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Robillard faces hostility over byelection

Leaves meeting
'quite upset,'
organizer says

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

Lucienne Robillard left an all-candidates meeting surprised and upset after facing repeated questions about her candidacy and the cost of the St. Henri-Westmount byelection.

"She was quite upset" when she finally left the room, said Stanley Baker, a member of the Westmount Municipal Association, which organized the event in conjunction with THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER.

"They did give her a tough time of it," Baker said.

It was a long Monday evening for the Liberal, one of nine candidates who appeared before a sometimes rowdy audience of about 250 at Westmount Baptist Church.

The eight others included local residents Jay Gould of the Progressive Conservative Party, Gerald Glass of the Green Party and Ann Elbourne of the NDP.



A pensive Lucienne Robillard looks on at Monday's all-candidates meeting. Next to her is Ann Elbourne of the NDP.

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

For news about an all-candidates meeting at McGill, and for details about advance polls, see page 14

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minister was the main target for candidates and voters.

Many did not buy the argument that their elected MP, David Berger, should surrender his seat to make way for Robillard, who is seen by many as the kind of strong francophone voice needed

to fight the referendum campaign.

"From a cost perspective, why is the byelection so necessary," audience member Yvette Phillips asked.

"Yes, the byelection costs money," Robillard said. "My question is, what is the cost of

separation from the rest of Canada."

Robillard said she has been meeting people in the riding who realize there's another significance to the election.

"It's about the future of our country," she said.

PSBGM to borrow \$6.5 million for emergency repairs

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

The PSBGM will seek provincial approval to borrow \$6.5 million for emergency repairs, to be repaid through the sale of school board properties, commissioners agreed last week.

Emergency repairs or replacement of the roof, windows and

boilers are now needed at some of the board's 70 schools, according to a board study.

Last fall windows at Westmount High School were identified as being among those in urgent need of attention.

Further studies are being carried out regarding the need for overall capital spending.

According to a resolution approved last week, the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal has insufficient funds in its capital budget to carry out the repairs.

The PSBGM controls three schools in Westmount: Roslyn, Westmount Park and Westmount High.

According to Ruth Rosenfield, president of the Montreal Teachers Association, decay of the windows started after the board stopped painting windows to save money.

Royal Vale School in N.D.G. was also identified as one of the schools where windows could fall out, possibly injuring students and teachers, Rosenfield said.

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Community events

Selwyn House School Book Sale of new books, sponsored by Paragraphe bookstore and in support of the school library's cd-rom budget, takes place Feb. 7, 8 and 9 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Red Room of the Macauley Building, 95 Côte St. Antoine. The public is invited. Info: 931-9481, ext. 241

Vernissage for The Beauty of Montreal, an exhibition of large-scale, classically inspired oil paintings by international artist Muli Tang, Thursday, Feb. 9, 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave.

Meetings

Montreal Camera Club meets Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. 4th Print Competition. Guests welcome. Use rear entrance.

Lectures

Brown Bag Torah Lunch with Rabbi David Goldberg, Monday, Feb. 6 at noon at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm St. Info: 937-3575.

St. James Literary Society meets Tuesday, Feb. 7. Dr. Leo Bertley of Vanier College will talk on "The Invisible Black in North American History." Non-members \$5. Meet at 7:45 p.m. for 8 p.m., Faculty Club, McGill University, 3450 McTavish St.

Performances

The Claudel String Quartet will perform works by Dvorak today at the Dawson College Reception Hall, 5B.16, at noon. Free admission.

A Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare is performed by the theatre department of Dawson College starting this week. Performances are at the Dome Theatre, 3990 Notre Dame St. West. Tickets: 931-5000.

Exhibitions

Eau-fortes/Etchings, an exhibition of engravings at the McClure Gallery of the Visual Arts Centre through Saturday. Gallery hours Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 350 Victoria Ave.

Recreation

Bridge every Friday at 11 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St.

Temple Bridge Club duplicate bridge games Sundays at noon. All welcome. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. Info: 937-3575.

Chess Club meets Tuesdays in the library at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Special session for children 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Info: 931-6202.

Women's Floor Hockey, Wednesdays 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. until March 18 at the Westmount Y, 4585 Sherbrooke St. Members free, non-members \$35/session. No previous hockey experience necessary. Info: 931-8046.

Kids stuff

Activity Club for children ages 6-12, 4 p.m., Thursdays at Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Info: 931-2304.

The Kadima Youth Group will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave. Activities will include arts and crafts and floor hockey. Admission \$5.

