zilpha Keatley Snyder, *And condors danced*; James Stevenson, *There's nothing to do!*.

**French:** Anne Civardi, *La course automobile*; Doug Cushman, *À la découverte du mystère*; Alain Grée, *Archibald le castor*; Sabine Darmont, *Cricri cherche le chat*.

## Face à Face helps the lonely

Winter can be a difficult season for many, since people tend to feel more cut off and lonely. Workers at the Face à Face listening and referral centre at Guy Métro station have noticed more persons dropping in to talk to a caring volunteer or to get information.

Face à Face also has begun a discussion group for persons who feel isolated and have trouble making friends. This self-help group meets every Wednesday from 5 to 6 pm. For information call 934-4546.

The service is free, confidential and anonymous. New volunteers are always needed.

*Something to sell? Use EXAMINER classifieds. Call 931-7511.*

# Les marguilliers de St-Léon parlent aux paroissiens

Les facteurs bénévoles de la paroisse St-Léon ont livré le Semainier et les reçus pour fins d'impôt au montant des dons qu'ils ont versés à leur paroisse pour l'année 1988.

Tous savent et comprennent que les paroisses ne peuvent émettre des reçus que pour les dons véritables: dîme, participation à la campagne de financement, offrandes dominicales versées dans les enveloppes (on peut toujours se procurer un jeu d'enveloppes au secrétariat du presbytère), aumônes et participation aux projets d'Avent et du Carême. Tous les dons versés pour ces projets, soit dit en passant, sont entièrement utilisés pour ces fins et il n'y a aucun frais d'administration.

Dans quelques semaines le bilan des recettes et dépenses pour l'année 1988 sera publié au Semainier. Mais déjà à titre d'information, en '88, 165 personnes ont utilisé les jeux d'enveloppes pour les offrandes dominicales; 535 personnes (ou familles) ont versé pour leur dîme $42056; 268 personnes ont versé $41378.91 pour la campagne de financement.

La paroisse compte plus de 1200 familles. Nos dépenses dépassent $100000. L'analyse de ces chiffres pourra se faire plus facilement lors de la publication de nos recettes et dépenses. Si quelqu'erreur s'est glissée dans les reçus, n'hésitez pas à en faire part à Mme Lafond au secrétariat qui se fera un plaisir de faire les vérifications et les corrections nécessaires.

Vous recevez aussi une invitation à vous acquitter dès maintenant de votre dîme pour l'année 1989. L'entretien, le chauffage, l'électricité, la pastorale, les salaires... etc, ne peuvent être couverts par les quêtes hebdomadaires qui ne sont pas fortes. La dîme est souvent la seule participation matérielle de beaucoup de paroissiens, $100 pour l'année ne fait pas $9 par mois. Les paroissiens aiment trouver une église en bon état avec son personnel lorsqu'ils ont besoin de services pour un baptême, la préparation des jeunes aux sacrements, pour un mariage, des funérailles, etc. Merci de votre compréhension et de vous sentir concerné par la vie de votre église.

Vos généreuses participations à la vie paroissiale permettent à la communauté de se rassembler dans une église où les services sont dynamiques, où l'environnement est soigné, l'ensemble portant à la prière et l'action de grâce. Ces revenus rendent possible la vie et les projets pastoraux qui suscitent une vie engagée de disciples et témoins dans la vie quotidienne, en famille et dans la cité.

# Sheppard lectures on racism in Holocaust and law series

Claude-Armand Sheppard, attorney and counsel to several Royal Commissions on linguistic rights, will speak in French on the law and racism in Canada on Monday, Feb 20, at 8 pm at Université de Montréal, pavillon des sciences sociales, room B2305.

His lecture, "Will our laws suffice in preventing a possible explosion of racism in Canada?" is the third program in a series on "The law and the Holocaust," co-ordinated by the Montreal Holocaust Centre. Mr Sheppard will examine how Canada is equipped, both legislatively and politically, to cope with the potential rise of a fascist, racist party.

For more information, call the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, 735-2386.

The purpose of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre is to preserve the record of Jewish life in Europe before and during its destruction by the Nazis as well as to increase public awareness of the moral implications of legalized prejudice and persecution for the individual and society.

## *Luncheons and lectures at St A-D-D*

The Sunday lunchtime Lenten opportunities begin on Sunday, Feb 19 in Tees Hall after worship and coffee time.

A light lunch will be shared and a brief program will follow, entitled "One Spirit — two cultures." Ramon and Ester Vicente will lead a discussion of the church in the Philippines, its special features, forms and observances.

This is an opportunity to learn more about the Spirit at work in a nation with which St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas has a special bond. The program will be of interest to adults, youths and older children. Child care will be provided for the younger ones.

The afternoon book club will meet on Monday, Feb 20 at 2 pm. Dr John Thompson will review the book, *The Big Dig: The search for Oak Island's legendary treasure*, by D'Arcy O'Connor. Everyone is welcome to hear this most interesting true story.

## *CITIZENS...*

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cause I figured she (the mayor) needed support."

That was the spirit generated by the political crisis.

**Resign sign**

A retired city employee even arrived holding a sign stating "Resign!" but it was never seen to have been displayed.

Whichever side citizens espoused, they became involved on very short notice.

"I certainly was astounded," said Mayor May Cutler. "Whoever said municipal politics was boring?"

Although numbers of petition signators, with their addresses, proved significant, she admitted, it was the contact with individual citizens and the effort some of them went to she found most gratifying.

There were numerous phone calls from persons wondering where they could sign the petition or how they could help, she said.

"One man wanted to sign it right away because he was going to the Caribbean for three weeks. Another had held a meeting for 24 of his neighbors and they all wanted to sign."

In one case an elderly woman, who claimed to have lived in Westmount for 66 years, struggled unannounced up the stairs of the mayor's home at 414 Mount Stephen right into the lens of a camera crew from Radio-Canada. She too wanted to sign.

**1,472 for**

Petition sheets returned to the mayor by 11 pm Sunday, she said, carried 1,472 names. Other sheets were still circulating and letters of support were being received.

"I have well over the vote given to Brian Gallery in the 1987 election," she estimated Tuesday. (Vote was 2,712 to 1,925.) And all in a few days.

Four letters asking her to resign were received by Sunday, after the city's eight councillors asked citizens to write to her if they wanted her to step down.

Phone calls were received from citizens in Laval, reports Keir Cutler, the mayor's son. "We had to tell them it was a town meeting and there would not be room for them in Victoria Hall."


ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES

AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

ANGLICAN

**CHURCH OF THE ADVENT**
Corner of Wood and de Maisonneuve, Westmount
The Rev'd Eric Dungan, MA
Sunday, February 19
Lent II
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Said
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Sung
Church School and Nursery facilities
During the week, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on:
Wednesday, February 22 11:15 am
Friday, February 24 12:10 pm
St Matthias, Apostle
Organist and Director of Church Music: Mr Henry Abley

SYNAGOGUE

**CONGREGATION SHAAR HASHOMAYIM**
450 Kensington Avenue
Sabbath Services
Sabbath Eve: 5:10 pm in the Chapel
Sabbath Day: 8:40 am in the main Synagogue
Sabbath Twilight: 5:25 pm
Daily Services
Mornings:
Sun, Feb 19, 8:45 am
Mon-Thurs, Feb 20-23, 7:30 am
Evenings:
Sun-Thurs, Feb 19-23, 5:25 pm

UNITED

**WESTMOUNT PARK CHURCH**
Lansdowne Avenue and de Maisonneuve Blvd
Andrew Bourne, ARCT, Organist and Choir Director
Sunday, February 19
Second Sunday of Lent
Rev H.C.J. van Ginhoven
Sermon: The Chain Of Life
ALL ARE WELCOME

**St. Andrew's—Dominion-Douglas United Church**
The Boulevard at Lansdowne – 486-1165
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
LENT II
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Sermon: The Choice
(Read Luke 13:31-35)
Rev. A.J. Farquhar preaching
Sunday School Crib Corner and program for tots
Coffee Hour following Service
Minister: The Rev Alexander J. Farquhar
Director of Music: Margaret de Castro, M. Mus.
ALL ARE WELCOME

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ANGLICAN
10 CHURCH HILL (corner of Côte St. Antoine)
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LENT II FEBRUARY 19th
8:00 am Holy Communion (said)
10:30 am Choral Eucharist
Nursery & Sunday School

WEEKDAY SERVICES
Mon. 7:30 pm Evensong
8:15 pm Matters for Mission
Tues. 7:30 am Holy Communion followed by breakfast
Wed. 10:00 am Holy Communion
Thurs. 5:30 pm Holy Communion
Fri. 10:00 am Mattins

LENT PROGRAMME
Monday Feb. 20th
7:30 pm Evensong
8:15 pm Anna Marshall
Eucumenical Decade
Churches in Solidarity
with Women 1988-1998
"WHO WILL ROLL AWAY THE STONE?"
(Women at the Tomb)

Rector: The Rev. Paul James, Assistant Priest: The Rev. Tim Smart
Honorary Assistant: The Rev. David Oliver, Director of Music: Graham Knott

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**St. Andrew and St. Paul**
PRESBYTERIAN
Sherbrooke Street West at Bishop
SUNDAY 11 A.M.
Lent II
Sermon:
"THOU SHALT NOT TEMPT THE LORD THY GOD"
The Minister
STUDENT LUNCH
Church School, Crêche and Nursery
J.S.S. Armour, Hugh N. Jack, Ministers
Patrick Wedd, Director of Music

