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Culture and leisure community meeting:

$6 million for Vic Hall-greenhouse-library

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A master plan to breathe new life into "the heart of Westmount" could be achieved by pumping some $6 million into renovation of the library, Victoria Hall and greenhouse complex, citizens were told Monday night.

The proposal calls for restoring and expanding the library and for updating Victoria Hall. This last would involve air conditioning the concert hall and updating its seating, lighting, sound system and staging.

The proposal would convert the greenhouse area to greater public use by creating an atrium off the library and building an adjoining multi-purpose room for community use.

The project could be financed over 20 years or funded through public appeal, Mayor May Cutler told more than 200 attending the information meeting at Victoria Hall.

"This is the first major updating of city facilities in many years," she explained. "This is part of what is going on throughout the city as we study our administrative structure, our parks, our services."

The $6-million master plan to revitalize and modify the already well-used complex compares in cost with the recent $5-million street relighting program.

It is urgently needed, said local architect James Aitken, so building in any one area won't be done in such a way as to prevent future work.

Two years of work

The proposal comes after more than two years of work by the library board of trustees and the Westmount Advisory Committee on Culture. It is based on four major reports by consultants as well as on input from citizen professionals.

Many who compiled the findings and recommendations spoke at the meeting attended by community leaders, city officials, council members and interested residents.

It was hailed by many who spoke from the audience as well-documented and needed to prevent deterioration of generally excellent facilities.

"A lot of work has gone into this," said ward 2 council candidate Peter Trent.

Mr Trent, who is touted as city council's next finance commissioner, said the concept of setting up a public fund to finance the project is a very interesting one. It would provide donors with tax deductible receipts they would not otherwise receive if funded through tax revenues.

Citizens appeared to applaud plans to upgrade the 90-year-old library where two-thirds of its users are aged between 15 and 24. Few

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Montreal moves: tower must come down

By CHARLES MAPPIN

What went up must come down.

The City of Montreal has ordered the company that erected the 30-storey communications tower on Ridgewood avenue just beyond Westmount's border to dismantle the structure because it does not conform to the city's zoning.

"On Friday, our permits department sent out an order to have them stop work on the project," Montreal city councillor Abe Limonchik said. "And the city has now sent a letter to Glenayre Communications (the company which built the tower) telling them they have to dismantle it."

Mr Limonchik, councillor for the Côte des Neiges district which includes Ridgewood, said the tower violates by-law 3722 allowing only residential constructions in the area.

The city also considered the visual pollution the tower creates, the economic impact it could have on property owners in the area and that Glenayre does not yet have an operating licence for the tower from the federal department of communications, he said.

"The positioning has a totally negative impact on one of the main pieces of cultural heritage, St Joseph's Oratory, and in particular on its beautiful green dome," he added.

Some confusion

Mr Limonchik admitted there was confusion at Montreal city hall over the matter. The permits department ruling that the tower must go comes only two days after the executive committee released an official statement that Montreal was powerless since federal law prohibits municipalities from regulating communication towers.

Mr Limonchik said the city has not given Glenayre a time limit for dismantling the tower, but he hopes the company will take it down quickly.

Jean Brunelle, director of operations at Glenayre, said Montreal's request is being looked at by his company's lawyers and he could not comment any further for the time being.

Anelia Wright, spokesperson for the Oakland residents, said she is relieved by the news, "but we'll believe when we see it."

Mrs Wright said the residents will still ask Westmount to share the le-

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WESTMOUNT REMEMBERS: The city's wreath was laid during Saturday's Remembrance Day service at the local cenotaph by **Mayor May Cutler**. A large number of citizens joined veterans, military units, cadets and city officials in the annual ceremony. Participants included MP David Berger as well as MNA Richard Holden as well as Girl Guides and Boy Scouts.

Both city hall and tree will bear Yule lighting

Westmount will go all out this Christmas to please everyone, says Mayor May Cutler.

The city will illuminate both city hall *and* an evergreen tree that grows near Sherbrooke and Argyle. "This way we won't have to cut down a magnificent tree that has taken years to grow," she said.

The third annual lighting ceremony will take place Monday, Dec 4, at 4:45 pm in front of city hall.

Last year was the first time city hall had been outlined in white lights in place of the traditional tree, a change which resulted in disappointment to some citizens.

The city will hold its annual Christmas party for employees' children on Sunday afternoon, Dec 3, according to director general Peter Patenaude.

The traditional Quarter Century Club Banquet is planned for Dec 6.

Council members will be requested at Monday's meeting of general committee, Mr Patenaude said, to provide some funding for a Friday night party being organized by employees for Dec 8. This amount likely would equal the $3,500 spent on a luncheon for workers last Christmas.

Jewels found

A burglar alarm was set off at a home on Clarke avenue north of The Boulevard Friday when someone forced open a window to search the master bedroom, police said. Jewelry from the house was found the next day in a nearby backyard at 4 Sunnyside avenue. A list of stolen items was to be submitted later.

Thief makes use of stolen key

A woman whose purse was stolen Wednesday last week at the Old Post Office had her apartment broken into soon after, police said. The burglar was believed to have used keys from the bag.

MUC police from local station 23 said they had no details of the break-in since it occurred on Atwater avenue outside the district.

The purse was stolen between 7 and 7:20 pm while the victim was at a restaurant in the Greene avenue building.

Restaurant held up by gunman

A LONE gunman held up a restaurant cashier Friday night at Mini Château Basile, 4086 St Catherine street, police report. He took an undisclosed amount from the till.

The robbery took place about 6 pm after the man had been seen waiting outdoors a few minutes. Once inside, he brandished a revolver, asked for money and then ran north with the loot.

The robber was described as about 30 years of age, English-speaking and wearing a blue tuque over half his face.

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Next Scheduled City Council Meeting

Council, at its sitting of NOVEMBER 20, 1989, will hear appeals from decisions rendered by the demolition committee on September 29, 1989, re the demolition of building at 22 Summit Circle and 1259-71 Greene avenue.

Date de la prochaine séance du conseil municipal

Le conseil, lors de la séance du 20 NOVEMBRE 1989, entendra les appels interjetés des décisions rendues le 29 septembre 1989 par le comité sur la démolition, concernant la démolition des bâtiments sis au 22, Summit Circle et 1259-71, avenue Greene.

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Finances on agenda for Monday

Monday's city council meeting will hear a report on the financial position of the city for 1988, 1989 as well as a glance at what might be expected in 1990.

The public session which starts at 8 pm in city hall with the usual question period also will hear two appeals of recent demolition decisions.

Other agenda items announced by city officials yesterday include:

- Appointment of the city's new audit and budget administrator;
- Adoption of by-law to cancel l[illegible] authority for previous street wor[illegible]
- List of accounts for month ending Oct 31;
- Report on graffiti;
- Adoption of a resolution requested by the Union of Quebec Municipalities to seek additional details regarding service cuts for Via Rail passenger trains;
- Approval of purchases for silver parabolic louvres for light fixtures at city hall and for electrical cable; also for collection and disposal of garbage for Château Maisonneuve;
- Cadastral operations at 82 Summit crescent and 64 Rosemount crescent; and,
- Mayor's and councillors' reports on antenna tower, green spaces and bus schedules.

WESTMOUNT *Community Calendar*

Today, Nov 16

Ethics discussion: Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom brown-bag lunch series on ethical issues, with Rabbi Leigh Lerner as discussion leader. This week's topic is triage. Sessions begin at noon in the community house at 4100 Sherbrooke street west. The public is welcome.

Student exhibit of Chinese brush painting and calligraphy by students of Victoria Chang at Victoria Hall from 11 am to 7 pm until Sunday.

Art jewelry: Silver, semi-precious stones, old traders' beads, and amulets in a display of hand-wrought jewelry from Turkestan, Africa, Indonesia, Nepal, India and Europe at Galerie des 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue until Dec 2.

African art: *Women of Africa: faces, forms, adornment* at Galerie des 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue, until Dec 2. 931-3174.

Children's book week will be observed at the Westmount Library by a display of Canadian books until Sunday.

Children's Art Show: *What makes me the happiest...* at Oink Oink!, 1361 Greene avenue until Nov 21.

Chrysanthemum show at the greenhouse Monday to Friday from 10 am to 8 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. The show will continue approximately two more weeks.

Recycling sheds closed until further notice.

Saturday, Nov 18

Puppet theatre: Picardi Marionette Theatre presents a puppet-making workshop from 10 to 11:30 am at Greene Avenue Community Centre, 1090 Greene avenue. Youngsters will make their own puppets; they need bring only their imagination and the $1 admission charged for each Saturday morning special event. Children six and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Writers' seminar: Periodical Writers' Association of Canada on freelance writing with 10 editors and professional freelancers at Atwater Library from 10 am to 3 pm. Registration begins at 9:30 am. 481-9861 or 288-0369.

Christmas bazaar at St Matthias' Church, 12 Church Hill, from 11 am to 3 pm. 935-9522.

Art exhibit works by Montreal landscape painter Gilles Labranche at Victoria Hall; continues to Sunday only.

Vernissage from 1 to 5 pm for paintings by Canadian wildlife painter Régis Vézina at Galerie Art et Style, 4875A Sherbrooke street west. Exhibit continues to Nov 28. 484-3184.

Children's author Hazel Hutchins will meet preschool children at 11 am for the Children's Book Festival at Double Hook, 1235A Greene avenue. 932-5093.

Children's author: Mary Alice Downie will read for preschoolers at 2 pm at Double Hook, 1235A Greene avenue. 932-5093.

Skate-a-thon: Fundraiser by the Westmount District Boy Scouts at the arena from 4 to 8:30 pm.

Sunday, Nov 19

Children's theatre: Geordie Productions presents *From You To Us To You Two*, a performance written by and for children, performed by professional actors at 3:30 pm at Victoria Hall as part of The Westmount Young People's Concerts. Tickets available at permit office. 935-8531.

CAMMAC sight reading for vocalists and instrumentalists of Schubert's *Mass no 2 in G* at St Matthias' Church Hall, 12 Church Hill, from 3 to 5 pm. Parts are provided, instrumentalists should bring music stands.

Monday, Nov 20

Art Focus lecture by Aline Gubbay, *Art in public places*, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at Victoria Hall. Reservations 933-2268 or 486-3601.

City council meeting at 8 pm at City Hall.

Tuesday, Nov 21

Lecture: Artist Ghitta Caiserman-Roth speaks on *Theme, variation and celebration* at Greene Avenue Community Centre at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, Nov 22

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

Career fair at Dawson College from 6:30 to 9 pm. More than 50 people in different careers will answer questions. 931-8731.

COMING UP

Nov 23: A presentation by Westmount High School's drama club of drama teacher Philip Corcos' play, *The test*, at 8 pm in the school auditorium. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are $2.50 general admission, $1 for students and seniors. 933-2701.

Nov 23 to 25: Exhibition of drawings from China 1937-1945 and a series of addresses by Drs R. Kenneth McAll and Frances McAll on methods of generational healing through the power of the Eucharist at St Matthias' Church Hall, 12 Church Hill. 931-2669.

Nov 25: Lebanese casino at the Mother House, 4871 Westmount avenue, at 8 pm. Tickets at 932-3961.

Nov 25: Children's reading at Oink Oink!, 1361 Greene avenue, of a chapter of *Charlotte's Web*.

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3:14 pm: 4676 St Catherine, strange odor from ventilation system;
4:50 pm: Arlington and Côte St Antoine, first responder unit for car accident (see story);
9:40 pm: 4675 St Catherine, arena, first responder unit (see story);
11:34 pm: 4855 Sherbrooke, liquor commission, burglar alarm;

Nov 8

4:15 pm: 9 Parkman Place, strange odor, dissipated;
7:15 pm: 6005 Freud, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 7:21 pm;

Nov 9

1:32 am: 465 Grosvenor, first responder unit;
6:28 am: 5885 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 6:36 am;
8:32 am: 5885 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 8:39 am;
1:06 pm: 1346 Greene, first responder unit;
8:35 pm: 5885 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 9:03 pm;
9:25 pm: 7460 Kingsley, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 9:34 pm;

Nov 10

1:17 pm: 4350 Sherbrooke, defective smoke detector battery;
3:43 pm: Front of 4574 Sherbrooke, library, first responder unit for bicycle accident (see story);

Nov 11

5:16 pm: 4560 St Catherine, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 5:22 pm, smoke detector set off by burnt food;
8:38 pm: 628 Grosvenor, light flashing on and off, defective timer;

Nov 12

4:58 pm: 7920 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 5:05 pm;
8:58 pm: 331 Clarke, apt 20, code 2 automatic mutual from Côte St Luc cancelled at 9:06 pm, smoke detector activated by dust from electric heater;

Nov 13

9:38 am: Claremont and de Maisonneuve, for pedestrian accident (see story);
1:29 pm: 120 Hillside, first responder unit;
10:00 pm: 241 Kensington, heavy smoke from chimney, furnace problem;

Nov 14

4:32 am: Côte St Antoine and Metcalfe, broken water main;
6:48 am: 684 St Croix, mutual assistance for fire in St Laurent (see story).

Robbers take jewelry worth $700,000:

Caught in act of selling stolen gold

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Four men were charged last week in connection with a $700,000 burglary at Paul Nudelman jewelers Oct 31. Westmount investigators tracked down information leading to the arrest, police said.

Gold valued at $100,000 was reported recovered during the arrest while scanners, information on police radio frequencies and lock picking tools also were seized.

"This was a very professional job," said Lieutenant Detective Ben Fusco who heads the investigation office at local MUC police station 23.

The break-in occurred at 4150 St Catherine street, near Greene avenue. Burglars gained entry to Beneficial Finance offices and made a hole through the wall into the jewelry manufacturer's outlet, he said.

"They neutralized the alarm system and opened one of two safes by drilling holes in it. They tried to get into the other but appeared not to have had the time."

The alarm system was activated when it was put back in operation bringing police to the scene. No one was found on the premises (see story last week).

Items stolen included gold jewelry, watches and precious stones valued between $700,000 and $800,000, police said.

Two sets of charges

Of the four charged, two face counts of breaking and entering as well as possession of stolen goods. Two others, identified as owners of a jewelry store on St Laurent are charged with possession (receiving) of stolen goods.

One of the burglary suspects, a 38-year-old resident of east-end Montreal, is described as an experienced safecracker. He was already on bail for another court case involving a similar crime, police said. He remains in custody after his bail hearing Tuesday was postponed until Nov 21.

The second burglary suspect, a 44-year-old man, was granted money bail but remained in custody until able to raise the funds.

The store owners appeared in court last week and were released on promises to appear in court at later dates. They are not reported to have records.

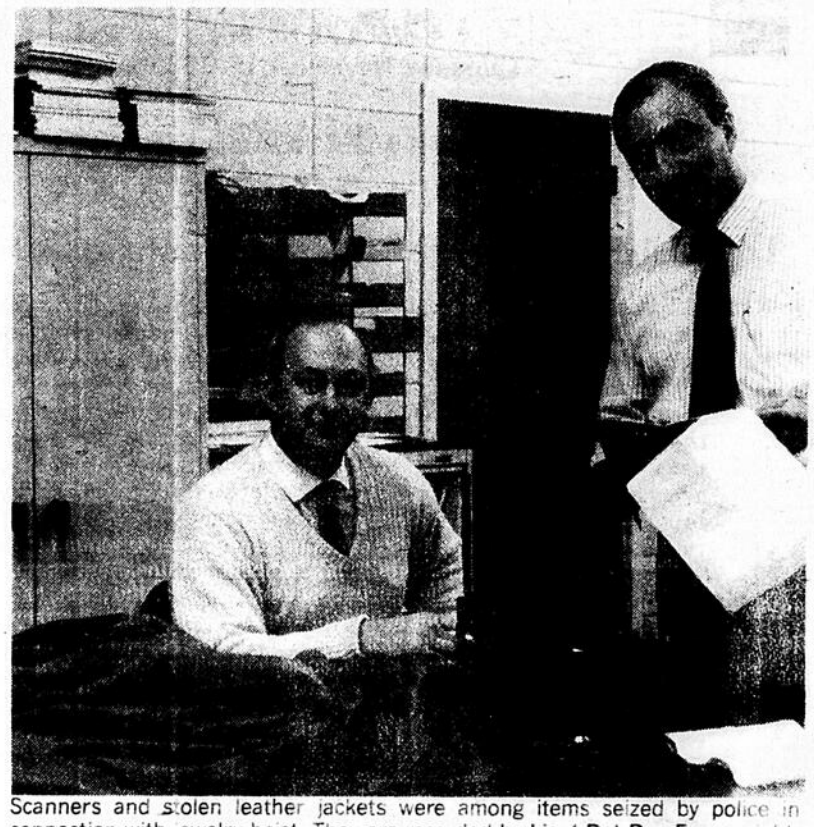
The four were arrested last Thursday (Nov 9) at 11 am at 3723 St Laurent, a jewelry store where two were allegedly selling gold to the other two, police said.

"We recovered lots of gold, about 2½ kilos," explained Lieut Fusco.

The gold, he said, included chains, bracelets and other items, some of which had had stones removed. "We had to react fast when we saw them going into the store because we know they don't waste any time melting down the gold."

Search warrants were obtained resulting in discovery of the scanners and burglary tools at a home. Stolen leather jackets valued at about $5,000 were also found.

The investigation under Sergeant-Detective Sarto Dugas is continuing in an attempt to recover other merchandise.



Scanners and stolen leather jackets were among items seized by police in connection with jewelry heist. They are recorded by **Lieut-Det Ben Fusco**, right, and **Cst André Bergeron**, left.

Claremont crosser struck by truck

A pedestrian suffered leg injuries and a bump on the head Monday when hit by a truck at Claremont and de Maisonneuve, fire officials said.

The victim was identified as a 22-year-old resident of Hampton avenue in N.D.G. The accident at 9:38 am sent her to Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

The accident occurred as the woman was crossing Claremont across from Château Maisonneuve, according to police. Drivers of the truck and a bus, which had been southbound, stated the woman suddenly appeared in front of the truck before it had time to stop.

Local team works at St Laurent fire

Westmount firefighters helped their mutual aid colleagues fight a stubborn restaurant blaze in St Laurent early Monday morning, fire officials said. The fire occurred in the St Hubert barbecue outlet at 684 Ste Croix boulevard.

The local crew arrived on the scene at 7:06 am and were retained until 8:42 am. The fire was reported still in progress when they were released. The men, under acting lieutenant Earl Graham, consisted of Gary Rivard, Robert Mills and Claude Rousseau.

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Editorial Notes

Local Liberals lie low after election defeat

NEARLY eight weeks have passed since the unthinkable for Westmount Liberals, defeat at the polls here in the provincial general elections.

Defeat it clearly was, caused by a leader who as premier last December affronted the true liberal-minded, not only in this riding but across the country, by abrogating the people's basic right of expression by the passage of Bill 178. There is little evidence that Premier Bourassa yet understands that so-called collective rights are ephemeral if they are used as an excuse for denying individual freedoms of the citizens.

He compounded this lack of comprehension of what is important to people in a democracy by his ham-handed parachuting, straight from Washington, D.C., the pleasant but unclued and hapless Mr William Cosgrove to be the Grit candidate here.

Even loyal Liberal supporters admit that Mr Bourassa's doubly demonstrated political stupidity lost them this seat. With great respect for the winner, Mr Richard Holden, QC, he is to represent us in the National Assembly less by victory than by the Liberals' almost deliberate loss of the seat.

We recount this incredible tale, now only too well known locally and abroad, because with the passage of time since the election we detect absolutely no sounds or stirrings from within either the local Liberal association or the provincial Liberal machine as to what they intend to do about it.

We do not believe for a moment that these people have given up or are even demoralized by events and the obtuseness of their leader, even if some of the correspondence from some of them has betrayed they are stunned.

However, none of this explains why more haste is not being made to assure Westmount Liberals of regaining the saddle next time, whenever that may be. For example: why are they not starting now to find a prospective candidate who could be acceptable to the riding?

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Why not Remembrance Day in mid-August?

FIRST World War servicemen, alas, are becoming very few and the ranks of their younger comrades of the Second are getting more and more noticeably thin. One veteran we know turned out for a Cenotaph service elsewhere last Sunday at which, despite bright sunshine, it was bitterly cold. At three score and ten years, it is getting increasingly tough on the old boys and the scattering of old girls to brave the uncertain elements of the Nov 11 season and parade proudly yet again. Through the sniffles which our friend picked up from the chill of this outing, he also observed that the younger people who might witness such events are getting ever fewer, not just because their direct knowledge of the war years is becoming remote to non-existent but perhaps also because they do not, perhaps cannot consider standing in a biting wind worthwhile. The thought going through more and more vets' minds is quite simple: Why not mark remembrance of the war dead on the anniversary of the end of the more recent world conflict instead of that of the first — that is, in mid-August instead of mid-November? Those who served their country in both conflicts would be no less honored, and certainly with more consideration for the comfort of the principal participants.

