

# A year of once-unthinkable change ends decade of change in Westmount

IT WAS Westmount's year of glory and dissent. A year fit to close a decade of municipal revolt, upheaval and reform.

The cries for change from the Allen Nutiks, the John Johnsons and the Sally Aitkens that led off the '80s seemed to explode on all fronts in 1989.

Who could have imagined Westmount's mayor and council fighting so bitterly in public? Or Westmount entering trusteeship to battle MUC assessments?

Who would believe that Westmounters

would defy Bourassa at the polls or that trusty city workers could ever picket city hall?

But voters and workers felt insecure. They remembered broken promises and lost benefits. In 1989, the turkeys and hams of Christmases past had come home to roost.

Politically, old attitudes that had been so doggedly defended at city hall in the early '80s were suddenly abandoned. City council responded to age-old demands of various

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

interest groups and it was almost as if Westmount's own Berlin Wall had collapsed.

Indeed, why not fence the dog runs?

Why not update the library?

Why not open it on summer weekends?

Issues which only 10 years earlier had been deemed not of municipal concern in Westmount, now dominated debate and were transformed into reality.

Why not force landlords to maintain their buildings?

Why not embrace garbage recycling and other environmental issues?

And why not declare Westmount a nuclear-free zone?

The city promoted a home-gardening contest. It competed with other cities and, in a blaze of glory, swept the province's beautification awards to become *Ville Fleurie du Québec 1989*.

The new attitudes of mayor and council reflected the mood of a changing community

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## City power system withstands demands over holiday season

Turkeys got cooked and houses stayed warm over the holidays as Westmounters escaped power blackouts from load-shedding operations.

Though some isolated electrical outages occurred for brief periods due to "worn-out connections," deliberate power cuts were not necessary between the Christmas and New Year season, power officials report.

This was attributed to the city's redistribution of electrical loads, the holiday exodus of some residents and efforts by others to conserve power at peak periods of the day as requested.

## Trent remains only candidate for by-election

With only one more week to go before the close of nominations for city council's vacant ward 2 seat, Peter Trent remains the only declared candidate.

Mr Trent was expected to sign his nomination papers yesterday at 3 pm at city hall.

The procedure makes his candidacy official. If no one else contests the seat in the by-election set for Feb 4, Mr Trent will be elected by acclamation next Friday, Jan 12, at 4:30 pm.

In accordance with Quebec's new municipal elections act, Mr Trent would have to be sworn in within 30 days (of being declared elected). The next council meeting scheduled for Monday, Jan 15, is a likely date, city officials said.

Though freezing rain Jan 1 caused blackouts in many Montreal areas, "it did not affect us," said Westmount power director Daniel Ponzo.

The most major power failure hit the Reddy Memorial Hospital and several other large buildings when a City of Westmount transformer burnt behind Gladstone avenue and St Catherine street at 3:30 am Wednesday Dec 20.

This tripped one of the city's main 12-kilovolt circuits at a breaker in the Poste Maisonneuve station of Hydro-Québec. This line directly supplies the hospital, all of Westmount Square, Dawson's Atwater campus, RCMP headquarters, the Royal Bank Data Centre and the office building at Gladstone and St Catherine.

All, except Westmount Square, were transferred onto other feeders by 6:30 am, Mr Ponzo explained. Westmount Square encountered problems with their own switching gear and did not receive electricity until about 9 am.

On Thursday, Dec 21, power had to be shut down in the area of Braeside Place and Clarke avenue north of de Maisonneuve boulevard from 9:20 am to 11:25 am for routine maintenance but residents had been given advance warning.

Westmount's fire station on Stanton street had to resort to emergency generators Monday evening, Dec 29, when circuit 22P tripped due to a fault in the line. Selwyn House School was also affected and both were shifted to standby circuits.

Buildings east to the Olivier substation encountered a 45-second blackout when that occurred, Mr Ponzo said.

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## Police appeal for witnesses:

# Delays hamper investigation of fatal traffic accident

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Witnesses are urgently sought in connection with a hit-and-run accident that killed a pedestrian at Olivier avenue and St Catherine street only four days before Christmas.

Citizen help is vital in leading police to the unknown vehicle since police were not dispatched to the scene until emergency vehicles, and possible witnesses, had departed, investigators say.

The mishap is the first traffic fatality in Westmount since 1986.

Local police director Pierre Vézina told THE EXAMINER he is calling for an immediate investigation into the delay by central dispatching in sending police after they had received the call from 911.

Though no cars from local station 23 had been available to respond at the time, he explained, he wants to know why none were sent from another station in accordance with standard procedures.

The accident claimed the life of Vera Horvat, a 50-year-old Longueuil mother of five who was found lying on Olivier near the post office shortly after 2:41 pm.

### Christmas shopping

"She was buying gifts for Christmas," her daughter Mariana told THE EXAMINER.

Mrs Horvat often came to Westmount to visit many friends here, added her son, Stanley.

Though police were not in attendance, the victim was reported to have been rushed to hospital in cardiac arrest by Urgences Santé. Westmount firefighter Earl Graham accompanied her in the ambulance administering CPR en route, fire officials said.

The victim was declared dead soon after arrival at the Montreal General Hospital, confirmed police investigator Luc Desjardins of the hit-and-run squad.

He said she had injuries to the ribs and upper part of the body. The exact cause of death will not be known until the autopsy report is available from the coroner's office, closed over the holiday period.

Cst Desjardins, who was immediately assigned to fulltime investigation of the accident, attributed a

"frustrating" series of delays in gathering information to holiday closures and shift schedules of emergency workers.

"We are appealing to anyone who might have witnessed the actual impact to come forward," he said.

### Call in information

Anyone with information, he said, should contact him at 280-3326, or Director Vézina at 280-2323 or THE EXAMINER at 932-3157.

He has already questioned a number of people who were known to have converged on the scene soon after, but none had seen the actual impact or vehicle. Among them were RCMP personnel who had watched from their offices across St Catherine street as Urgences Santé removed the woman.

None could provide the missing pieces to the puzzle.

It is too soon to know whether the woman had been crossing Olivier where she was found or whether she might have been thrown up from St Catherine street by the impact, he said.

A passerby who found the woman alerted workers at the nearby Westmount Dépanneur. They called 911.

At 2:41 pm, fire officials said, they received the call from Urgences Santé for a car accident. On arrival, they found an ambulance at the scene where a woman was in cardiac arrest.

The first responder crew assisted technicians in putting the woman onto the stretcher and carried out CPR en route to the hospital. Fire department records show they put through an immediate call for police.

A police car was not sent to the scene until 2:59 pm though police central dispatching had received the call from 911 at 2:43 pm, Dir Vézina confirmed.

By the time police arrived, everyone at the scene was gone. Even attempts to question Urgences Santé personnel were in vain. Their shift had ended and they had gone home.

Funeral services were held for the victim Saturday, Dec 23. She is survived by her husband, Stanislav, and five children ranging in age from 16 to 28.



Vera Horvat

## None impaired, many thanks, at spot checks

The holiday season passed without any drivers being charged with impaired driving on Westmount streets, police report.

When police stopped 658 cars during spot checks on Dec 9 and 13, no one was arrested for any infraction. Officers found drivers to be very cooperative, said Sergeant Hubert Rodrigue in releasing the results of the operation.

"People were very happy we were checking and many even thanked us," he said.

During checks Dec 9 on Sherbrooke street at both Victoria and Clarke avenues, police stopped 268 cars. On the 13th, another 390 were checked at Grosvenor avenue and The Boulevard.

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**Fire/Incendie  
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**WESTMOUNT  
Community  
Calendar**

**Sunday, Jan 7**

**Reading:** Children's reading of Anne Turnbull's *The sand horse* and other horse tails at 10 am at Oink Oink!  
**Heal the child within:** Self-help group for adults working on personal growth and dysfunctional family patterns meets weekly at Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street west, at 7 pm. 937-4392.

**Monday, Jan 8**

**Textile bazaar:** exhibit at Galerie des 5 continents, 1225 Greene avenue, to Feb 3. 931-3174.  
**Dance classes** for all ages start at Greene Avenue Community Centre this week. 932-2389.

**Wednesday, Jan 10**

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

**COMING UP**

**Jan 13:** First aid workshop for kids at the Greene Avenue Community Centre at 11:30 am with Red Cross instructor Lisa Faustini and her Urgences Santé partner. \$1. Children under six must be accompanied by an adult or babysitter. Sponsored by La Cache.

**Poor distribution  
draws complaints**

Three complaints were received before Christmas by the Public Security Unit regarding newspapers improperly inserted into mail slots, officers report. Two regarded delivery Dec 19 of *The Hampstead Herald* on Belmont and Arlington avenues. Another concerned delivery of *The Downtowner* Dec 20 on Holton avenue.

The complaints are to be referred to city hall under the city's by-law respecting the delivery of unsolicited circulars.

Advertising flyers also came in for complaint Saturday, Dec 30, for distribution on Lansdowne avenue north of Sherbrooke street.

**Slip, slide, slither, skid:  
icy days affect even police**

ICY streets and sidewalks in Westmount early New Year's Day resulted in at least three mishaps, two involving police.

The first accident involved a cruiser going to the assistance of another car at Montrose and Mountain avenues at 2:30 am. It slipped sideways into the 1983 Pontiac. The car had been stopped on the sidewalk at the southeast corner.

Soon after, Cst Witold Brylowski, 32, fell on the sidewalk at Montrose and Church Hill, hurting his back. Officials said he refused to go to hospital. He had been responding to a call at the time.

Earlier in the night, at 11:46 pm New Year's Eve, public safety officers went to the aid of an Anwoth road woman who had left her car outside 444 Clarke avenue after it had struck the sidewalk. She feared taking it down the hill and was assisted home.

Freezing rain turned pavements to ice causing many treacherous areas, PSOs explained. Difficulties were reported in obtaining manpower over the holiday to carry out required sanding.