# Beyond Westmount's Borders

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

By KARL JAROSIEWICZ

## The final frontier

As a rule, visits by extraterrestrials to our lovely planet are limited to Brazilian farm country, Florida swamps, Californian ashrams and small midwest American rural communities where drive-ins are still considered exotic cultural enclaves in an otherwise barren intellectual wasteland. Stories about UFOs and otherworldly experiences abound in the supermarket tabloids and are rich fodder for the half-starved imaginations of the multitudes raised on TV sitcoms and movie-of-the-week specials. As such, they are easily dismissed. But when men of science begin to sound like third-rate Shirley Maclaines and go around lecturing on close encounters of a very serious kind, then reasonable, rational human beings might just sit up and pay attention. Enter Stanton T. Friedman. Mr Friedman is a nuclear physicist whose experience includes BSc and MSc degrees in physics from the University of Chicago and 14 years of experience in advanced nuclear and space systems industries. Mr Friedman also happens to be, according to *The Washington Post*, "the most popular UFO lecturer in the country" (the U.S.A., that is). "Flying saucers *are* real" is the title of his illustrated lecture, to be presented on Wednesday at 8 pm, in the Fieldhouse auditorium of McGill's Leacock building, 855 Sherbrooke street west. This man has appeared on hundreds of radio and television talk shows including *Merv Griffin*, *Nightline* and *Sally Jessy Raphael*, which, in my opinion, hardly adds anything to his credibility but, well, must mean something. Admission is $3 and tickets are available at all Sadie's locations on campus and at the door.



**CENTAUR'S VICENARY:** A gala in celebration of Centaur Theatre's twentieth (vicesimal) year is scheduled for Friday, Feb 24. A number of Westmount residents are among those planning the fund-raising event. Among them, from left, are: **Julie Bourne, Candace Collins,** Centaur's artistic director **Maurice Podbrey** and **Gillian Yanow.** For information about the gala, please call Centaur at 288-1229.

## Feat of clay

**Canadian Cultural Programs presents a reading by author Gary Geddes from his award-winning novel *Terracotta Army*. Invited by the Chinese Writers' Association to visit their country in 1981, Mr Geddes saw first-hand the 8,000-piece life-size clay army commissioned by the first emperor of China, Ch'in Shi Huang, for his protection in the afterlife. This experience inspired Mr Geddes to write a narrative in the form of a series of dramatic monologues recreating the various characters immortalized by the sculptor Loa Bi. *Terracotta Army* will be illustrated with slides of these clay figures. Questions and comments will be welcome and the discussion will be bilingual. This reading will take place on Monday at 1:30 pm in the NFB Cinema, Complex Guy Favreau, 200 René Lévesque boulevard west. For information, call 937-7937.**

## Survival and hope

Tonight at 8 pm, Samuel Pisar, international lawyer, author and expert in East-West relations, will deliver the second Raoul Wallenberg Lecture in Human Rights in the Moot Courtroom of the McGill law faculty, 3644 Peel street, corner of Dr Penfield avenue. Mr Pisar, who is one the youngest survivors of the Nazi death camps and today a major international defender of human rights, is the author of the highly acclaimed *Coexistence and Commerce* and the bestseller *Of Blood and Hope*. The Raoul Wallenberg lectureship was inaugurated by Nobel peace laureate Elie Wiesel in 1987. This year, the lecture will be preceded by an announcement regarding the formation of an international committee of inquiry into the fate of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat credited with having saved 100,000 Jewish lives before he disappeared in 1945. The public is invited to attend.

## Tudor jazz

**The Jazz Association of Montreal announces six upcoming jazz concerts at Ogilvy's Tudor Hall, on the fifth floor of the downtown store. These concerts, which run until June, are to feature well-known jazz artists from the local scene. Beginning tonight, the first of this series showcases Charlie Biddle and Nelson Symonds. Showtime is 5:30 pm and tickets are $4. For information, call 842-7711.**

## Back and forth again

**Geordie Productions presents *From You to Us to You Two*, the sequel to last season's hit family musical revue. This show combines music, song, dance, improvisation and audience participation in a colorful one-hour stage presentation. The play is based on stories and poems selected from over 600 submitted by Montreal-area elementary school children during Geordie Productions' 1988 creative writing challenge. This production is directed by Corey Castle, choreographed by Barbara Poggemiller and with musical direction by Bob Bachelor. It stars Pierre Boudreau, Anik Matern, Glenn Roy and Amanda Strawn. *From You to Us to You Two* will play at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte St Catherine road, from Saturday to next Friday and from March 19 to 23. Admission is $5 for children, $7 for adults. For reservations and information on showtimes, call 739-7944.**

## New movements

The Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, in collaboration with Tangente Danse Actuelle, presents the "Mue-Danse" series, from Friday to March 19. Young artists from Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Quebec and the United States will demonstrate their innovations in the field of modern dance. Friday to Sunday, at 2 pm, Sidonie Rochon, from France, will perform her dance *Veille de combat: l'ombre d'une chute*. This piece represents a confrontation between two persons, one female and one male, who reveal their characters through the use of various objects. According to the coordinator, Suzanne Lemire, this type of dance shows the metamorphoses that contemporary dance is going through since the early 1980s. Tickets for this and the other performances in the series are $5 each and must be reserved by calling 873-2878.

## McGill concerts

On Tuesday at 8 pm, Charles Reiner and Gergely Szokolay will play a piano duo, featuring Bartok's *Sonata for 2 pianos and percussion* and seven pieces from *Mikrokosmos* and Dohnanyi's *Waltz Suite*. Wednesday at 8 pm, McGill Chamber Winds, directed by Robert Gibson and McGill Chamber Strings, directed by Douglas McNabney, will play a selection of music by Beethoven, Haydn and Mozart. Both concerts are at Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke west and both are to be given free of charge.

## Abbott photos in Pointe Claire

Stewart Hall Art Gallery, 176 Lakeshore boulevard, Pointe Claire, will commemorate the 150th anniversary of photography by presenting an exhibition of Westmount native Louise Abbott's photographs.

*The Coast Way* is a portrait of English Quebecers on the lower north shore of the St Lawrence river. They were published in a book by McGill-Queen's University Press last year.

For more information, call Claude Toupin, director, at 630-1220.

## *Olivier homes burglarized*

Two nearby houses on Olivier avenue were hit by burglars overnight Monday-Tuesday last week, according to police. Two suspicious persons spotted in the area by public safety officers are possible suspects.

At one of the homes a back door was forced open, though it was not immediately known if anything was taken.

At the other, entry was never gained. Although one lock on the front door failed, another held firm.




**Rathbone Theatre**
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VICTORIA HALL
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Westmount
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*Reservations and information:* 636-5248 or 486-2876

**McGill Cancer Centre**
**Public Lecture Series on current important developments in the areas of cancer research, diagnosis and treatment.**
**Dr. Clifford Stanners**
*Professor, Department of Biochemistry*
*Director, McGill Cancer Centre*
**Cancer Genes**
The second in this series of five lectures will describe the role that the genes of the malignant cell play in the causation and behaviour of tumours. This represents a very active and fertile field of research in oncology.
**Wednesday, February 22, 1989, 8 p.m.**
Palmer Howard Amphitheatre
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Sixth floor - 1200 Pine Avenue West
*All interested members of the public are invited to attend. There is no charge for admission. For information, please call* 398-3535.

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Apr.23 (at 8 p.m.) Big Band Swing Dance.



The Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet

# Famous recorder quartet to appear

Thanks to the efforts of Westmount-based CAMMAC (Canadian Amateur Musicians/Musiciens Amateurs de Canada) the outstanding Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet, a recorder ensemble, will make the only Canadian stop on their North American tour here in Montreal.

The concert, featuring works by Palestrina, Telemann and Purcell among others, will take place on Monday, Feb 20, at 8 pm in McGill's Pollack Concert Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west.

The quartet, Karel van Steehoven, Daniel Bruggen, Bertho Driever and Paul Leenhouts, performs on an array of 36 Baroque and Renaissance recorders. They have won worldwide acclaim as a serious ensemble of unparalleled virtuosity. They bring a fresh and unconventional approach to recorder music, exploring and extending the instrument's range from Renaissance to present day pop music.

Westmount resident Jan Simons, director of CAMMAC, compares the group's musicality and range with that of the renowned King Singers.

The Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet's performance in Montreal this year follows upon a highly successful appearance last year.

For information on ticket prices and where to buy them, please call the CAMMAC offices, mornings only, at 932-8755; or call 935-9074 or 739-7692, all day.

# Jazz concert Sunday

Jazz Westmount is presenting a series of five Sunday afternoon concerts specially timed to encourage the whole family to turn out at Victoria Hall on Sherbrooke street west. This new series comes as a direct response to the enthusiastic reception of the jazz performance sponsored by Arts Westmount during their annual festival.

Montreal is home to a wide spectrum of jazz performers, both vocalists and instrumentalists. Many perform at local clubs and cabarets on a regular basis and take part in the enormously popular Montreal International Jazz Festival. Drawing on this pool of talent, Jazz Westmount, in collaboration with the Jazz Association of Montreal (JAM), has put together a varied program. The series starts Feb 19 and continues through March. It will culminate with a Big Band Dance on the evening of April 23.

The first event will feature a singing trio that represents three generations of jazz vocalists and an array of vocal styles. This concert marks the debut of the trio in a concert setting.