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Rushed action, short study of city structure

WE had intended to abstain from comment a little longer, even as we expected city council might have delayed action for deeper study of the recommendations of the former mayor of Spruce Grove, Alberta, on restructuring of Westmount's public administration. Barely a fortnight after Mr George B. Cuff had revealed an outline of what he had in mind, withholding his report for the present from the public and its scrutiny, we seem to have had the key proposals actioned as a fait accompli.

One hesitates to be critical of fast action at any level of government, when the opposite is so often true, but there does not seem to be in this case much opportunity for public comment and input. After all, Westmount has more than an ordinary reservoir of skilled and experienced people in the realm of management of enterprises of all sizes, both greater and smaller than the Westmount corporation, and probably a match for anything from Spruce Grove, Alta.

Getting a complete outsider to look into the ways of Westmount was, however, a good idea and Mr Cuff has brought to his study both municipal government experience and his perspective as a past president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. We are sure that Mayor May Cutler's assessment of his credentials is sound.

However, we still would have liked to see Mr Cuff's report and so, we are sure, would other citizens with a keen and healthy interest in how this city is run. For instance, we would have thought that the Westmount Municipal Association should have been given a crack at it.

On the face of it, we do not expect a great deal of difference between having two assistant directors-general and two senior managers, the new titles apparently already adopted. No difference, that is, if basic attitudes remain the same. Mr Cuff does recognize the need for greater communication within city hall, which is another way of speaking of attitude. How he proposes this be brought about, however, remains vague to virtually unspoken.

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December by-election was possible

THIS office has been made privy to several scenarios put forward by staff and said to have been weighed by city council for the election, hopefully by acclamation, early next year of a successor to Councillor Phillip Aspinall, who resigned his seat and his finance commissionership on Oct 10. The longest stretched out option appears to be the one adopted. It will not be until early February that an election is held, if there is to be contestation of the return of Mr Peter Trent, a former member of council. If by acclamation, it is to be after the Christmas-New Year's total shutdown of city hall. Unexplained is why the scheduled mid-month October council meeting was cancelled, at which Mr Aspinall's resignation could have been accepted and the whole process of filling the vacancy completed by early December. We note that in Kirkland and Beaconsfield where vacancies were created by the success of Mayor Sam Elkas and Councillor Russ Williams in the Sept 25 Quebec elections, by-elections are scheduled for Dec 3 and 10 respectively. Those openings became known just two weeks before Mr Aspinall's resignation but the by-elections are two months earlier than the one in Westmount.

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Westmount Conservatory source of pride

YET another year the community should pay its respects to its skilled gardeners who again have produced a fine chrysanthemum show at the Westmount Conservatory. This year the presentation is embellished with a seasonal display of vegetables, a delightful innovation, and an augmentation of the city's fine population of goldfish of all sizes.

We would not be surprised if a good proportion of the folks who turned out for Monday evening's cultural facilities discussion were not largely those invited by the city to the reception preceding the official opening last Wednesday evening of the floral display.

You Say

Initiative for Peace glad to participate

Sir: The Westmount Initiative for Peace is grateful for having been asked to offer a prayer for peace during last Saturday's Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph. Although this ceremony has traditionally been primarily a military one in which members of the armed forces and veterans honor their fallen comrades, "peaceniks" feel a very close affinity to those who died or were disabled in the wars in this century.

We want to honor their memory in assuring that these terrible slaughters never reoccur. There are a number of veterans in the peace movement, the undersigned included, and we appreciate that our approach which favors non-violent conflict resolution is seen as respectful of those who made terrible sacrifices for all of us.

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Tacky lights and hot dogs show Westmount 'betrayal'

Sir: When the Selwyn House hockey bus returned to Westmount in previous holiday seasons, it was heartwarming to see the brilliant Christmas tree standing outside city hall; a beacon of hope and familiarity. But no tree stood outside city hall last Christmas time; yet another Westmount tradition fell prey to a policy of change for change's sake dominating Westmount politics of late. It was replaced by a token light set up decorating city hall itself, which was more tacky than welcome.

As a fifth-generation Westmounter I am disturbed to see the unnecessary changes going on in Westmount. Westmount is a great city because it has represented a continuity and respect for tradition uncommon in urban areas. In just two years, however, Westmount's conservative nature has been betrayed by policies based on insecurity.

No longer do children winning championships in Westmount's hockey or soccer leagues sit down to the coveted "chicken dinner," an awards banquet at Victoria Hall which meant something to the kids because it represented victory and not just attendance.

Now, anyone enlisting in Westmount sports is invited to a stand-up hot dog dinner at the arena after their season. The idea was that everyone should be included; the result is that no one is really included. To win a championship now means nothing; to go to a hot dog dinner without a sense of accomplishment also means nothing. Everybody loses.

The tree and the chicken dinner are just

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I Say!

BEWARE of one who flatters unduly; he will also censure unjustly.

— *Arabian*


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Forty-five Years Ago
November 17, 1944

From an editorial: "Canadian labor need have no fear of mass unemployment in Canada provided there is reasonably close cooperation between management, labor and government, Hon C.D. Howe recently told 700 delegates to the annual convention of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada. Mr Howe told the gathering his objective was one million new jobs, and he thought it could be done. The new Ministry of Reconstruction is out to provide a job and a fair income for everyone willing and able to work, he said.... With half the world waiting to be rebuilt from the basement up, there will be markets for years for everything our factories and farms can produce."

Thirty-five Years Ago
November 19, 1954

"Youngsters must do well in studies even if intending to make football a profession, Herb Capozzi, tackle with the Montreal Alouettes, warned Monday. Addressing the annual awards night of the Municipal Touch Rugby League, he pointed out nine other players present — all college graduates. Over 300 players attended the annual touch rugby awards night held at the Westmount Athletic Grounds. Many parents were also on hand. Altogether four leagues were formed, with 22 teams and 330 participating in age groups from eight to 15 years. These included mosquito, peewee, bantam and midget categories."

Twenty-five Years Ago
November 13, 1964

"The Westmount Catholic School Commission will not share in the neutral income tax to be assigned to each of the Catholic school commissions on the Island of Montreal.... The report is in keeping with legislation in Bill 139 governing a new allotment of the neutral school tax in Montreal. The law guarantees 20 percent of this income to the Protestant School Board of Montreal. The rest will be distributed among 14 Catholic school commissions. In addition to Westmount, three other school municipalities — Town of Mount Royal, Cote St Luc and St Viateur (Outremont) — will not share in the neutral income."

Ten Years Ago
November 15, 1979

"Most Westmount High School students walked out of classes yesterday morning after their first period to protest lagging teacher contract negotiations. The action was organized by the Central Students' Council and involves most of the schools of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. WHS principal Peter Klym estimated that about 80 or 90 percent of his students walked out but he said that classes were still being held.... While many of the students may be sincere in their protest, Mr Klym feels that some of them may have felt cheated out of a holiday when the teachers' strike was called off Tuesday so they 'took matters into their own hands'."

One Year Ago
November 17, 1988

"It's election time. Weeks of debating and door-to-door campaigning come to an end this weekend as Westmounters join the rest of the country in going to the polls Monday to choose a new member of Parliament. The St Henri-Westmount ballot is longer than at previous elections, offering the riding's 53,746 eligible voters a choice of nine names. The nine include representatives of seven political parties and two independents.... Westmount has been represented by a Liberal MP since 1962, but recent changes to the riding boundaries have substantially altered the make-up of St Henri-Westmount riding."

our PSBGM commissioner Joan Rothman says...



A tribute to parents

LINDA Stern has resigned as chair of the Roslyn School committee and the search is on for a new one who, everyone hopes, will come forward at the Dec 4 meeting at Roslyn School.

Timing has now become crucial to this group of parents. By Dec 1 they must submit a report responding to the PSBGM resolution to phase out the English stream at Roslyn and to change the school boundaries. The English stream at Roslyn, the PSBGM has proposed, will be phased out grade by grade and the children will be directed toward Westmount Park School.

For instance, if the PSBGM commissioners approve this recommendation of the officers of the board, children applying for Grade 1 in English at Roslyn School next year will be told to apply at Westmount Park School instead.

Under this plan Roslyn will offer a French immersion program (which is considered part of English sector education by the government) and Westmount Park will offer English education, the difference being the way in which French is taught in both programs.

On Dec 11 the Roslyn School committee and the Westmount Park School committee will present their arguments pro or con the recommendations to the school commissioners.

Linda Stern's resignation is a loss for all of us. Over the last 2½ years I've grown to know, respect and admire Linda and her family. Many of us were at Linda and Jerry's home to welcome Richard Meades and Erene Anthony as the new principal and vice-principal of Westmount High School. This party was the culmination of week after week of committee sessions chaired by Linda to plan the new alternative school, the Challenge program, which opened with great success this September in Westmount High School.

Linda and Jerry have worked on fund-raising dances, pancake breakfasts and Westmount Family Week. Linda brought home and school associations back to Westmount High School and Roslyn School after a hiatus of many years.

Thank you, Linda, for your vision of what a school can be and for your dedication to education. Being a parent volunteer in any PSBGM school or school committee is, I know, time consuming, but rewarding too.

The people who will present the Roslyn brief to the PSBGM — Renée Prendergast, Adrian Owens, David Taylor and Rodni Torme — could change education by their recommendations. Finola Cournane, chair of the Westmount Park School committee, and members of her committee will have to decide on the kind of school they want Westmount Park to be. Do they want a larger school, with wider boundaries? Do they want to change their inner-city status?

The central parents' committee of the PSBGM benefits from having Adrian Owens of Roslyn and Liam Phelan-Cox of Westmount Park as members. Liam as well has just been elected a parent representative to the board with the same privileges as a commissioner, except for the vote.

It is due to the hard work of people such as Linda, Renée, Adrian, Liam and Finola and all the others that the PSBGM continues to respond, albeit somewhat slowly, to the needs and aspirations of parents in Montreal.

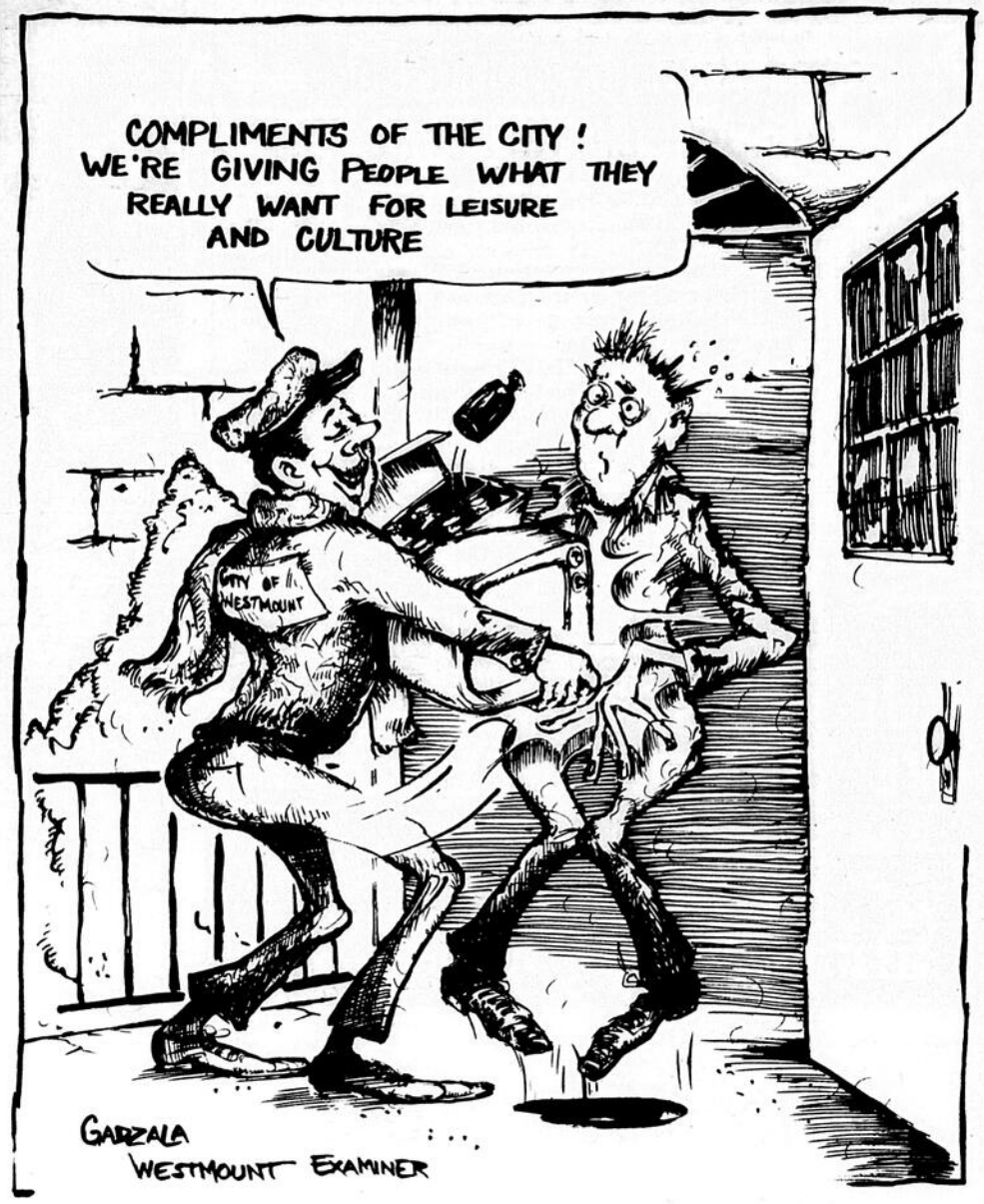
our M.P. David Berger says...



Progress for bilingualism

NOVEMBER 16 is a historic day for bilingualism in Canada. On Saturday, Ontario's Law 8, an act to provide for French-language services, will come into effect. In 22 designated areas, containing about 85 percent of Ontario's 484,310 Franco-Ontarians, all provincial government services must be provided in French as well as in English.

"It's going to transform Ontario," says



You Say

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two examples (which happen to have affected me) of a continuing trend. More recent examples include the planned renovations of Victoria Hall and a perfectly good library. Are there no better ways to spend taxpayers' money?

Enthusiasm without experience often leads to hasty, unthought-out actions. The mandate of Westmount's leaders is not simply to change the status quo, but to determine where change is really necessary and where improvements are actually due (there are areas where change would be constructive). In making decisions about the future, Westmount's leaders should also consider the lessons of our valuable past.

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Editor's Note: We understand that at a recent city council committee meeting it was decided this year to string lights on a living tree outside city hall in addition to continuing to use the lights outlining city hall. Having lights on an existing tree is meant to save on the old practice of having a tree chopped down and erected in front of city hall.

Maurice Perrier, dean of services in French at Northern College in Kirkland Lake. "Now we will have rights, and not just privileges. Eventually it will change fundamentally the way the province operates. And it will change the mentality of the francophones, though it will take a generation before the change is complete."

As the first ministers' conference opened last week, a Southam News/Angus Reid poll brought more encouraging news for those of us who believe in a bilingual Canada.

We have been told that Quebecers no longer believe in bilingualism, or that a bilingual Canada is a failed vision or a noble dream that does not reflect reality. Well, Angus Reid tells us that 68 percent of Quebecers believe in bilingualism, more than twice the number of those (31 percent) who do not support it.

A majority of the rest of Canadians say it would be better to abandon the dream. This is not surprising since there has always been some opposition among English-speaking Canadians. Further, they too have been told that Quebecers no longer believe in bilingualism. And then there is Bill 178. The poll results must reflect the negative reaction to Quebec's use of the notwithstanding clause.

For those who are asking for alternatives to Meech Lake, Ontario's Law 8 shows the way. Rather than giving special status to Quebec, let us continue to extend the rights of francophones throughout Canada.

Publicity helped make St-Léon bazaar a success

Sir: Our 7th annual bazaar was a fantastic success and THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER contribution to this event helped to a great extent as the event was listed on page two of your publication and a picture appeared on page 12 on Thursday, Nov 9.

Thank you very much for your help as a bazaar involves many weeks of preparation and sorting out by many volunteers before the final results are known. So many people benefit from a bazaar — one gets rid of unwanted items, one benefits from the low prices and finally the parish finds money to help the less fortunate and also to pay the bills for heating and other utilities that a church must pay.

We are most grateful to THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER.

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Spending cuts would do more to cut federal debt

Sir: Recent events have proved two truths about Prime Minister Mulroney's government.

The first is that its spending is out of control.

The second is that it's deliberately deceiving us when it claims otherwise.

The proof has come in two headlines on Nov 2.

One headline said "Deficit clouds future, economists warn." The following story reported the findings of a study by the Economic Council of Canada. The study urged a government spending freeze to help deal

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Proposed changes would make a Westmount cultural centre

THIS IS what is proposed for a $6-million facelift of the library, greenhouse and Victoria Hall complex in Westmount Park to adapt it to the needs of the future.

- **$3 million for renovation and restoration of library:** to gut the "shoebox" extension housing the children's reading room and stacks to create more practical allotment of space for workers and users; to restore some areas of the main building.
- **$1 million for upgrading of Victoria Hall:** to air condition the concert hall and update it for theatrical use; to rebuild stage by lowering it and removing the wings; to provide new seating, lighting, sound system and projection screen; to remodel kitchen.
- **$2 million for modifications to greenhouse area:** to convert the palm court (conservatory adjoining the library) into an atrium or sitting/reading area, creating usable indoor garden; to build multi-purpose room to seat 200-300 adjoining west wall of children's library.

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Community meeting discusses changes proposed for Vic Hall



Ward 2 council candidate **Peter Trent** was one of some 20 citizens who joined the discussion from the floor.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Estimates for upgrading the concert hall in Victoria Hall for multi-use were provided for the city by a specialist in theatre renovation.

The expertise of Pierre Bertrand, who renovated the St Denis theatre among other projects, was provided without charge by the MUC's Conseil des arts which Mayor May Cutler serves as a committee member.

Among his recommendations were lowering the stage and modifying the back-stage areas to adapt the room for many types of presentations.

Air conditioning, which was proposed as one of the prime requirements of the room used throughout the summer, was presented at Monday night's information meeting as part of $1-million modifications to the building.

It would, however, increase the yearly operating cost of the building by some $200,000 in electrical consumption, city officials said.

Councillor Joan Rothman, who told the information meeting how Victoria Hall was now being used as a thriving community centre, later told THE EXAMINER the extra cost is not in fact that high since the city is actually paying its own utility.

Recommendations for the concert hall include retractable stage lights, comfortable seating, moveable platforms to raise seating, an adequate sound system and projection facilities.

Maurice Podbrey, a resident of Lorraine avenue, is artistic director of Centaur Theatre. He spoke from the audience to say the plans did not sound sensational.

"I'm pleased this subject has not been predigested," he stated adding it is refreshing to be "in on the ground level." He wants to see salaries for animators budgeted so citizens can be more involved.

Henry Finkel, president of Arts Westmount, rose to point out that the seats in Centaur came originally from Victoria Hall.

Mayor Cutler added that her son Adam had bought them at auction and resold them to Centaur.

Suzanne Kell, 369 Claremont avenue, said she did not believe changes were needed in the stage.

City's cultural policy aired at Monday meeting

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questioned the $3-million price tag for its renovations.

The need for changes in Victoria Hall, another million dollars, was met with mixed reviews depending on whether speakers want it for arts and culture events or social occasions. Many acknowledged it needs upgrading.

Plans to change the greenhouse area, reported as needing major maintenance repairs, sparked immediate criticism from Councillor Stuart Robertson. He told citizens none of the plans had been sanctioned by council. "This is the first we've heard of them. A lot of what you have heard is just opinions and wish lists."

Mayor Cutler told Mr Robertson he had been invited to join in meetings related to the project but he replied: "I don't have time, I have to make a living."

Councillors Sally Aitken and Joan Rothman, both of whom spoke with the mayor on the plan, have spent many hours of work on the project as library trustees and members of WACC.

Architect James Aitken, who also serves on WACC, showed the meeting a number of slides putting the facilities into historic and present day context and outlining possible new designs.

The recently adopted cultural policy of the City of Westmount is aimed at encouraging the development of activities in the visual, literary and performing arts for the enjoyment of residents, and at fostering a sense of community.

Copies of the policy were distributed at Monday night's information meeting to citizens attending and explained by Mayor May Cutler and Councillor Joan Rothman.

The policy states the city will offer programs in response to citizens' interests and will, "within reason, provide facilities and administrative support for cultural activities."

The city also will "support creative individuals and cultural organizations within its boundaries" and encourage conservation of the city's heritage.

Its cultural activities will reflect cultural and linguistic diversity within the city and province. They may originate within or without Westmount to "complement cultural facilities and activities available in the greater metropolitan area."

Stanley Baker, 4300 de Maisonneuve, cautioned against duplicating services available elsewhere since citizens live only 10 or 15 minutes away from Place des Arts, he said. Promotion of local talent "should be our priority."