Free concert of Jewish music for children aged 5-12, Sunday, Feb. 5, 4-6 p.m. at Congregation Shaar

Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave. Stephen Glass, the Congregational Director of Music, will lead the PALS choir, and the Bagg Street Klezmer Band and other youth choirs will perform.

Book Club for children ages 6-12, Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Info: 931-2304.

Storytimes for pre-schoolers on Wednesdays at the Victoria hall location of the Westmount Library. Stories begin at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. No registration is necessary, no fee. Info: 989-5229.

An Art Party lets your child celebrate a birthday or other special occasion in a studio atmosphere complete with a hands-on project for your child and friends. Cost \$195. Info: The Visual Arts Centre 488-9558.

Seniors

Tai Chi Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Contactivity, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Drop in for \$2.50.

Thomas More, a discussion group on Fridays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Contactivity, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Drop in for \$2.50.

Arts and Crafts at the Contactivity Centre, Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All welcome. No charge. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd.

Bridge at Contactivity Centre, Mondays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Info: 932-2326.

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Drop in for a cup of tea and a chat at Contactivity Centre, Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All welcome. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd.

Blood Pressure Clinic Thursday, Feb. 9 at Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Registration: 932-2326.

Valentine's Day lunch at Contactivity Centre, Thursday, Feb. 9 at 12:30 p.m. Open to all seniors. Entertainment and Mayor Peter Trent. Admission \$6. Deadline to buy tickets is Friday, Feb. 3. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Info: 932-2326.

Line Dancing starts Feb. 10 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays at Contactivity

Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Info: 932-2326.

Challenges in Caregiving for a Dependent Partner, a support group for spousal caregivers, is offered by Jewish Support Services for the Elderly. Open to those 60 years and over who are the caregiver for an ill spouse. Eight weekly sessions. Info: 343-3795.

Courses

Open Mind, a course with Don Peck, Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon, Contactivity Centre for Seniors, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Info: 932-2326.

Art courses at the Visual Arts Centre include figure drawing, painting, watercolour, graphic design, calligraphy, stained glass and more. Register now for 10-week classes starting Feb. 5. 488-9558. The Visual Arts Centre is at 350 Victoria Ave.

Valentine Flower Workshop, a light-hearted approach to arranging flowers in unexpected containers, at the Visual Arts Centre, Sunday, Feb. 12. Cost: \$80, materials included. Info: 488-9558.

Week-long activities in art will be available for children 6 to 12 years old during the March break. Cost \$90 for 5 mornings, all materials included. Dates: February 27 - March 3, March 6-10, March 20-24. Register now at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave. Info: 488-9558.

Public info sessions kick off council meeting

Two public information meetings on zoning matters will be held before the February council meeting next Monday night. The first, at 7 p.m., addresses a zoning amendment in district C7 to allow live music. The second at 7:30 p.m., addresses assembly buildings.

In the regular council meeting, items on the agenda include a report by Station 23 police chief Pierre Vézina on activities in 1994 of the MUC police.

Councillors will also give a report on results of the sound barrier demonstration.

The city will also adopt a bylaw on street traffic and address a resolution on the parking policy.

Approval of purchases includes 12,000 copies of the Spring and Summer Recreation Guide and the supply and installation of computer hardware.

One tender will be issued for tree pruning.

Under traffic control, city council may agree to a proposal by the traffic committee to establish a 10-minute loading zone on the east side of Arlington, slightly up from the Westmount Y. The executive committee of the Y requested city intervention after parents complained they had trouble picking up their children at the building.

An agreement with the MUC on emergency measures organization is also expected to be signed.



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Good but not perfect, architects say of draft bylaw

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

Local architects approved city council's architectural integration draft bylaw at a public information meeting Monday night, but a few cautioned the city not to inhibit change under the bylaw.

Architects also wondered how flexible -- or inflexible -- the bylaw on site planning and architectural integration will be under the Architectural and Planning Com-

mission, which reviews requests for building or renovations.

They also told council to clear up mistakes, make it more precise and clarify terminology.

Most of the about 20 architects also agreed that sections in the character area study were too editorialized. Some said the study shouldn't even be part of the bylaw.

Councillor Karin Marks said the draft bylaw doesn't change anything that already exists, but sets



RICHARD BOLTON
'Only for reference'

out clearly what the city wants in terms of architectural characteristics.

"We're not changing what we do but are clarifying and putting it on paper so people can know ahead of time what the criteria are," Marks told architects.

Consider building maintenance now, architect urges

Anyone who has an old home in Westmount may eventually be told by the city how to maintain it, comments indicated at a public information meeting on the city's draft bylaw on site planning and architectural integration.

Architect Robert Thibodeau, who commended the city on the draft bylaw, asked city council to encourage homeowners to maintain old homes.