The Sunday concerts all begin at 3 pm except the final dance, which will start at 8 pm. Individual tickets are $5 general admission, $3 for students and seniors. Series subscriptions are $25 and $15 respectively. Advance tickets are available from Westmount City Hall, the Westmount Library and Victoria Hall. For further information call 488-8JAM.

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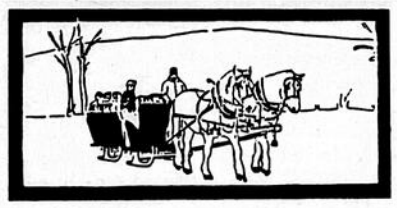
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## WINTER CARNIVAL – 1989

# "Frosty Fun"

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th and SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1989**

## THE PROGRAMME

### Friday, February 24, 1989

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. | Beans and wieners dinner | (VICTORIA HALL) |
| 6:45 p.m. | Crowning of King and Queen | (VICTORIA HALL) |
| 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. | Old Fashioned Sleigh Ride | (WESTMOUNT PARK) |
| 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. | Bonfire | (WESTMOUNT PARK) |
| 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. | Wine and Cheese | (VICTORIA HALL) |
| 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. | Movies – Hot chocolate | (VICTORIA HALL) |

### Saturday, February 25, 1989

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|---|---|---|
| 9:00 a.m. | Novice/Atom Hockey Play-off games | (ARENA) |
| 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Sleigh Rides for all | (WESTMOUNT PARK) |
| 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. | On-the-spot Snow Sculpture Contest | (OUTSIDE ARENA) |
| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Volleyball for all | (JUNIOR TENNIS COURTS) |
| 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. | Adult Broomball Game | (ARENA) |
| 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. | Races for children | (ARENA) |
| 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Refreshments for all | (ARENA) |
| 3:00 p.m. | Costume Parade | (ARENA) |
| 3:45 p.m. | Puck Shooting Contest | (ARENA) |
| 4:00 p.m. | Family Skating | (ARENA) |

Residents are encouraged to make snow sculptures in front of their homes. Sculptures will be judged on Friday and Saturday, February 24th and 25th. A beautiful trophy will be awarded for the winning entry. If you would like to be part of the fun, please complete the entry form below and submit it on or before Wednesday, February 22, 1989. Good luck!!!

*Robert Aiken, Director of Recreation*

## CARNAVAL D'HIVER – 1989

# "Plaisirs Givrés"

**LE VENDREDI 24 FÉVRIER ET LE SAMEDI 25 FÉVRIER 1989**

## LE PROGRAMME

### Vendredi, le 24 février, 1989

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 18h00 – 19h30 | Dîner de fèves au lard | (VICTORIA HALL) |
| 18h45 | Proclamation de la Reine et Roi du Carnaval | (VICTORIA HALL) |
| 19h00 – 22h00 | Promenade en carriole | (PARC WESTMOUNT) |
| 19h00 – 21h30 | Feu de Joie | (PARC WESTMOUNT) |
| 20h00 – 22h00 | Vin et Fromage | (VICTORIA HALL) |
| 20h00 – 22h00 | Films – chocolat chaud | (VICTORIA HALL) |

### Samedi, le 25 février, 1989

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 9h00 | Parties de hockey Novice/Atom éliminatoires | (ARENA) |
| 10h00 – 16h00 | Promenades en Carriole dans le Parc Westmount (départs aux terrains de Tennis Junior) | |
| 10h00 – 12h00 | Concours de sculptures de neige sur le coup | (À CÔTÉ DE L'ARÉNA) |
| 12h00 – 13h00 | Volleyball pour tous | (TERRAINS DE TENNIS JUNIOR) |
| 13h00 – 13h30 | Joute de Ballon-Balais pour les Adultes | (ARÉNA) |
| 13h00 – 15h00 | Courses pour Enfants | (ARÉNA) |
| 14h00 – 16h00 | Rafraîchissements pour tous | (ARÉNA) |
| 15h00 | Défilé costumé (tous les âges) | (ARÉNA) |
| 15h45 | Concours de lancement de rondelles de hockey | (ARÉNA) |
| 16h00 | Patinage familial | (ARÉNA) |

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★★★ COMING EVENTS ÉVÉNEMENTS ★★★

TISSERANDS Quebec Weavers, a Montreal-area weavers' guild, will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Feb 21 at 7:30 pm. Topic: transparency weaves with guest speaker June Hanson. Further information: 484-9251.

## Promoting literacy

McGill University is starting a program to promote literacy among English-speaking adults who cannot read or write, or who have difficulty reading or writing. The program is free. Anyone who is interested can contact the McGill Volunteer Bureau at 398-6819.

## *Jungian analyst to give lecture*

Marion Woodman, a Jungian analyst, will lecture on the emergence of feminine consciousness on Friday, Feb 17, in room 937 of Concordia University's Hall building, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west. The lecture, "The ravaged bridegroom," will run from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

Mrs Woodman is widely acclaimed as a lecturer and author. After the lecture, registration will be opened for the Saturday program. Called "Conscious femininity: mother, virgin, crone," the program will run from 9 am until 4 pm. The place will be announced at the Friday lecture.

For more information, contact the C.G. Jung Society at 280-3441.



Members of the Montreal Children's Library fund-raising campaign committee, from left: **Andrea Burgess**, president of the board; **Sally Tingley**, campaign chair; **Bernice Ballantyne**, publicity chair. All are Westmount residents. *Photo by OWEN EGAN*

# *Montreal Children's Library continuing inner-city service*

Since 1929, Montreal Children's Library has been offering free library service to inner-city children who have limited access to books.

In its earliest years, it was the only library facility in the city with services expressly for children. In the '40s and '50s, before school libraries were established, the many branches offered essential services to children who otherwise had no books to support their studies.

In recent decades, the branch libraries have focused their programs to serve children with special needs. During 1988, the four branches served a total of 19 daycares, eight schools, eight summer daycamps and three hospitals.

After-school programs are innovative and include such activities as poetry appreciation, public speaking, origami, story hours for all ages, creative writing and science experiments. The libraries are beginning to provide study areas and programs to help the after-school crowd improve their study skills. These activities fill a real need for children of working parents.

Toy collections exist in three of the four libraries and children up to five years of age are encouraged to borrow one toy along with their usual six books. Magazines, audio cassettes and book-tape packages are also available for borrowing.

Multilingual books from the National Library are provided for the many ethnic groups the four libraries serve all over the world. Borrowers come from Southeast Asia, Asia, Central America, the Middle East and Europe. The collections, along with loans from the National Library, provide books in Greek, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish, Arabic and Vietnamese, to name just a few.

Membership increased by 20 percent in 1988. Circulation was 66,090 books and 1,335 toys.

The Montreal Children's Library is a private library, partially funded by government grants. Support of donors is counted on heavily to help sustain ongoing services in the four inner-city neighborhoods where the libraries are located.

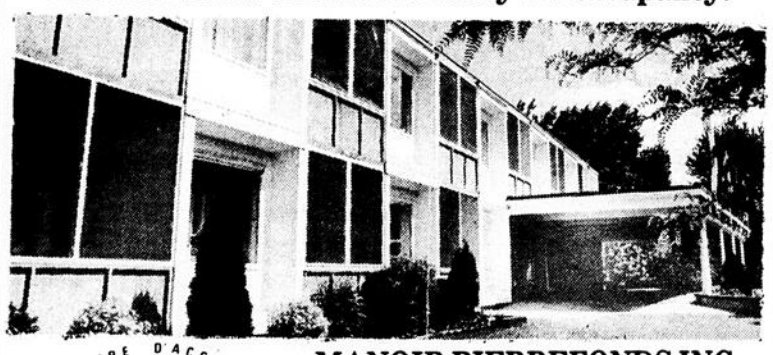
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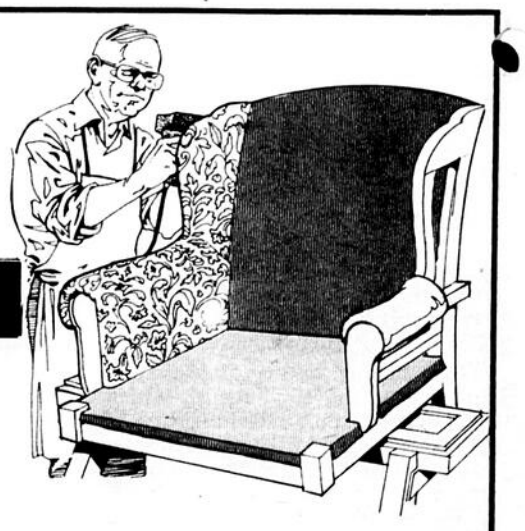
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We're finally feeling the winter and brrr, it's cold out there! This is the time to think about ways of protecting ourselves from the extreme cold, because hypothermia threatens older people (especially those over 75) about five times more than it does younger people and hypothermia can be a killer.

Of course there are reasons for this. Many older people don't maintain good nutrition, which provides heat to the body. Or medications like sedatives, tranquilizers, cardiovascular drugs might affect the ways we maintain heat. Illnesses like arthritis that tend to limit physical mobility and activity also reduce our ability to generate the heat we may need.

The thing that's really tricky is that the condition doesn't get noticed easily and most people don't know when their body temperature has gone down to a risk level (below 95 degrees F). We need to watch for the signs, like stiff muscles, poor coordination, jerky movements, slower breathing and heart rate, pale cold skin, even confusion and irritability.