Library may open summer weekends

The library may be open on weekends during summer months this year if a budget proposal to cover the added expense is accepted.

The possible weekend opening was announced by Mayor May Cutler at Monday's information meeting on improvements to the library, Victoria Hall and the greenhouse complex.

She also said she hoped the library eventually would remain open Friday nights throughout the year.

The summer weekend opening has long been sought by many, starting with former mayor Brian Gallery who managed to open the facilities to Sunday hours Feb 22, 1981.

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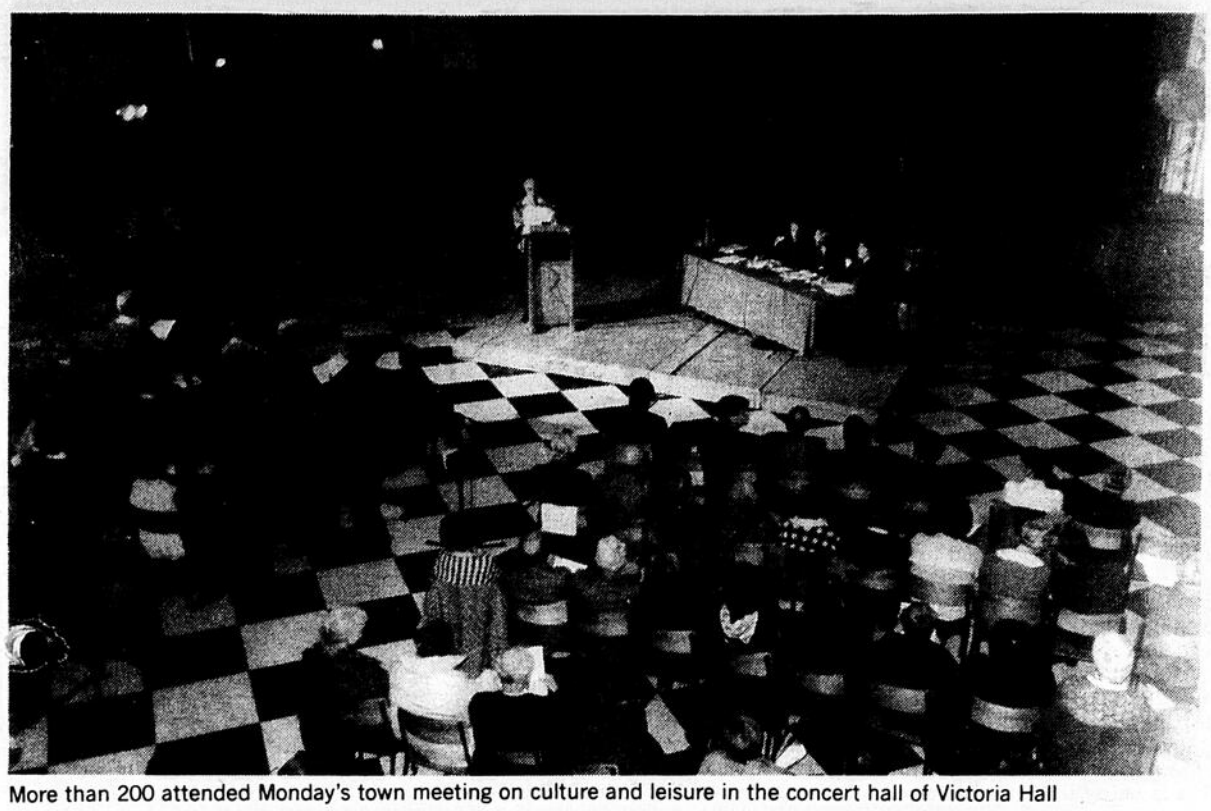
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More than 200 attended Monday's town meeting on culture and leisure in the concert hall of Victoria Hall

Library needs updating to keep up with demands

Major modifications to the library are required so that services can keep pace with changing demands, citizens were told at Monday's information meeting.

"We have reached the limits of our resources," said Michele Kilburn, who heads the library's board of trustees.

A task force has been set up to study full automation, she said. "It is important not to go too slow or we will miss the information age, but not so quickly that we make mistakes. *Que s'avance pas recule.*"

The library has been shown to be one of the busiest in the province, she explained. It has a lending rate almost twice provincial averages in Quebec or Ontario.

And, according to a report by library planner Albert Bowron, the library has the most important English collection in Greater Montreal.

The proposed $3-million renovations include work to preserve and restore parts of the 90-year-old facilities, Mrs Kilburn explained.

"Don't go on a nostalgia trip," cautioned Eva Vecsei, architect for the new library in Dollard des Ormeaux, who attended the meeting. "Have the courage to build something new and carry the spirit through to the 21st century."

Improved facilities are needed to provide space for the following innovations, Mrs Kilburn said:

- Automation to help cut down a security problem;
- Expansion of audio-visual material to meet an escalating demand;
- Increase of talking-book collection, a new market specially important for sight-impaired persons;
- Tripling of the song collection;
- Augmenting of video cassette service for which there is "extraordinary demand";
- Creation of space for browsing and reading to make better use of the library's more than 328 periodical subscriptions;
- Increase in cultural diversity to meet Westmount's 16.6 percent of population which is non-anglophone and non-francophone; and,
- Increase the French collection and assemble French books which are now spread out among the English material.

Wallet lost

A resident of Elm avenue lost her wallet last Thursday at Greene avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard, police report. It contained $65 and personal papers.

Mayor describes proposal for developing greenhouses

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Creation of an indoor park where one can relax to read a library book or simply admire the city's profusion of greenhouse plants has long been discussed by some citizens.

It arose after city council in 1987 discussed going out of the business of growing summer bedding plants and eliminating the greenhouses, which face costly rebuilding (see story July 30, 1987).

Operation of the greenhouse service is budgeted in the $300,000-a-year bracket.

A plan to develop the greenhouse area has now been presented at a cost of $2 million as part of a $6-million master plan for the entire library and Victoria Hall complex.

"We can buy all the summer plants we need for $60,000," Mayor May Cutler said in making a case for using greenhouse space.

Though the proposal Monday night calls for construction of a multi-purpose room at the west wall of the children's library building, the idea would be to preserve some of the greenhouse space by opening it for use as an atrium, she said.

When citizen Anne Aldis, 355 Lansdowne avenue, rose to oppose destruction of the greenhouses, Mayor Cutler replied, "It's a lot of area for potting sheds that are no longer practical to heat."

This sparked immediate reaction from Councillor Stuart Robertson. He jumped to his feet to say she had used the term "potting shed" in a disparaging way. He hastened to add that no decisions had been made by council.

A major overhaul of the greenhouses has been planned starting with an outlay of $80,000 in 1989.

Vacant building makes lads' pad

Two missing boys were found Tuesday last week inside a vacant apartment they had broken into at 389 Claremont avenue, police report. They are aged 15 and 16. Both live on St Jacques street in N.D.G.

The boys were discovered by the building manager who spotted one of them going into a basement flat by a back way. Police were called, searched inside and found the pair who had been sleeping there. They were arrested but released without charges.

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Real Estate

By Reg Morden

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If you are in a seller's market in both your selling and buying areas, it's usually best to find your new home before you put your old one on the market. In a buyer's market, it's better to have your property under contract for sale before you contract to buy.

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Walkout rescheduled for next week

White-collar strike may get blue-collar support

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount white-collar workers have called a general strike for next Wednesday, Nov 22, after postponing the walkout set for last Thursday. It is not expected to last more than one day.

Meanwhile blue-collar workers, who have also filed to join the Canadian Union of Public Employees, are reported to be considering support for their white-collar colleagues.

Michel Poulin, president of the blue-collar association, said Monday the workers would respect the white-collar action but said he did not know what this would involve. Asked if the workers would cross any picket lines, he said he did not know.

Meanwhile, city council will meet Monday for the first time since it was made public that white-collar workers rejected the city's Oct 25 offer of job security after 10 years' service.

It is not known whether or not any new offers will be forthcoming.

Mayor May Cutler said last week that no more negotiations would take place and that city council had gone as far as it could.

Next week's strike could last "from five minutes to a day" said white-collar president Michael Crouch in announcing the new date Friday.

Any walkout would close the library and shut down the city hall switchboard as it did during the first strike Oct 27, city officials said.

Anyone wanting to call city hall during labor disruptions should use a special line, 935-8652, said Gordon Black, director of human resources. Emergency services should be summoned as usual through 911.

Management will maintain services dealing with the payment of bills and issuance of permits for repairs, he said. Efforts also will made to keep the arena open unless support action by blue collars makes this impossible.

The city's white-collar workers have been without a contract since Dec 31. Seventeen negotiation sessions failed to work out a new three-year collective agreement, leaving job security as one of the main issues.

Lawyers blame threatened strike:

Hearing in Martin case delayed

City lawyers took advantage of a proposed strike by white collar workers last Thursday to delay a hearing into the case of dismissed personnel officer James Martin, a former member of city management.

Though the strike had been called off on account of the hearing, city attorney John Donovan argued that its postponement came too late to provide for preparation of either subpoenaed documents or witnesses.

He also challenged the impartiality of the Quebec Municipal Commission to hear the case on the grounds it had recently ruled against Westmount in a dispute with the MUC over 1987 payments.

As a result, Mr Martin's lawyer, William I. Miller, said he would agree to the delay and look into precedents concerning the commission's jurisdiction.

The request was subsequently granted by the tribunal's commissioners.

No new date has since been set for resumption of the case in which Mr Martin, an employee of 29 years, seeks reinstatement. He was dismissed last July by council resolution on the grounds his job had been eliminated.

White-collar president Michael Crouch, who had called off the strike two days before the hearing, showed up as subpoenaed.

No city brass

Neither Mayor May Cutler, nor members of council nor city officials who also received subpoenas, attended the administrative tribunal.

City attorney Donovan told the commission the city had learned the strike was called off at 4 pm the previous day (Wednesday) allowing no time to prepare witnesses.

Mayor Cutler had phoned THE EXAMINER publisher Donald Sancton at 10 am Wednesday to alert him to postponement of the strike in case he had not already received the news before the newspaper went to press.

The union, local 2987 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, has set a new strike date for next Wednesday, Nov 22 (see separate story).

After the hearing, lawyer Miller told THE EXAMINER his client Mr Martin had also taken his action against the city to the Human Rights Commission (Normes de Travail). This is being held in abeyance as a last recourse pending the outcome of the municipal commission hearing.

He said he is asking the commission to overturn the council resolution. He contends it to be "improper, illegal and abusive" in that Mr Martin had been asked to leave his job immediately (see story last week).

Mr Miller also said the argument that the municipal commission is not qualified to hear Mr Martin's case after ruling against the city "raises serious legal questions."

These, he explained, were not touched on until that day and must be resolved before the case can proceed.

The Quebec Municipal Commission upheld a claim by the MUC recently that the City of Westmount owed $500,000 on its 1987 payments as billed and should be placed under trusteeship. The city is disputing the amount and is appealing the decision in Superior Court.

Cottage fire inspection shows interesting timing

The owner of one of Westmount's railway cottages wonders if it is more than coincidence she had a fire inspection only weeks after appearing at a city council meeting to express concern over the possible danger of a fire at the two vacant homes next to hers.

"Don't get me wrong — I'm glad my house was inspected," Kay Dila, 4866 St Catherine street, said at the Nov 6 council meeting. "I'm just wondering if the other two have had a fire inspection recently as well?"

The houses at 4870 and 4872 St Catherine were purchased by developer Geoffrey Chambers on behalf of CP Rail this summer and have been left vacant ever since.

"There's one or two homes we have yet to get into," Westmount Fire Chief William Timmons said at the council meeting. When no one is home, the inspector leaves a note and follows it up with a telephone call, he said.

Mr Timmons told THE EXAMINER this week his department is contacting the owner of the vacant homes to get access. Inspections of the exterior have been carried out in the meantime, he said.

Former railway cottager starts TRAINS group

TRAINS — Track Residents Against Insensitive Neighborhood Schemes — is the name of a group set up by the former owner of one of Westmount's railway cottages.

Mr Kidd, who lived at 4872 St Catherine, says TRAINS will monitor and review plans for the development. His goals are to ensure the quality of life and the community spirit of the area are not compromised and to save the four railway cottages from demolition.

Mr Kidd invites residents who share his concern for the future of the Glen Yards to join TRAINS by calling him at 688-3912.

The City of Westmount plans to hold a public consultation meeting in early 1990 to help decide what zoning guidelines it will give CP (see story Oct 19).

TOWER . . .

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gal bills they have incurred in their fight against the tower. At the Nov 6 council meeting, she asked that the item be put on the agenda for the Nov 20 meeting.

One Oakland resident, who asked not to be identified, said he thinks a telephone call made by one of his neighbors to federal communications minister Marcel Masse was instrumental in getting the matter looked at so quickly.

Power of Upper Westmount

"If it had just been the people living on Ridgewood and not the residents of Upper Westmount as well, I doubt, unfortunate as it may be, that it would have turned out like this," he said.

Late last week, a group of Oakland residents met with four officials from the communications department, including Jean-Marc Pellerin, the department's top man in Quebec.

Mr Pellerin told THE EXAMINER his department regulates the airwaves and the frequencies, but municipalities do have the right to require a building permit and to forbid antennas in certain areas.

"When it gets complicated is when a municipality makes it so there is virtually nowhere a company can put up a tower," Mr Pellerin said. "That's when the federal government might step in and try to have both sides work out an agreement."

Asked about Westmount's zoning by-law 1000 which would prohibit a similar tower going up anywhere within the city's borders, Mr Pellerin said it's conceivable the federal government could try to overrule Westmount and force the city to accept a tower under certain circumstances. While he would not speculate what those would be, he said he's not convinced the federal government would necessarily win if the matter ended up in court.

Mr Pellerin said antennas are a fact of life in the modern world which relies so heavily on communication. They serve many purposes, he said, including some for the good of the general population such as doctors' pagers or ambulance mobile radios.

Mr Pellerin said his department will stay out of the Ridgewood tower issue while Montreal and Glenayre try to find a compromise. They will have to find another location acceptable to both parties, he said. If not, the federal government could step in.

"We have the operating permit in our pocket still. That puts us in a strong bargaining position," Mr Pellerin said.

Keys found

A set of 12 keys was taken to local MUC police station 23 Friday after being found at 1368 Greene avenue, according to a safety officer's report.

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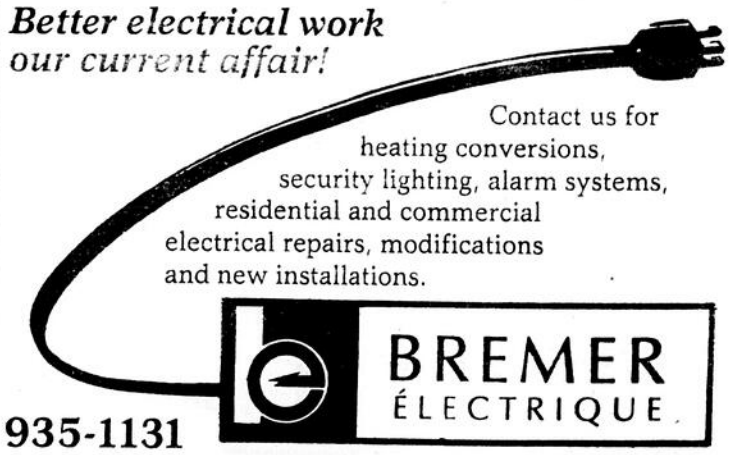
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Neighborhood Watch co-ordinator:

PSO Barba departs corps for leave of absence

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's Neighborhood Watch co-ordinator thanked citizens for their support as he said farewell last Thursday to the program he helped build up over the past five years.

Public Safety Officer Raffaele Barba, 35, is taking a leave of absence from the security unit to attend to family matters. He has held the position of crime prevention officer.

No replacement has been named and his departure leaves the Neighborhood Watch program in limbo.

"I've been wanting to find a way to say thank you to the citizens for their co-operation and support," he said. "Working with them has been a very enriching experience."

Though PSO Barba resigned the crime prevention position last summer for personal reasons, he continued to hold some crime prevention meetings until his request for personal leave was approved. No Neighborhood Watch sessions have taken place since last June, he said.

When he returns to the security force sometime next year, he plans to go back on patrol duty, he said.

The departure ends a well-known team act in which he and MUC constable Michel Caza taught Westmounters how to protect themselves and their homes.

Together, the partners in crime prevention forged a close working relationship which has resulted in their becoming good personal friends off the job.

"We've met hundreds of Westmounters who have invited us into their homes and shared their concerns with us," PSO Barba said. "They gave us an opportunity to see the fabric of Westmount and get to know the citizenry which makes Westmount so special."

Familiar figure

PSO Barba has been a familiar figure at station 23 over the past five years and he believes his association with Cst Caza has helped forge a closer link between MUC police and the PSU.

The two have teamed up not only on Neighborhood Watch programs but in a wide range of crime prevention activities involving apartment buildings, businesses and Crime Prevention Week (see story last week).

"I would like to have had the opportunity to train someone to succeed me," PSO Barba said. "One of my recommendations for the position is to place an even greater emphasis on community relations as we do in Laval" (where Mr Barba lives). He said he did not know how it would evolve.

The position of crime prevention officer is being reviewed, according to security director Richard McEnroe. It has been under negotiation with the Association of Westmount Public Safety Officers as part of a three-year collective labor agreement for 1989-91 approved by city council Monday last week.

In recalling his work here, PSO Barba said he felt especially close to residents of ward 4 where Councillor Sally Aitken and former ward co-ordinator Carol McWethy worked hard to generate a high percentage of Neighborhood Watch participants.

To him, they epitomize the character of Westmount and the stability of its population.

Bird fancier

PSO Barba, who joined the Public Security Unit at its inception nine years ago, is a bird fancier. Off the job, he breeds canaries and finches, having as many as 150 birds at a time in his aviary. His latest acquisition is a pair of little-known, but very colorful, Australian birds called lady gouldians which he also intends to breed.

"One thing I would like to do is loan some exotic birds like cockatoos and macaws to Westmount's greenhouse so people could see how wonderful they are."

His hobby, he said, fits in well with the marketing abilities of his wife, Ginette, who owns and operates three Petbec shops in Laval selling pets and plants. She is presently setting up more outlets.

PSO Barba, who is always on the lookout for birds, said he has spotted many cardinals and other species on the Westmount summit, especially in the area of the oratory.



Westmount's partners in crime prevention parted ways last Thursday when **PSO Raffaele Barba**, right, started his leave of absence saying adios to **MUC Cst Michel Caza**. He intends to return eventually as a patrol man.

Well-trained trees could solve problem

An elected official recommending residents break the law?

It certainly seemed that way at Nov 6 council meeting when Councillor Peter Duffield facetiously suggested residents should try to convince the trees on their properties to drop their leaves on city streets since the residents themselves are prohibited from dumping leaves at the curb.

Responding to a request by Councillor Sally Aitken that the city allow residents to bring leaves and tin cans to a storage area in the Corporation Yard for recycling, Mr Duffield said he would consider the idea. idea.

"We will certainly look into the added expense and trouble of doing it. But those really interested in recycling should talk nicely to their trees and have them deposit their leaves selectively on the street" where the city crews will collect them, he suggested.

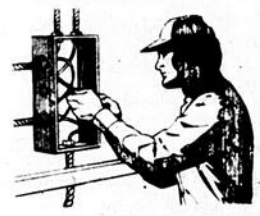
Westmount takes its leaves to a site off the Island of Montreal for composting.

Purse lost

A black purse was lost at Sherbrooke street and Victoria avenue Wednesday last week by a resident of Dorval, police said. The bag contained a wallet with $30 and personal papers.

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Smoke circulates in sealed building

Group wants smoking ban at Dawson campus

A group called the Dawson Clean Air Coalition (DCAC) wants to see smoking banned at the college's Atwater campus.

At present Dawson has two main smoking areas: the atrium which is a four-storey entrance wing on the south side of the main building, and half of the basement bistro La Cachette. Smoking is also permitted in private offices.

Co-ordinators of DCAC are students Piero Antoniazzi and Ron Bowitsch, and staff member Jeffrey Asher. They say the majority non-smokers on campus are being forced to suffer sidestreaming (secondhand smoke) because the Atwater building is sealed.

The atrium has its own ventilation system but has doors on all levels connecting it with the main building.

None of the other designated smoking areas are specially ventilated so smoke is drawn into the general air circulation system and distributed throughout the building. Smoke from the private offices of heavy smokers diffuses out in clouds into the corridors.

A press release from DCAC says: "As you read this at Dawson College, you are smoking, whether you want to or not."

Dawson's director-general Gerrard Kelly says the college is in the process of developing a smoking policy. "Dawson is a very democratic place," he says, "and democracy can take time."

Cost a factor

Mr Kelly, himself a non-smoker, says part of the problem is the cost. "They need separate ventilating systems. We've just spent millions on this building."