"The national building code doesn't address how to maintain old buildings," he said, suggesting the city consult with local architects who may have the expertise.

"Maybe as your next project you assemble the ways and means to maintain those buildings."

Mayor Peter Trent agreed and said the idea has been tossed around, adding that "one of the dangers in the not too distant future is the slow erosion of buildings."

The problem, Trent added, is that with tax increases people will tend to spend less on maintenance.

"My view of our next challenge is precisely that," he said, adding most people who buy a home ac-

The bylaw, a culmination of a 20-year collaborative effort between the mayor, the administration and architects, will simply "codify" how the commission decides, based on the bylaw, she said.

Councillor John Lehnert added that "now we're completely up front with what we're trying to do, that is, to protect the urban landscape."

"I think this is fair," Lehnert said, adding that it shows "we're going to be pretty strict in protecting the urban landscape."

The draft, expected to be in effect by spring, means it will be harder to do work at the front of your home, but not necessarily at the rear, he said.

Architect Richard Bolton, who worked with the city to draw up the bylaw, questioned whether it was right in incorporating character area studies into law.

"I have difficulty accepting that a bureaucratic body has the ability to write the law," Bolton said, adding he didn't expect a reversal. "I think it's wrong. I think it's absurd to have such an assessment recorded in law."

He suggested the area study be used only as a reference document, but Marks later said the study will remain part of the bylaw, likely as an appendix.

Perceptions of what is acceptable change over the years, said Bolton, who was later invited to help the city redo the draft. "Must this process stop because some history buff is obsessed with architecture? Westmount is still a developing place."

The draft's requirement of original materials also raised the question of cost, especially when more modern materials are better and are

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old buildings are concerned.

"If you're doing a maintenance bylaw, I suggest that you do a better job than in the past," Kiely added, saying that the fire department's pamphlet isn't good enough about informing residents on chimney maintenance, enough about informing residents on chimney maintenance.

"A lot of homeowners have chimneys that are deteriorating badly and they just don't realize it," she said.

--Caroline Kutschke

Westmount Park School opts out of added French classes

By BERNIE O'NEILL
The Examiner

Fearing that adding French teachers could bring the loss of teachers in its English sector, Westmount Park School has opted out of a pilot project for expanded French studies.

"While they would like more French in (Westmount Park) school, they have extremely valued teachers in the English language program and don't want to lose them," Westmount's PSBGM commissioner, Joan Rothman, told a school board meeting last week.

A committee had recommended that expanded French, similar to a program at Elizabeth Ballantyne School, be offered at one school in each of the board's English regions.

The Ballantyne model is seen as an alternative to French immersion for some of the board's English schools.

Students receive 90 minutes of French per day regardless of ability.

While the program has been a success, one full-time English teacher was replaced by one full-time French teacher to ac-

commodate the program at Elizabeth Ballantyne.

In the meantime, the Ballantyne model is going ahead at three other PSBGM schools.

Board members have expressed concern that the need for expanded French exists in all schools, and is looking at increasing French taught throughout the system from 30 minutes to 90 minutes.

The way the current program is being brought in — and the fact that it will be 90 minutes per day — was criticized by the president of the Montreal Teachers Association.

"It was never their understanding they would have to 'clone' the Elizabeth Ballantyne model into their school," Rosenfield said of the schools being added.

"They thought they would 'look at it.' They took some aspects, rejected others, and that's what they were, in their own mind, endorsing or approving."

A stated preference for a 60-minute program was because schools would lose two, not three members of the English-side teaching staff, she said.

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STATION 23 LOG

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE

Disappearance of lawn ornaments continues

Residents at a Belmont Avenue home reported that a 4 ft. iron statue of a woman holding a globe that lights up, was stolen from their front lawn sometime between 5:15 p.m. Jan. 23 and 9 a.m. Jan. 24. All that was left were the statue's base and wiring.

The theft is another in a month-long trend. But while police say the thefts may be related, they aren't investigating until more similarities show up.

Thief couldn't clean out laundromat

In one of two holdups in Westmount last week, a would-be rob-

ber walked away empty-handed from Nettoyeur D'Aoust on St. Catherine Street.

The foiled thief had walked into the cleaner's and, pretending to have a gun by pointing his finger inside his jacket at an employee, said, "cash."

The employee replied that she had already deposited the day's proceeds in the bank. The foiled thief then left the building. The



Fiery car burns rubber

The Westmount owner of this 1993 Buick Le Sabre didn't have a good day Jan. 25, when his car suddenly caught fire, causing \$18,000 in damage. Firefighters quickly extinguished the blaze and the owner had the car towed away. No cause for the fire was found.