Here's a good quiz to test what you know about hypothermia.

1. Hypothermia occurs most often after exposure to extreme outdoor cold. Answer: False. It's indoor cold that is the most common cause.

2. The condition is rarely seen in sunbelt areas. Answer: False. Some traditionally warm places, like northern Florida, can get really cold.

3. Symptoms are first noticed at freezing temperatures. Answer: False. Older victims are often affected at temperatures of 50 or 60 degrees F.

4. If you don't feel cold, but everyone else does, watch out. Answer: True. Older people don't shiver or feel cold as much as others.

5. Warming up with a hot toddy or a bit of brandy can be a good preventative. Answer: False. Alcohol just increases body heat loss.

6. A puffy, swollen face is a danger sign. Answer: True. Tight facial features are *not* a sign.

7. Immerse victim in hot water and raise his feet. Answer: False. This could cause heart attack and raising the feet just causes the cold blood to rush into the body cavity. If you suspect a person is hypothermic, get them to the hospital at once.

8. Diagnose hypothermia by using the thermometer. Answer: True. You can now buy a thermometer that registers below 94 degrees F.

9. Most people know the temperature of their home. Answer: False. A recent study revealed that less than half of the people studied knew their home temperature and one in 10 knew what hypothermia is.

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Now, on the subject of staying well, I must tell you about Marjorie Mann's project. This 79-year-old dynamo has been helping individuals and groups collect jokes and other laughter promoters, because she knows that laughing promotes good health.

Marjorie tells the story of Norman Cousins, editor of *Saturday Review* magazine, who was struck by a strange illness. In hospital, the doctors couldn't seem to halt the terrible effects of the illness and Mr Cousins found himself getting more and more depressed.

One day, he decided to try something himself. Maybe changing his mood might make him feel better. So he watched a series of humorous movies. He found that 10 minutes of laughter gave him two hours free of pain. Eventually, Mr Cousins was released from hospital a well man.

Mr Cousin's theory has been picked up by researchers who are now saying that laughter stimulates the release of endorphine, the body's own painkiller. Other scientists are saying that laughter can increase the production of white blood cells to fight infection and disease.

Marjorie Mann has now formed a group called Laughter Does Matter and members have been bringing their message into seniors' homes and hospitals. They explain their theory and then they tell jokes. They even get their audience to participate by telling their own jokes. And the rooms rock with laughter — a most welcome sound to hear in those settings.

## Parkinson meeting

The February meeting of the Parkinson Foundation, Montreal chapter, English self-help group, will be held Monday evening, Feb 20, at 7:30 pm at Constance Lethbridge Rehabilitation Center, 7005 de Maisonneuve boulevard west. For more information, call 866-2511 or 733-3332.

## Lecture on Canova

Dr Jennifer Dickson will lecture on "Antonio Canova: neo-classicism and eroticism," on Sunday, Feb 19, at 11 am at Maxwell Cummings Auditorium, 1379 Sherbrooke street west. The lecture is the third in the Sundays at the Museum winter series sponsored by the Junior Associates of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

## La Leche meets

La Leche League of Montreal will discuss "The family and the breastfed baby" at its monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday, Feb 22, at 8 pm at 6367 Chester avenue in N.D.G. For more information, call 739-4883 or 482-3551.



**RATHBONE THEATRE READY WITH *PETER PAN***: James Barrie's classic *Peter Pan* is this season's production of the Rathbone Theatre which opens Friday at Victoria Hall. Among the many students of the theatre school taking part in the lavish production are Westmount resident **Robert de Leeuw** as the lovable Slightly and **Sharie Dwoskin**. Peter is played by Willow Quig and Wendy by Jennifer Poupart. Direction is by the school's founder and director, Pauline Rathbone, who says every attempt is being made to keep the production as close to a London production as possible. Performances are Fridays, Feb 17, Feb 24 and March 3 at 9:30 am and noon and Saturday, Feb 25, at 10:30 am and 2 pm. For ticket information, call 636-5248 or 486-2876.


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# National diabetes group opens Montreal chapter

The Canadian Diabetes Association, a non-profit, volunteer organization with 50,000 members, has opened a Montreal branch to serve the needs of patients and inform the public on all aspects of diabetes.

The complications of diabetes make it the third leading cause of death among Canadians. People with diabetes are likely to develop blindness, kidney failure, heart disease and stroke. It is the underlying cause of half of all heart attacks and strokes.

The Montreal branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association has regular monthly meetings in the sixth-floor amphitheatre of Montreal General Hospital. The group also has organized a program of informative talks to be given by doctors and various professionals in their fields. Some of the topics will be: foot and skin care, fitness, monitoring and kidney disease.

An open invitation is extended to all diabetics, their families and friends.

The Montreal branch also is looking for new members and volunteers. For more information, call 481-0639.

*Help the Westmount YMCA provide new community facilities by contributing to its fund-raising campaign.*



**BENEFIT ART SHOW:** Westmount artists who will be participating in the Montreal General Hospital art show at Artlenders Gallery on Victoria avenue include, from left: **Yettive Chrestohl, Hugo Wuethrich, Gael Plant** and **Evelyn Gold**. Mrs Gold also happens to be wife of MGH physician-in-chief, Dr Phil Gold. In addition Jane Adams, Mary Martha Guy, Mary Ann Winterer and Barbara Dickstein — all Westmounters — and 16 other artists will be involved. The art show begins on Monday, Feb 20 at 6 pm and continues until Feb 27. For more information, call 484-4691. *Photo by VALERIE TETLEY*



**COMMITTEE PREPARES FOR HUNGARIAN ST STEPHEN'S BALL:** Planning is entering the final stages for the 31st annual Hungarian St Stephen's Ball to be held March 11 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. Among those organizing the popular and sumptuous event are, from left: **Bea Choukair**, patrons' committee; **Gracey Hitchcock**, publicity co-chair; Westmounter **Peter Saly**, alumni committee; **Marietta Fejervary**, publicity committee advisor; and Westmounters **Leslie Jonas**, ball chairman, and **Jennifer Jonas**, chairman's assistant. Guest of honor at this year's ball will be the Hon Robert de Cotret, president of the treasury board, and Mrs de Cotret. Tickets may be obtained before March 3 by calling 332-9007. Seating is limited.


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# You Say

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Gainey. At that time, I noticed several Westmount public security officers milling about nervously in the lobby in front of the doors to the hall, which were being kept closed so as to prevent more people from going into the packed room. Several officers were abrupt and rude in dealing with latecomers, some of whom had been temporarily locked out of the building. Also, a couple of MUC police officers were circulating in the lobby and the overflow hall where the latecomers had been directed. They were wearing their guns in their holsters in the unfriendly, crowd-control, aggressive display position on their belts.

After saying goodbye to Gainey (who left in frustration at not being able to get inside the hall at a time when there were empty seats in the upstairs gallery), I listened to some more of the mayor's speech in the adjoining room reserved for latecomers. A few minutes later, I went back out into the lobby for a breath of cooler air. I was immediately approached by Officer Mackay of the public security force and told to "move on." I replied that I was taking a breather and that since I was not blocking or impeding traffic I had no intention of moving on. Mr Mackay ordered me to get out of the lobby immediately or I would be forcibly removed. Rather than get into a physical confrontation with Mr Mackay and the surrounding officers, I left the building, wondering what on earth has happened in a city that really has no problems compared to those faced by less affluent places.

It is clear from the actions of these public security officers and from THE EXAMINER's accounts of various remarks made publicly by city employees at recent council meetings that the elected councillors, who each act as commissioners administering the departments at city hall, are openly encouraging this disgraceful public display in the hopes of ousting Mayor Cutler. These councillors — of whom two have professed mayoral ambitions of their own but lacked the guts to oppose the former mayor, Brian Gallery, whose management style contributed to Mrs Cutler's victory in the last election — know they were not elected with a mandate to oppose the new mayor at her every step.

May Cutler was elected because enough Westmounters felt it was time for a change, a shake-up of the antiquated and largely unaccountable decision-making process at city hall. I remember attending both the official election results session the evening of the election and subsequently the mayor's investiture party. At these events two elected councillors openly discussed their intentions of actively opposing the mayor's policies for sweeping changes in the way Westmount is administered.

There have been a lot of hilarious accusations of unWestmount-like behavior levelled at the mayor by several councillors over the last two weeks, but nothing could have been more "unWestmount" than the ludicrous press conference given last week by the councillors' "official spokesman," rookie councillor Stuart Robertson. Mr Robertson, a professional gardening advice columnist, dug himself into a very grave hole by smearing the mayor personally and calling her "our embarrassment."

The only embarrassment I feel is the result of unchivalrous remarks made by a spokesman who was covering up for the cowardice of colleagues who chose to hide behind a mouthpiece whose only previous experience as a spokesman was dispensing advice on the radio to worried owners of ailing house and garden plants. Mr Robertson, a relative newcomer to Westmount, would do well to learn that such bad manners are definitely not the Westmount way.

If the rest of the councillors don't regain their senses by offering to hold their own public accountability session and by moving immediately to suspend or fire the city employee who shouted at the mayor to "resign now" at a recent council meeting, then Westmounters face the very real possibility that the Quebec government will have to step in and administer the city in some sort of trusteeship. And that really would be the most unWestmount-like embarrassment of all.