Decisions to ban or not to ban

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

smoking are ultimately the purview of the Atwater Campus Council (ACC). This is an elected body with representatives from students, administration and all staffs. It has no authority but makes recommendations to the director-general.

Mr Asher says the ACC voted last May to ban smoking in all but separately ventilated areas. The vote went nine for, one against, one abstension. But the regulation was never enacted.

The president of the ACC is Terry Callaghan, director of student services. He says a smoking policy was adopted by the board of governors before the school moved into the new building. The policy states there will be no smoking except in private offices where all parties agree, and in other areas to be designated — half of La Cachette and three floors of the atrium.

"Some people feel this is not restrictive enough," he says, "because of the sealed windows. Some people feel there's no fresh air. That's not true."

The air circulation system does, of course, have a fresh-air intake. But DCAC says the percent exchange is not great enough to clear the smoke from the recirculated air. Further, the vents close more during very hot or very cold weather, further reducing the exchange rate.

The Dawson Student Union executive committee recently voted to make the union's office a no-smoking area. DSU president Alex Fitzpatrick says, "I feel a total ban is necessary considering the circulation system.... The atrium is ventilated but it's connected to the building."

Simon Kert is one of the elected student representatives on the ACC. He says he is a smoker. "I abstained on the ban vote," he says. "I'm against a total ban, but I support better ventilation on campus."

Mr Callaghan, also a smoker, says a meeting has been called for this Friday, Nov 17, at 1 pm. Everybody is invited.

"It will be a totally open meeting," he says. "Campus Council will pass on the majority will to the director general in the form of a recommendation. We feel that's the kind of process that is called for."

Higher ed and smoke: how schools stack up

How do other institutes of higher learning stack up in their approach to smoking as compared to Dawson College?

L'Université du Québec à Montréal is trailing the field in its response to non-smokers' needs. A spokesperson at the university said there are areas for *non-smokers*, but no smoking regulations as such.

Concordia is at the other extreme. There is virtually no smoking permitted in the university's buildings.

Jackie Chegrinec is secretary to Dr Charles Giguère, vice-rector of services. She says a policy was instituted on Sept 1 that bans smoking in all public areas. There is, she says, no smoking in university buildings except in designated areas which must be separately ventilated. There is no smoking in private offices.

Vanier College allows smoking in private offices in its old building. But, says Leopold Kurcz; secretary-general of the college, "In the new building there is no smoking. It is sealed and the ventilation system can't handle smoke." The same holds for the sports complex.

Mr Kurcz says 133 government tickets were issued by the Vanier security service between January and May. They were issued, mainly to students, for smoking in no-smoking areas. The fine, he says, is $20 or $25.

McGill University has a policy respecting smoking. It states "All rooms shared with non-smokers... are designated as non-smoking areas."

It also states that the Central Safety Committee will review the question of further eliminating smoking. "...It is the intention to either eliminate smoking in all indoor areas... or, alternatively, limit smoking to rooms equipped with ventilation systems that prevent the air-borne contaminants of cigarette smoke from entering other areas of the building."

Passing car strikes two

Two parked cars were struck on Murray avenue Monday night last week by a southbound car which failed to stop, police report. Both sustained more than $500 damage.

The accident occurred about 9 pm when the hit-and-run vehicle struck the sides of the cars, both parked on the west side of the street just north of Côte St Antoine road.

One is a 1988 Subaru belonging to a resident of Hudson avenue. The other is a 1986 Plymouth owned by a woman living on the Côte road.

Naked hubs

Four hubcaps were stolen from a car parked last Thursday in a lot at Reddy Memorial Hospital, police said. They were removed from a white 1988 Toyota between 10:30 and 11:05 am. Total amount of the theft is $200.

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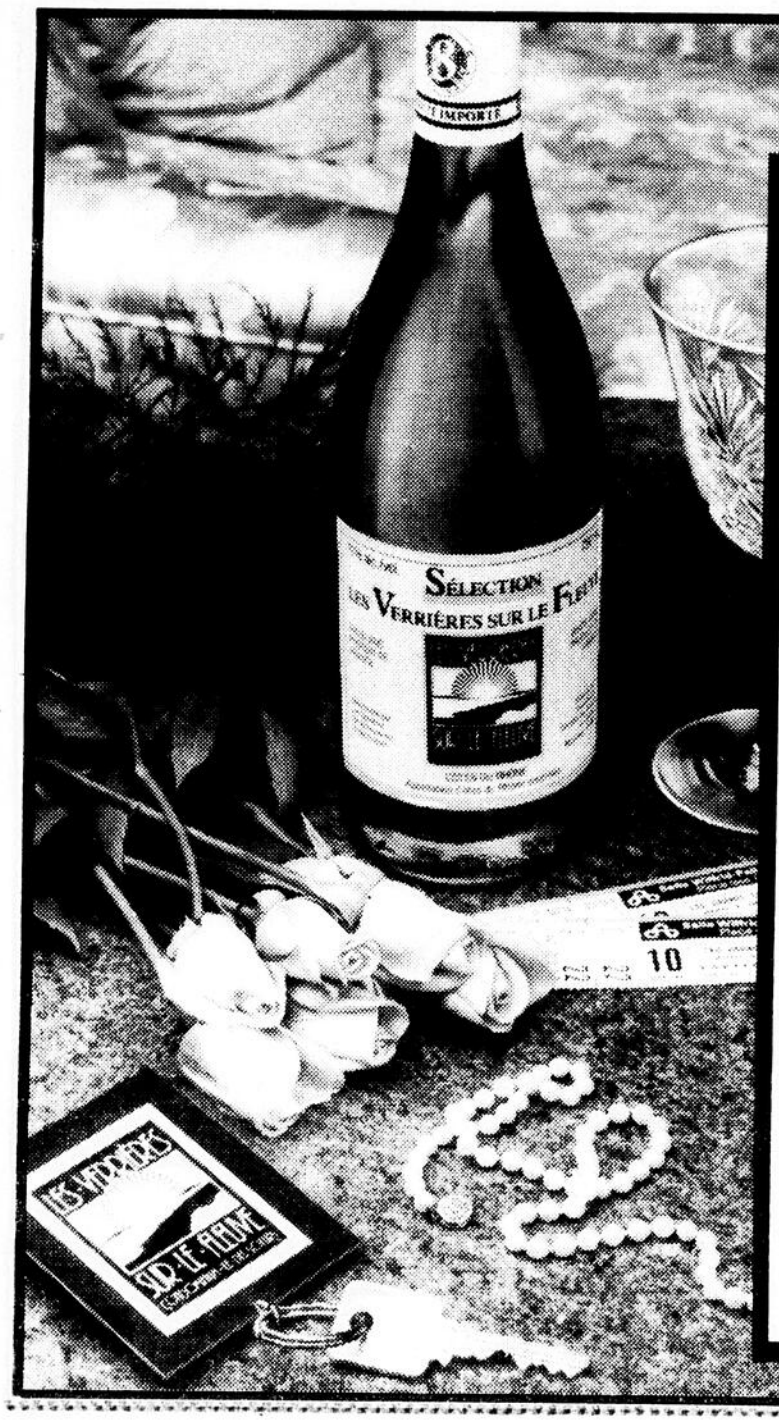
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Westmount's by-law on smoking has no restrictions for schools

WESTMOUNT has a by-law restricting smoking in public areas within the city. Dawson College is a public area within Westmount. Why is the by-law not being enforced?

Jamie O'Connell is a general inspector for the Westmount department of services. He says the least restrictive stipulations in the by-law apply to schools and hospitals.

"An employee in an office has excellent recourse," he says. "You have very little recourse if you're a student or a patient."

Section nine of Westmount's by-law 961 says: "Smoking is prohibited in all hospitals, schools, nursing and convalescent homes, senior citizens' residences, day-care centres and nurseries, except in any private offices on the premises and in the area or areas designated by the person in charge thereof for use by smokers."

At Westmount High School, all but the staff room has been designated non-smoking by "the person in charge," principal Richard Meades. But section nine means it could have been designated entirely smoking.

"Smokers are a minority," says Mr O'Connell. "It makes more sense to designate areas for them rather than the other way around."

City surveying summit on subject of a park

A new park on Summit Circle would add to the existing problems of traffic, security, littering and loitering on the summit, Jonathan Deitcher said at last week's council meeting.

A resident of 111 Summit Circle, Mr Deitcher used question period to criticize the city's proposal to build a park and playground on its vacant land at the corner of Summit Circle and Oakland avenue.

Residents of the area recently received a survey from city hall on the subject. Councillor Stuart Robertson said the survey is being conducted to see if a park at that location would be used and if the expense is warranted.

Rhoda Vineberg, councillor for the area, said the survey is intended not only to see how many people would use the park but also to see whether residents favor the idea or are against it.

"We've had a number of requests to put in a park in the area," Councillor Peter Duffield said, "but if the majority is not interested in one, who are we to spend taxpayer money on it?"

Oakland avenue resident Joseph Yermus asked why no time limit was put on the survey to encourage residents to reply quickly. Mrs Vineberg said it was an oversight on the part of the city staff who prepared it.

By CHARLES MAPPIN

She added that council would not make its decision based on the sheer numbers of responses, but will use the results as a guide in its decision.

Idea began in 1985

The idea for a children's park near the top of the mountain first came up in 1985 when the owner of the large estate at 57 Belvedere approached the city with plans to sub-divide his property.

As with all subdivisions, the city has a right to claim 10 percent of the land or the equivalent in money for its cadastral fund for improving parks. The 10 percent is usually taken in money, but neighboring residents urged council at the time to take its share in land and create a tot lot. They claimed there were 18 youngsters in the area who would use it.

Council debated the issue over many months and finally voted to take the money. The owner eventually dropped his plans to subdivide the property at that time.

Responding to a query why the city needs another park, Mayor May Cutler said, "The council is not looking for places to build parks. We are already pretty heavily parked here. But if there is a considerable number of people who want a park, we have to consider it."

"I'm not against a park, but against the location," Dr Yermes replied, before adding "I'd prefer a tennis court there but I know I'll never get it."

Cyclist collides with turning car

A cyclist was taken to hospital Friday last week after colliding with a car which turned in front of him on Sherbrooke street at Library Drive, police said. No tickets were issued.

The victim, a 24-year-old resident of Sherbrooke in N.D.G., was treated by Urgences Santé and firefighters for injuries to the arm. He was transported to the Montreal General.

The accident resulted when the car, a 1987 Honda, was turning from the westbound lane into the library. Though two eastbound cars had stopped to let him go, the cyclist, also going east apparently did not see the car, police explained.

A similar accident took place at the same location Aug 21 (see story Aug 31).

Lots are combined so homes can grow

A new trend has appeared in Westmount home-buying.

Sprinkled across the city are houses recently purchased which are being gutted, undergoing substantial interior remodelling and having an extension built onto the back or side.

Three more homes had the required cadastral operations approved by city council at the Nov 6 meeting in anticipation of extensions at each: 94 Sunnyside avenue, 4445 de Maisonneuve and 3197 The Boulevard.

Council passed the motion unanimously. At the previous meeting, Councillor Sally Aitken had voted against a series of cadastral operations, saying she had received complaints that some residents were overbuilding on their properties.

A cadastral operation, combining several lot numbers into one, is required before any major change in the status of a building is made such as building an extension or converting a building's use.

Electric upgrade will cost city nearly $19,000

Westmount will be paying Hydro-Québec almost $19,000 for upgrading and expanding the equipment the city uses to monitor the power distribution loads at its Glen substation.

The need stems from the recent connection of two new 12kV circuits and the anticipated addition of two more next spring.

The $18,813 estimate breaks down as follows: $5,593 for materials, $8,000 for labor, $700 for use of a vehicle and $4,520 for a new gas circuit breaker between the Glen substation and Poste Maisonneuve, the place where Hydro feeds Westmount its power.

City council approved the expenditure at its Nov 6 meeting as it must do for any amount over $5,000. Also approved was a $5,038.34 quotation from Guillevin International Inc for the supply of 610 metres of electrical cable for inventory. The company edged out five others with prices ranging up to $5,771.76.

Honda proves too low-slung

More than $500 damage resulted to a 1985 Honda Tuesday last week when it bottomed out on construction work on Côte St Antoine road at Argyle avenue, police said.

The westbound car was described as "falling into" the road work, damaging the underside and back bumper. It was driven by an N.D.G. man. The mishap occurred about 6:18 pm.

Chevy taken

A red 1985 Chevrolet was stolen across from 4129 de Maisonneuve boulevard over the noon hour Friday, police said. The car belongs to a woman from St Henri and is valued at $6,000.

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At Centaur Theatre

Mediocre play, good acting in *Footprints*

In the small prairie town of Rose Coulee, life moves at a slower pace.

Things don't change much as the seasons come and go. So Joanie (Marianne Moroney), who has already lost her mother and her husband — he walked out 13 years ago — is more upset even than most mothers when her 16-year-old daughter Carol-Ann (Jessalyn Gilsig) decides Toronto is the only place to be. "I'm not like this in Toronto," she declaims, blaming her own brattiness on her hometown.

Joanie has a sometime lover, Dunc Carr (the absolutely believable Timothy Webber) and a constant friend in the eccentric Beryl (Heather Esdon). But she wants, no, needs it all. Everyone's constancy. Moments that will freeze forever and last for thousands of years like footprints on the moon.

But the winds of change blow, and Beryl's unwavering affection is not enough.

Joanie dreams. She rebuilds real life and she dreams the past and the future. Her husband will come back and explain everything. She will be perfect when he comes back. Her daughter will stay with her forever, or at least until she finishes high school, at which point Joanie dreams she will be ready to give her up.

Misspent notoriety

Joanie the lightweight, the pretty, the popular, the non-intellectual has pulled a prize-winning essay out of her dream of her town, and she is a seven-day wonder. But busy fighting for Carol-Ann, she hardly gets to enjoy her notoriety.

Carol-Ann skips off one night, and Joanie works on another kind of notoriety. Sexual promiscuity is death in a small town, especially when some of the men are married, and she makes no attempt to hide her desperation.

Even the faithful Beryl gives up, and the audience misses her. As much as Joanie misses her mother, her husband, Dunc Carr and her daughter. Because when Beryl's around, Joanie has to give her some lines instead of doing all that suffering.

Finally Beryl phones the big city and husband Boone (Nicholas Kilbertus) comes to town. He explains everything to Joanie, though how she's managed to avoid seeing for all those years is a mystery never solved. But having Boone explain cures her problem, and they all live happily (and separately) ever after.

Somebody must even get around to washing Joanie's phone number off the barroom wall, because those troublesome phone calls stop, too.

Westmounter Elsa Bolam directs the production and the set, which niftily converts from a railroad station to a comfortable old house, is by Andrew Lue-Shue.

Dealing with details

The main trouble with this play, by Winnipeg writer Maureen Hunter, and with this production, is that it over-explains. It dots every *i* and crosses every *t*, sharing this fault with its protagonist.

So busy is it with its attention to minutiae, that the larger events go unexplained. If just having a last bickering fight with her husband can clear up all the problems, why didn't it happen long ago? If Joanie can see what went wrong now, why couldn't she see it then? And anyway, what's wrong with Dunc Carr? Why doesn't she want him? Why is Beryl suddenly the friend she needs?

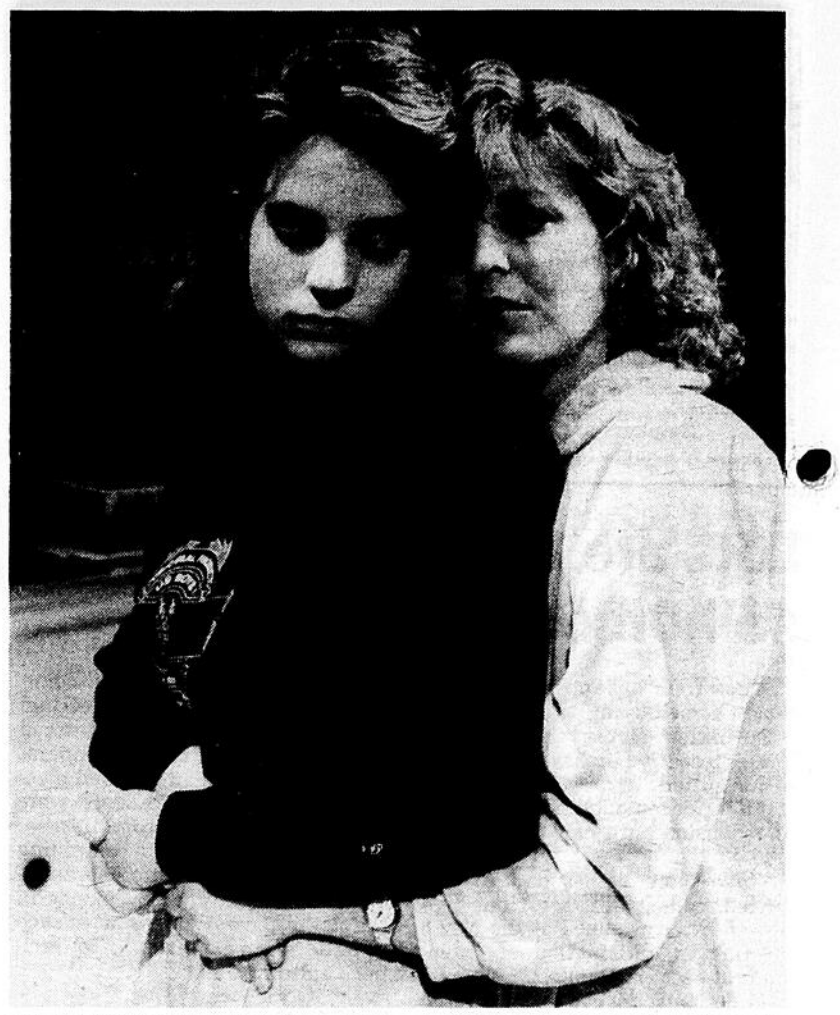
Anyone who's ever had a teenage daughter at that impossible stage will sympathize with Joanie's hurt (but not her reluctance to get rid of the brat). Anyone who's ever been at that impossible stage will squirm when they remember giving their own mother that disdainful look and cool shrug. Ms Gilsig, who studies fine art rather than drama at Dawson College, has that teenage air down perfectly.

It is impossible to imagine Mr Webber other than in blue jeans and cowboy boots. And Ms Esdon! I want to know what color she has painted her home environment in Ottawa; I really do.

Footprints on the moon is a long way from being a great play, but it is equidistant from a really bad one. Relax and get into the Rose Coulee rhythm and nothing really bad will happen to you, but you'll probably miss the excitement of the big city.

***Footprints on the moon* is at Centaur Theatre, 453 St François-Xavier street, at 8 pm Tuesday through Saturday and 7 pm Sunday, with Saturday matinées and occasional Sunday matinées at 2 pm and occasional Wednesday matinées at 1 pm until Dec 17. Box office 288-1229.**

— Janet Coutts



Jessalyn Gilsig (left) as Carol-Ann dances grudgingly with her mother, played by **Marianne Moroney**, in the kitchen of the home she's rejecting.

Do Schubert with CAMMAC

CAMMAC (Canadian Amateur Musicians) invites all amateur vocalists and instrumentalists to join in a sight-reading of *Mass no 2 in G* by Schubert, directed by J.F. Gautier, Sunday from 3 to 5 pm at St Matthias' church hall, 12 Church Hill.

Parts are provided, but instrumentalists are asked to bring their own music stands. For information call 352-7499 or 486-5440.

N.D.G. Library has book sale

The Snowdon branch of the N.D.G. Library for Boys and Girls, 5065 Queen Mary road at Westbury avenue, will hold a sale of French and English used books Friday from 2 to 8 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Parents, teachers, young people and anyone else interested in books is cordially invited. For information call 733-1423.

Youth orchestra extends deadline

The National Youth orchestra has announced an extension on its original Oct 31 deadline for receipt of audition applications. Young musicians may still apply for the 1990 session.

Auditions are expected to be held across Canada during the first two weeks of December, and applications will be accepted up to the time auditions start.

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Atkinson addresses Rotary on remembrance and future

By CHARLES MAPPIN

When Rotary Club of Westmount past president James Griffin was choosing a guest speaker some months ago for the club's Remembrance Day luncheon, he decided to call on a veteran of the Second World War and Korean War.

"Since we approached Gordon Atkinson, his life has changed considerably," Mr Griffin said in introducing the Equality Party MNA for N.D.G. riding Wednesday last week in Victoria Hall. "He has done a great deal for the country and he continues to do so."

Mr Atkinson said he had planned to speak exclusively about Remembrance Day, but his life has become more involved with the existence and perpetuation of the country."

In his booming voice instantly recognizable to most Montrealers, the former CJAD newscaster and editorialist spoke briefly on remembrance, saying he's the first male member of his family in 400 years not to be a full-time member of the military.