Photo by CAROLINE KUTSCHKE

incident occurred at about 6:40 p.m. last Thursday.

The hold-up man was white, with brown hair, about 30, French-speaking and about 5 ft. 6 in. and 130 pounds. He wore dark jeans, a mid-length cream-coloured coat and a hat.

The second holdup occurred in a parking lot near Reddy Memorial Hospital at about 9 p.m. Jan. 25. The parking attendant, 33, told police that the suspect came from out of nowhere, pointed a revolver at him and said, "Be quiet or I'll shoot."

The suspect told the attendant to hand over the keys, which he did and the suspect tried to drive a car out of the parking lot.

He fled the car on foot when he came up against another car blocking the exit.

The suspect was black, about 30, French-speaking, about 5 ft. 9 in. and 180 pounds. He wore a brown nylon coat, a brown cap and a turtle neck.

Thieves bash window, take \$500 coat

Thieves smashed a hole in the plate-glass window of the Elite Suede store on Sherbrooke last Friday, taking with them a \$500 coat.

The incident occurred at about 3 a.m.

A break-in also occurred in a Clark Avenue apartment between 1 and 4:30 p.m. Friday, while the tenant was out. The tenant returned to find her compact disk player, 50 CDs and jewellery was stolen.

Painting disappears

A \$3,000 Letovsky painting disappeared from the entrance hallway of Inner Zone Westmount on St. Catherine Street last Friday between 5 and 6 p.m., owners told police.

No one witnessed the theft of the 4-by-6-ft. painting depicting a forest scene.

Three men accost woman on Roslyn

An N.D.G. woman told police that three men were involved in snatching her purse as she walked up Roslyn Avenue below Sherbrooke Monday evening.

The woman, 30, told police that one of the three men grabbed her purse from her shoulder as they approached from the opposite direction. They fled south on Roslyn.

The suspects were white, spoke English and wore dark clothing. They ranged from 5 foot two to 5 foot five. One wore a Chicago Bulls cap.

Lock left behind

Nothing but the lock of a Buick car was left behind in a car theft on Elm above Sherbrooke last Thursday between 9:45 and 11:30 a.m.

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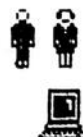
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Robillard put on the hot seat over byelection call...

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Before that, moderator Diana Nicholson disallowed a question about why Robillard is running in St. Henri-Westmount, saying it had been addressed in the candidate's opening statement.

Nicholson later told "anyone else who has questions about the cost of the election, or why Mme. Robillard is running here" to sit down, which prompted boos and a cry of "fixed" from the audience.

Still, the questions persisted. "Are you really here to defend the interests of St. Henri-Westmount?" audience member Stuart Michaelson asked. "Or are you simply here because Jean Chrétien needs a francophone, which he doesn't have because he couldn't win enough in 1993?"

Robillard reiterated that she grew up in Montreal, has worked with the public for 20 years, and understands the diversity of the riding.

Meeting was third for EXAMINER, WMA

Monday's meet-the-candidates night was the third in a row to be co-sponsored by the Westmount Municipal Association and THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER.

The first was for the 1993 federal election. The second was last summer in the lead-up to the provincial vote.

All three events have been moderated by David and Diana Thébaud Nicholson. The couple were introduced Monday night by EXAMINER publisher Bruce Stevenson.

They were thanked, with a gift of maple syrup, by WMA president Kit Finkelstein.

Time for remarks and responses was kept by WMA member Tom Thompson.

Flowers for the tables were arranged by Edith Pratley.

"All my life I've served the people, and I'm ready to serve the people of St. Henri-Westmount."

The warmest applause of the night was reserved for Reform candidate Gaetan Morency, who said he went from being a separatist to believing that French and English Canadians can get along.

"The more I met English-speaking people the more I loved them," said Morency, a St. Laurent businessman who has been a Reformer since 1990. "I never felt the rejection I was supposed to feel as a French Canadian, as a 'pea soup,'" he said. "People have so much love between each other, it's sad to see politicians break that apart."

Morency encouraged voters to pick Reform, later noting that electing a Reform MP could make his party the Official Opposition.

Bloc Québécois candidate Anne Michèle Meggs, who said she is looked on as something of a curiosity as an anglophone member of the BQ, urged voters to use the byelection to voice their discontent with the Liberal government over the possible taxation of RRSPs, increases in tuition fees or taxation.

"You can send a message about sovereignty at another time," she said.

Calling it the "million-dollar byelection," the PCs' Gould encouraged voters to prove "this is



Liberal candidate Lucienne Robillard, flanked by the NDP's Ann Elbourne, Natural Law's Allen Faguy, the BQ's Anne Michèle Meggs, and Conservative Jay Gould.