**Who's  
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The following building permits were issued at Westmount city hall recently:

**Dec 18**

4896 Sherbrooke: for Cervino Coin by Blanchard Inc, plumbing, six fixtures, \$5,200;  
61 Columbia: for A. Borowczyk by Electra Plumbing, plumbing alterations, 10 fixtures, \$5,000;  
661 Victoria: for James L. Henry by self, deck, \$4,500;

**Dec 19**

137 Irvine: for N. Lemieux by Plomberie Denis Thibault, plumbing, four fixtures, no cost given on permit application;

**Dec 21**

516 Argyle: for Kruger by Borenstein, plumbing alterations (basement), \$5,000;  
1 Wood, No 2202: for Bryant Bramson by self, alterations, \$100,000;  
4400 Côte des Neiges: for Texaco Canada Inc by self, signs, \$25,000;

**Dec 22**

130 Lewis: for Robert Martin by self, fireplace, \$4,200.

**Snow shoved out  
early and badly**

Court charges are expected to be laid in connection with snow removal at Westmount Medical Building Dec 27, public safety officers said. The action follows a noise complaint by a resident of Claremont avenue at 4:55 am.

When officers responded to the building on Sherbrooke street just west of Claremont, they found a front end loader depositing snow on the street.

A bank of snow measuring seven feet high, 10 feet wide and 12 feet long had been piled in metered space reserved for parking by handicapped individuals. The contractor was reported unable to produce a Westmount work permit.

**Hibachi not for  
indoor cuisine**

Tenants of an apartment at 4123 de Maisonneuve were cautioned about the dangers of barbecuing inside after smoke was smelled on the first floor Saturday night, fire officials report.

A hibachi was found in use in a fireplace when firefighters were called to the place at 11:02 pm. It had been fueled by a piece of wood and was extinguished.

**Two false alarms from apartments**

Westmount firefighters were called out twice over the holidays to false alarms in the apartment building at 376 Redfern avenue. In both instances pullstations were activated by unknown persons, fire officials said.

Since the building is coded for automatic mutual aid response, each alarm also summoned smoke-eaters

from two other neighboring municipalities. On each occasion they were turned back once the nature of the problem was determined.

The first false alarm was rung in Thursday afternoon, Dec 21, at 2:03 pm when two pullstations were triggered. The second came at 2:38 pm Boxing Day.

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## Where were they going?

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

### Dec 19

4:49 am: Opposite 806 Upper Belmont, water leaking from sidewalk;  
 7:57 am: 638 Clarke, smoke detector activated accidentally by children;  
 8:23 am: 4010 St Catherine, mutual aid assistance from Côte St Luc, flood in building from broken pipe, (see story Dec 21);  
 12:48 pm: 495 Grosvenor, blocked chimney;  
 7:27 pm: 345 Victoria, people trapped in elevator;  
 10:57 pm: 311 Kensington, service call, smoke in house from fireplace lit with damper closed;

### Dec 20

4:10 am: 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, flood in boiler room from valve left open;  
 12:07 pm: 4 Somerville, flood, broken sprinkler pipe (see story Dec 21);  
 12:21 pm: 500 Roslyn, service call, chimney problem;  
 1:33 pm: 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 1:47 pm, false alarm, prank call for fire;

### Dec 21

5:40 am: 5500 Adalbert, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 5:45 am;  
 6:15 am: 375 Grosvenor, first responder unit;  
 9:08 am: 399 Clarke, first responder unit;  
 2:03 pm: 376 Redfern, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and St Laurent cancelled at 2:15 pm;  
 2:14 pm: Olivier and St Catherine, first responder unit, fatal traffic accident (see story);  
 3:56 pm: 314 Roslyn, fireplace smoking, closed damper;  
 7:48 pm: 1 Westmount Square, code 3 automatic mutual aid assistance from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 8:02 pm, sprinkler alarm mistakenly activated by workmen;

### Dec 22

4:16 am: 250 Kensington, first responder unit;

### Dec 23

2:18 am: 6 Sunnyside, first responder unit;  
 12:45 pm: 3 Westmount Square, burst plumbing (see flood story);  
 3:01 pm: 4860 Sherbrooke, Pom'cannelle, burst plumbing (see flood story);  
 4:46 pm: 4476 St Catherine, code 3 auto-

matic mutual aid assistance from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 5:01 pm, smoke in corridor from defective fireplace in apt 104;  
 8:37 pm: 564 Claremont, first responder unit;

### Dec 24

6:14 am: 111 Blenheim, first responder unit;  
 1:29 pm: 4785 Sherbrooke, Spatches restaurant, broken sprinkler pipe (see flood story);  
 3:27 pm: 267 Olivier, broken sprinkler pipe (see flood story);  
 9:32 pm: 4560 St Catherine, open tap (see flood story);  
 9:42 pm: 4560 St Catherine, odor of natural gas;

### Dec 25

9:20 am: 4785 Sherbrooke, Spatches restaurant, burst water main (see flood story);  
 10:17 am: 4060 St Catherine, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 10:24 am, probable defective alarm;  
 12:25 pm: 1 Westmount Square, Greene entrance, code 3 automatic mutual aid assistance from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 12:33 pm, burst sprinkler pipe (see flood story);  
 1:05 pm: 463 Strathcona, broken pipe from dishwasher (see flood story);  
 2:25 pm: 48 Holton, smoke detector activated by smoke from fireplace being lit with damper closed;  
 2:27 pm: 416 Grosvenor, water leak in duplex (see flood story);

### Dec 26

7:40 am: 308 Lansdowne, burst pipe (see flood story);  
 7:45 am: 308 Victoria, false alarm (call to above);  
 1:41 pm: 4932 Sherbrooke, burst plumbing (see flood story);  
 2:38 pm: 376 Redfern, code 3 automatic mutual aid assistance from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 2:45 pm, false alarm (see story);  
 4:52 pm: 4927 Sherbrooke, flood (see flood story);  
 9:44 pm: 5500 Adalbert, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 9:46 pm;  
 10:15 pm: 596 Belmont, smoke detector activated when draft regulator on heating system stuck open;  
 10:44 pm: 20 Thornhill, burst plumbing at 18 Thornhill (see flood story);

### Dec 27

1:26 am: 65 St Sulpice, burglar alarm;  
 8:19 pm: 482 Mount Pleasant, water leak from broken bathroom tap;

### Dec 28

6:40 am: 347 Victoria, flood, broken heater pipe (see flood story);  
 8:33 am: 74 Summit Circle, flood, burst pipe (see flood story);  
 9:03 am: 407 Clarke, water leak in street;  
 4:27 pm: 5800 Cavendish, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:36 pm;  
 10:15 pm: 4643 Sherbrooke, apt 17, water leak under bathroom sink;

### Dec 29

8:31 am: 789 Upper Belmont, first responder unit;  
 9:19 am: 619 Sydenham, defective oil furnace;  
 3:59 pm: 4504 St Catherine, strange odor (see story);  
 4:09 pm: 231 Clarke, smoke scare, steam from dryer vent;

### Dec 30

9:31 am: 499 Victoria, broken radiator;  
 1:18 pm: King George Park, first responder unit (see story);  
 2:26 pm: 35 Aberdeen, smoke detector activated;  
 4:29 pm: 7910 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled;  
 11:02 pm: 4123 de Maisonneuve, apt 17, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 11:17 pm, barbecue (see story);

### Dec 31

7:33 am: 30 Lincroft, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Hampstead cancelled at 7:39 am;  
 9:33 am: 285 Clarke, apt 102, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 9:39 am, false alarm;  
 12:39 pm: 5900 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 12:47 pm;  
 2:56 pm: 374 Kitchener, electrical wire down;  
 3:32 pm: 245 Melville, leaking roof;  
 4:57 pm: 4216 de Maisonneuve, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 5:05 pm, burst pipe leaking into smoke detector (see flood story);  
 5:34 pm: 372 Kitchener, water leaking from snow on skylight;  
 6:23 pm: 609 Carleton, burst pipe (see flood story);  
 8:14 pm: 609 Carleton, burst pipe (see above);  
 8:44 pm: 423 Mount Pleasant, burst radiator pipe;  
 9:26 pm: 4585 Sherbrooke, YMCA, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 9:36 pm, sprinkler alarm activated by surge in water pressure;

### Jan 1

1:12 am: 5555 Trent, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 1:30 am;  
 9:05 am: 521 Lansdowne, burst plumbing (see flood story);  
 2:22 pm: 157 Edgehill, burst plumbing (see flood story);  
 4:32 pm: 5550 Trent, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:37 pm;  
 5:12 pm: 410 Victoria, first responder unit (see story);  
 7:46 pm: 347 Kensington, furnace problem;

### Jan 2

10:02 am: 4634 St Catherine, burst plumbing (see flood story);  
 11:04 am: 21 Springfield, delayed furnace ignition;  
 5:57 pm: 784 Upper Lansdowne, burst plumbing (see flood story);

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## Westmount's first baby of 1990 being sought

THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER is looking for Westmount's first baby of 1990. For the eighth consecutive year, THE EXAMINER and local merchants and businesses have combined to offer the first baby of the year an array of gifts worth several hundred dollars.

The prizes will go to the baby born earliest in 1990 to parents living in the City of Westmount. As of yesterday, no word of any local blessed event had reached us.

Anyone wishing to report a new 1990 arrival and enter the contest is asked to contact THE EXAMINER by calling 932-3157.

## Trusting lad is waiting for return of special sled

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A 12-year-old boy called Stephen is hoping that a woman who promised to drive his new "snowracer" sled home from King George Park just before New Year's will return it soon.

Stephen's mother told THE EXAMINER her son had received it for Christmas and is heartbroken at its disappearance.

She believes her son inadvertently gave the "good Samaritan" the wrong address after his friend, Danny, had struck a tree while the two boys were sliding at the park Dec 30.

The woman, who is known only by her last name, is asked to contact Stephen either through THE EXAMINER or through MUC police constable Michel Caza at 280-2823.

The incident, which had started off as a fun day in the park for the two youngsters, quickly turned to disaster when Danny, 11, struck a tree while riding on his rubber tube.

He had been sliding on the extreme west of the hill where, according to public safety officers, snow fencing is supposed to prohibit such activity.

The injured lad is believed to have broken his leg, they said. He was treated by the officers as well as the fire department's first responder unit until Urgences Santé arrived at

the scene and took the boy to hospital.