**Scott Disher**

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## Attended Sunday meeting but not to 'vote' for mayor

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

Dear Mayor Cutler: I attended the meeting at Victoria Hall on Sunday night and I was horrified to read in *The Gazette* that it was a "mini-election."

The correct definition of election is "choosing by vote" (according to the Oxford dictionary). At no time at this meeting was I given a ballot *or* asked to vote by a show of hands. Would you please supply me with the written results of this mini-election?

Democracy is "government by the people" and I always thought that Westmount was a place in which this prevailed. You, as well as your councillors, were elected democratically by the citizens of Westmount for four years. You, as the mayor, are supposed to find consensus and lead the councillors and the citizens. I find you are not exactly doing this.

Most Westmounters know that Westmount is not 100 percent and there is always room for improvement, but is it necessary to wash *all* our dirty linen in public so that the City of Westmount has become the laughingstock of Canada in the last few weeks?

It is extraordinary that you cannot work with eight people. That is a very small committee, from my experience.

Why do you not put your fantastic energy into more constructive projects, instead of spending hours with the media washing Westmount's linen, that you say is dirty, in the public?

Please could you send me a copy of the section from the Cities and Towns Act that gives you the right to suspend a councillor from his commissionership? I think this councillor has been democratically elected from his section of Westmount.

I would, also, like to know who paid for the meeting at Victoria Hall? I know that the sound system is very expensive and the overtime for the Victoria Hall employees is considerable. Please could you give me a complete accounting for this meeting and tell me if I, as a citizen, will be paying for it with the proper authorization?

Thanking you in advance for supplying me with the evidence I request and, also, for the answers to my questions.

**Sally Drummond**

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## Notwithstanding clause to solve city dispute?

Sir: Why hasn't someone thought about invoking the notwithstanding clause to settle the city hall dispute? It may not please anyone but the scenario is worth a try:

The mayor's election is invalidated. City councillors end their love-in with the bureaucrats who will stop behaving like politicians.

Future committee chairmen must know something about the departments they're responsible for (the power commissioner must at least know how to screw in a light bulb and the safety commissioner must show he's competent to check a smoke alarm).

More than lip service must be paid to economy. (The library reading room could be shifted to the adjoining greenhouse to save daytime electricity.)

Henceforth all city hall catering will be done by McDonald's.

The future mayor should be forbidden to visit Outremont or Côte St Luc, both hotbeds of subversion.

Above all, no person, mayor or councillor, should ever again be allowed to use Victoria Hall for a town meeting, which actually is a Yankee institution, to air public matters.

The Family Compact, which is alive and well in Westmount, has never before been so embarrassed by this vulgar display of democracy.

The Cutler for mayor committee should be revived.

**Ned Barrett**

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## Rick French given some column ideas

Sir: Maybe next time Rick French puts pen to paper he could tell his EXAMINER readers why he still favors the inclusion of the notwithstanding clause in the Canadian Constitution so nationalist provincial governments can override his fellow citizens' fundamental rights. In the process, he might try to explain why he feels it was Pierre Elliott Trudeau who wanted that clause in the Charter of Rights when most of us were under the impression that fine, historic distinction belonged to western premiers Blakeney, Lyon and Lougheed.

He might elaborate on why he spends his time challenging the likes of us believers in the "slippery slope" position with regard to the notwithstanding clause. "Slippery slopers," says Rick, think that if nationalist and petty-minded provincial governments can remove one fundamental right, they might try to remove another. "Twaddle!" Rick likes to say. "Show me evidence!"

In response, I wonder if Rick French would like access to minority language schooling to be subject to a notwithstanding clause, since his faith in petty-minded provincial governments seems still unchecked. Maybe he'd like to contemplate the following little scenario:

Quebec Liberals obtain exclusive provincial jurisdiction over communications. (Hosannahs of praise from decentralizers like Rick. Finally Quebec control over pop culture!) *Before* the next election Quebec Liberal party campaigns on a platform of *not* reducing the number of English language television and radio stations even though they could. (Cooing noises from Rick French about the generosity and tolerance of the Liberal Party of Quebec.) *After* the election Quebec Liberals say they are not sure about how many English language television and radio stations there should be in Montreal, *because of the threat to French culture in Quebec.* (Rick French is silent.) Three years later Quebec Liberals order two radio stations closed down. (No TV stations as a gesture of compromise.) Quebec Liberals use notwithstanding clause to forestall mischievous recourse to courts. (Rick French gets second opportunity to resign, and does, but still supports use of notwithstanding clause.)

In the following issue of THE EXAMINER, I'd like Rick to tell me why he advocates getting Alliance Québec to support the legalization of other languages on public signs, but not English. He's already said that would show immigrants into Quebec that the Quebec government loves them and wants them. The fact that other languages (Chinese, Greek) would be permitted while English, the language of one of the largest historic minorities of the province, would be banned — a language that is supposed to be an official language of Rick's country and mine — why, that would just be a sign of our MNA's toleerant, sporting and self-sacrificing gentlemanliness, no? His commitment to multi-culturalism, right? His liberal-minded spirit!

Was it Dan Rather (courtesy Robert Frost) who said a "liberal is somebody who's too broad-minded to take his own side in a quarrel"? If that's what it means to be a Quebec Liberal, I get off the bus. I'll read Rick French's columns with interest (to see if he finally talks about what's on *my* mind, at any rate) but I sure won't vote for him.

**Keith Henderson**

387 Clarke avenue
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## *MAYOR. . .*

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chases, she said. With the size of the ...y staff "we probably could write ...rything out in longhand like they did in the days of Dickens."

In investigating the computer department, she said, she solicited the voluntary help of a top computer specialist who is a Westmount resident. On the second visit to the department, she said, they were accompanied by the city's director general as well as Councillor Daniel Tingley.

"The most appalling thing... was that not once did either (of them) ask a single question" even though the purchase of an AS 400 computer at a cost of $350,000 was being put into the 1989 budget. "Did it not even occur to them to ask if we even needed this?"

There are "citizen value" things, she said, and "internal things" that don't do anything for the citizens such as "the spawning of the bureaucracy versus the paving of streets and the repair of buildings."

She then told how she had discovered unused space in the city hall annex large enough to accommodate the Public Security Unit. City officials were looking to rent quarters elsewhere.

**The last straw**

Mayor Cutler said she she wanted taxpayers to know of her findings.

"The last straw came with tearing down of my notice" for a new secretary "after I had been promised my own secretary."

In the recent impasse with council, she said she still felt the best answer "is for all of us to resign so you would get a more unified council." She found it interesting that councillors had asked citizens to write letters asking her to resign.

"So far I've received four letters," she said to more applause.

Her Worship ended her report saying she would continue to represent all Westmounters as mayor "the best I can, given the crisis."

She then turned the floor over to citizens and spent some 90 minutes answering questions from more than 30 speakers (see separate story).

## *QUESTIONS. . .*

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lors did not choose to participate in this very important opportunity."

**William Weintraub**, 433 Wood: suggested mayor not be upset by being called abrasive. "Members of the country club are generally very smooth and urbane. Reformers are abrasive." How many signatures would it take to relieve councillors from position? Mayor said this could not be done unless they had committed a criminal act. Could they not be shamed into resigning, he wondered.

**Roland Sperlich**, 3296 Cedar: as a lawyer, he said, he knew the Cities and Towns Act and Westmount's director general must report to the mayor. "It's for him to resign, not her." Also said city services did not warrant the current tax bill.

**Bob Cowling**, 459 Strathcona: are the mayor's budget savings going to be redirected into her own projects? Mayor iterated desire to use donated funds for new facilities. If someone gave her the go-ahead to raise such funds, "I betcha I could get that money!"

**Ramzi Ferahian**, 4998 de Maisonneuve: believes after "the shock therapy" of the recent crisis that things will go better. Wants mayor to look into 15-year freeze imposed by previous council on minutes of meetings of the general committee of council.

**Peter Margo**, 8 Severn: basic issues not addressed in recent crisis. Believes council owes mayor an apology for asking her to resign and for opposing the will of citizens who came out to support her. Moved the mayor move back to city hall, find a secretary and fulfill her responsibilities "as you have done." Said by intransigence she had been forced to go to media. Mayor noted "there was not one media that was ever called by me. I think that's quite relevant because I've been accused of playing to the media."

**John Chisnall**, 250 Clarke: presented resolution expecting council and employees to work with mayor or resign.

**Unknown speaker**: mayor is "breath of fresh air"; happy mayor is trying to improve quality of life.

**Ruth Shine**, 462 Strathcona: loves living in Westmount and found meeting very interesting. Asked mayor and council to try again. "I admire you and them." Would like to have ward meetings. "I will see what I can do to resolve this impasse," mayor concluded.

## *Canon gone from rifled lodgings*

Two apartments were broken into last Thursday at 4998 de Maisonneuve boulevard, police said. No signs of forced entry were found at either place. The incidents occurred between 11 am and 7:35 pm on the 15th and 16th storeys.

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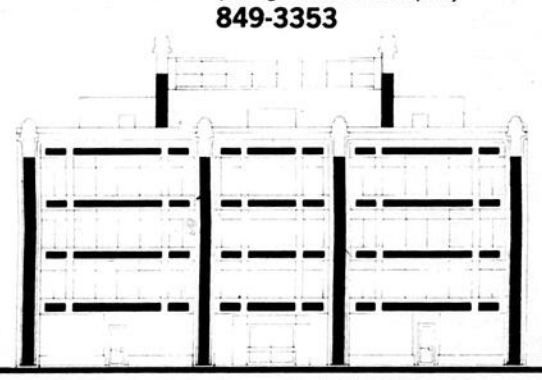
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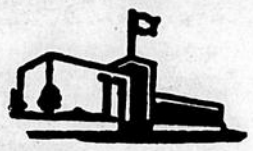


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## Emergency plan work continues

Work is continuing on emergency planning in the MUC with five half-day sessions planned over the next month, according to Westmount Fire Director William Timmons.