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

not a revolving door for parachuted Liberal candidates" by voting Conservative.

Robillard encouraged voters to vote Liberal "if you want somebody who can influence (the government) from the inside."

While Robillard was on the hot seat, it didn't seem to phase her fans, many of whom were in attendance.

"I think she was the best speaker of the night," said Julia Zavallos, who praised Robillard for her stance against separation.

"I was already leaning toward her," said Westmounter Lois

Rowe, a local seniors activist. Rowe said Robillard turned in the best performance of the nine candidates.

Others remained supportive of their candidates. "I heard a lot of terrible things about Reform before the byelection," especially re-

garding immigration, supporter Charles Roburn said. Most of it turns out to be untrue, he said.

"Reform is the only thing that seems new," he said, adding that "I used to be a young Tory, but now I'm ashamed of it."

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By Reg Morden

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Moderation in moderation?

Whether Monday night's all-candidates meeting before an overflow crowd at Westmount Baptist Church was a rousing success depends on your point of view. It was entertaining, rowdy at times, but ultimately frustrating.

The highlight, or rather lowlight, of the evening was when co-moderator Diana Thébaud Nicholson inexplicably cut off the third questioner, who wanted to know why Lucienne Robillard had decided to run in St. Henri-Westmount.

A reasonable question, I thought. After all, she could have run in Brome-Missisquoi.

Nicholson, however, didn't think so, refusing to allow the question, the first on this subject, curtly telling anyone waiting in line who planned to ask a question about this — or about the justification for calling the byelection — to sit down. This prompted gasps and scattered boos from the audience, and left the impartiality of the meeting in question.

Nicholson told the audience that Robillard had addressed the question in her opening remarks. But she hadn't, really. All she said was that she had spent many years living and working in the Montreal area. It was a fair question and became, despite the intervention, the key issue of the evening as Robillard came under fire. The impression left, whether accurate or not, was that Nicholson was trying to protect Robillard. She did nothing to dispell this notion during an interview with CJAD radio when she referred to Robillard as "that poor woman."

The intervention set the tone for the evening. Nicholson also handed the microphone to Natural Law candidate Allen Faguy at one point, sarcastically saying that he has "a solution for our economy." Faguy looked understandably horrified by the comment, which clearly had the effect of ridiculing him.

Another problem was that the moderators kept discussion between candidates to a minimum, eliminating it altogether part way through the question period, in order to accommodate as many questioners as possible. This is a reasonable step because you can't have just a few people dominate the meeting or make speeches. But there has to be a happy medium.

The WMA's Stanley Baker said from the audience that the meeting isn't a debate. As it turned out, he was right. But an event like that *should* be a debate, though not in the formal sense of the

word. There should be interaction between the candidates so the voters can have a chance to compare their views. Otherwise, you just get a lot of empty political rhetoric that goes unchallenged. Had the candidates been given the opportunity to go one-on-one from time to time, we might have actually learned something.

The first responsibility should be to the members of the audience, to get them the most useful information possible. Whether or not all the questioners get a chance should be secondary. Especially because so many of the questions were obviously planted by the campaigns.

Besides the format, what emerged from the evening was the obvious fact that no one will give Robillard a serious run for her money in this race. Anne Michèle Meggs of the Bloc Québécois spoke well in defence of her position but won't sway many anglophones. Gaetan Morency of the Reform Party gave an impassioned defence of Canada that impressed people but that was really too naïve to be realistic. Tory Jay Gould showed that he lacks political experience.

The most eloquent and the one who spoke on the most important issues, I felt, was Ann Elbourne of the NDP. She not only mentioned the obvious things like unemployment but other things, completely ignored by the others, such as the environment and homelessness. She pointed out, more intelligently than Morency, how ridiculous it is to be worried about the constitution when the country has so many really serious problems. She's in a tough riding for a social democrat but her comments seemed the most genuine.

There were some very funny moments that came out of the night, particularly from Gould. One questioner asked him about defeated Tory MPs stealing fax machines and generally looting their offices after being turfed out in the last election.

"I'm not going to comment on past policies," Gould said, to which he hastily added: "Or past allegations, I should say."

Not to be outdone, Morency, following a discussion about whether Robillard should be running in a riding in which she does not live, issued a figurative call to arms, saying: "Wake up St. Laurent!" to which he hastily added, "I mean St. Henri-Westmount..."

Morency lives in St. Laurent.

—Craig McKee

our Mayor
Peter F. Trent
says...