Mr Atkinson lamented the level of Canadian history taught in high schools today, particularly recent history from the period leading up to the Second World War to the present.

"What is the future of Quebec in the 1990s and the years ahead?" Mr Atkinson asked aloud. "The future of Quebec is much the same today as it has been over the past two decades: a series of running confrontations only with different players in the maelstrom of the discussions."



Gordon Atkinson speaking to the Rotary Club of Westmount in Victoria Hall last week.

More insidious than PQ

He said the nationalist forces led by Premier Robert Bourassa are more insidious than the separatist Parti Québécois "for they are prepared to work from within the structure of Canada, all the while undermining the cohesion of the nation.

"The nationalist forces are nothing more than chequebook federalists. When the money runs out, it is my belief, they'll turn tail and join with the ultra-nationalists if not outright with the Parti Québécois."

Mr Atkinson likened the current relationship between Quebec and Ottawa to a pre-divorce, trial separation agreement.

"Our federal government, under the terms of the Meech Lake Accord, proposed a solution that is no solution at all, but rather a rendering of the nation into 10 principalities retaining no vestige of the importance of the scheme of Canadianism other than being the funnel through which the Canadian taxpayer dollars are distributed to the 10 fiefdoms of the subordinate premiers.

"The role of prime minister would no longer be that of speaker for Canada, but would become a kind of super chairman of the board of Canada Incorporated," he said.

Mr Atkinson criticized the oft-stated opinion that Meech Lake is urgently needed to bring Quebec into Canada as a full-fledged participant.

"That is in many ways a fallacious argument for Quebec had never been outside the federation. Just because the late premier René Lévesque refused to sign the constitutional accord (of 1982), it didn't mean Quebec was not a member of the nation of Canada."

Equality at debate

Mr Atkinson noted that the four Equality members elected this autumn will be in the National Assembly when the five-year expiry date on the notwithstanding clause and the re-imposition of Bill 178 will come up for debate.

"Our responsibility as Equality Party MNAs is to hold firm to our beliefs while at the same time turn aside the harsh rhetoric of both Quebec nationalism and the strident verbiage emanating from the other provinces, whose view of Quebec is less than flattering," he said.

"So these are the politics of the 1990s and into the 21st century. Quebec and Canada at the moment have far too many politicians and far too few statesmen who have the ability to show a vision for the future of a nation so deeply endowed with a richness of heritage, charity, compassion and understanding."

Mr Atkinson was thanked on behalf of the Westmount Rotary club by longtime club member and former EXAMINER publisher John Sancton.

Charpentier mass at St John's

Former Westmounter Madeleine Palmer will be one of the soloists in Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *Missa Assumpta est Maria*.

This will be the first performance of this mass in Montreal. It has been edited by the conductor Andrew Couse.

The mass will be performed with the choir of the Church of St John the Evangelist, at the church, 137 President Kennedy, Friday, Nov 24, at 8 pm.

Tickets, $8 general admission, $6 for students and seniors, are available at the church Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings; call 288-4428. They can be purchased at the door the evening of the performance.

Dudu Fisher sings at Mizrachi benefit

The Mizrachi Organization of Canada, Eastern Region, will hold its annual benefit concert Saturday at 8:30 pm at Salle Claude Champagne.

Guest performer will be Dudu Fisher. Mr Fisher has performed as Jean Valjean in a Command Performance for Queen Elizabeth of *Les Miserables*, which role he also played on Broadway.

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Another community bash from the folks at WHS

IT'S time, once again, for Westmount High School to play host to the community.

Remember *Mozart, Muffins and Meades*? Well this time, the Home & School Association of WHS is presenting *Christmas crafts, Chicken and Tchaikovsky*, Nov 24, from 5 to 10 pm. It may not be as euphonic, but it seems to have plenty going for it.

There will be a bake table, crafts and a penny arcade to keep the children entertained. Supper will be served from 6:30 to 8:30.

Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for children under 12. Everyone is welcome.



ART AT VIC HALL: An exhibition of recent work by Gilles Labranche will be held Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm at Victoria Hall. The exhibit will be preceded by a private vernissage Friday from 6 to 9 pm. Mr Labranche had a similar show last November and since then his work has been acquired by Claridge Inc, Alexis Nihon Corp and Canderel. His work has been shown in private and group shows in the Montreal area and is in several private collections. For information call Artecan at 733-7149 or 487-0030.

Puppetry craft at Samedi Greene

Saturday morning is puppet-making time at the Greene Avenue Community Centre, a follow-up to last weekend's successful puppet show.

The artistic team from the Picardi Marionette Theatre will give a puppet-making workshop, providing local youngsters with an opportunity to learn what goes into a puppet to make it come alive when the curtain rises.

The workshop runs from 10 to 11:30 am at the centre, 1090 Greene avenue. Admission is $1. Children under six must come with an adult.

Next in the Samedi Greene series will be a karate demonstration and workshop on Nov 25. For more information call 931-6202.

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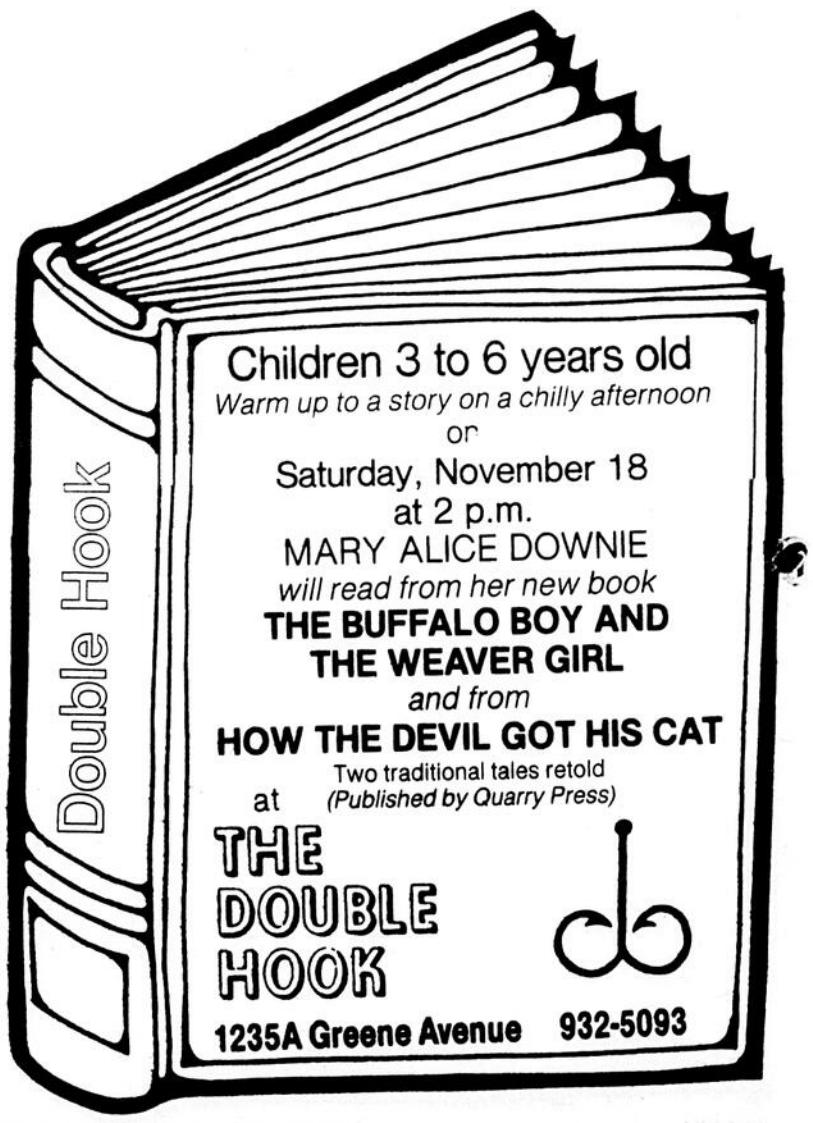
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A random sampler of things to see or do in the bigger city surrounding us

By JANET COUTTS

Students make music

Le Conservatoire de musique du Québec presents a steady stream of musicians, at various stages in their development, in free public concerts. One can hardly think of a more calming break from Christmas shopping, or a more enjoyable way to spend an early evening or weekend afternoon. This week, for example, on Sunday at 2 pm l'Orchestre des jeunes du Conservatoire, under the direction of Raymond Dessaints, will play at Église de la Visitation, 1847 Gouin boulevard east. Next Thursday, l'Orchestre symphonique et chorale du Conservatoire will perform at 8 pm at Église Immaculée-Conception, 1844 Rachel street east. Under the direction of Louis Lavigueur, they will perform works by Mozart, Schumann, Gröndthl and Honegger; soloists are pianist Jean Desmarais and trombonist Jean Poitras. The same concert will be given at Théâtre Maisonneuve at 8 pm Sunday, Nov 26. When you attend any of these concerts, remember to pick up the concert schedule for the rest of the year, or call 873-4031 for more information.

Musical brunches

Okay, so it's not the least expensive brunch in Montreal. But it may be the most pleasant, and it allows you to feel that you are guaranteeing the continuation of good music. Four Seasons Hotel holds monthly musical brunches (at $34 each, half for children) in Salon Pierre de Coubertin, continuing at least until April. A percentage of the charge goes to a scholarship fund, and its recipient will be chosen by a jury and announced at a Valentine's dance Feb 14. The brunch Sunday will offer extracts from operas, operettas and musical comedy performed by soprano Anne Saint-Denis, tenor Richard Berard, soprano Ginette Berniquez, bass Luc Saucier and pianist Lorraine Prieur. Future concerts are Dec 17 with Bach, Telemann and Fauré performed by flutist Claire Marchand and pianist Jean Desmarais; Jan 14, homage to Benny Goodman with clarinetist Jean-Guy Boisvert; Feb 18, from Broadway to Mississippi, featuring mezzo-soprano Lyne Comtois and a return engagement by Mr Saucier; March 25, l'Orchestre des jeunes du Conservatoire de Montréal; and April 22, Ms Comtois, the laureate of Le concours internatioanl de chant 1989, will return.

Nash introduces MacNeil

The 10th annual Ben-Gurion memorial lecture takes place Monday at 8 pm at Queen Elizabeth Hotel. The speaker will be Canadian-born Robert MacNeil, co-anchor and editor of PBS's *MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour*, on "Making a Canadian identity." He will be introduced by CBC senior correspondent Knowlton Nash. The lecture will be followed by a question period. Tickets, at $7.50 ($5 for students and seniors), are available at Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University, 4141 Sherbrooke street west, suite 330, at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, or at the door. The lecture is sponsored by the Bank of Montreal and 100 Montreal patrons.

Theatre roundup

Aviva Ravel's *Separate Pieces* will be performed Sunday at 2 pm at the Côte St Luc Public Library, 5851 Cavendish boulevard. 485-6900.... Perry Schneiderman will direct Avanti Plus's production of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, opening at Centaur Theatre tonight at 8:30. "I love doing popular theatre," says Mr Schneiderman. "As much as people want to be touched and changed when they go to theatre, they also want to be entertained. This is a great whodunit." 288-3161.... Mr Schneiderman also recommends we all go see the NTS production of Caryl Churchill's *Cloud Nine*, directed by Peter Froehlich. The surreal black comedy previews Sunday and Monday at 8 pm and then runs to Nov 25, with a 2 pm matinée in addition to the evening performance on closing day. The production will be at the Monument-National, 1182 St Lawrence boulevard. Like all NTS productions, it's free. The only drawback is that seating is on a first-come first-served basis, so you should get there early to be sure of a seat.... At Players' Theatre, 3480 McTavish, third floor, Edward Albee's *Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf?* opens Tuesday and runs to Dec 2. 398-6813.... Slightly younger students in John Abbott College's Theatre Workshop are presenting John Patrick's *Time of terror: the magenta moth* in the studio theatre of the Ste Anne de Bellevue college tonight to Saturday at 8 pm with a 1:30 pm matinée Friday. 457-2447.

At the galleries

Sunday from 3 to 5 pm there is a vernissage for the exhibit of watercolors, acrylics and prints of Chilean-born Evelyn Klein, a Concordia graduate and member of La Guilde Graphique and l'Atelier Graphia, at Maison du Brasseur, 2901 St Joseph boulevard, Lachine, 634-3471. The show continues to Jan 15.... Inuit sculpture is being shown at the Canadian Guild of Crafts, 2025 Peel street, until Dec 31. For one more week a 50-year retrospective of the work of Montrealer Louis Muhlstock is on display at the Saidye Bronfman Centre Gallery.... McCord Museum has arranged the exhibit in the lobby of Maison Alcan, 1188 Sherbrooke west until Dec 8. *Marie Paule: the art of haute couture* pays tribute to the late Marie Paule Nolin, focusing on the period from the opening of her first shop in 1936 to her retirement in 1973. A fund established in her memory allows the museum to offer students an internship in its costume collection.

A gallery examined

Monday at 1:30 pm Canadian Cultural Programs LAE Inc will present the last in their series *Museums across Canada* at the National Film Board theatre, Complexe Guy-Favreau, 200 René-Lévesque boulevard. Robert F. Swain, director of Agnes Etheringon Art Centre in Kingston, Ont., will give a slide-illustrated presentation on the museum, its famous acquisitions and the Samuel Zacks collection. A bilingual discussion will follow. Mrs Etherington was a founding member of the Kingston Art Association, and she bequeathed her house, built in 1879, to Queen's University as an arts centre. Extensions were added later, and the gallery houses a personal collection of Canadian contemporary art, the largest group of African art in Canada and works of some of the best-known Canadian Inuit artists. The lecture is free.

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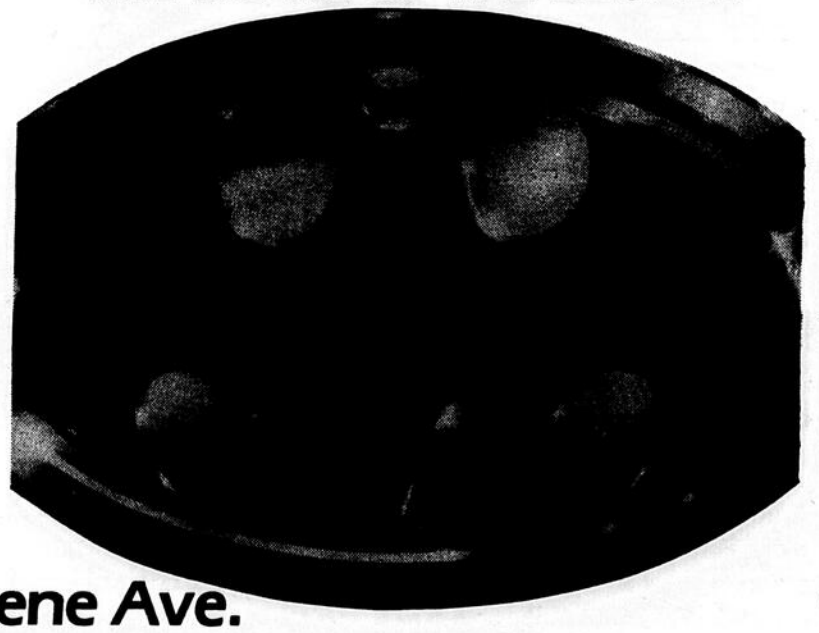
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At Saidye Bronfman Centre theatre:

Echo *proves simply annoying*

I went to see Theatre 1774's premiere production *Echo* at the Saidye Bronfman Centre with high hopes and low expectations; word of mouth had it confusing, though visually attractive.

I left the theatre bemused and faintly annoyed. I hoped I would feel better in the morning, be able to respect it. But since then I have become more and more irritated by my memory of what I saw — a mistake in almost every aspect.

There is one absolutely gorgeous moment when an off-stage stone wall collapses and showers pebbles onto the stage. There is some actual acting, as opposed to whatever it is the rest of the cast is doing, from Westmounter Aïs Snyder, who shows great strength of character. There's some nice work with shadows, and the sound is magnificent.

Ho hum.

Irritation comes in the first seconds. We have been sitting looking at a bed and a film loop of a man washing his face in the ocean. The house lights go down. Blackout. And the play starts.

The protagonist, Sophie Lorain, starts to speak. We have no visual clues to help us, and we cannot understand her words. She simply does not seem to understand the sense of the poetry she is speaking; certainly she has not understood its rhythms.

When the lights come up, she and Andrés Hausmann have their first bout of simulated sexual intercourse. Bam, bam. The bed shakes, they both grunt.

Ann Diamond's prose poem, *A nun's diary*, had a lot of sly charm and cutting wit. It all gets lost here, and, since the 60s are long behind us, raw depictions of sex on stage have lost all charm or ability to shock; it's dreary.

God (Aron Tager), who plays a supporting role here, is, as the script says... not well.

The production is about the same.

Everyone wanted this to be a smash success. A new theatre company. An exciting mandate to call on French and English theatre people to produce new work. Gosh, it's sad.

The best thing you can do for Theatre 1774 is ignore this production and wait for their next one. It certainly won't be worse, and we can go see it with renewed high hopes.

***Echo*, based on *A Nun's Diary* by Ann Diamond, directed by Robert Lepage, with Sophie Lorain, Andrés Hausmann, Aron Tager, Aïs Snyder, Chantal Bernicky, Marc Landry and John-François Pichette, is at the Saidye Bronfman Theatre, 5170 Côte St Catherine road, until Sunday. 739-7944.**

— Janet Coutts

Seminar to offer tips on freelance writing

The Periodical Writers Association of Canada offers a public seminar for professional and amateur writers on freelance writing Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm at Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater avenue (Tupper street entrance).

PWAC is a professional writers' association part of whose mandate is to foster Canadian writing. The Montreal chapter will bring together 10 editors and professional freelancers to address such topics as how to break into different markets; specialty writing, including business, corporate, travel, technical and broadcast; producing features for national magazines; writer/editor relations; and rates.

The seminar comprises two panels: five writers will speak in the morning, five editors in the afternoon. Each panel discussion will be followed by a question period.

Registration at the door begins at 9:30 am. The fee is $30, $25 for students with ID, and includes a copy of *The Write Way* by Gillian Pritchard, which furnishes guidelines for enhancing writer/editor relationships.

For information call 481-9861 or 288-0369.

Rock ,n, roll benefit show for environment

The Dawson College Global Awareness in Action group is holding a rock-and-roll benefit concert at Selby Campus, 350 Selby street, Friday, Nov 17.

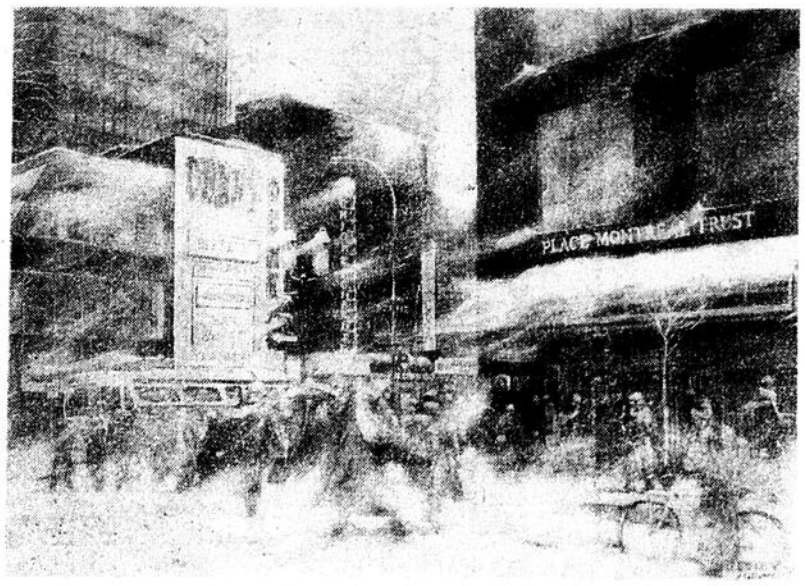
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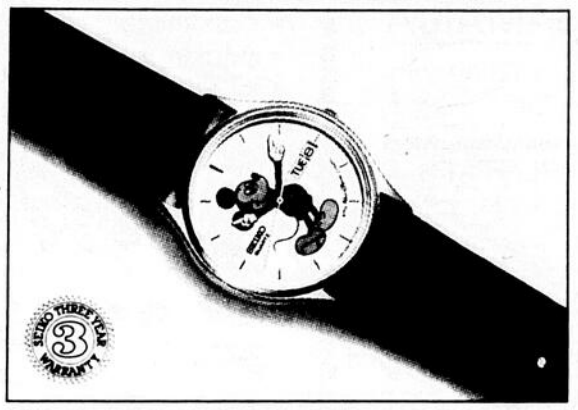
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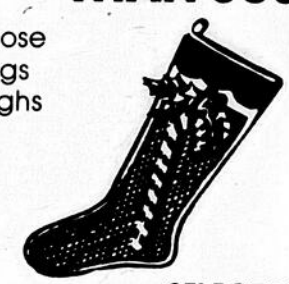
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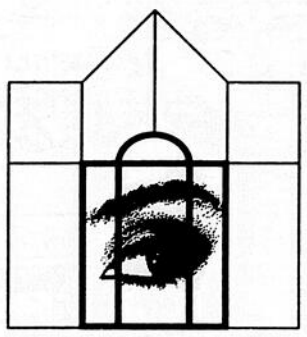
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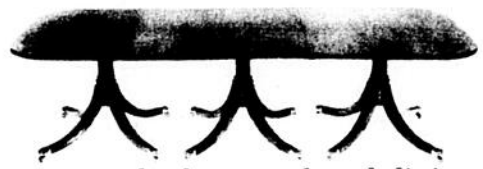
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Flea Market

Annual pre-Christmas flea market & craft fair sponsored by the Montreal Association School for the Blind, special projects committee. Layton Hall MAB, 7010 Sherbrooke street west, Saturday, Nov 18, 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Treasures galore, something for everyone. Parking, snack bar, door prizes. Admission free. 105 bus stops at door.