Dir Timmons, who is deputy co-ordinator of Westmount's emergency measures organization (EMO), plans to attend the sessions, as does public works director Fred Caluori or, in his absence, Danny Ponzo.

Fernand Gagnon, who heads the MUC's emergency measures bureau, addressed Westmount's EMO group at the firehall last Nov 3 (see story Nov 10, 1988).

## *Fire team visits Reddy Memorial*

Westmount firefighters visited Reddy Memorial Hospital two days last week to address personnel on fire safety, fire officials said. The talks formed part of an ongoing educational program by the local fire brigade to keep the hospital personnel aware of prevention.

Last week's efforts took the fire safety message to evening and night shift workers. Firemen visited the hospital last Thursday at 9:30 pm and Feb 10 at 1:30 am.

## *Burglar alarmed by burglar alarm*

A burglar made a hasty retreat from a house on Wood avenue last Monday night after triggering an alarm which wakened a resident, police said. The resident called out that the alarm was working and police were on their way.

Police received the call for a burglary in progress at 9:25 pm but when they arrived the intruder was gone. The home, located south of Sherbrooke street, was broken into through the front door.

## Purse taken

A purse containing $20 was stolen from Westmount Park Church Wednesday last week, police said. It belonged to a worker there.

## HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Inter-Community league as of Tuesday Feb 14:

| | GS | GP | W | L | D | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NOVICE "A"** | | | | | | | | |
| Westmount | - | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 91 | 29 | 23 |
| V St-Pierre | - | 13 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 56 | 63 | 9 |
| Mtl West | - | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 59 | 49 | 15 |
| Côte St Luc | - | 14 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 25 | 90 | 3 |

## HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey leagues as of Tuesday Feb 14:

| | GS | GP | W | L | D | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NOVICE** | | | | | | | | |
| Guards | 22 | 19 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 62 | 40 | 27 |
| Bears | 22 | 21 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 68 | 44 | 27 |
| Dragons | 22 | 20 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 57 | 54 | 20 |
| Canadiens | 22 | 20 | 2 | 16 | 2 | 28 | 72 | 6 |
| **ATOM** | | | | | | | | |
| Penguins | 22 | 20 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 126 | 70 | 34 |
| Nordiques | 22 | 20 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 73 | 85 | 18 |
| Canadiens | 22 | 18 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 76 | 85 | 15 |
| Canucks | 22 | 20 | 5 | 14 | 1 | 55 | 90 | 11 |
| **PEEWEE** | | | | | | | | |
| Canadiens | 21 | 15 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 68 | 26 | 26 |
| Seals | 21 | 18 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 80 | 69 | 15 |
| Capitals | 21 | 16 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 60 | 106 | 9 |
| **ALL STAR** | | | | | | | | |
| Novice | - | 20 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 151 | 62 | 32 |
| Atom | - | 25 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 115 | 80 | 35 |
| Peewee | - | 16 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 55 | 55 | 14 |
| S.W.A.T. | - | 13 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 47 | 70 | 7 |
| **SENIOR B** | | | | | | | | |
| Hawks | 25 | 20 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 78 | 59 | 30 |
| Fathers | 25 | 20 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 74 | 45 | 30 |
| Devils | 25 | 18 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 78 | 58 | 23 |
| Aces | 25 | 20 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 63 | 92 | 13 |
| Oilers | 25 | 18 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 72 | 84 | 9 |
| Flyers | 25 | 19 | 3 | 13 | 3 | 57 | 84 | 9 |
| **SENIOR A** | | | | | | | | |
| Wanderers | 28 | 24 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 100 | 30 | 39 |
| Flames | 28 | 22 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 85 | 61 | 28 |
| Stars | 28 | 24 | 12 | 11 | 1 | 87 | 84 | 25 |
| Bruins | 28 | 23 | 7 | 15 | 1 | 28 | 106 | 15 |
| Sabres | 28 | 23 | 4 | 18 | 1 | 57 | 127 | 9 |

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# In the neighborhood

*by Kathleen Hugessen*

## *William Louwe — gas station attendant*

Today is William "Buddy" Louwe's thirtieth birthday.

For the last six or seven of those years (he's not sure of the exact number), he's been working at the Esso station at the corner of Sherbrooke street and Grosvenor avenue. He says he came in off the street and got the job.

"I dropped my mother off at the hospital — she had a broken leg — and was walking along the street," says Mr Louwe, chatting in the small office of the service station. "I saw this place and came in, talked to George (Sachewsky, the owner) and got a job."

Colleague Victor Smith laughs, "Yeah. Now we can't seem to get rid of him. He's like a bacteria!"

Mr Smith and another employee, Denis Morier, are in the office watching through the window for customers. One or the other periodically darts out to pump gas, check oil... the usual.

Mr Louwe says, "I've always done the same type of work since I was 17 or 18."

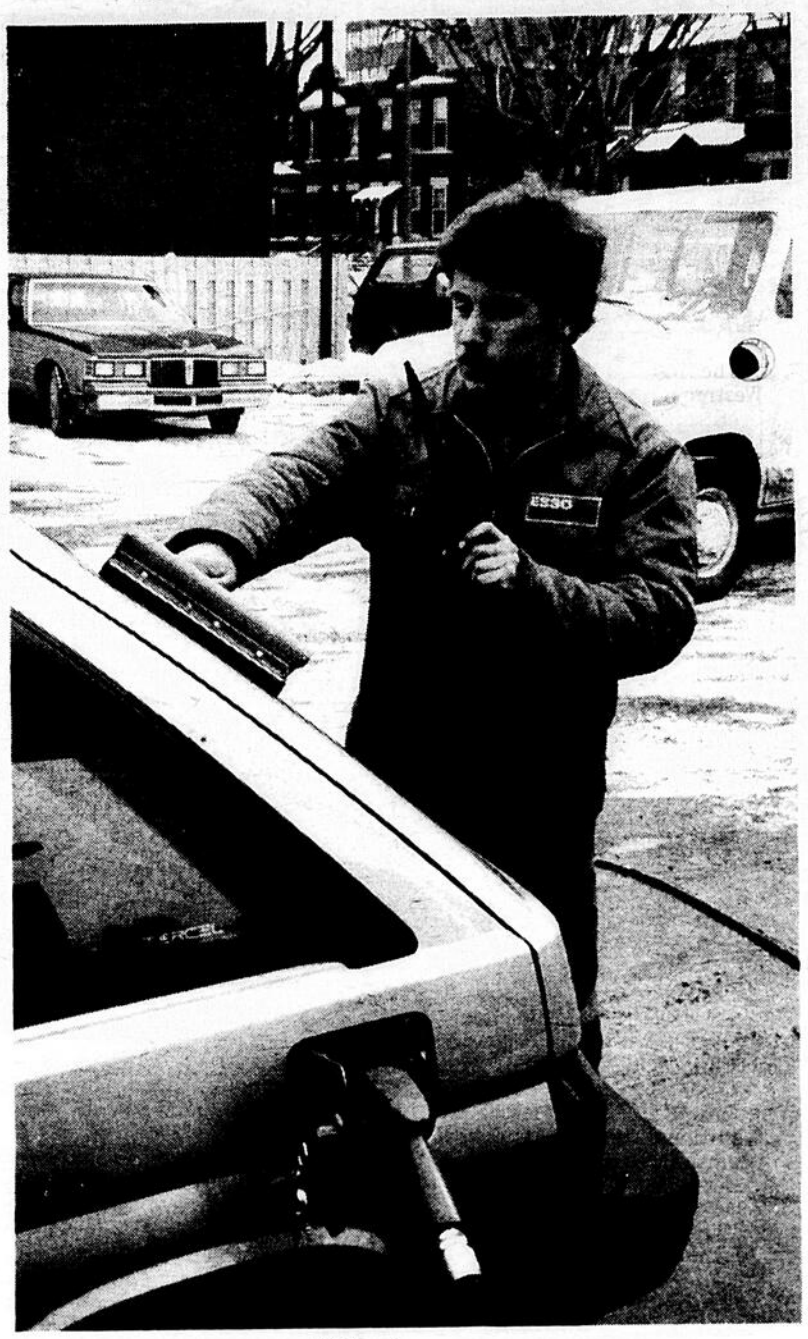
His job is "mostly service. On Saturdays I'll help change tires and do oil changes — a bit of everything."

The Esso station employees work a six-day week. "But we get two or three short days — six hours — and we get one Saturday off each month."

Gas stations are the sort of business one would expect to have a high turnover in personnel. This one flies in the face of that notion. Mr Louwe has been at this station six or seven years, Mr Morier for nine.

"Eddie's been here 25 years," says Mr Morier, referring to one of the mechanics. "He's part of the garage."

He and Mr Louwe figure there's no employee who's been around for less than five or six years.



William Louwe

### Really nice regulars

Maybe it's because of the clientele. Mr Louwe says that, apart from payday, his favorite part of the job is "seeing the regular customers over and over. About 90 percent are regulars. And every one is really nice."