Meanwhile, a woman who had been very helpful in getting help for the boys, according to Stephen's mother, extended her helping hand again. Since Stephen was left with the two sliding devices, the woman offered to drive his fancy snowracer home.

He lives at the corner of two streets and apparently mixed up civic number and street. Though the woman apparently called the victim's home asking for Stephen's phone number, she has not been heard from since, explained the boy's mother.

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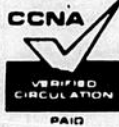
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## We Say

# Energy failures

WESTMOUNT's light and power problems may, as claimed, not be directly related to the scandal of Hydro-Québec.

But the outages which marred the pre-Christmas season for upper level residents stem from the same kind of official incompetence and ignorant political involvement in this essential utility, locally and provincially alike.

Both situations have been characterized by double-talk, evasion and contempt for the public.

QUEBECERS of all stripes had been brought up to believe that this province, whatever may be its other qualities or other deficiencies, is blessed with the most abundant and cheapest hydro-electric power resources in the world.

This confident boast was reinforced by the claim that Hydro-Québec was among the most advanced power utilities anywhere, that it was looked to as a world leader in the technology of generation and reliable transmission of electricity.

Energy was supposed to be the big attraction for industry here, because of low rates, assured and abundant supply and a corporate excellence and integrity with which all could deal with benefit.

These things are not so.

WESTMOUNTERS long had believed that their local city administration could not be surpassed anywhere and that, along with that, our unique municipal electricity and power department was a model of efficiency, planning and service.

Disillusion has overcome more and more citizens in recent years with less and less professionalism and ability characterizing the overall management of the city. Now the deterioration is manifesting itself in one municipal operation which heretofore had been regarded as the soundest of all: electricity.

The pre-Christmas outages, also known as load-shedding and even more mysteriously to the uninitiated in power distribution as load-balancing, add up to a smokescreen at the top for bad planning, error, incompetence, indifference, coasting on reputation and plain bad management.

Despite official explanations, prepared statements, hastily-produced brochures and plain baffle, the citizens of the affected parts of Westmount — ironically, the payers of the biggest individual property tax and power bills — have been let down badly. That Westmount, of all plac-

es, could be found so wanting in a situation apparently of its own making made it all the more shocking to those directly affected as well as other citizens.

The Westmount situation, by official admission, had nothing to do with the problems which its bulk power supplier, Hydro-Québec, has been having of late with its unionized workers.

APART from labor trouble, Hydro-Québec is mired in what must be regarded as a scandal which is becoming increasingly infuriating to those who are its primary customers: Quebec's citizens (and voters). The energy resources of our great rivers belong, first and foremost, to the people of Quebec. They should be the first beneficiaries of this abundance.

The present premier has put his own people last. Mr Bourassa is obsessed with the idea of selling enormous blocks of power to the states below our border to make great gobs of money for Hydro which will accrue to the provincial treasury as dividends.

Using this great utility as a revenue milchcow has been a growing practice for some time. Electricity rates for domestic users are pushed ever higher while generous concessions are made to U.S. utilities in exchange for long-term contracts. The province's users, including most of its industrial customers, are beginning to realize that they have become patsies for this premier's dreams of economic genius.

NOT only are Hydro rates continually going up, underwriting lower export rates, but unbelievably we are running our developed resources shy of meeting both contract commitments and real in-province power needs.

Who would have thought that, by the government's own admission, we have had to buy large amounts of electricity from other provinces? This apparently has been going on now for at least six weeks since the onset of the just-broken spell of extreme cold and the entirely-to-be-expected rise in demand.

We learn from sources in New Brunswick, that "have-not" province which has come to Quebec's rescue, that visiting Hydro-Québec officials have admitted that they also have cut delivered voltages to some parts of this province by as much as five percent during the cold snap — at the very time full strength was needed by Hydro customers for comfort and even safety.

It is no secret that big Quebec industrial

users are being encouraged to use alternative sources of energy to cut their consumption. Everywhere household users, once encouraged to convert to "cheap" electricity, are being penalized by exorbitant rates being applied to their consumption over a certain, relatively modest level. Particularly hard hit are those who heat with electricity.

What kind of business is it that thus discourages customers from using its product?!

WESTMOUNT has got in the same kind of act as Hydro-Québec. We are told of increases in demand here of 30 to 40 percent over the last three or four years. Reasons given: new construction and conversions to electric heating.

Hydro-Québec has been attempting to convince its customers that its problems stem from low water in the northern reservoirs. This may be true.

What both the province and the city attempt to gloss over is that cold weather, increased consumption and low water are not unpredictable, even in combination. Has neither utility heard of reserves and of planning for growth?

Our commissioner of light and power, Coun Rhoda Vineberg, said in her prepared statement at the council meeting just before Christmas: "Unfortunately, the demand for electricity, especially the upper Westmount area, has grown much faster than projected."

There is nothing "unfortunate" about demand for one's product in any business. What is unfortunate is that such an excuse could be issued by a public official — that projections were wrong, far wrong, inexcusably wrong considering that the increased demand didn't suddenly happen.

If such growth as it was developing was not observed by the people at city hall who are paid to anticipate such things, there always have been the building permits issued by the city for both new construction and heating conversions from which obvious conclusions could have been drawn. It's not so long ago that the job of the present director general was issuing such permits in the basement of city hall. He's an expert.

It also is not long ago the city was boasting about having "sold" the border-straddling Place Alexis Nihon and Dawson College on getting power from Westmount instead of directly from Hydro-Québec. There are striking parallels between this and Quebec's willingness to sell to the U.S. before taking care of domestic demand.

THERE is arrogance, both municipal and provincial, in their respective power scandals. Having oversold our resources elsewhere, the premier blandly blames low reservoirs for shortages, as if low water was a phenomenon of nature which should not have been part of any prudent planning. Hydro officials likewise pass over their poor maintenance, upgrading and replacement policies in favor of dividends to the province in looking for excuses for the extensive outages suffered in widespread parts of Hydro's territory, often for unconscionable periods.

The brochure put out in the name of the City of Westmount is no less obtuse, speaking of "peak hour problems" and "a long and cold winter" as if some uncommon natural calamity had befallen us. Westmounters are asked, with some cheek, to limit use of hot water, clothes and dishwashers, reduce electric heating, restrict use of household appliances and dim their usual lighting; all of this because the city has let its distribution system fall behind needs.

There would be a good deal more understanding shown council, once again victimized by the rotten management which it seems powerless to correct, if it had been more forthright and respectful in the legitimate complaints laid before it by citizens at its Dec 18 meeting.

Why are our solons so reticent to blame incompetence and lack of foresight and planning for the stumblings of the administration for which it is responsible?

our Mayor  
Her Worship May Cutler  
says...



## The library, Victoria Hall and the greenhouse (Part 4)

This is a lightly edited version of remarks made by Michèle Dutrisac-Kilburn, chair of the library committee, during the special meeting held in Victoria Hall Nov 13:

THOSE who are closely associated with the work of the library, and many of the users, have become aware that the time had come to review our operations and services and to assess the needs of the library. So recently we have been consulting our clientele through questionnaires and informal surveys.

We have also sponsored a survey conducted by Sorecom, and have commissioned well known library planner Albert Bowron to prepare a development plan and facility study. Mr Bowron made several recommendations concerning our space problems and the reorganization of services. Copies of the Sorecom survey and of the Bowron report are available for consultation in the library.

The conclusion of the library committee is that we have reached the limits of our resources. I would like to highlight for you some aspects of the library and to mention a few of the areas that need improvement.

We are blessed with a wonderful, historical building, if somewhat tired at the edges. It provides the homey and warm atmosphere which Westmounters obviously like.

We have a good book collection (approximately 120,000 volumes), developed over the last 90 years. According to Mr Bowron, it is "the most important English-language collection in any public collection in greater Montreal." These resources are well used. In 1987 the library lending rate (number of loans per capita) was 13.1, as compared with an average of 5.1 for the province of Quebec and 7.7 for Ontario.

The information and reference collection constitutes another major asset of the library. We kept track of the number of inquiries made over a period of six weeks, and counted an average of 138 requests per day. "Deep references," (those requiring more than a one-step procedure of response) numbered 5,577 in 1988. These requests came from students and adults, and covered such topics as maple-sugar making, silver marks, franchise laws, estate planning, health etc. Furthermore, many Westmount residents have gone back to school in their adult years and this trend is clearly reflected in the use of the information and reference department.

The policy of the library has been to grant membership to children and young adults attending an educational institution in Westmount. Such a privilege accorded to some 4,600 students puts extra demands on facilities and personnel. A visit to the library on a Sunday afternoon will convince you of the popularity of our reference room with the students!

We need to develop other areas of service for both children and adults. Unfortunately, we have no space for expansion.

### Our needs

We should have a strong audio-visual department. Audio-visual now accounts for more than eight percent of loans. According to the norms established by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, we should add to our talking book collection and expand our large-print collection. Talking books are a new trend and there exists a new market over and above the needs of the visually impaired.

Our sound collection, such as music and plays, should be tripled, according to Mr Bowron. Finally, the new video cassette collection is proving to be very popular and the demand keeps growing. All these services should be grouped together and made more easily accessible.

L'amélioration des services de langue française constitue un autre des "besoins" de la bibliothèque. À l'heure actuelle, l'ensemble de la collection de langue française représente 11 p.cent de la collection totale (huit p.cent de la collection pour adultes et 20 p.cent de la collection pour enfants). Il nous faut non seulement enrichir et élargir cette collection, mais aussi la regrouper afin que les volumes autres que les romans ne soient plus dispersés dans les rayons à travers la collection de langue anglaise.

Next week: More library needs.



Forty-five Years Ago  
January 5, 1945

"Implementing legislation passed through the provincial houses last year, the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of the City of Montreal handed over practically all of its jurisdiction in administration and personnel to the Montreal Protestant Central School Board. The Protestant Board will retain all property presently under its control and will be responsible for all existing obligations for which that property and all other Protestant property in this area is guaranteed. The change will take effect on July 1 of this year as prescribed in the legislation. The Protestant Board will continue to meet as it does at present to settle matters remaining within its jurisdiction."