Westmount Arts & Crafts Fair

Handcrafted gifts for your friends or home! Jewelry, painting on silk, collector dolls, calligraphy, watercolors, weaving, knitting and ceramics. Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke street west, Saturday, Nov 25, 10 am-4 pm. Everyone welcome.

Membership Evening

of Young Women's division, Na'amat Montreal, Monday, Nov 20, 7:45 pm at Château de Liesse, Savoyard room, 6500 Côte de Liesse road. Guest: Raye Kass, PhD, Concordia professor of applied social sciences, program director, Centre for Human Relations and Community Studies, on "How to deal with difficult people." Information: 484-0252.

Christmas Workshop Sale

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Monthly Antique Fairs

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Fall Bazaar

Church of the Advent hall, 4119 de Maisonneuve blvd west, Saturday, Nov 18, 1-4 pm. Home baked goods, light refreshments. Proceeds to needy Montrealers.

Art Etc.

Friday, Nov 17, 11:30 am-10 pm; Saturday, Nov 18, 10 am-5 pm. Montreal West Town Hall, 50 Westminster south, corner St James. Exhibition/sale of outstanding collection by various artists. Tea room sponsored by Montreal West Travel Club.

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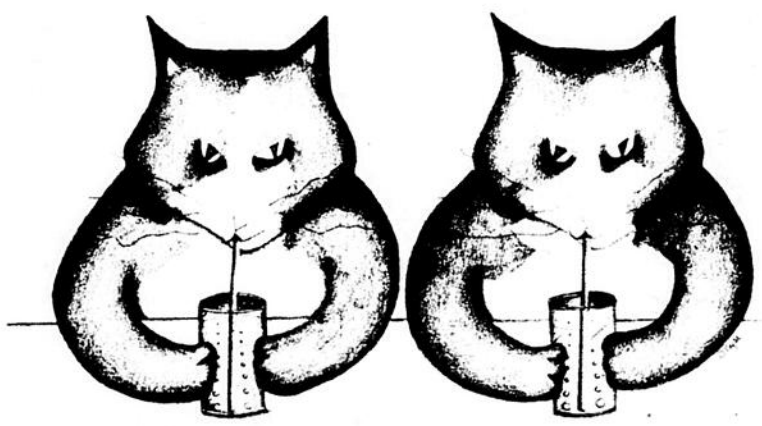
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Mammoth Bazaar

Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation, 6800 Mackle, Côte St Luc, Sunday, Nov 19, 10 am-5 pm. Buses 104, 161, 162. New merchandise, furniture, sewing machines, hardware, clothing, children's wear, toys, snack bar. Free admission.

Bazaar & Bake Sale

Hungarian United Church, corner Jean-Talon & l'Acadie, Nov 25, 10 am-3 pm. Hungarian-style hot lunch will be served; coffee & fresh raised donuts will be available.



AT THE LIBRARY: An exhibtion of idiosyncratic drawings, *The definitive cat* by Ilyse Segal is on at the Westmount Public Library, Nov 13 to 26. The public is welcome to visit.



LA BELLE ÉPOQUE: The theme of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Ball this year is La belle époque. The ball will take place Saturday, Nov 18 at the museum, under the patronage of Mr and Mrs Paul Desmarais, the guests of honor. **Denise Lalonde**, left, and Westmounter **Maria Birks** are the co-presidents. For information call 285-1641.

Women's Centre seeking Christmas sprites, elves

The Women's Centre of Montreal is looking for several Mr and Mrs Santa Clauses, elves, reindeer and good fairies to help on their Christmas campaign.

The centre helps more than 600 needy families, who do not receive assistance through other social agencies, celebrate the holidays.

From Dec 4 to 22, the centre needs Mr and Mrs Santa Claus to give food items, toys, children's clothing, gifts and/or money to fill the Christmas baskets.

The centre also needs elves to make collections of food at their schools and to give toys in good condition; fairy godparents to collect toys in their offices or clubs (the centre would like to be able to give up to three toys to each child); and reindeer to deliver baskets to elderly people who cannot collect them themselves.

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LEARNING TO LISTEN: This Westmount "family" is the Westmount Park School class of the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf. The cheery bunch is made up of, from left: **Lisa, Candice, Rachel, Cory, Tore, Daniel, Dimitra, Kevin** and **Melissa**. A tenth student, Rajesh, was absent when this photo was taken. The children come from as far away as St Laurent and St Lambert to attend school at WPS.

Photo by VALERIE TETLEY

Raymond to speak at Shaar oneg

Allan Raymond, historian and collector, will be the guest speaker at Friday's oneg shabbat at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke street west.

His topic is *The way we were: Allan Raymond's escorted photo tour of Jewish Montreal.*

After Friday services he will present an illustrated history of Montreal Jewry. Congregants are invited to attend the oneg, where they will also have an opportunity to hear and discuss with Mr Raymond some of the fascinating stories of this community.

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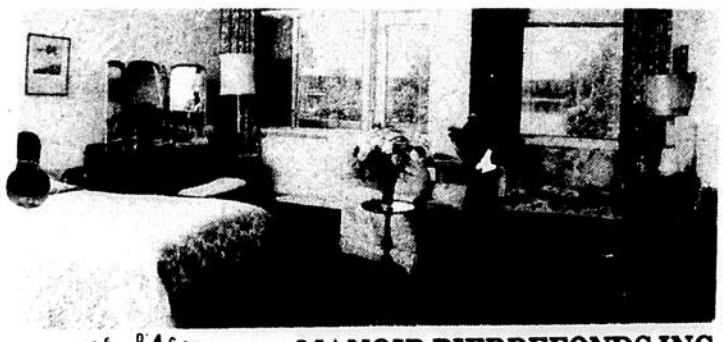
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It's alright for Westmount city hall to remain inaccessible to the handicapped for yet another year.

That's the message city council has given out by its decision not to include in its 1990 budget a sum of money to have an elevator installed there, says Pat Harris of 365 Melville avenue.

During question period at the Nov 6 council meeting, Mrs Harris said she had heard that during budget preparation council decided to remove an amount intended for an elevator.

"This is the last public building in the country without access for the handicapped, certainly the last of the prestigious buildings," Mrs Harris said. "Something needs to be done so people who seek employment here or who want to come to these meetings can come."

At the start of the meeting, Mrs Harris placed at each councillor's chair a cartoon drawing of someone in a wheelchair at the foot of a long flight of stairs.

"I think it's a very sad commentary that Westmount city hall is so totally inaccessible," Mrs Harris said later. She has been pushing for several years to make Westmount's public buildings more accessible and was instrumental in getting the elevator installed at Victoria Hall.

"I get upset when I hear of plans to do further work in other buildings while city hall remains so inaccessible," she said.

Asked about the matter, Councillor Joan Rothman told THE EXAMINER that council has removed from its preliminary 1990 budget an amount of $150,000 earmarked for an elevator.

Mrs Rothman said she is unhappy that for several years in a row the item has been put in the budget by the administration and then voted out by a majority of council more concerned with keeping the tax rate down.

Hurtful hockey

A 26-year-old Westmount man hurt his back playing hockey at the arena Tuesday night last week. He was taken to hospital, fire officials report. The victim, a resident of Metcalfe avenue, fell on the ice about 9:40 pm. He was transported to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital by Urgences Santé.

Berger's call for Meech debate turned down by House Speaker

A call for an emergency debate on the Meech Lake Accord made by St-Henri-Westmount MP David Berger in the House of Commons Wednesday last week was turned down by Speaker John Fraser.

Rising in the Commons, Mr Berger asked the speaker to adjourn the session to allow MPs to discuss Meech Lake, which he called an urgent matter. Mr Berger criticized Prime Minister Brian Mulroney for repeated assertions that the accord itself and Quebec's demands are inseparable. These are two different things, he said.

"To say that it is Meech Lake or nothing else, take it or leave it, is unacceptable. Canadians want the first ministers to do their duty to the country. The first ministers should know that this house also wants them to do their duty to the country," Mr Berger said.

Mr Fraser said Meech Lake is an important subject for all Canadians, but "an emergency debate is certainly not appropriate at this time."

Left hook

Two westbound cars collided on Côte St Antoine road at Arlington avenue Tuesday last week, police report. The accident occurred about 4:45 pm as one turned left in front of the other to go south. The driver was issued a ticket for turning from the wrong lane as well as a 48-hour ticket for having no proof of insurance. Urgences Santé and firefighters were called to the scene but no injuries were reported.



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Starting business is workshop topic

Montreal Women's Network presents an all-day workshop, "Women entrepreneurs: how to start your own business," Saturday from 9:30 am to 4 pm at Simone de Beauvoir Institute, 2170 Bishop street.

The morning class is in developing a business plan, taught by Nora Flaherty from Federal Business Development Bank. The afternoon session will focus on entrepreneurs who discuss their personal experiences in the business world.

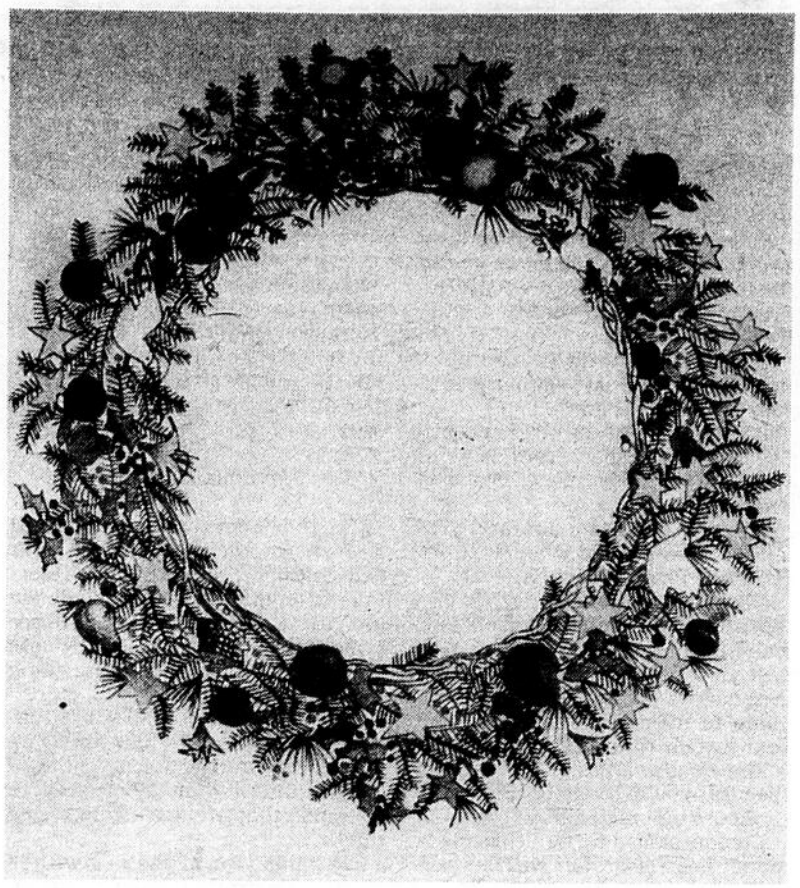
Advance registration is $40 for non-members of the Network, $30 for members. Cheques should be made out to Montreal Women's Network, c/o Marjorie Hine, 810 Place Val Royal, Brossard J4W 2B3. For information call 465-5985 or 681-5121.

Giant bazaar for Women's ORT

Montreal Women's ORT will hold a giant bazaar Tuesday and Wednesday at the south exhibition hall of Place Bonaventure. Admission is free.

The bazaar is open Tuesday from noon to 10 pm, and will feature an auction fashion show from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Wednesday the sale continues from 10 am to 8 pm.

For information call 481-2787.



SEND A SEASONAL WREATH: Westmounter Sara Colby designed this simple Christmas wreath as the illustration for a Christmas card. It is, she says, a pine wreath dotted with berries, doves, apples and stars. The inside of the card is blank. The card is available at the newly opened Calandia on Sherbrooke street near Victoria avenue. The store is owned by Westmount resident Ingrid Berzins.

Campers to go bowling to benefit Starlight

Starlight Foundation, a U.S. organization that grants wishes to sick children, has opened offices in Montreal and Toronto. Westcoast Connection Travel Camp Inc is sponsoring two simultaneous Bowlathons in Montreal and Toronto on Saturday to raise money for the organization.

The Montreal event will take place at Laurentian Lanes beginning at 1 pm. Special prizes will be awarded to the teams who raise the most money for Starlight.

Starlight was founded by actor Emma Sams and film producer Peter Samuelson seven years ago. It now has 12 chapters worldwide, including Australia and Great Britain.

Westcoast Connection, the sponsor of the bowlathons, is a cross-country touring organization that combines camping with other outdoor activities for children. They say the bowlathons will provide a chance for children to be reunited with their fellow campers while having fun raising money to help Starlight.

For more information on Westcoast Connection call 488-8920; for information on Starlight 875-6137.

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Sign of Theotokos Church petitions against cruelty

Governments in six nations were asked to abolish the death penalty and to minimize cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment and oppression.

After a month of joint augmented prayer for these goals from Montreal's two parishes of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, Westmount's Sign of the Theotokos Church dispatched petitions bearing 50 to 60 signatures to the leaders of South Africa, China, Iran, Iraq, the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A.

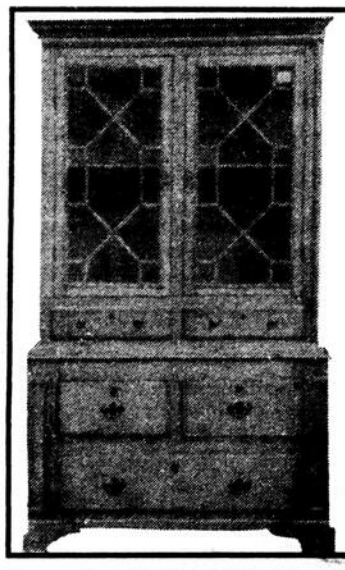
Each petition called for the abolition of the death penalty and cited specific incidents of oppression or torture as reported by Amnesty International.

The Sign of Theotokos, a bilingual French and English parish of the Orthodox Church in America, rents premises from St-Léon-de-Westmount Roman Catholic Church, home of ACAT (Action des Chrétiens pour l'Abolition de la Torture). Copies of the petitions were sent to the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations and to the headquarters of Amnesty International in London, England.

Seniors' paper marks dozen years

Senior Scene, the only non-profit English-language quarterly seniors' publication in Quebec, written and produced by non-professional seniors, is celebrating its 12th anniversary.

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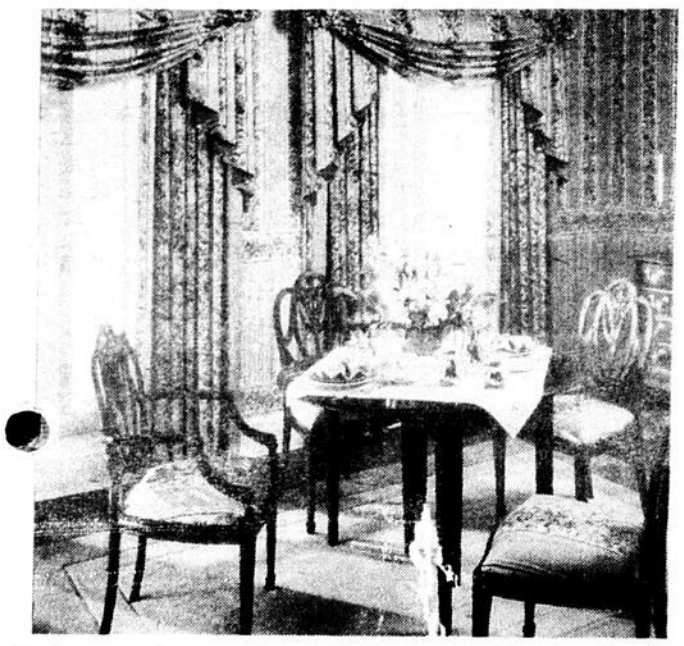
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Posters, art, books and birds at 5th annual great bird fair

By ELSIE MITCHELL

Every year you find something new for the bird enthusiast at the Great Bird fair sponsored by the Province of Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds.

Take the latest aid to identification of the birds that you could see at your feeder this winter.

It's a poster of 30 birds, beautifully painted to show every detail of their glistening plumage, by Laval artist Ghislain Caron.

This artist's *Snowy owl surveying a marsh* was presented to His Royal Highness Prince Philip last May by the Quebec government.

With this poster mounted on your wall near the window giving you the best view of your feeder, you won't even have to thumb through the field guide to identify any new bird in your yard. Bird watching made easy.

There's also a poster by Caron of the birds you're likely to see around the house in summer.

Commissioned by Le Centre de la faune ailée, the posters will be available at the fair. You may have already seen some of Caron's birds. He painted the ones on the '89 Domtar calendar.

There will be more artwork, including that of Jean-Luc Grondin, at the fair which runs this year from 10 am to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday, Nov 18 and 19 at Westmount High School, 4350 Ste Catherine street west.

Marshland theme

The theme for this year's fair will be *Marshes: their importance to us and wildlife*. Special theme presentations on marshes will include audio-visual shows where you'll see some of the birds and wildlife whose only habitat is our ever-diminishing wetlands.

There will also be exhibits by natural-history and conservation groups on nutrient-rich wetlands and information on Montreal area wetlands that are accessible to the public.

New this year at the fair will be many ecologically minded organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, Wildlife Habitat Canada, Centre d'interprétation du Lac Boivin, Corporation d'aménagement des sites écologiques and Mont St Grégoire.

This fifth annual great bird fair will have something of interest for all age groups. Children will like the puppet shows and clowns as well as colorful wood duck and other waterfowl splashing around in an improvised pool brought from Roger Bider's St Lawrence Valley Ecomuseum.

Live hawks and owls from the Raptor Research Centre will also be on exhibit.

There will be a special children's activity corner where young people will be able to make nature badges from a favorite picture of a bird or animal.

And if you're looking for bird feeders there will be a large assortment to choose from — tubes, long cylinders that dispense seed through small holes in the sides; domes, seed-filled bowls that hang below domed plastic roofs; and wooden hoppers with plastic sides. The Dorval Boy Scouts will again have some smaller models that they made themselves. An important feature of any of these feeders is how easy they are to fill in freezing weather and how you can squirrel-proof them.

You'll also be able to look over the latest editions of a large number of bird books and field guides as well as Christmas cards and calendars.

Searching for roots is lecture topic

A 25th anniversary of the Senior Citizen's Forum of Montreal lecture will be given by Margaret Turner. She will speak Thursday, Nov 23, at 1:30 pm at Molson Hall, St John Ambulance Society, 405 de Maisonneuve boulevard east.

Ms Turner is president of the Quebec Family History Society and her topic is "Searching for your family roots." Admission is $2 for members, $4 for non-members. All seniors are welcome.

The meeting is one of a series celebrating the anniversary under the theme of *The meeting of the generations*. For information call 393-9345.

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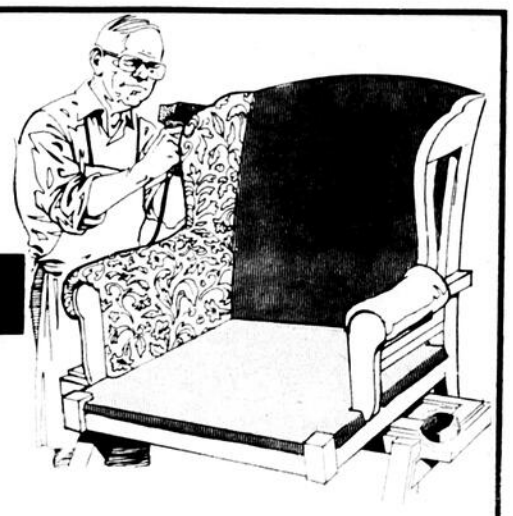
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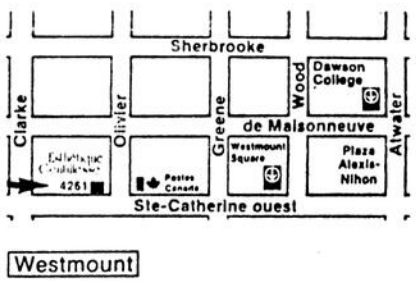
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PREPARING A BAZAAR: St Matthias' Church is holding its annual Christmas bazaar this Saturday. Members of the organizing committee are seen here. They have gathered goods for a variety of tables: handmade articles, baking, knits, decorations etc. There will be children's activities and lunch is served from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The bazaar runs from 11 am to 3 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

Exhibition, lectures by McAlls in ministry at St Matthias'

The moon looks down, drawings of life in China by medical missionary Dr R. Kenneth McAll, will be on display at St Matthias' Church Hall, 12 Church Hill, Nov 23, 24 and 25. He and Dr Frances McAll will also speak on various topics during the three-day exhibit.