Hardhatting it

If someone asked me — and no one has — what will be the greatest accomplishment of the current city council, I wouldn't have to think for very long. The library renewal project has to win hands down. (Keeping a police station in Westmount rates pretty high, too; but that saga is, as they say, to be continued. I'll continue the fight. Indeed, the latest ruminations of the MUC police chief echo what I've been saying all along.)

I visit the library construction site every week. Thanks to exceptionally mild weather, the contractor managed to pour the whole concrete structure for the new annex by Dec. 21, before winter really set in. In fact, we're slightly ahead of schedule. And, so far, *on budget*.

Your council is determined that Westmount show the way as to how local government should manage such capital projects. And we're now just over the million dollar mark in our \$1.5 million fundraising campaign — which is, in itself, an innovation in shared government/citizen financing.

If you could visit the library site these days, you would be in for a shock. The original Findlay-designed building looks like bomb damage inside. A pile of rescued bricks here, a mortar-encrusted lintel there, bits of plaster everywhere. Orphan leaded-glass windows lie around, waiting to be ensconced in their original homes. The original brick fireplace, redeemed

from obscurity, is protected with old grey plywood.

Most of those magnificent arches supported by square Romanesque pillars have yet to be restored. Their chalky plaster and lath skeletons are exposed, and I-beams still cut through them. Engineers are figuring out how to remove these brutal intrusions into Findlay's original design.

Short-legged brown radiators stand docilely in the middle of the room, having been herded together to be sent off for cleaning.

A workman's picnic table is the only piece of furniture. A few festoons of bulbs on wires give off a sharp yellow light. You can smell that slightly acrid, musty smell of powdered masonry that always tells you're in a construction site of an old building.

Three weeks ago, the entire ceiling in the south Findlay building collapsed. Each wooden coffer was fastened to each other, so the ceiling crumpled progressively like a tent slowly collapsing when the poles are removed. The ceiling quite completely carpeted the floor. You can now see the wooden bones of the attic floor and the underside of the roof. We will, of course, replicate the original ceiling.

Our neglected library has been falling apart for years. In 1992, a window came off its hinges and hit a library patron. We've had floods in the basement. Not recommended for a place whose main product is paper. The contractor has just finished digging all around the outside of the foundations to put in French drains and to waterproof the limestone rubble walls.

More on the library construction project next week.

You Say

Have bent over backwards to be fair

Regarding your headline, "The need to stay out of things" (editorial, Jan. 26)

When I had a telephone interview with you, my concern was the lack of interest and particularly the lack of knowledge that a byelection was even taking place. Many of the telephone calls we have had are concerned residents who think that we have begun the referendum process!

My conversations with both Craig McKee and Bernie O'Neill were positive and enthusiastic in nature. It IS an important election. ALL elections are important, and this should come as no surprise to Madame Meggs or anyone else. Never at any time did I imply that it will be a Liberal landslide. I have no idea

of the outcome, anymore than your readers do. We will all know the results on Feb. 13th.

We, at Elections Canada, are bending over backwards to accommodate all voters and candidates fairly and without prejudice of any kind.

What I DID say, and what was ignored, was the most important part of my statement and one that we wish all voters to know is that anyone in the riding may vote in our office; any day and at any time. Let's concentrate on the facts, please!

Sandra Wilson
Returning Officer
St. Henri-Westmount

Voters more important than press

I am writing to you regarding your editorial ("Time to hear from Drummond," Jan. 19) that criticized Mr. Kevin Drummond for not communicating, or not communicating enough, with the media (EXAMINER in particular).

The tone of the article indicates that the author considers the politicians communicating with the media more important than doing what they are elected to do.

Your editorial is the illustration of an

Clarifications needed about WMA talk

I was flattered that the EXAMINER chose to give a good deal of coverage to my recent talk to the WMA. With a highly educated audience which has a long attention span, I waded into a number of topics. Your reporter was quite accurate in

unfortunate characteristic of our time, shaped by the arrogance of the media, that the style is valued more than the substance, and words more than the acts. It can be hoped that the electorate, and your readers, can tell the difference between what is important for the media and what is important for the rest of us.

Zoran Mihajlovic
WESTMOUNT

covering a long talk. The following items do hover require amplification or clarification:

1. I said that the most important single achievement of council was the creation (See LETTERS, page 18)

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EXAMINING THE FILES

50 years ago
Feb. 2, 1945

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: "Wednesday will mark the 18th annual Fellowship dinner sponsored by Temple Brotherhood in which Catholics, Jews and Protestants will participate. Following the dinner a symposium will be held on the theme, 'Building the Better World.' Speakers participating: Prof. W.A. Gifford, Mr. Guy Tombs, Dr. I.M. Rabinowitch. Mr. Lawrence Marks will preside."