Thirty-five Years Ago  
January 7, 1955

"Only a last minute compromise on the part of the Westmount Municipal Association will prevent the city's first municipal election in 25 years. Nominations for mayor and five aldermanic positions must be made by Monday, and at a meeting Wednesday members of the Westmount Property Owners Association decided on running opposition candidates — unless a bargain was struck... Main points of strife between the two bodies are housing and zoning laws. Several meetings with the present administration have completely avoided the issue, according to Elphege Menard, president of the Property Owners."

Twenty-five Years Ago  
January 8, 1965

"City Council this week gave first reading to a by-law to close and sell part of Elm avenue to Westmount Centre Inc. The Elm avenue by-law would close Elm from St Catherine to Western and sell the land involved and lanes in the area to the Westmount Centre. That section of Elm avenue contains some 22,874 square feet. Westmount Centre would pay \$146,848.90, plus the legal and administrative expenses involved in the city acquiring and selling the land. The city would reimburse Westmount Centre up to \$70,000 for the costs of removing public utilities located in the section of the street concerned."

Ten Years Ago  
January 3, 1980

"Buses, bikes and ballots were among the preoccupations of Westmounters in the last year of the 1970s, a year which had few consistencies but which showed citizens more and more preoccupied with their local community, rather than the mammoth forces shaping the world around them. Internationally, Iran, Cambodia and Vietnam drew citizens' attention, competing with national issues such as the rise and fall of the Tory government in Ottawa, trains derailing in Mississauga and the national unity debate. Provincially, strikes, the white paper on sovereignty-association and the ongoing debate on language (including 'stop' signs) kept the citizens occupied."

One Year Ago  
January 5, 1989

"The Year of the Dragon in China became the Year of the Pigeon in Westmount. It was even a year for the worms. Whatever label history awards, 1988 brought new prominence to little creatures of Westmount. Though some fared better than others, their fates were determined by council. The worms (being underdogs and valued members of the community) were protected from pickers, while pigeons (being high-livers, freeloaders and polluters) were stripped of free bread. Though the year abounded with weighty issues of tax burdens and valuation mistakes, the clean-up of pigeons, in retrospect, symbolized a new city approach to environmental concerns."

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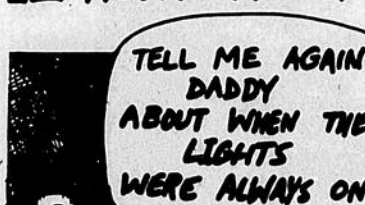
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our M.P.  
David Berger  
says...



## External's Romanian folly

HUNGARIANS are the largest minority in Romania. They are concentrated in Transylvania, in cities like Timisoara and Arad. The protests against Nicolae Ceausescu began in Timisoara.

On Dec 18, as the world began to receive the first news reports of killings of demonstrators, I received a phone call from a frantic constituent of Hungarian origin. He pleaded with me to have the matter raised in the House of Commons. I conveyed his request to the Liberal Party critics for external affairs and human rights. I also wrote Joe Clark. On Wednesday, Dec 22, the House adopted a resolution condemning the killings and calling for respect of human rights.

With the toppling of the Ceausescu regime, we have learned that he and his family lived in imperial splendor while their secret police, the dreaded Securitate, terrorized the Romanian people. There have even been reports that the secret police included numbers of Iranians, Libyans and Palestinians.

Yet it was only several years ago that Nicolae Ceausescu visited Ottawa and was warmly received by Prime Minister Mulroney. Why did our department of external affairs not know more about Ceausescu? Pierre Trudeau is reported to have once said that he did not need external affairs. He could learn all he needed to know by reading the *New York Times*.

While his comment was presumably made somewhat facetiously, allowing Ceausescu to visit Ottawa neither advances my respect for external's ability to gather information nor its judgment.

## You Say

### Torture victim's story helps public awareness

Sir: On behalf of the founder, Mme May Fournier, and all the members of the ACAT (Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture) Canada anglophone group, please accept our deep appreciation for the excellent article that appeared in THE EXAMINER on Nov 30.

In so vividly describing to her readers the abject torture suffered by Anna Murillo and her family at the hands of the military in her native Colombia, Florence Davis greatly enhanced public awareness of this evil practice still much too prevalent in more than 80 countries.

It is to be hoped that more concerned citizens will join with us in protesting against this outrageous violation of basic human rights.

With this aim in mind, we would like to inform you that on Thursday, Jan 9, at 8 pm in St Matthias' Church, the National Film Board documentary titled *Black Sugar* will be shown to all the ACAT Canada members as well as to their most welcome friends. This 80-minute-long film describes the desolate plight of some 200,000 Haitian sugar cane "slaves" struggling to survive in the bateys of the Dominican Republic.

Perhaps your readers would be interested in learning of the existence of these shocking eyesores tucked in behind the sunny white beaches.

Thank you once again for your genuine response, and with best wishes from all of us to all of you at THE EXAMINER for a happy and enlightened new year.

Denyse La Flèche  
Secretary, ACAT Canada

336 Clarke avenue  
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### Cut down junk mail to save more trees

Sir: Our growing concern for preserving the environment and in particular our increasing awareness that trees enhance quality of life demand that we change certain practices which up to now have been acceptable. One of these concerns the mailing of circulars to all homes regardless of the homeowner's wishes. To many, junk mail is no more than an irritant — additional garbage to an already overloaded pail.

Rather than waste paper so unconsciously, I suggest that a different method be introduced: those who wish to have circulars sent to their homes should submit their names to a mailing list either at the stores where they generally shop or by filling out a form received through the mail.

This would provide a choice for the consumer and an end to an unwelcome invasion of circulars into private homes. Less paper would be consumed and fewer trees would wind up at the mill.

Liliane Aberman

494 Elm avenue  
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### Faulty logic behind condemnation of Mrs Petty

Sir: Let me preface my remarks with the information that I do not know Mrs Petty. I have never met her. I have never spoken to her and I did not sign her petition — which I will now investigate more thoroughly. This is in response to Mr Brault's very judgmental letter (EXAMINER, Dec 21) regarding the satellite dish. The satellite dish and the structure housing it appear to have caused a great deal of controversy.

It is not understandable to me why Mr Brault chose to write a letter. He appears to know Mrs Petty very well and a simple telephone call would have sufficed. He appears to know her daily routine, her thoughts, her financial situation etc and, with this information, he obviously con-

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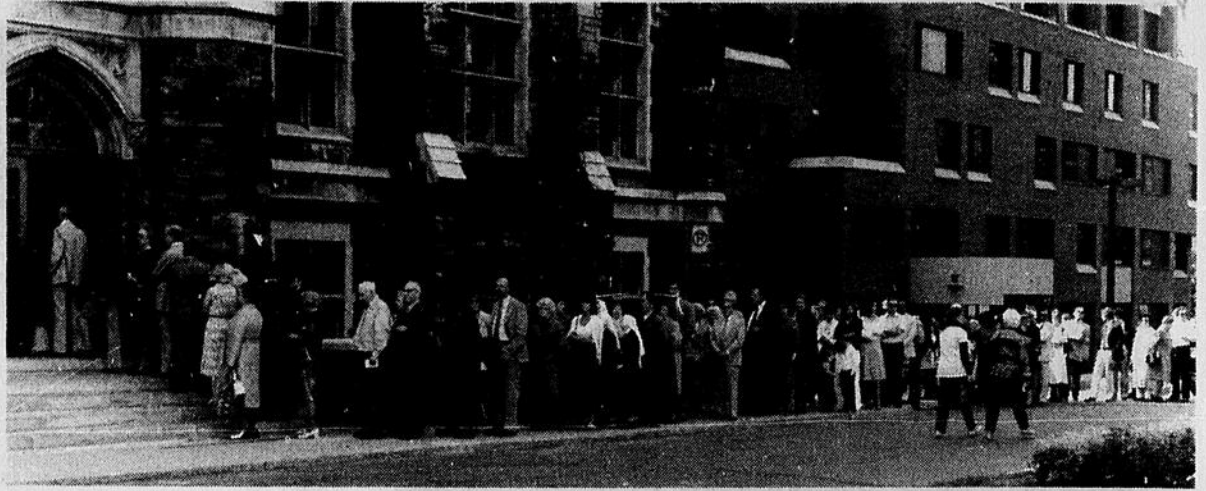
## I Say!

IT is a bad plan that admits of no modification.

— Publilius Syrus



July 14, 1987: Record rainstorm of century floods scores of basements like this one at Manoir Westmount where worker **Elsie Hamilton** wades.



May 20, 1980: When 86 percent of eligible Westmount voters cast ballots in the Quebec referendum, 93 percent said "non" to separation.

Westmount  
in the '80s  
**GLIMPSES  
OF A  
DECADE**



Nov 2, 1987: In changing times Westmounters elect neophyte politician **May Cutler** as first woman mayor defeating incumbent **Brian Gallery**.



Nov 7, 1983: Two years of unprecedented citizen opposition at city council meetings ended with the defeat of **Allen Nutik** and election of alderman **Brian Gallery**, right, after **Donald MacCallum** declined to seek a third term as mayor.



April 4, 1982: Westmounters' tax protest grew into tax revolt at The Forum led by **Allen Nutik**.



Oct 26, 1986: Multi-million-dollar fire sweeps through tower of **Alexis Nihon Plaza**.



Sept 11, 1984: **Pope John Paul II** visits **Mother House** before its sale to Dawson.

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where in 1989 residents were moving into newly completed condominium buildings that had changed the skyline in the recent building boom.

The city was already eyeing an even bigger construction boom looming for the '90s with the possible development of the railway yards to the southwest.

The year saw the gala opening of the rebuilt YMCA as well as the preservation of 1090 Greene as a community centre after the Unity club moved out.

It highlighted the first-ever Family Week and Seniors' Week with a round of activities organized for each. As Westmount's aging community continued to expand, housing facilities to accommodate it also made news. Place Kensington, the first seniors' apartment residence, opened its doors while the new Carex home took shape at Victoria and de Maisonneuve.

The Public Security Unit moved from Hillside avenue to Stanton street to make way for construction of yet another nursing home and reception centre.