The McAlls were in a Japanese prisoner of war camp in China from 1942 to 1945, and these drawings were made on prison toilet paper by Kenneth McAll with ink made of soot and brick dust. Seventy-two of these drawings were later collected into a book, *The moon looks down*, with text by Frances McAll. This, and other books written by the McAlls, will be for sale during the exhibition.

The book recounts the experience the McAlls had in the prison camp, where they feel prayer transformed their group from chaos to an orderly and hopeful community.

These experiences led Kenneth McAll into psychiatry. His discoveries are documented in his best-known book, *Healing the family tree*, and his newest book, *Healing the haunted*.

These two books are about overcoming harmful habits and tendencies in self such as depression, bad temper and eating disorders by recognizing and breaking with family and cultural traditions that perpetuate such problems. They are also about overcoming ongoing societal conflicts and even large-scale natural disasters.

Thursday the art exhibit is open from 2 to 10 pm. At 7:30 pm one or the other of the McAlls will speak on "Building a healthy society: the moon looks down." Friday, the drawings are on view from 10 am to 10 pm, and the lecture at 7:30 will be "Healing the family tree." Saturday, the exhibit is open from 10 am to 5 pm, and at 3 pm there will be a lecture followed by "Healing the family tree" and a Eucharist at 5 pm.

This ministry is not funded by any organization, so collections will be taken to defray expenses. Additional speaking engagements can be arranged by calling 931-2669, which is also the information number for the exhibit and lecture series.

Récital et messe à la fête de la Ste-Cécile

La Fête de la Sainte-Cécile sera célébrée le mercredi 22 novembre à 19h30 avec un récital et messe solennelle présidée par M. l'abbé Gabriel Villemure.

La chorale et le Quatuor vocal de St-Léon, sous la direction de Danielle Delorme, et la Manécanterie des Petits Chanteurs de Laval sous la direction de Gregory Charles présenteront la *Messe Modale* de Jean-Guy Perreault et oeuvres de Bach, Viadana, Mauduit, St-Saëns, Duruflé, Vierne et Haydn. Les solistes seront Colombe Simard, soprano; Chantal Laroque, alto; Benoit Gendron, ténor; Alain Duguay, baryton; Antoine Lefebvre, violoniste; et Lucienne L'Heureux-Arel, organiste.

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Les jeudis de St-Léon: une conférence hors série aura lieu à la salle St-Léon, le 23 novembre 1989 à 19h30 portant sur le film *Jésus de Montréal*.

Le père André Charron, csc, docteur en théologie, ex-doyen et professeur à la faculté de théologie, à l'Université de Montréal, fera un exposé sur le sujet. Une période de questions et d'échanges suivra la conférence. Entrée libre.

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Le vestiaire de la St-Vincent-de-Paul: Le service d'entraide a tenu une réunion au salon du presbytère mardi dernier. Dix dames étaient présentes, quelques autres s'étaient excusées. Le service s'est donné une nouvelle responsable, Mme Berthilde Perron, assistée de deux adjointes, Mmes Benard et Gurnon. Toutes les participantes et le pasteur de la communauté ont voulu exprimer leur reconnaissance à Yvette Delage d'avoir assumé la responsabilité de ce comité pendant sept ans et de toujours avoir voulu servir les plus pauvres avec le sourire et dans la joie. Ils ont voulu souligner le magnifique travail de toute l'équipe qui assumait avec elle ce service.

Le local du vestiaire a été restauré grâce à la générosité d'un membre de notre communauté chrétienne et il est maintenant plus accueillant et plus fonctionnel. Merci à toutes les personnes qui manifestent leur solidarité à cette mission d'aide aux plus démunis.

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Mount Sinai Hospital seeks volunteers

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Seniors' Safety Week: emphasis is on the home

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The theme of National Seniors' Safety Week (Nov 12-18) focuses on safety in the home where many of the accidents involving seniors occur. As people age, accidents occur with increased frequency especially over age 75, according to the Canada Safety Council.

Statistics released by the council show that in 1984 senior citizens in Canada (65 years and over) suffered 2,567 accidental fatalities and 50,622 injuries requiring hospital admission.

Falls accounted for the majority followed by traffic accidents. Fire, suffocation, poisoning also ranked high.

A variety of measures to reduce accidents among seniors include modifying product designs to match the limitations of seniors and increasing safety awareness.

Timely tips

The Canada Safety Council offer the following advice to seniors for accident-proofing the home:

- Basic security can be provided by installation of a security intercom at the front door and regular maintenance of smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
- Keep flashlights easily accessible for power failures.
- Keep a telephone by the bed. Know how to reach emergency personnel by dialing 911 and ensure that other frequently called numbers are handy to all phones.
- Never attempt a chore when tired since fatigue can make anyone accident-prone.
- Wear good fitting shoes; avoid floppy slippers and scatter rugs. Install handrails, handy light switches and good lighting in stairways and keep hallways free of clutter. Edges of steps can be made more easily visible with paint or tape.
- In the bathroom, glue non-slip treads onto the bottom of the bath or shower, and keep a night light on. Install a water temperature regulator to prevent scalding.
- Avoid storing kitchen items in hard-to-reach cupboards and arrange cooking and eating areas to allow maximum mobility. Never wear loose-fitting garments when cooking. Remember, steam burns!
- Keep medication clearly labelled. Don't mix medication and alcohol. Avoid smoking in bed and after taking medication.
- Learn to recognize the meaning of hazardous products symbols and always store them in their original containers.



GREEN THUMBS HONORED: Winners in this year's school children's plant growing competition were awarded prizes at the official opening of the Westmount's chrysanthemum show Wednesday night last week. The three students are, from left: **Sacha Kaufman**, **Widia Boediman** and **Frederic Bochman.** Congratulating them from left are: **Mayor May Cutler**, **Coun Joan Rothman** and **Madeleine Arbour**, president of the MUC's Conseil des Arts.

After chase by PSOs:

Recent dépanneur robberies solved with arrest of teen

An 18-year-old man arrested early last Thursday by public safety officers has been charged with four recent convenience store robberies in Westmount, police said.

The arrest also solves another three in N.D.G.

The man was apprehended about 3:40 am soon after two persons held up a cashier at the Perrette outlet at 4014 St Catherine street. Public security sergeant Robert Stringer had been about to enter the store.

The suspects were pursued east. One was stopped on Towers street by two officers. Two packages of cigarettes and $80 were recovered.

The accused has been charged with four counts of robbery following investigation by Sergeant Detective Michel Frechette. Along with the most recent incident, the charges involved holdups just a few minutes apart Monday last week (Nov 6) at the Perrette store at 4471 St Catherine and at Haines, 4466 Catherine (see story last week). Another was at Haines Oct 29 when a man wearing a Batman T-shirt held up the place (see story Nov 2).

The accused is described as having no fixed address and is not known to have a previous record.

Saw the crime

In describing the arrest, public safety officials said the holdup had actually been witnessed by Sgt Stringer who noticed the two standing at the checkout counter. As he waited at the locked door to be buzzed in, he saw the clerk sliding something across the counter to them. Sgt Stringer was unaware it was cash.

As they passed him on the way out, the clerk told Sgt Stringer he had just been robbed.

The sergeant radioed a description of the men and ran after them on foot into Cabot Square. A man on a bench pointed to where they had dropped something, an eight-inch long branch which the sergeant picked up. Police said a piece of wood had been held in the pocket of one of the robbers during the holdup to simulate a gun.

As the pair disappeared along Tupper street, the sergeant was joined by officers Patrick Sheehan and Robin Rowan who stopped and handcuffed one suspect outside 1420 Towers.

The man was turned over to MUC police and taken to local station 23 for investigation before being transferred downtown to detention.

Moral suasion fails on videos in Greene store

A complaint against displays of adult films by a video club in the Old Post Office is being referred to city hall, public safety officers report.

City council decided against adopting pornography legislation five years ago. It decided to use moral suasion to encourage store keepers to display magazines above the eye level of young children. Letters were sent to store keepers outlining general guidelines for discreet display.

At the time, Councillor Sally Aitken said it was hoped the guidelines might also help deal with the issue of videotapes (see story May 17, 1984).

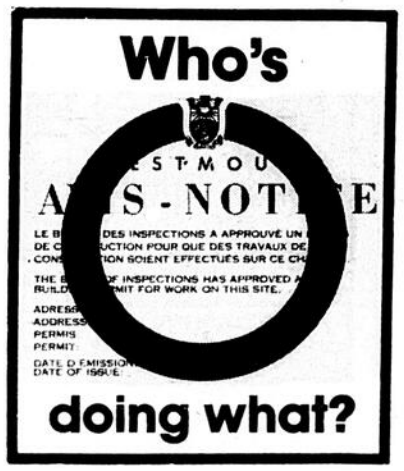
Public safety officers said they understood the video club concerned is preparing a special room for display of adult films.

York population increases by one

Cody Lee Siliauskas-Walker was born on Tuesday, Nov 7, at 10:19 pm in St Mary's Hospital. He is the first child of York avenue residents Gina Siliauskas and John Walker.

Master Siliauskas-Walker weighed seven pounds 13 ounces at birth. The day and pounds are not the only sevens to mark the young man's nativity. Mr Walker reported that seven babies were born at St Mary's on Nov 7, all boys. Cody was the seventh. He is also the seventh grandchild.

Mr Walker said mother and child were doing well. "Daddy is pie-eyed."



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

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Nov 10

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St Léon wins plant-growing plaque:

'Mum show opening; 300 guests, officials

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Three Westmount school children were awarded plant-growing prizes Wednesday last week at the official opening of the city's 57th annual chrysanthemum show, on view in the greenhouses.

Frederic Bochman, of St Léon's, carried off first prize. Widia Boediman of Westmount Park and Sacha Kaufman of Roslyn took second and third place respectively.

Winners of the city's school children's plant competition are traditionally honored at the flower show opening which this year was attended by an estimated 300 specially invited guests and city officials.

Among those introduced by Mayor May Cutler was Madeleine Arbour, president of the MUC's Conseil des arts (committee on culture). She was thanked for providing Westmount with a consultant on theatre renovations, free of charge, to advise on Victoria Hall.

"I am very happy to see Madame Cutler is happy with the services we provide at the Conseil des arts," she told the reception.

Other guests introduced were Westmount MNA Richard Holden and Town of Mount Royal councillor Sidney Margles. A regular meeting of the MUC council prevented suburban mayors from attending as they did last year.

A green-thumb year

"This was a great year for Westmount," Mayor Cutler said in reviewing the city's Quebec awards in the *Villes, Villages et Campagnes Fleuris* contest. Winners of the city's *Maisons Fleuries* contest were announced again before Councillor Stuart Robertson showed slides of their gardens and described why each had won.

Music was provided by a trio of students from the Villa Ste Marcelline: Diane de Kerckhove, 15; Anne Thibaudeau, 16, and Catherine Sperlich, 16. All are Westmount residents.

Coun Joan Rothman officially opened the floral display as commissioner of recreation and culture. She read a description of the exhibit and then invited the public to visit the greenhouses (see story last week).

The display is open weekdays from 10 am to 8 pm and on weekends from 10 am to 5 pm.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the city's plant-growing competition for elementary school children. Each spring, Grade 5 students are invited to visit the greenhouses with their teachers and are instructed on plant care. They are then given a small plant to grow.

At the end of the school year they return the plants to the greenhouses. After judging they are returned to the winners in November.

In 1989, 89 plants were given to St Léon students who returned 48. The 54 percent return earned the school a first-place plaque.

Of 24 plants given to Westmount Park students, 10 (42 percent) were returned for second place.

Roslyn students earned third place standing after 20 returned their plants or 30 percent of 66.

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with the rapidly growing debt, which will be a huge burden on our children.

The other headline said "$4.5 million to ballet opera house." The following story revealed that this federal government handout was the first instalment on a further $70 million for the Toronto extravaganza. No matter how good the opera may be, that kind of handout just can't be justified.

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OLD-FASHIONED TIMEPIECE: St Andrew's School had a special sort of clock delivered to their yard recently. Italian metalworker and sculptor Marcello Benincà has studied the sundials of the ancient Egyptians for about five years. Now he produces beautiful replicas in cast iron, bronze and copper. Seen with a sample of his work are **Mila Oltra**, **Aurelien Guillory** (to whom it was sent from Italy) and **Daniella Benincà**, the artist's wife. Some of the St Andrew's students who will learn to tell time by the sun are Westmounters **Bobby Connolly**, **Dean MacDougall** and **Larissa Jarvis**. The sundial will stay in the schoolyard till spring when it will move to its permanent home in the Eastern Townships. This sundial, which costs about $2,000, is the largest of three sizes Mr Benincà makes. The base is of stone from Vincenza where the Benincàs live. For more information about the sundials, call Mr Guillory at 933-9449.

WHS drama club stages *The test*, of friendships and relationships

WESTMOUNT High School drama club will present The test by drama teacher Philip Corcos Thursday, Nov 23, at 8 pm in the school auditorium.

The play was successfully presented to students several months ago and is being restaged for the general public.

Ten students are in the cast, directed by Mr Corcos. An additional seven students work on the backstage crew and/or are understudies.

The play, about 75 minutes long, tells the story of a group of young hikers who are trapped in a cave by a landslide. The test examines the importance of friendship and other relationships, leading to a surprise ending.

Admission is $2.50 for the general public, $1 for seniors and students.

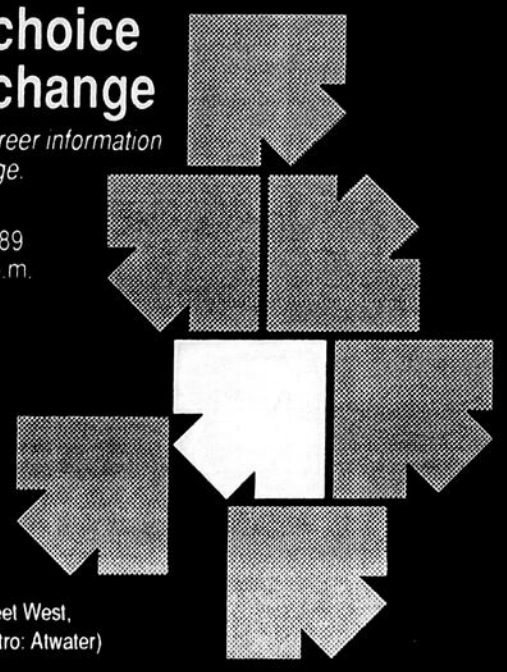
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Kids' author to read at Double Hook

Mary Alice Downie, author of more than 20 children's books, will read from her stories Saturday at 2 pm at Double Hook bookstore, 1235A Greene avenue, following an 11:30 am stint of signing her books in the Canadian book information centre booth at the Salon du Livre at Place Bonaventure.

Ms Downie's recent publications include *How the devil got his cat*, short-listed for the Governor General's award for children's book illustration (by Jillian Hulme Gilliland) and awarded the Canadian Children's Book Centre's Choice Seal, and *The buffalo boy and the weaver girl*.

For information on the reading call 932-5093; for information about Ms Downie and other children's books from Quarry Press call (613) 548-8429.

Math tutoring offered at WHS

Westmount High School students who are making low or failing marks in mathematics are offered free mathematics tutoring sessions Saturday mornings.

Parents are asked to encourage their children who need help to attend.

Students will be offered a one-hour instructional period followed by a two-hour problem session. Section 1 starts at 8 am, Section 2 at 9 am and so on, so that Section 5 starts at noon and finishes its problem session at 3 pm. Classes start Nov 4.

For more information call 933-2701.

Dawson holds career fair

"Career choice/career change" is the theme of a career fair being held at Dawson College, 3040 Sherbrooke street west, Wednesday, Nov 22 from 6:30 to 9 pm.

If you have ever wondered what your life would be like as a graphic designer, computer programmer or physiotherapist, this is your chance to find out by talking with some of the more than 50 people in different careers who will be there to discuss training or re-training. For information call 931-8731.

Key is key in break-in

Jewelry, a camera and a Walkman radio were stolen from a house on Prince Albert avenue south of Sherbrooke street Tuesday last week, police said.

The place was broken into between 9 am and 6:30 pm by smashing a back door window. The door was then unlocked using a key that had been left on the inside of the deadbolt lock.

Study session

Someone broke into The Study over the weekend Nov 4-5 but nothing was reported stolen, police said. The intruder managed to climb undetected through an unlocked window of the girls' school. The person set off a burglar alarm at 10:15 pm Sunday while leaving. Nothing was reported displaced.

Mobile phone

A cellular phone was stolen from a car parked outside 622 Belmont avenue overnight Friday-Saturday, police said. The Motorola unit was valued at $3,000. The car, a Volvo, belonged to a local resident. It was broken into using a coat hanger, causing $300 damage.

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In the neighborhood

by Kathleen Hugessen

Mr A and Ms B — listeners

The offices aren't much.

There's a secretary's office with the requisite desk and desktop computer. The director's office is smaller. Both open off of a central room with a table and shelves and a couple of chairs. There is no discernible *decor*, as such.

Well, one wall is carpeted.

That's because on the other side of that wall is what this place is all about. On the other side of that wall is the Tel-Aide listening room.

It's not much either.

There are booths along each wall and a couch in the middle of the room. A small kitchen opens off the listening room. On its counter are an electric kettle and a coffee machine. The remainder of a pot of coffee is keeping warm. There is a fantastic selection of cookies, their brightly colored packages in a neat row on a shelf below the window.

In the listening room, each booth has a telephone on the service's 935-1101 listening line. Each booth has a binder for logging calls, and information sheets galore posted on the walls. Each booth has a high-backed upholstered swivel desk chair. Each booth has a small adjustable lamp.

Low-light listening

The central fluorescent light is turned off so the room is dim, almost cozy, lit only by the desk lamps in the occupied booths.

The number of booths is not for publication, nor is the number of listeners at work now or at any time. Nor is the location of these offices.

"If people know where we are," says volunteer A, "if people know who we are, it destroys the confidentiality. It destroys the relationship."

Mr A, a Westmount resident, has been a Tel-Aide volunteer for 16 years. "I'm a living monument," he says.

"I've only been doing it about four years," says volunteer B, also a Westmounter.

Both agree confidentiality is key to Tel-Aide's functioning.

Founded in 1971, Tel-Aide is a 24-hour-a-day listening service for people in distress. With a staff of three paid employees and about 300 active volunteers, the organization handled more than 62,000 calls last year.

About one fifth of those calls were from lonely people. Almost as many were for problems of mental illness. Other callers talked about relationships, alcohol or drug abuse, violence, suicide.

Each call is logged. The length and type of call are recorded as are any relevant details. For most, there is no name recorded. For some there is a made-up name or a first name.

"We have no follow up," says Mr A, "no dossier, no records. You can tell us anything."

Listening lessons

New volunteers are constantly being recruited. Not all who apply are accepted. Those that are must go through what Ms B says is "extensive and excellent training." (She is a trainer.)

The training takes five to seven weeks and is followed by a sort of internship on the phones. Even then, not everyone makes it.

"There are people that decide it's not for them," explains Mr A, also a trainer, "or we decide they're better off doing another form of volunteer work. Some people won't buy that listening is an end in itself."

"Some people just can't listen," says Ms B.

Mr A says, "Some find it hard not to give advice and to problem-solve."

Ms B explains, "The idea behind this is the humanistic school of psychotherapy. The person with a problem also has the capability to solve that problem."

So Tel-Aide volunteers listen. They offer no solutions, they give no advice. They just listen.

"It gives people a feeling of self-worth," Mr A says. "What they're saying is worth listening to."

All volunteers work only in their first language. If an English volunteer answers a French caller, the call will be transferred.

Language of listening

Marina Boulos, director of Tel-Aide (hers is the only "public" name), says, "Volunteers are not considered bilingual. You handle calls in only one language. We believe you should listen in the language you're most comfortable with."

It's not the language you speak that's important — it's the language in which you listen.

"Everyone is asked to put in four hours every two weeks plus an overnight every second month," says Mr A.

The bulk of the work is just chatting with lonely people, the elderly and shut-ins.