Mr Louwe says the employees all get along well together. "We're like one big family here. Sometimes, in the winter months, you see more of these guys than you do of your family. We've all been here a long time."

Every few months, he says, they'll get together and have a party.

The weather can sometimes be a problem. When it's 25 below and you get a rush of four or five cars, it's rough," he allows. In addition, winter tends to mean dirtier clothes, what with leaning up against salt-encrusted cars.

For the most part, he has no complaints. He says he prefers working during spring and fall. "It's not too hot, not too cold."

He likes the summer but says it would be nice to be able to wear shorts when it's sweltering. He can't, not because of some draconian dress code, but because it would be dangerous. Gasoline spills on the skin can be pretty unpleasant. "It dries out the skin and it smells," he says.

The smell of gasoline doesn't generally bother him. "After a while you don't smell the gas anymore, unless it's really hot."

Whenever a car comes in for gas, the windshields are washed and an offer to check the oil is made. Mr Louwe says the attendants will advise a driver if they notice anything that should be looked into or repaired.

### Married in June

Mr Louwe was married last June. He met his wife, Kim, when she was replacing her mother as waitress at the now-defunct Arrages restaurant across the street. The Louwes live in Ville St Pierre with Lady, a Belgian shepherd cross, and Fluffy, the cat. They are expecting their first child in July.

What does Mr Louwe do with his free time?

There is no pause before the response. "I play pool."

He plays at the Rose Bowl, upstairs, and is obviously very keen on, not to say obsessed by the game. "If I wasn't here, I'd be playing pool," he says. "I get three nights a week off. I play pool on two and on one I stay home with the wife."

When he gets a weekend off, he and his wife sometimes go down to a trailer park a few miles north of Plattsburgh where his in-laws have a trailer.

He gets two weeks of vacation every year. "Last year I went to the Dominican Republic. The year before I went to Cancun."

He has this year's two weeks already planned. "This year it's stay home with the baby time... no vacation this year."

The interview concluded, Mr Louwe takes up the through-the-window surveillance stance. A car pulls into the pumps. And he's out the door like a shot, pumping gas, cleaning windshields, offering to check the oil... the usual.

## Into the vortex?

A whirlpool bath valued at $2,800 disappeared from a bathroom in the condominium project under construction at 4160 Sherbrooke street Wednesday last week, police said. Two corner shelves for kitchens also were reported stolen.


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## Tickets on sale for city carnival

TICKETS are now on sale for the Victoria Hall activities that will kick off Westmount's winter carnival next Friday night.

The $2 ticket price covers all the indoor events, including a beans and weiners supper, videos and hot chocolate for youngsters, and a wine and cheese party for adults. A trio of musicians will entertain.

Meanwhile, in Westmount Park, there will be free sleigh rides and a bonfire. The festival continues Saturday. (For full carnival schedule and more details, see story last week.)

The tickets are available at the recreation office in the arena. They can also be obtained at the door.



**ART AND ARTISTS:** The Visual Arts Centre held a vernissage to launch the display of works by jeweler **Madeleine Dansereau** and silk tie-dye artist **Carter Smith.**

*Photo by OWEN EGAN*

## A look at WHS through the years

**Westmount High School NEWS**

The first Protestant school for the Westmount community, which had been separated from Notre Dame de Grâce, was opened in 1873.

The school was located in a small house on the southeast corner of Côte St Antoine road (now Sherbrooke street) and Clarke avenue. The school, sharing the building with Miss Black's private school, operated on the top floor of the house, which was also used for Sunday school classes and town council meetings.

The Honorable (then Mister) J.K. Ward was one man who played an important role in the establishment of the Westmount municipality and in the organization of the school. From then on, he occupied a seat on the board of the school commissioners of the city.

A Miss Turnbull was the sole teacher in the school at its beginning. In one to two years, as the number of students increased, another teacher, Miss Greenshields, was added. Soon the school grew larger and more room was needed. In 1876, the school commissioners purchased a building at the head of Stanton street that could easily hold four classes. An additional teacher, Miss Alice Y. Ramsay, was hired and worked for at least 34 years.

Again, in 1886, the commissioners had to provide more room. From the Westmount Homestead Company they bought a block of land directly in front of the old school and built a building able to accommodate at least 200 students. Mr John Proctor became the first principal of the school, which was raised to the rank of an academy.

Because the school was again too small, a new academy was built in 1893 on the corner of Argyle. The cost of the building was $75,000 and it was able to hold 600 students. The first principal of the new school was Mr J.A. Nickolson who, at a later date, became the registrar of McGill University.

The school needed to expand again in 1913. On Nov 22 that year, the cornerstone of Westmount High School (now Westmount Park School) was laid on Academy road by Mr R.E. Howe. He was the first principal of the new school.

Then in 1941, for the first time, Westmount High School was divided into two buildings. The junior students stayed at the old Westmount High School, while the senior students were moved into a beautiful greystone building on Côte St Antoine and Argyle (now Selwyn House).

In 1961 all the students were reunited in a beautiful building on St Catherine. It is this building that Westmount High School occupies today.

Next year Westmount will add another chapter to its history by gaining alternate status for the first time.

## CEGEP grads invited to McGill

McGill University will host an open house Tuesday, Feb 21, for graduating CEGEP students thinking of attending McGill next September.

The event will start with a general information session at 9:30 am in the University Centre, 3rd floor, 3480 McTavish street. Students will be supplied with schedules of events and campus maps.

## Woman shoved, bag snatched

A woman was pushed to the ground Saturday when she refused to hand over her purse to three men in front of 335 Clarke avenue, police report. She was not reported injured.

The bag was later found, empty of money, at the rear of 1346 Greene avenue. It was turned over to public safety officers.

The robbery occurred about 7:15 pm as the woman was walking north and was stopped by a trio going south. The purse snatcher was described as an 18-year-old black man speaking English. He wore a beige jacket.

## Fall ends trip for rowdy rider

**A 28-year-old Lachine woman was charged with drinking and smoking on an MUCTC bus Wednesday last week after she fell when it stopped at St Catherine street and Abbott avenue, police said. The woman was treated by Urgences Santé for a cut over one eye.**

**The incident occurred about 12:55 am when the driver stopped suddenly as the woman was yelling at him. Police were called, the woman taken to local MUC police station 23 and later released.**

**Although the incident occurred in Westmount, the woman is to be summoned to Montreal municipal court where all MUCTC cases are heard, police explained.**

## Local residents alert police to man playing musical cars

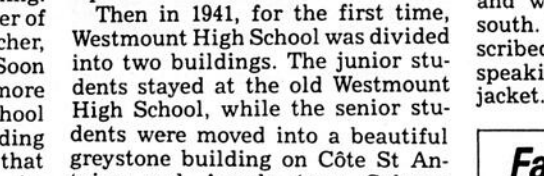
A 27-YEAR-OLD Montreal man has been charged with attempted car theft following quick work by two Westmount residents, police said.

The local residents, who suspected a man of trying to steal a car at 649 Victoria avenue and then one at 693 Victoria, managed to flag down an MUC police car at Grosvenor avenue and relay the information.

The man was arrested at 9:10 pm as a result. He was later released on a promise to appear in court. The accused, who was described as under the influence of alcohol, lived on Victoria north of Westmount city limits.

Witnesses were reported as saying they had noticed a man trying to open car doors on the street. Once inside a black Ford Mustang at civic number 649, he spotted them and left the car, walking north. They followed him to civic number 693 where he reportedly entered a grey car.

Once police were alerted, they proceeded to the location where the man was arrested.

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# Westmount gymnast Rasminsky takes gold

Westmount resident Abigail Rasminsky, 11, took top honors in the novice IV category at the Viagym Invitational Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition, Feb 12, in Terrebonne.

Abigail, who trains at Questo Rhythmic Sportive Gymnastics Club in N.D.G., came first all-around, winning a first in rope, a second in hoop and a third in ribbon.

Featuring gymnasts from all over the province, the Viagym Invitational is a warm-up for the Quebec provincial championships scheduled for April 15 in Montreal.

Questo teammates Joyce Bernas and Paola Wong, both 11, captured golds in the novice IV category. Estelle Coppens, 11, won silver and Anne-Marie Bodrogkozy, 11, took home a bronze.

Quebec champion Pamela Newton, 16, also a Questo gymnast, sewed up the gold all-around in the highest level. Ilona Hurikova, 17, came third.



Questo winners in novice IV category, from left: **Joyce Bernas**, second; Westmount resident **Abigail Rasminsky**, first; and **Paola Wong**, third.

In level V, Questo gymnasts Jill Gamberg, 14, Rachel Kapasi, 13, and Beatrice Lombardi, 14, took three of five golds. Tami Erdos, 9, earned a gold and two silvers in level III. Ginette Sze, 9, won a fourth place ribbon in level I.

The competitive rhythmic gymnasts train between six and 20 hours a week at Confederation Sports Centre, 5320 Kensington avenue, N.D.G.

Founded in 1958 by head coach Hilja Paul, Questo also runs classes for recreational gymnasts.

For information about summer programs, call 488-1205.

## Canadiens hold blood drive

The Montreal Canadiens hockey club and the media will host a Red Cross blood donor clinic next Thursday, Feb 23, from 10 am to 7:30 pm at the Montreal Forum.

The Red Cross permanent centre, 3131 Sherbrooke street east, is open Monday to Friday. For hours, please call 937-7761.