The Royal Montreal Regiment received new colors from the lieutenant governor on its 75th anniversary.

THE EXAMINER was sold by the Sanctons to Cogeco.

Former mayor Peter McEntyre died, leaving mayors C.H. Drury and Brian Gallery as the only surviving former mayors. His death was like the end of an era.

City council lost its finance commissioner when Councillor Philip Aspinall resigned but was already planning for the return of Peter Trent to their ranks in the upcoming by-election.

During the year, citizen protests managed to postpone radical changes at Westmount Square. On the other hand, efforts to stop the further gentrification of Greene avenue failed when the city's newly formed demolition committee voted to allow destruction of a commercial row.

At the same time, the committee came up with a landmark decision on heritage by refusing demolition of the wooden home at 22 Summit Circle.

Another summit home on Upper Belmont avenue was destroyed by one of two major winter fires. A spectacular blaze on Rosemount crescent will be recalled by neighbors and firefighters for years to come as fire trucks became buried in ice.

Pigeons and dogs

In warmer weather, pigeon poisonings resulted in a city ban on bird killing while dog owners lost their crusade to preserve winter freedom in the parks.

Complaints about alternate-side parking inconvenience were heard and the experiment was terminated. Parking fines were increased and the Clarke avenue access to Côte St Antoine road was finally sealed over.

It was the year of the Petty affair when two summit families took their satellite dish and accessory building dispute to court; and Oakland residents fought to have a 30-

storey communications tower removed from behind their properties.

Westmount High School received a new lease on life from the PSBGM and Roslyn School parents protested proposed elimination of the English stream.

The year's only local murder on Greene avenue remained unsolved, as did a Christmastime hit-and-run pedestrian death at Olivier avenue and St Catherine street (see separate story).

Boost for the mayor

As the year came to a close, Mayor Cutler received a shot in the arm for her campaign on culture from a former outspoken opponent. As Her Worship travelled in India, Councillor Peter Duffield announced with vigor that not only he, but all of council, were strongly behind their mayor's agenda for cultural awakening.

By the end of the '80s, it seemed everything had awakened until the new light was dimmed by the load shedding of an outdated electrical plant.

But plans were already under way to re-power in 1990.

And as the Year of the Horse approached, Westmount took the bit in its mouth and charged into the century's closing decade.

When kitty's away, meat's no treat

A new odor was added to the list of strange smells firefighters are called to sniff out from time to time.

This one was originally phoned in as a smell of gas last Friday afternoon, Dec 29, at 4504 St Catherine street. When the smoke-eaters arrived at the home they found instead an odor of something rotten.

A search of the place revealed the culprit: a piece of meat hidden away by the family cat.

Bike found

A red Mièle bicycle was found near 1386 Greene avenue Friday, Dec 29, according to MUC police. It can be claimed at local station 23.

WIP selling recycled writing paper, envelopes

Westmount Initiative for Peace is trying something new and different in 1990. It is offering recycled paper, sheets and envelopes, for sale.

WIP member John Lehnert helped out at the organization's table during the St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas environment information day held in early November. He says he saw a lot of material on recycled paper but remarked that none seemed readily available to consumers.

He learned about a company, Eco-papier, from which recycled paper can be purchased.

WIP has stocked 10,000 sheets of 8 1/2" by 11" paper and 5,000 No 10 business-size envelopes (9 1/2" by 4 1/4"). The price is \$2 for 100 sheets of paper and \$3 for 100 envelopes. Buyers are welcome to as much as they wish until the stock is exhausted, but may not buy less than 100 of either sheets or envelopes.

WIP to meet

The first Westmount Initiative for Peace meeting for 1990 will take place on Monday, Jan 8, at the Westmount YMCA, at 5:30 pm.

For more information, call 870-6417.

Taxi damaged in barrier bash

A taxi crashed into barriers and hazard lights marking a sunken manhole cover Christmas night at Sherbrooke street and Metcalfe avenue, public safety officers said. The cab sustained extensive damage to the front end.

The driver claimed not to have seen the barriers when he plowed into them at 11:30 pm.

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# Local firefighters will remember 1989 holiday season as . . . wet

Westmount firefighters spent the festive season knee-deep in water.

They were deluged with calls to pump water out of basements and mop up after burst pipes from sprinkler systems, radiators, heaters and water mains flooded restaurants, shops and homes over the Christmas and New Year's period.

Most of the two dozen floods were caused by the freezing and thawing of pipes in poorly heated areas, fire officials report.

The closed Satches restaurant was inundated by water two days in a

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

row. A sprinkler pipe broke on Dec 24 flooding two levels. On Christmas Day, a six-inch water main broke on Grosvenor avenue, pouring continuously into the basement to a depth of 14 inches almost as fast as it could be pumped out.

On Dec 25 alone, firemen went non-stop from 9:20 am to about 4 pm mopping up water at various locations.

In the midst of the Satches flood, when civil protection volunteers were helping out, a sprinkler pipe broke in the ceiling of the Greene avenue Métro entrance at 1 Westmount Square. That dumped water down the stairway and escalators causing two sections of ceiling to collapse and forcing the area to be cordoned off.

While crews were still at that call, they received another. This was for flooding in a house at 463 Strathcona where a pipe to a dishwasher had broken when plastic sheeting had prevented circulation of heat.

Lack of warmth was again held responsible for broken pipes on two radiators in a lower duplex at 416 Grosvenor where firefighters actually found about an inch of ice on the floor and some six inches of ice in the basement.

On Boxing Day at 380 Lansdowne avenue a pipe broke over a garage door in the basement of the home. A pipe burst in a poorly heated room at the back of a store at 4932 Sherbrooke and "a lot of water" was found across the street at civic number 4927. At that location, water leaked from a third floor through

dental offices and the Hans hair-dressing establishment to the basement where a depth of about eight inches had accumulated, bringing down ceilings.

That night a broken pipe in the basement of a house at 18 Thornhill avenue caused water to leak into an adjacent home.

And so it went from place to place whenever the temperature rose enough to thaw out the latest frozen pipe.

In the days leading up to the New Year, an open window caused burst plumbing at 347 Victoria avenue and flooding of Café Victoria.

Homes where water damage was attributed to frozen pipes include: 74 Summit Circle, 609 Carleton, 423 Mount Pleasant, 521 Lansdowne and 784 Upper Lansdowne. At 157 Edgehill, an outside garden hose pipe broke and flooded the yard New Year's Day.

In a building at 4634 St Catherine street on Jan 2, firefighters found a foot of water in the basement.

Several others were damaged by leaking roofs and skylights as well as assorted plumbing problems.

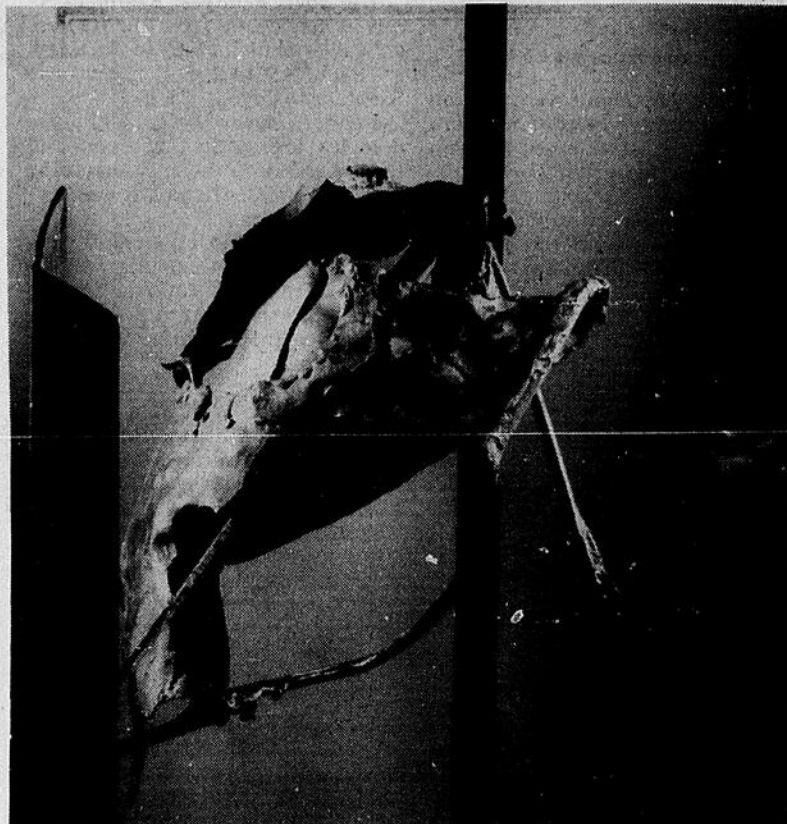
In earlier incidents, more than \$5,000 damage was reported by police to six apartments at 3 Westmount Square where on Dec 23 a pipe to a baseboard heater in an unattended third floor apartment broke in an outer wall. Water even poured down the outer face of the building. Firefighters had to use a "battering ram" to open the apartment door.

The same day a hot water pipe broke in the ceiling at Pom'cannelle, 4860 Sherbrooke, causing water to run into the front of the children's wear store.

One call the day before Christmas was to the apartment building at 267 Olivier avenue where a sprinkler pipe broke between the first and second floors.

Another basement flood was cleaned up that night in the apartment building at 4560 St Catherine street where an unknown person had turned on a tap and left it running.

While still cleaning up at that location, firemen smelled natural gas and discovered a pilot light on a stove had gone out in a vacant apartment. Gas crews were summoned.



ART AT ARTEFACT: *Crags of the quarry* is the title of this work by sculptor Shirley Berk Simon, who lives on Westmount's border. A show of her works and of paintings by Dominic Dubey is being held at Artefact, a boutique-gallery featuring Quebec art. Ms Simon has shown her work at a number of galleries in Montreal, Toronto and the U.S. After working for many years as a physiotherapist and sexologist, she finally gave herself over entirely to her sculpture. She has a degree in art from UQAM and has pursued independent studies in Mexico, Arizona and Pietrasanta, Italy. The show runs at Artefact, 4117 rue St Denis, until Jan 20.