"I've had lots of very rewarding calls," Ms B says. "I think one of the most important jobs is to be available for very lonely people."

She and Mr A say the calls come more frequently at certain times: in the evenings, on holidays, on grey wet cold days — lonely times.

There are other calls too. Both Mr A and Ms B have had callers who remain in their memories.

"There's a person I've been talking to for about 10 years," Mr A says. "At the beginning she was totally suicidal. We saw her through crises, now she's functional. She works, she has a life. We never gave up on her."

"She never gave up on *us*," Ms B adds.

Mr A nods agreement. "That's worth all the agony," he says.

Listening to kids

Tel-Aide briefly ran a separate service called Tel-A-Friend, for children. Despite active publicity about the service, there were relatively few calls; about 2,000 last year. The name Tel-A-Friend and the number (935-4555) remain, but the service is now amalgamated with Tel-Aide.

Ms B remembers receiving a call from a child.

"I had a call from a nine-year-old boy. He is a battered child and his mother is a battered wife. He's afraid if he tells anybody he'll be taken away from his mother or they'll take away his father.

"He said he can't talk to his teachers or his social worker.

"I found out he goes to Sunday school and he feels very comfortable with the Sunday school teacher."

She suggested that teacher might be a good person to talk to.

"I hope she'll at least get some food in the home. He says there is no food and he hasn't eaten in a while."

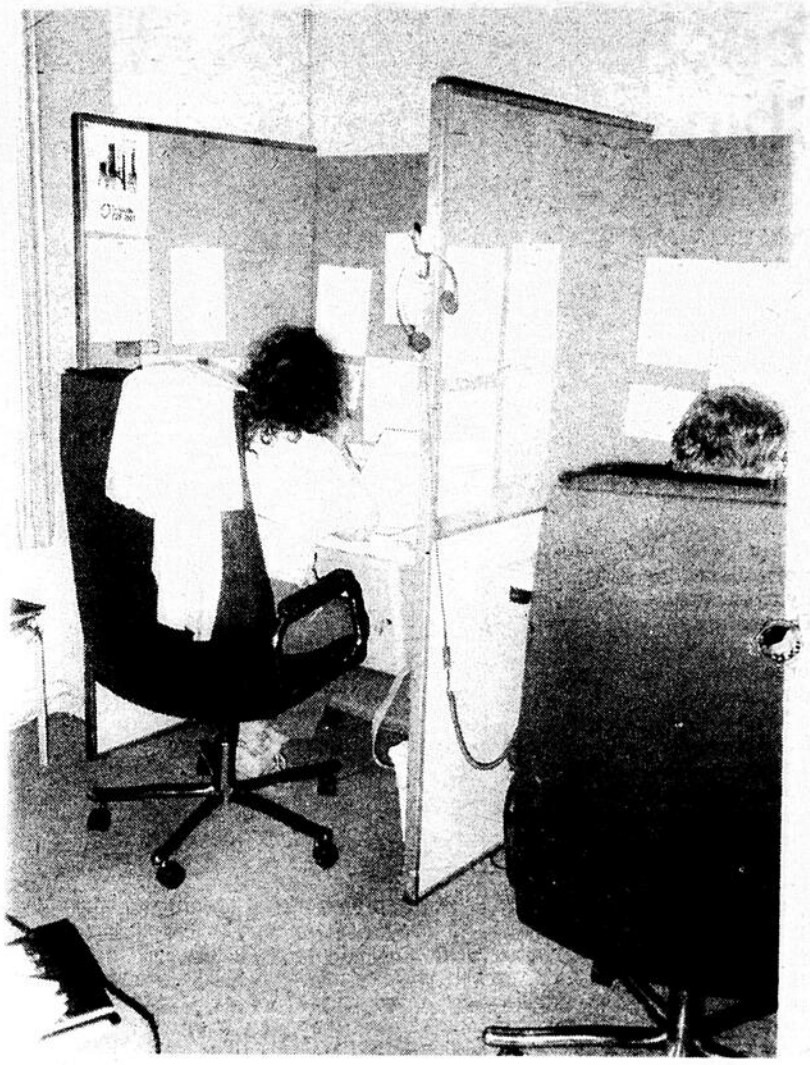
After that call, Ms B says, she spent a few moments with Wimpy, the English secretary's dog. "We had a cuddle and I was better." Then she went back to her phone.

Tel-Aide does not receive funding from Centraide or from the government. Were it to accept Centraide funding, it would not be allowed to fundraise independently and fundraising brings in not only money but volunteers.

Since the organization helps everyone, it is difficult to give it a neat government classification, so it's hard to get government dollars.

It is the volunteers who make Tel-Aide. People like Mr A and Ms B who man the phones in the dimly lit listening room, 24 hours every day.

Tel-Aide is planning renovations in the listening room. Ms Boulos says a plumber and an electrician have already offered their services. Now the organization is looking for donations of gypsum board, cement, nails, paint and so forth — oh, and cookies for the volunteers.



Listeners sit listening in booths at Tel-Aide's offices.

More charges for circular crime

Two additional court charges have been laid against a media-distributing company for violating Westmount's by-law concerning circulars, public safety officers said this week.

The latest charges bring the number filed against the firm to "about five or six."

The new counts stem from material delivered Tuesday, Nov 7, on Metcalfe avenue near Melbourne as well as on Saturday, Nov 11, on York street and on Somerville avenue.

The city's legislation requires that all such unsolicited circulars be pushed completely through mail slots so as not to be visible from the exterior.

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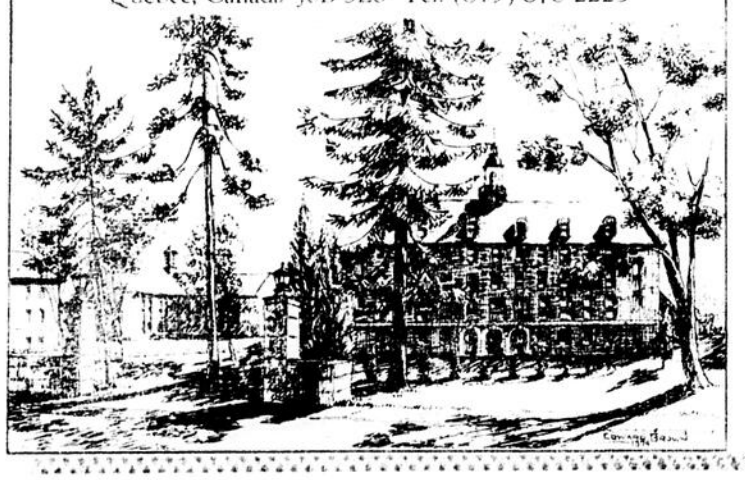
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Teacher and students exhibit Chinese painting at Vic Hall

By KRISTIN SEARFOSS

There is a room on the 10th floor of the Medical Arts Building where people hold brushes made of fox or rabbit hair, grind ink into a stone, and methodically stroke ink or watercolors onto unrolled rice paper.

They are the students of Virginia Chang, who has been teaching the ancient methods of Chinese calligraphy and watercolor painting in Montreal since 1974. Today until Sunday, Nov 19, 23 of Mrs Chang's students, as well as Mrs Chang herself, are exhibiting their work in Victoria Hall. The exhibit/sale runs daily from 11 am to 7 pm.

The exhibit includes seven Westmounters: Edda Bini Mastropasqua, George and Maria Subak, Tanya Mukherjee, Carolina Lobo, Diane de Kerckhov and Arnaud de Kerckhove.

In Mrs Chang's studio two large, square tables are set with eight newspaper-covered plates. The centre of each table holds arrangements of plants, flowers and driftwood. On the walls, there are framed pieces of Chinese calligraphy and watercolor paintings. Propped up against chairs and a bookcase, framed student work waits to be hung in Victoria Hall. There are two dancing figures by 15-year-old Diane de Kerckhove, a shimmering landscape by Carolina Lobo painted on mother-of-pearl paper, and two still lifes by Edda Bini Mastropasqua.



From left, Arnaud de Kerckhove Varent, Carolina Lobo and their 15-year-old daughter **Diane de Kerckhove** are among the Westmounters who will be displaying their watercolors at the Chinese painting exhibition at Victoria Hall until Sunday.

Personal attention

This is where eight students with varying degrees of experience come on Saturday mornings to work at their own pace with Mrs Chang's personal attention. The classes are also available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

While the students grind their ink and unroll the rice paper, Mrs Chang explains to me that since the painting is based on calligraphy, her classes always begin with calligraphy to warm up. The hard fox hair brushes are the best ones for writing Chinese characters.

Mrs Chang says, "At first you have to learn how to hold your brush. That's why I teach them to do calligraphy. When you just come, you are not settled yet, so calligraphy makes you calm."

Unlike most western brushes, the Chinese ones taper down to a fine point when dipped in water and squeezed. Students must learn the most mundane, but essential, of skills: brushes are held completely vertically, and they are to be moved by the wrist, not the fingers. Chinese calligraphy depends on the individual brush strokes, each of which has a purpose and even a meaning.

After the students have practised characters like those representing heaven, soil or the four seasons, they bring out their Chinese watercolor paints and their soft rabbit hair brushes.

Carolina Lobo has written how, with one brush stroke, the artist can still shade colors. The brush is dipped into three shades of a color and then applied tip first onto the paper, with a downward motion.

Ms de Kerckhove is painting a blue vase with flowers while her father experiments with a new method of painting sumacs, admitting he is obsessed with them. Every once in a while he stands on his stool to get an overhead view of the emerging autumn-colored leaves.

Ms Mastropasqua shows me a sketchbook filled for her by Mrs Chang. It holds models for a long progression of subjects the students learn how to paint. Mrs Chang makes a book of her paintings for each student so they can learn the strokes and colors. Ms Mastropasqua's book begins with peach blossoms and goes to bamboo leaves, fir trees, birds, weeping willows, insects, fish, wisteria and peonies.

Contrary to Western methods, paintings in which an outline is drawn and then filled in with color are the last learned. The color and shape of each stroke is the basis; outlines are left until the student has mastered the foundation. The concept of coloring books for children is obviously very western.

Ms Mastropasqua says this class has given her more respect for other cultures.

Chinese calligraphy and painting demand that the artist acquire a new set of artistic assumptions and practices. Artists learn that you must wash the brushes often, that western watercolor paper won't work for Chinese paintings, and that there is even a correct order in which you paint individual bamboo leaves on a stem.

Foundation first

Asked which is more important in Chinese art — uniformity or originality — Mrs Chang answers, "Both are important, but if you don't have a foundation, you cannot paint as Chinese painters. Then, you can develop your own style."

While general themes in Chinese painting have remained the same for centuries, Mrs Chang says artists do more work from nature now, and use brighter colors.

Mrs Chang's western students find they sometimes adapt Chinese painting to Western art. Ms Lobo says, "If you restricted yourself to Chinese methods you couldn't be as expressive. But you do try to keep the fluidity and the single brush stroke."

Painting the leaves and stem of a begonia into a student's sketchbook, Mrs Chang says, "You can use your imagination."

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Penguins shut out Canucks in 5-0 atom hockey win

By WARREN VALDMANIS

With two goals in the game, star Penguin winger Justin West led his team to a 5-0 victory over the Canucks last Saturday in Westmount's atom hockey league.

The Penguins, a team with an intense offense, began pressuring Canuck goalie Oliver Lavery early in the match. Lavery had to be sharp to turn away many Penguin rushes by such forwards as Joseph McLean and Oliver Bowser.

At 3:36 he was finally beaten. Picking up a loose puck near the blue line, West beat Lavery with a high shot from the slot, making the score 1-0 Penguins.

Lavery and the Canuck defense, including Doug Hayami and Jason Retter, did a surprisingly good job of limiting the fierce Penguins to only two goals in the second period. What little offense the Canucks did exhibit in the first period disappeared and the Penguins gained complete control over the neutral zone.

At 12:24 winger Karl Herva made the score 2-0 Penguins when he one-timed a pass from teamate Alex Kenny. Lavery must have made 10 breathtaking saves before he was beaten once more at 0:45, this time by Seiji Cooper on a pass from Herba. The second period ended with the score 3-0 Penguins.

The beginning of the third period brought much of the same. The Penguins controlled, and at 13:10 brought their lead to 4-0 on a goal by Kenny.

At around the 10-minute mark, the Canuck offense finally kicked itsef into gear. Evoking images of Wayne Gretzky, Canuck forward Robert Finkelstein led his team on several threatening rushes. Penguin goalie Greg Stutman, however, was determined to preserve his shut-out. He turned away many Canuck attempts, including break-aways by Tim Prendergass and Tal Pinchevsky. The Canucks went away empty-handed.

At 4:54 West took all remaining wind out of the Canuck sails. He scored on a break-away to make the final score 5-0 Penguins.

If you are healthy, remember to give the gift of life. Be a Red Cross blood donor.



Photo by OWEN EGAN

SKATING FOR OTHER KIDS: Westmount Scouting groups and friends will skate Saturday to help medical reseach at the Montreal Children's and Ste Justine's hospitals. Anyone who would like to skate, but can't, is encouraged to delegate the effort to a child. Two of the Cubs who will participate in the annual Skate-a-thon are **Michael Haslam**, left, and **Zeb Brunengraber**. Both have been collecting pledges for the event which starts at 4 pm in the arena, earlier than originally scheduled.

Second children's concert features Geordie *FYTUTY2*

From you to us to you two is presented by Geordie Productions at Victoria Hall Sunday at 3:30 pm, as part of the recreation department's children's concert series.

Westmounter Elsa Bolam is artistic director of Geordie Productions. The original revue was directed by Corey Castle. The cast includes Amanda Strawn, Jennifer Morehouse, Marc Ruell and Pierre Beaudreau.

Youngsters from such schools as Roslyn, St George's and the Priory contributed material to the script.

This original children's review is based entirely on stories and poems selected from more than 600 submitted by Montreal-area elementary school children during Geordie's 1988 creative writing challenge. These insightful and sometimes very funny pieces focus on the themes of troubles, triumphs and tomorrow and express a decidedly honest and refreshing point of view.

Produced in collaboration with Double Take Theatre, *FYTUTY2* is a kid's eye view of today's world.

Tire attack

Two tires were slashed on a car parked outside 625 Carleton avenue overnight Friday-Saturday, police said. Damage was estimated at $300. The tires had been punctured several times. The car is a gold 1989 Honda.

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Boston teams in town for friendship hockey

Players on Westmount's four inter-city hockey teams are gearing themselves up for the third annual Westmount-Cape Ann friendship tournament this weekend.

Four teams of visiting players from the Cape Ann Youth Hockey Association in the Boston area arrive tomorrow afternoon to a welcoming reception with Mayor May Cutler at Westmount city hall. A light dinner will follow.

Most of the players will then be billeted with Westmount families. The youngest ones, at the novice level, will be staying at a downtown hotel with their parents.

Games are scheduled at the Westmount arena Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. On Saturday morning the players and parents of both teams will go on a tour of the Montreal Forum. And that night, the players from the bantam and pee wee levels will attend the Canadiens' game against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Cape Ann is an amalgamation of two communities on the north shore of Boston: Gloucester and Rockport. The teams came to Westmount two years ago and Westmount's hockey teams went there for a weekend tournament last winter.

Fans are encouraged to attend the upcoming matches and cheer on their teams. Following is the game schedule:

- Friday, Nov 17: pee wee at 7:30 pm and bantam at 8:30 pm;
- Saturday, Nov 18: novice at 1 pm, atom at 2 pm and pee wee at 3 pm;
- Sunday, Nov 19: novice at 8:30 am, atom at 9:30 am and bantam at 10:30 am. Awards will be presented at 11:30 am.

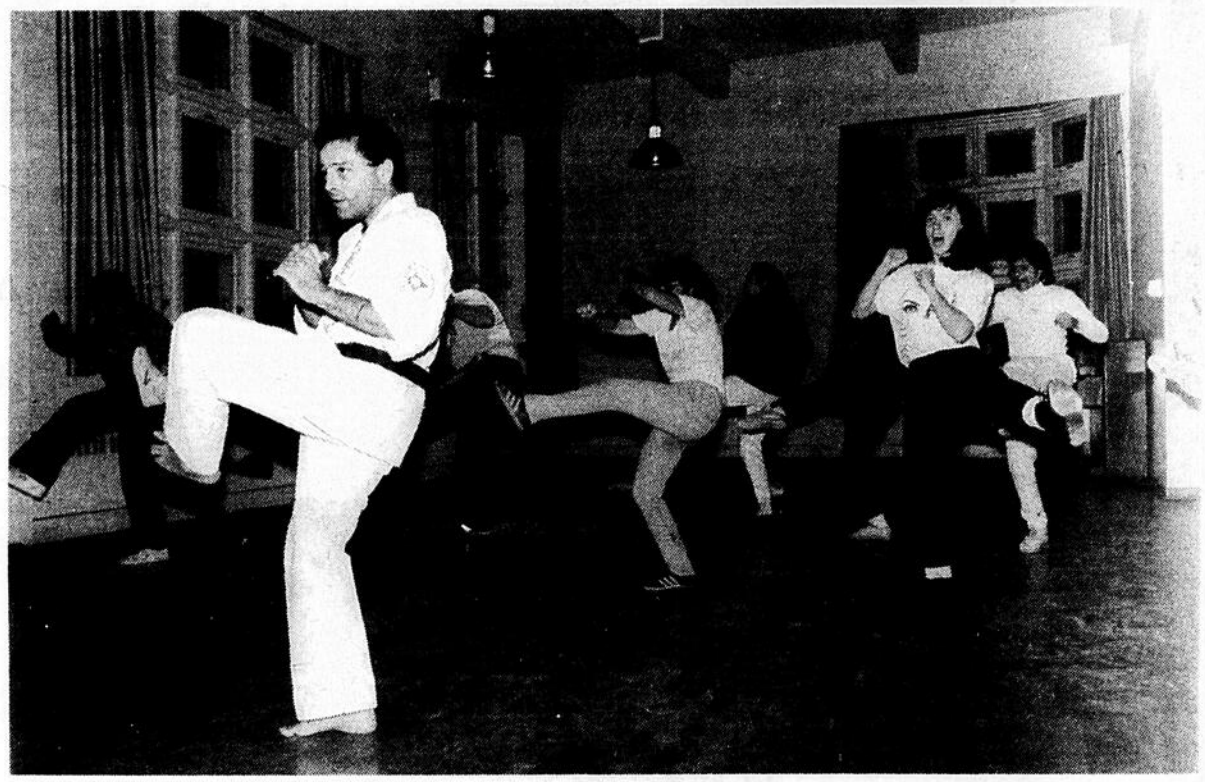
Graduates kicked out in self-defence

Sixteen local residents graduated from the city's basic self-defence course for adults Wednesday evening last week in the east lounge at Victoria Hall. Participants were tested and presented with certificates at the end of the eight-week program.

In his parting words, the sensei (Japanese for "instructor") Manuel Tadros said: "I hope you won't go out on the streets and use what you've learned here. It's just for an emergency and I hope you'll never have to use it."

Successfully completing the course were Caroll Abelson, Rosemarie Asch, Joyce Boro, Louise Boucher, Lilly Dabby, Deborah Kajaks, Gail Keefe, Chantalle Kirdsizadeh, Maureen Maher, Anna Marley, Carol Martz, Robert Morgan, Carmen Sandler, Evelyn Schacter, Yolanda Somerville and Amanda Widget.

Anyone interested in self-defence can sign up for the new session scheduled to begin in January. Call Stephen Guy at the recreation department at 935-8531, local 212, for more information.



Sensei **Manuel Tadros** leads the self-defence class last week in Victoria Hall.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey leagues as of Saturday, November 11:

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
NOVICE							
Dragons	5	3	1	1	13	13	7
Canadiens	4	3	1	0	24	7	6
Bears	6	2	2	2	23	23	6
Guards	5	0	4	1	9	26	1
ATOM							
Penguins	5	4	1	0	16	8	8
Canadiens	5	3	2	0	22	18	6
Nordiques	6	3	3	0	20	20	6
Canucks	6	1	5	0	14	26	2
PEEWEE							
Canadiens	4	2	1	1	17	16	5
Capitals	4	2	1	1	18	13	5
Seals	4	1	3	0	15	21	2
SENIOR A							
Stars	8	6	2	0	44	23	12
Wanderers	8	5	2	1	40	14	11
Flames	8	4	2	2	29	19	10
Sabres	8	2	5	1	29	37	5
Bruins	8	1	7	0	13	62	2
SENIOR B							
Hawks	6	6	0	0	33	15	12
Devils	6	3	1	2	22	15	8
Fathers	6	2	2	2	26	25	6
Aces	6	2	2	2	14	16	6
Flyers	6	3	3	0	15	21	6
Kings	6	1	4	1	20	26	3
Oilers	6	0	5	1	15	27	1

Li'l bike blue

A blue bicycle found last Thursday at de Maisonneuve boulevard and Atwater avenue was reported to have been taken to local MUC police station 23 to be claimed.

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