40 years ago
Feb. 4, 1955

STATION JOINS TV NETWORK: "The American Telephone and Telegraph Company today announced that a new microwave system has been placed in operation, linking television station WMVT with the TV network of the Columbia Broadcasting System. The system brings the first direct network programs to Vermont's only television station. Three intermediate radio relay stations were built in the new microwave system to carry the programs 137 miles from Rotterdam, N.Y., in the CBS network, to the WMVT transmitter station atop Mt. Mansfield."

30 years ago
Feb. 5, 1965

POM NOT IN DICTIONARY: "You won't find the word POM in the dictionary — yet it's the three-letter symbol for a genuine Westmount institution. POM stands for Pride of Montreal and is the long-term slogan of Harrison Brothers bakery, in the big building at the southwest corner of St. Catherine Street West and The Glen. The late Dent Harrison, the founder, came of a line of Yorkshire bakers. He started a one-man bakery, making bread and English crumpets and then going out and selling them himself. After seeing industrial mixing machine at the Pan-American exhibition in 1898 he adapted the idea to dough mixing and thus produced the first mechanical dough-mixer in Montreal."

20 years ago
Feb. 6, 1975

BEAD FREAKS: "Westmount's 'Bead Emporium,' which opened recently in an upstairs office at 366 Victoria Ave., is devoted entirely to beads of all sizes, shapes, textures, colours and prices. It is a haven for 'bead freaks' such as its owner, Mrs. Ruth Walzer Shine of Mt. Stephen Avenue, as well as for those who might enjoy stringing beads for themselves and their friends."

10 years ago
Jan. 31, 1985

DAWSON ON AGENDA: "A draft bylaw regarding zoning changes in connection with the conversion of the Mother House into Dawson College is among the items on the agenda for the February meeting of city council."

One year ago
Feb. 3, 1994

OIL LEAK: "An underground tank of fuel oil at 78 Summit Crescent leaked an estimated 1,400 gallons into the ground last week causing fumes to permeate homes on nearby streets through dry sewer traps, fire officials said. Environment Quebec expects that a lot of oil-contaminated soil will have to be removed in the spring, fire director Jim Adams said."

— Bernie O'Neill



Pennies and paper clips for a rainy day

Some of life's little irritations are so common they've become the stuff of comedy. That's because the vast majority of us can feel sympathy — we've been there too. These are things like drivers who double-park, people who squeeze the toothpaste from the middle and mothers-in-law. (While I never had much trouble with my mother-in-law, she must have been difficult and unreasonable because comedy says they all are and comedy is home to the eternal verities.)

Other minor irritants are less generally recognized, related more to one's own quixotic outlook. People who insist on getting onto the metro before I've had a chance to get off drive me wild. I love it when I happen to be carrying large heavy shopping bags. I square my shoulders like the former Chicago Bears football player William "Refrigerator" Perry, and stand my ground till the opposition backs off. Or I just plow through it.

People who have spontaneous warm and lengthy reunions in doorways or at either end of public flights of stairs also make me peevish.

I have one friend who can't stand it if the ice-cube tray hasn't been refilled. I've another who gets apoplectic when it's filled too full.

Annoying people are one thing. At least there's someone you can yell at, talk to, stand in the way of, or bowl

over — blame. Inanimate annoyances are far more difficult to cope with. They're singularly unresponsive even when addressed directly or cudgelled.

I know elastic bands and paperclips can be profoundly irksome. You don't like to throw them away — you might need them someday. But when that day comes, the mounds of elastic bands and festoons of paperclips have mysteriously disappeared.

Milk bottle cartons with too much glue holding them shut can provoke apoplexy. There is little to match the frustration of trying to lace a boot or skate with a big fat lace that has lost its little plastic end bit.

And I'd like to know who's responsible for pennies.

Pennies exist to crawl into — and out of — inaccessible places, to clatter into vacuum cleaners where they can lodge and impair suction, to catch your eye as you're walking so you have to pick them up even though they're not worth it.

A penny loves nothing better than to find its way onto your dashboard or into your glove-compartment. There it can make little almost (but not quite) unnoticeable rattling noises. Whenever you come to a stop and try to locate the source of that tiny irksome sound, the penny sits absolutely still and silent.

Every home has a jar or pot or dish into which pennies get dumped — little penny colonies from which

Beside the Point



KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

pennies are never removed. Nobody wants them, yet they are tenderly collected and carefully hoarded. As a rule, they are unavailable should you need change at the store.

Once in a while, a penny can be useful. If anybody still wore penny loafers, two entire pennies might be used in decorating them. Pennies can be used to open things with instructions that say, 'insert coin and twist.'