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## Real Estate

By Reg Morden

### ON CHECKING ATTICS

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If you are inspecting a house with an attic, do more than ask if there is one — get up there, walk around and inspect it. You can learn a lot with just a few simple checks.

For instance, you can check to see if the beams are really solid? If the point of a penknife sinks in easily, the wood may be rotten. Timbers with ends embedded in masonry without proper air spaces are especially vulnerable to rot. Sight along the beams to see whether any have sagged or warped. Also, check the rafters or roofing boards for water stains.

Is there sufficient ventilation in the attic? At a minimum, it should have louvers in both gable ends, vents under the eaves or ridge vents in the roof. If the ventilation is inadequate, you can bet on wood rot — and there will be heat loss in the winter, heat retention in the summer and bigger utility bills in both seasons.

How about insulation? An attic floor should have at least six inches of insulation plus a vapor barrier under the insulation.

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

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# Beyond Westmount's Borders

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

By JANET COUTTS

## Visit Switchback

Young people between the ages of seven and 16 might like to ponder briefly the year 2000. Where will you be, and what will you be doing? And, especially, how do you think you will dress? The popular CBC TV program *Switchback* invites young people to be in the studio audience Sunday morning. Doors open at 8:30 am and free tickets to a sneak preview of the 21st century will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The show starts at 9 am, and there will be door prizes and prizes for the best costume. Among the features, co-host Terry DiMonte will talk with Ivan Doroschuck, lead singer of Montreal's Men Without Hats, and clips from the group's new video will be shown. For more information call 597-6667.

## Auto show at Big O

There were those of us who never thought we'd make it into the '90s still using polluting transportation that uses non-renewable resources at such a rate, but that shows where faith in technology will get you. There's no need to go into what idealists think about the Olympic Stadium. But almost all of us fall for the glamor anyway, and so the 22nd Montreal International Auto Show from Jan 11 to 21 will be packed with tire-kickers dreaming of the day they can own one of those beauties. Thirty-two manufacturers will exhibit 650 vehicles, some futuristic, some coming off the assembly lines now, and some beautiful antiques. For information call 932-3050. Show organizers, by the way, have the early lead for the Most Pompous Statement of the '90s Award. An invitation to a press conference says: "Like the gods of Olympus, the automobile manufacturers of our planet have come together at the Olympic Stadium to unveil the '90s."

## Upcoming concerts

Everyone got a new agenda book for the new decade; its pages are still unmarked. So decide which of these concerts you want to attend and pencil them in now. Saturday, Jan 20, Début, the concert series for young artists, presents two new talents. Flautist Denis Bluteau is a Université de Montréal graduate, 1986 winner of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra competition and 1988 National Music Festival of Canada winner. He will be accompanied by

tion for Animals Inc, 595 Grande-Allée boulevard, Mont St-Hilaire, J3G 4S6.

## Street smarts

There are at least 250 adults out there who feel they are too busy to plan their social and recreational lives. So they leave it all in the hands of a company called The Good Life. On Friday, Jan 19, an evening of martial arts with Tony Blauer, trainer to the stars, is planned. A week later, a murder mystery dinner will take place in Old Montreal. Upcoming activities include a ski instruction day, a trip to New Orleans and an investment seminar. Non-members are welcome to check out the congeniality of the group before joining. (No, 250 people don't show up for each event. Groups are limited to a comfortable size and if too many want to go along, a second event is booked.) 735-9196.

## Bonsai on display

Now that you're all partied out at least until next weekend, and have made all those resolutions for peace and tranquility, a good place to take yourself might be the Montreal Botanical Gardens. This is a wonderful place to go ordinarily, but now there is a special reason. Montreal has recently been given 30 new bonsai trees from Japan to add to its already impressive collection. One juniper is 350 years old. Another is a mere 250, and a third is a stripling of 200. Next eldest is a 150-year-old yew. Today the collection in Montreal comprises 461 trees, the youngest of which is 10. Imagine, as the press package for the exhibit suggests, the people who through 350 years cherished a tree, spending 128,000 days on its care. And after all that they have the heart to give them to us as a gesture of friendship. On a more mundane note, and in case we become too caught up in romance here, the press release also points out that bonsai is a corruption of the Chinese Pun-sai: potted plant.

## A theatre party

Harold Pinter wrote *The birthday party* in 1957; hard to believe as the absurdist piece comes off the printed page as shocking today as then. The students at Tuesday Night Café The-

François Couture and perform works by Loeliet, Bartok and Burton. The second half of the evening will feature Hungarian-born cellist Katalin Decsenyi. She was trained in Budapest and at Yale, and is finishing a master's degree at McGill University. Accompanied by Gergely Szokolay, she will play Brahms, Francoeur and de Falla. The concert is at 8 pm at Pollack Hall, and will be recorded by CBC. 935-6631 or 398-4547. Members of the public are invited to attend a free concert under the direction of Dr Alfred Garson Sunday, Jan 21, at 2:30 pm in Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west. The program will include works by Corelli, Bach and Handel... The McGill Chamber Orchestra, directed by Boris Brott, will perform in Théâtre Maisonneuve of Place des Arts on Jan 29. Soloist will be pianist Alain Lefevre, playing Shostakovich and Listz. 935-4955.

## Miaouf fundraising

Miaouf was founded in 1980 to shelter homeless animals until they could be adopted, and since then 16,000 homes have been found. Miaouf does not kill animals unless absolutely necessary, and some animals must therefore stay with them for a long time. The group is losing its barn in Mont St Hilaire, and hopes to build on a new site in St Jean Baptiste. The refuge and land will cost \$530,000, and Miaouf will issue tax receipts for all donations. They should be sent to Miaouf Adop-

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atre must agree, since they are staging it as their first production of 1990 at a new space, McGill's arts building, 853 Sherbrooke west, Jan 11 to 20. 395-6600. Incidentally, this student club often offers the best theatre in Montreal. I've seen stunning work done here.

## Better, not older

The Centre for Creative Lifestyles, an organization for those over 50 who are retired or thinking about retirement, is holding registration for winter courses Jan 8 to 18 at the centre, 5700 Westbury avenue, room 111. Most classes begin the week of Jan 22 and run to the week of March 19. There are both day and evening classes offered in creative arts, history, current issues, meal planning, tai chi chuan, yoga and more. The centre is also offering a tour of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg in May. In conjunction, a course on the Dutch Flemish masters and one called "Armchair traveller" are being offered. 739-0558.

## Another vernissage

If you find yourself in the mood for more rubbing shoulders with the art world, there's an exhibit opening next Wednesday from 5 to 7 pm at Galerie Trois Points, 307 St

Catherine street west, for what looks like very witty assemblages by Jean-Marie Martin, a Montrealer living in New York. The show is mounted with assistance from the Quebec cultural affairs department.

## Sculpture at SBC

There will be a vernissage Tuesday at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte St Catherine road, at 8 pm for the sculptures of the Welsh-born Paul Bowen. The show comprises work done by the Provincetown, Mass. resident from 1980 to 1989. Mr Bowen is one of a new generation of artists for whom organic material and natural processes have their own importance. The 17 sculptures in this show were once an accumulation of debris from Cape Cod beaches. Mr Bowen's work has been well received in the U.S. and Belgium. He'll be on hand at the vernissage to discover what we think.

## Berman show

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The rabbi will explain the temple's requirements for Bar and Bat Mitzvah and give information about the Wednesday Bar/Bat Mitzvah class and the B'nai Mitzvah class at Shabbat Torah school. Ms Kogan will give information about facilities for those planning such a simcha.

All interested are invited, temple members or not. For information call 937-3575.

**FRATERNITY MISSION:** Several members of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity of McGill University spent Christmas Day lending a hand at the newly renovated Old Brewery Mission. Serving the annual Christmas luncheon has become a tradition with undergraduate and alumni ADs. Among those involved this year are, standing from left: Michael Johnston, Alexander Nerska, Richard Gelber, and Westmounters Oliver Kippen, Jay Gould, David Krasny and Bruce Hill. Seated, from left, are: Mark Piibe, and Westmounters Bruce Kippen, Lorne Webster, president of the Old Brewery Mission Appeal and an alumni of ADP fraternity, and Hugh Jones. The fraternity and mission have been working together since the former's founding in 1897. Annual fundraising events by the fraternity have brought in more than \$1,000 for the mission.

## Courses offered for 50-plus group

The Centre for Creative Lifestyles is an option for the 50-plus community. There are still openings in several day and evening classes, and registration for the winter semester will remain open until Jan 18. Registration hours are 9:30 am to 3 pm Monday to Thursday, and Wednes-

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The centre's classes are aimed at newly emerging seniors — those who are recently retired or just beginning to think about retirement. For information call 739-0558.

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# Westmount fashion retailer Lily Simon dies in Florida

Lily Simon, a renowned high fashion Montreal retailer and longtime Westmount resident, died of a heart attack Dec 22 while vacationing in Fort Lauderdale. She was 72.

Friends and relatives described her as an ambitious yet charitable woman who started from humble beginnings as a salesperson in her brother's store. At the time of her death she owned four upscale fashion boutiques, including one in Westmount Square, and was credited with introducing internationally renowned designers to the Montreal fashion scene. Ms Simon also lived in the Westmount Square complex for more than 10 years.

"She loved her work and her customers," Thérèse Elie, one of Ms Simon's two sisters, said. "Her customers were her friends."

Ms Simon opened her first

"small" store on Beaubien street in 1951, said John Wozny, a 20-year Lily Simon employee.

He remembered Ms Simon's first purchase — 24 black suits — which she dusted every day while waiting for a customer to come. When a customer did finally come and asked to see her collection, Ms Simon showed her a black suit and said that was the extent of her collection. The woman bought the suit and promised to return.

### Clients told friends

Mr Wozny said word-of-mouth soon brought other customers to the store. At first Ms Simon bought from local designers but soon went to Europe to buy her collections. She also advertised in high circulation fashion magazines like *Vogue* and *Harp-*



Lily Simon

er's Bazaar.

She later opened stores in Westmount Square, on Sherbrooke street downtown, in Rockland shopping centre and Le Cathédrale shopping centre. The Sherbrooke store has since closed.

"She was a business woman," Mr Wozny said.