## VW hangs tough

Unsuccessful attempts to steal a Blaupunkt radio caused $300 damage to a car parked overnight Monday-Tuesday last week near 142 Irvine avenue, police said. The car was a blue 1987 Volkswagen.

## Westmount YMCA News

*Hope Korytko*
**Executive director**



Less than three months until opening day!

Although the staff and volunteers here at the Westmount YMCA have been working on this project since May 1985, and have eagerly anticipated this day, it seems to be coming too fast now.

There are numerous events and activities planned to re-open the new YMCA. The first event is a special sneak preview gala on Saturday, May 6 at 5 pm. This opening fundraiser will help pay for the equipment you will find in your new Y. The evening includes cocktails, food, dancing and, of course, a look at the newly renovated building. Sneakers are mandatory and the best decorated pair will walk away with a grand prize. For more information or ticket purchases, call chairman Susan Rubin at 931-8046. This is certainly an event not to be missed. It promises to be a good time.

The next day, Sunday, May 7, will be a special family day for all the volunteers and donors who have helped to make a new Westmount YMCA a reality.

Monday, May 8, is the official opening day, with ribbon cutting ceremonies to which the public is cordially invited. This will kick off a week-long open house — an opportunity for you and your family to try out the new facilities at your leisure.

Membership sales begin on April 24. Stay tuned to THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER for more information in the upcoming weeks.

Given the types of programs and customer services we plan to offer, the building capacity will only be 3,500 individual members. Therefore, early registration is strongly suggested... call the Y at 931-8046 for time and dates.

One sector in which we have planned state-of-the-art programs is preschool programming. Westmounter Ellen Jacobs of the early childhood department, Concordia University, has worked with the board and staff to create an unbeatable, prosocial program for your child.

One of the services under current consideration is playgroups for kindergarten, preK and three-year-old nursery children. Possibilities include offering a "bring your own lunch" program with a morning or afternoon playgroup to assist you in offering a full day of activities for your child. Call Eileen for more information.


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## Vocal workshop at St George's culminates with concert tonight

Renowned American soprano Sondra Harnes this week is conducting a vocal workshop for elementary and high school students at St George's School of Montreal.

The workshop will culminate in a concert to be held at Westmount High School this evening, Thursday, at 7 o'clock. The theme of the concert will be peace and it will feature music by Faure, Gershwin, Besig, Bach (slightly updated) and Sibelius.

She will be bringing members of her own children's choir to Montreal to join the workshop. Ms Harnes has received many awards, including a diploma from the Concours international de chant de Paris as well as grants from the Metropolitan Opera National Guild.

She holds a bachelor of arts degree from Southeast Missouri State University, a master's of music from Benjamin Rome School of Music, Catholic University of America and was a scholarship student in the professional studies program at Julliard School.

Voice students (ages 3 to 17) in the Harnes Singing School Ensemble have performed with the Alexandria, Virginia, symphony orchestra, the Arlington Metropolitan Chorus, the Celebration Festival of Smithsonian Institution and the International Children's Festival at Wolfe Trap Farm Park.

## Glued to set

Burglars entered an apartment at 4501 Sherbrooke street Tuesday last week while residents were watching television in their den, police report. Jewelry valued at $7,000 was taken from the bedroom but a wallet left on top of a bureau was reported to have been left behind intact. The place was entered between 12:35 and 1:25 pm when the front door was unlocked.


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# Ste Foy and Westmount battle to a tie at the Forum

By WARREN VALDMANIS

The Royaux-Ste Foy atom and peewee hockey teams met Westmount's [illegible] and peewee Allstars at the Montreal Forum last Saturday and at Westmount on Sunday in a hockey tournament sponsored by the Canadiens organization and Petro-Canada in collaboration with the Westmount recreation department.

The theme of the tournament was "Friendship through sports," designed to bring the linguistic communities of Ste Foy and Westmount closer together through their common interest — hockey.

The tournament ended with a win, a loss and two ties for each team after four breathtaking games. It was a great success.

The first game at the Forum featured the two atom teams. It was a defensive thriller.

Westmount opened the game with a bang. Only two minutes into the first period, forward Thomas Bell shocked onlookers and Ste Foy goalie David Talbot with a slapshot from the blueline, which barely caught the left side of the net, putting Westmount up 1-0.

Westmount's staunch defence, led by Jonathan Stubbs, held the Ste Foy side to a couple of shots in the period. But Westmount's offence wasn't able to do much after Bell's goal. The period ended with the score 1-0 Westmount.

The second period brought much of the same, but slowly the Westmount offence began threatening Talbot. Such forwards as Mark Schaffer and Ricky Mezey led Westmount on rush upon rush. Finally, at 13:47, Jamie McConnell doubled the Allstars' lead after converting a pass from Schaffer. Westmount continued pressuring Ste Foy through the period, but to no further avail.

### A new look

When the puck was dropped to open the third period, fans saw a new Ste Foy offence. Finally, such forwards as Guillaume Dorval and Marc Delisle began controlling the puck inside Westmount's blueline. Midway through the period their efforts bore fruit as Ste Foy got two goals, one by Nicolas Bardou and another by Louis Cote, within one minute of each other.

The game wound down with several opportunities at each end, but the goalies hung tough and ended with a 2-2 tie.

The excitement of a game at the Forum was complemented with outstanding play.

The teams met again the following day and again skated to a tie, but this time it was 4-4 and Westmount came from behind. The tying goal was scored by Tom Bell with 2:28 remaining.

The peewee teams were similarly matched and the games were equally exciting, but victors were decided in both.

The game on Saturday at the Forum was dominated throughout by the tenacious Westmount offence led by no 99, Jamie "Gretzky" Bell. He managed two goals and an assist in the 4-1 victory. Dylan Smith got a goal and an assist for Westmount. Both Westmount goalies, Antoine de Gheldere and Julie Desjardins, were outstanding in nets.



Former Canadiens hockey player **Jean Beliveau**, standing left, and Petro-Canada official **Henry Skotarczyk** drop the puck for the official face-off at the Montreal Forum. Westmount player **Marc Schaffer**, left, poises for the face-off against **Nicolas Bardou** from the Ste Foy team.

The second game, however, began with an almost complete domination by Ste Foy. Before seven full minutes had elapsed, Westmount found itself down by three. Goals were scored by Jean-François Roy, Jean-Michel Larin and Guillaume Martin. Westmount was not able to get back on track until defenceman Tim Fleizer sparked an offensive explosion with a short-handed goal midway through the second period.

Westmount followed this goal up with an incredible attack, with shots surpassed in excellence only by the saves of Ste Foy goalie Paddy Rouleau. Jamie Bell was finally able to beat him at 8:14 to make the score 3-2 Ste Foy. But it was not to happen again. Ste Foy held on and evened up the series.

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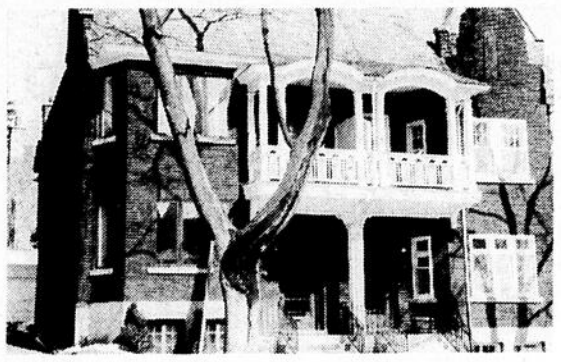
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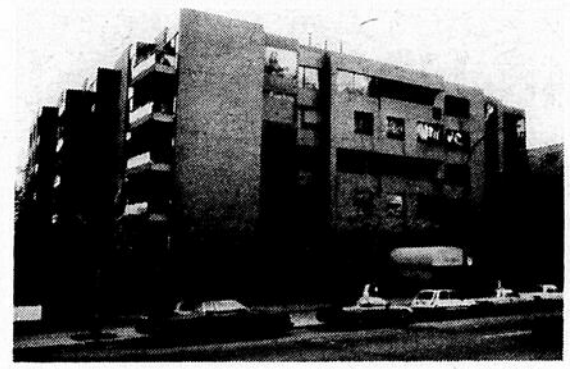
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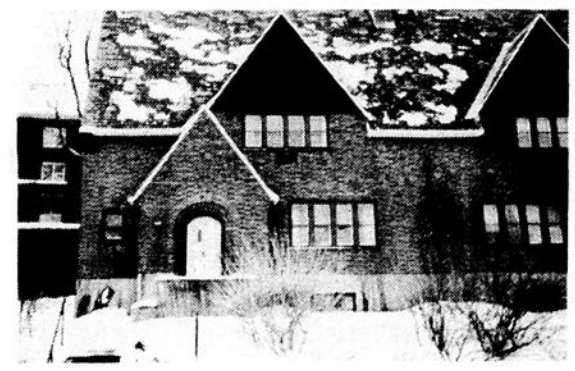
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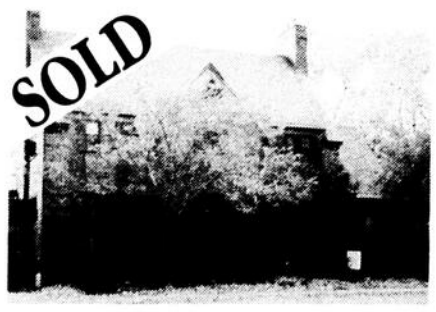
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