He said Ms Simon could be "real tough" at times but was fair.

"You could always discuss things with her," Mr Wozny said. "I'm sure Donald Trump is not always easy to work for."

He also said Ms Simon had a knack with customers.

"She knew the clients," Mr Wozny said. "She would tell them 'I like that on you' or 'I don't like that.' She always gave them her honest opinion."

"She was very proud of her name and her merchandise."

Services were held for Ms Simon Dec 26 at the St George Orthodox Church at 555 Jean Talon street east. She is survived by two sisters, Florence Koury and Thérèse Elie, and a brother Joseph.

Mrs Elie said the four Lily Simon boutiques will remain open.

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## Tiff precedes tire punctures

Someone punctured two tires of a car soon after the owner had accidentally hit his neighbor's vehicle, police report. It is not known if the two incidents are connected.

Damage to the tires is listed at \$180. It was discovered on a Hyundai Excel at 7:30 pm in a driveway on Redfern avenue.

The owner told police that earlier in the day he had been moving another car, a Thunderbird, into the driveway when it bumped a neighbor's car slightly. Though the impact caused no damage, it angered the neighbor, setting off a shouting match.

## Abandoned car sticks around

An abandoned car accumulated numerous tickets while parked in a no-parking spot at Victoria avenue and York street last month, public safety officers said. The black 1989 Chrysler bore an expired licence plate from Newfoundland.

Though the vehicle was referred to MUC police for removal Dec 15, it was still at the location Dec 31. Since Westmount no longer has a pound on Hillside avenue, officers said, there is nowhere to take it.

## Explosive threat fails to go off

A bomb threat Christmas morning at Plaza Tower apartments, 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard, turned out to be a hoax, police report. The place was searched by security personnel but no suspicious parcels were located.

The call had been received by the security area at 3:52 am by a man saying in French that he was "fed up with everything" and had placed a bomb in the building.

The incident was the only one from Westmount on the police blotter for Dec 25, officers said.

## Plate traced

A licence plate found on Metcalfe avenue Sunday belongs to a car left at a garage in St Léonard for repairs, police said. The vehicle belongs to a LaSalle resident. It had been towed to the garage after an accident Dec 21. Police said it appeared someone had removed the plate. It turned up in front of civic number 434.

## New Year bash

The rear of a new car was smashed Wednesday night last week when it was hit by a Caterpillar tractor outside 5010 Sherbrooke street, police report. The tractor had been following the 1990 Ford Mustang about 10 pm when it plowed into the back end. No injuries were reported.



**SHAAR LEADER:** At the 143rd annual meeting of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, Nov 19, 1989, Westmount resident Sylvia Schneiderman was elected president of the congregation for the year 5750.

## Knives in Métro lead to charges

Two men were charged with carrying knives in Atwater Métro station Dec 20, police report. They had been spotted playing with the items by officers following them through Place Alexis Nihon about 7:40 pm.

Though both were charged under the Montreal municipal by-law, one was also accused under the criminal code of a second offence, carrying a prohibited switch blade.

They were identified as an 18-year-old Côte des Neiges resident and a 23-year-old Dorval man.

## Burglars strike in store, home

A compact disc player and a VCR were among items stolen from an apartment broken into overnight Dec 25-26 at 4054 Dorchester boulevard, police said.

A camera, jacket and jewelry were also taken. Entry had been gained by breaking a window.

Another burglary was reported over Christmas at the Téléboutique in Place Alexis Nihon. Two combination phone and answering machine units were stolen between Dec 23 and 26 after someone broke a large display window to gain access.

## Double trouble

Two cars were damaged in a hit-and-run accident Friday, Dec 29, while parked behind 4124 St Catherine street near Tupper street and Gladstone avenue, police report. One, a 1982 Buick, was pushed into a 1980 Toyota by the unknown vehicle. Both victims sustained more than \$500 damage.

# Earthquakes on disaster list, fire chief assures resident

Westmount is most vulnerable to potential disasters resulting from major storms, power failures or explosions, but earthquakes rank close behind.

The city's priority list for disaster management has long identified the need to be prepared for an earthquake, says Fire Director William Timmons.

Dir Timmons, who is director of operations for the city's emergency measures plan, assured citizen Ramzi Ferahian Dec 18 that the city has indeed included earthquakes on its "vulnerability list."

Mr Ferahian stated at the city council meeting he was concerned by news reports following the recent San Francisco quake that the likelihood of earthquake disaster had not been included on Montreal's vulnerability chart.

He wanted to know Westmount's position in this regard noting that earthquakes resulted in many different types of emergencies, including chemical fires.

## Burglars on a coffee jag

Burglars broke into Royal LePage real estate office at Sherbrooke street and Mount Pleasant avenue overnight Dec 29-30 for the fifth time in a month, police report. Again, they took money from the coffee machine.

Since the office was closed, it was not immediately known if anything else had been taken. Access to the adjacent Royal Trust office was not gained on this latest occasion.

In addition to the five break-ins, an unsuccessful attempt was recorded (see story Dec 21).

## In a scrape

A city sidewalk plow is believed to have scraped the side of a parked car at de Maisonneuve boulevard and Olivier avenue Thursday, Dec 21, police said. The damage, estimated at more than \$500, was spotted by the car's owner at 8 pm just as he noticed the Bombardier nearby. Though he ran after the vehicle, he was unable to stop it. The car is a 1985 Hyundai belonging to a Laval resident.

## Late news

A Financial Post newspaper box containing papers from Oct 20, 1988, was found at the rear of 4964 Sherbrooke street New Year's Day, public safety officers said. The blue box was spotted under stairs by a passing patrol. It was locked and in good condition. Officers contacted the owners. It is not known from where it had disappeared.

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demns her lifestyle.

If we follow Mr Brault's philosophy, we would not mow our lawns as we could walk a few blocks and find people who have no lawns; we would not spend time planting flowers as we could walk a few blocks and find people who have no garden; we certainly would not spend time enhancing the appearance of our homes; we would have no libraries as there would be a segment of the population who cannot read; we would not have orchestras as there are those who cannot hear. The list is endless. Most importantly we would never, ever, spend time composing and writing letters condemning and judging someone else for their tenacity in trying to right what they think is wrong. We would be much too occupied giving literacy classes.

I find it curious that nowhere does Mr Brault condemn the very obvious vulgarity present in the overall concept of the satellite dish and I am not speaking architecturally. It would appear to me that, with his very sensitive nature, this would be the primary area for his condemnation.

Actually, it pleases me to hear of someone with the energy and tenacity to continue a fight which she thinks is justified. By the way, aren't you absolutely dying to know from whose dining room table Mr Brault took the brochure?

**Lois Engels**

4300 de Maisonneuve boulevard  
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**Meech Lake views reflect Ottawa delusion**

Sir: The pleas from the Governor General and the prime minister for acceptance of the Meech Lake accord reflect a serious degree of delusion in Ottawa over our current affairs.

With hundreds of thousands of Canadians crossing the border every weekend to take advantage of lower retail prices, does the ruling clique in Ottawa still think that it can saddle the taxpayers with even higher provincial barriers? Despite its large defence budget, the spending of U.S. governments at all levels was 36 percent of gross domestic product as opposed to 46 percent in Canada. U.S. interest rates and inflation are much lower than Canada's.

Yet Ottawa proposes the creation of a separate (or distinct as they call it) nation state within an already badly fragmented union at the same time as TV sets are recording the desire of people around the world to reduce government control over their lives by tearing down the artificial barriers that divide them.

One year after the free trade agreement, which will do so much to accomplish this desired effect by reducing uneconomic constraints on both sides of the border, we have a government in Ottawa trying to go in the opposite direction. I thought that Quebec had voted for free trade.

If the Canadian government continues to reduce and transfer its powers to the provinces through schemes like the Meech Lake accord, there will be no further need for a national government. Canada's conversion from a federal union to a confederacy will obviate the need for most of the present institutions including the concept of the Crown itself. The possible exception would be a court or arbitration panel appointed by the provincial partners to settle disputes between themselves.

In this scenario, I can't see Quebec contributing to pay the pension costs of the Queen's representative or for other appointees of the Crown. Perhaps Ontario would assume this obligation but I think our present federal representatives should make themselves aware of what is going on outside of Ottawa before events in



**BARK US ALL BOW WOWS:** An anonymous pro-canine Santa left this seasonal conifer in Summit Park. It was tucked into the snow beside the large tree where all the dogruns meet. Topped with a sign saying "Joyeux Noël" and decorated with doggie bags, the tree sported a box asking owners to "Pick up after your dog" and offering plastic bags for the purpose.

those regions overtake them.

No one in either the government or media foresaw what happened in Europe in 1989 but the lesson for those who claim that they speak for the people is very clear. The future

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P.D. Sharma of New Delhi will show slides on trekking in the Himalayas, camel safaris in the Thar desert, sailing on the Ganges, rafting in Himalayan rivers and cycling on the plains.

India has desert, tropical forest, mountains, rivers. Her geography is as varied as her peoples, and Mr Sharma has been travelling and showing pictures of India for 10 years.

There is no admission charge for the meeting, and information is available at 484-8467 or 874-6709.

**Britain films at Concordia**

Le Conservatoire d'art cinématographique de Montréal, Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, will show a number of films by the late Westmounter Donald Brittain during January and February.

Three of his films have already been shown, out of the 100 he completed before his death. Coming up are: *Fields of sacrifice* and *Memorandum* Jan 18; *The Dionne quintuplets* Jan 19; *Never a backward step* and *Bethune* Jan 25; *The champions 1 and 2* Feb 8; *The champions, the final battle* Feb 22; and *Everybody's prejudiced, Van's camp* and *Paperland: the bureaucrat* observed Feb 23. All showings are at 7 pm.

**Podbrey directs Centaur's latest**

Westmounter and Centaur artistic director Maurice Podbrey is directing a cast of eight in *A woman in mind* by British playwright Alan Ayckbourn at Centaur Theatre until Jan 28.

Domini Blythe of *Mount Royal* fame plays Susan in this comedy about a housewife unhappy with just about everything. The play runs Tuesday through Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 7 pm with a 2 pm matinée Jan 28 and a 1 pm matinée Jan 17. Tickets are available at 288-3161.

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**GARBAGE GLORY:** One of the most disreputable pair of longjohns at Sunday's Garbage Bowl in Montreal West belonged to "Chilloo" Steele, centre for the Southern Bombers. Chilloo is better known to many Westmounters as Jeff the milkman. The Bombers beat the Northern Combines 10 to 3 with a touchdown late in the game. Proceeds from the annual event go to the Mackay Centre and other projects of the Montreal Westward Rotary Club.  
*Photo by OWEN EGAN*

**Rink attendant Tom Day, 57, dies suddenly at New Year**

Funeral services were held yesterday for Thomas A. Day, an attendant at Westmount's artificial ice rink who was well known to many local residents.

Mr Day, 57, died suddenly New Year's Day of a reported heart attack in his apartment at 410 Victoria avenue where he was caretaker of the building. Efforts by the fire department's first responder crew and Urgences Santé to revive him were in vain.

He is survived by his wife, Lona, daughters Janet and Heather, a sister Norma Hearn and a brother, George.

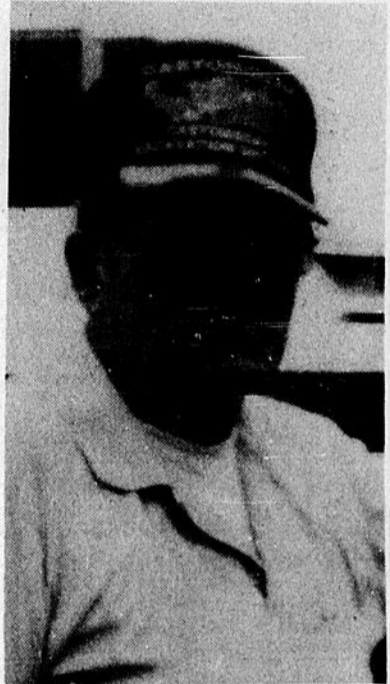
Mr Day, who became a city employee in February 1977, came from

Saint John, N.B., where he had worked for Weston's bakery delivering bread, said Robert Aiken, director of recreation.

He quickly earned himself a reputation at the arena for greeting people in a friendly manner while at the same time strictly enforcing the city's requirement that all rink users have a recreation pass, Mr Aiken said.

"He was always telling little jokes. But he was pretty strict too. He made people go home for their passes."

He underwent open-heart surgery last year but appeared to have recovered from the operation, Mr Aiken said. His sudden death came as a



Thomas A. Day

shock to fellow workers. Mr Day had been promoted to the position of artificial rink attendant a year after joining the city as an outside rink attendant. He was an ardent lawn bowler and belonged to Westmount's Lawn Bowling Club.

**CLSC investigating fate of dogless man**

WESTMOUNT'S CLSC is looking into the case of a Prince Albert avenue man reportedly taken to hospital Dec 12. During the course of the incident his dog was given a fatal overdose of tranquilizer by an Urgences Santé doctor.

The large golden retriever-type dog had allegedly prevented medical personnel taking his keeper from the house (see story Dec 21).

CLSC nurse Caroline Kennedy told THE EXAMINER yesterday she had read the story in the paper and was trying to follow up on the man's fate. She believes he had been a patient of the clinic.

Two residents of Prince Albert have also called to express concern.

**Greene Community Centre offers activity potpourri**

Winter courses will soon get under way at the Greene Avenue Community Centre, 1090 Greene avenue.

For preschoolers and children there is a puppet-making course, pre-ballet, ballet, flamenco, karate, introduction to music, Suzuki violin and flute and more.

Teens are offered team sports, martial arts, dance (jazz, flamenco and ballet) and guitar.

Adults can take fitness courses, dance and martial arts classes. There is also a bilingual language club for adults.

The centre also offers a Thursday evening series of lectures for adults in such diverse fields as taxes, nutrition, antiques, fitness and gardening.

Twelve more special Saturday events for children are planned, with the first Samedi Greene program scheduled Jan 11 to include a first aid demonstration and workshop.

Dance classes for all groups start next week. Information is available at 932-2389.

Winter programs in music start Jan 17 and 18. You must call the instructor to register. Music intro-

duction for young children is taught by Ken Faria Wednesday afternoons for 16 weeks. Cost of the course is \$88. 489-9462.

Suzuki violin for beginners with Suzanne Jeannotte for kids three and up is Thursday afternoons. 16 weeks for \$190. 483-6784.

Suzuki flute with Jean Tremblay is every second Thursday at 5:30 pm. 939-7272.

Guitar for beginners for nine years old and up is Wednesdays at 4 pm. 489-8046.

The puppet-making workshop for young children and parents is every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm for 10 weeks, and costs \$65. The instructor is Cathy Stubington of Picardi Marionette Theatre. 274-0739.

Every other Friday evening teens are invited to drop in from 7:30 to 9:30 to participate in organized games and sports activities with Tony Lee. 932-4519.

The Bilingual Club will meet every Tuesday starting Jan 9. Animator is Robert Camirand, and cost is \$45. Participants will speak half French, half English. 465-9128.

A series of seminars for seniors, offered in co-operation with The Senior Times gets under way Feb 1. Cost for each of these Thursday morning lectures is \$2 and includes refreshments.

A ski outing is planned for Jan 21 from 7 am to 7 pm at Knowlton. Adults and children will participate in cross-country and downhill skiing. Non-skiers can go along. Includes breakfast, snack, bus and skiing. Call Tony Reardon at 484-3447.

More information on all the community centre activities is available at 937-1417, 932-1266 or 931-6202.

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## Three holdups in city over holiday period

Only two robberies were reported in Westmount the week before Christmas and a third preceding the New Year holiday, police report. The festive season generally generates a number of holdups.

The most recent robbery took place Friday, Dec 29, when a lone man held up the Oink! Oink! store at 1361 Greene avenue about 6:20 pm. He pushed two salespersons away from the cash and helped himself, stuffing the money into a store bag.

### Bag found

A corduroy bag containing shoes and gloves was found hanging on a wrought iron railing facing 25 Holton avenue Dec 22 by public safety officers. It was reported to have been taken to local MUC police station 23 to be claimed.

He then ordered them to the back of the store before leaving, all the time keeping one hand in his coat pocket as if holding onto a gun.

Both of the robberies before Christmas occurred at shops in Place Alexis Nihon and are believed to have been committed by the same person. The suspect was described as a white man in his thirties, speaking French and wielding a black revolver.

At Fun Fun on Monday, Dec 18, the robber ordered a cashier to hand over an envelope of receipts she had been preparing for a safe. At the Pet Fair on Saturday, Dec 23, a man held up two employees before disappearing into a crowd of shoppers in the plaza.

Though the Oink! Oink! robber is also a white man of similar age, he is English-speaking, police said, and of a different build.

## Arrest on Clarke expected to clear 14 local burglaries

THE arrest of a 25-year-old St Henri man on Clarke avenue Dec 26 is expected to clear at least 14 burglaries in the station 23 district, police report.

The man was caught by a 51-year-old resident of the street who spotted someone breaking a window in the door of his house as he was about to drive away.

Police said the incident occurred about 12:40 pm when the departing resident noticed someone ringing his front doorbell. When no one answered, the man went around to the side where he was seen to break a window in a side door.

A janitor in a nearby apartment building also witnessed the incident. He shouted at the suspect, scaring him off in time to be caught by the resident. After he was apprehended, he tried to rob the resident, police said. He was unarmed and not able to get away. A passing taxi driver went to the assistance of the resident and radioed for police.

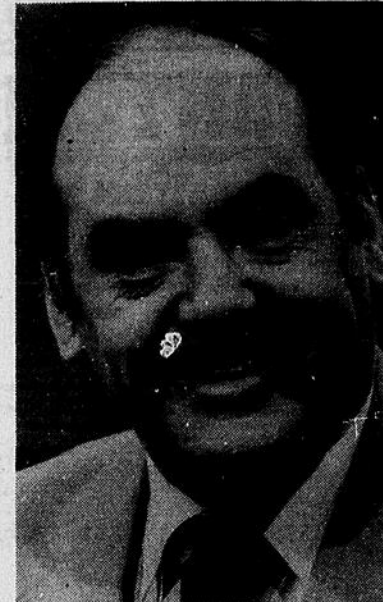
Charges of breaking and entering as well as robbery have been laid in connection with the incident.



Stephen A. Jarislowsky, CM



J. Claude Hébert, OC



George P.G. Springate, CM

## Westmounters and former MNA named to Order of Canada

Two Westmount residents and one former Westmount MNA are among 71 appointments made to the Order of Canada at the close of 1989.

J. Claude Hébert was made an officer of the order, Stephen A. Jarislowsky was named a member of the order as was George P.G. Springate. The announcement was made Dec 21 by the Governor General Jeanne Sauv , chancellor and principal companion of the order.

J. Claude H bert, OC, DFC, is a former executive of Bombardier Ltd and of Petro-Canada. He figured prominently in the development of these national industrial enterprises.

As founding organizer of the Canadian Executive Service Overseas, he has been actively involved in the transfer of Canadian business skills to developing countries.

Stephen Jarislowsky, CM, is founder and president of Canada's largest pension fund manager, Jarislowsky, Fraser and Company. He is a well-respected investment counsellor.

A proponent of good business education and of a multilingual and multicultural business community, he is recognized for his highly ethical approach to finance.

### Former MNA

George Springate, CM, was MNA for Westmount from 1976 until 1981 after serving from 1970 to 1976 as MNA for Ste Anne riding. His term in politics followed 11 years of service with the Montreal Police Department. He joined the police force in 1958 and retired in 1969 with the rank of sergeant and with 13 commendations for bravery and out-

standing arrests.

Sports fans may remember Mr Springate for his tenure as place-kicker with the Montreal Alouettes. He was a member of that team when it won the Grey Cup in 1970.

Mr Springate wrote a column for the lately departed *Daily News*. He teaches in the police technology program at John Abbott College, a program he helped to found.

He has devoted a working lifetime to improving service to, or creating new opportunities for his peers and his students. He is involved in a host of institutions and charities in which his active participation has contributed to the well-being of others.

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