I am told it costs two cents to make a penny. I am told coppers aren't even made of copper anymore. I am told they are thinking of discontinuing the penny.

Well, pennies may be devious little things but ... they can't do that. Life with out pennies? We need pennies and their ilk to promote moral fibre. Without pennies, Unicef would fold. And, well, you never know ... loafers may be in next year.

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TIPS ON FINANCE

Here's what you should do with your money.

It looks as though U.S. interest rates might increase a little in the short run. There are conflicting reports on what the view is concerning U.S. inflation. The Canadian scene is plagued with uncertainty at least until Finance Minister Paul Martin brings down his budget and until we see the outcome of "Parizeau's Dream". Considering all of this, my advice to you is as follows:

- keep your Canadian investments liquid and short-term
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- use conservative investment funds with 50% or more foreign content. This will protect you if the Canadian dollar drops even further
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FLASHBACK

A look into Westmount's past



Photo taken from the book OLD WESTMOUNT

A change of scale at Victoria and Sherbrooke

The above photograph, taken in 1912, shows the a view looking east on Sherbrooke Street at the corner of Victoria Avenue. The C.E. Box grocer on the corner is long gone and the Metro-Richelieu store now stands next to where this store was. This store, which became a Steinberg's in 1952, became a Metro store in 1992. The Laurentian

Bank now stands at the corner.

The tramway lines, which you see being installed in the older photo, have since been paved over. Tramway service was discontinued in the 1950s. The line once went along Sherbrooke and turned south on Victoria, going down to St. Catherine Street.

—Craig McKee



Photo by CRAIG McKEE

Rotary Montreal honours Meals on Wheels in Westmount

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

The Meals on Wheels volunteers work cheerfully and efficiently in the St. Mathias' church kitchen, carrying out a 30-year tradition awarded this Tuesday by the Rotary Club of Montreal.

The club picked Westmount's Meals on Wheels program — the first in Canada — as this year's recipient of its certificate rewarding

Crossing guard motion deferred

A motion decrying a cut to Montreal Urban Community crossing guards has been deferred to the next meeting of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

About 50 crossing guards are being cut by the MUC in police districts across the island. None are being cut in Westmount, according to a report.

The PSBGM motion, proposed by commissioner Keder Hyppolite, who represents Montreal North and East, was deferred after Hyppolite was unable to attend last week.

Hyppolite has called the cuts unjust, saying they endanger children.

One report said cutting crossing guards could save about \$400,000.

— Bernie O'Neill

a volunteer organization for service to the community. It also handed over a \$250 cheque to program chairman Ruth Scully.

"It's a way of acknowledging their activities and the idea is the \$250 will be used for the work that they do," said Richard Turner, chairman of the Montreal club's Public Affairs chapter.

Turner said the club decided it was worthwhile to recognize the Meals on Wheels after visiting the service, a suggestion by member Lloyd McClintock.

To Scully, the key to its success lies with the volunteers, "who are always cheerful, intrepid and loyal."

Meals on Wheels has also been assisted for many years by volunteers from the former congregation of St. Andrew's Church, she added.

Participation also goes further than just showing up twice a week.

"We pay strict attention to the preparation of nourishing meals, cleanliness in the kitchen, and our volunteer cooks are all very skillful and competent," says Scully.

And there are no barriers other than need, says Scully, who adds that there is an ongoing need for more volunteers.

"We serve all races and tongues," she says. "Our group is autonomous and we do not receive or look for any government assistance. At Christmas and Easter, a few good friends help us to cover the cost of holiday treats."

The Meals on Wheels was started in Westmount in 1965 by the late Kay Stavert, who was inspired by similar programs in England, says Scully.

Stavert approached the clergy and advisory board of St. Mathias Church with her project and they approved it heartily, calling it Christianity in Action.

The church also offered to absorb the cost of the specially designed heated box for the transport of the dinners.

Volunteers also responded enthusiastically, Scully said, and they delivered the first nourishing meals at noon in January 1966.

The dinner then cost 25 cents. Clients now pay \$2 - which still doesn't quite cover the cost of provisions, says Scully.



Meals on Wheels chairman Ruth Scully, and volunteers Heather Hodgson and Betty Wellsford.

Photo by CAROLINE KUTSCHKE

The 16 clients who were the beneficiaries were at the time recommended by the Victorian Order of Nurses as those needing some help in their own homes because of temporary illness, chronic illness, accidents or other mishaps, she said.

At first, volunteers served Little Burgundy, but later moved to St. Henri, as requested by the Volunteer Bureau, by then charged

with the task of recommending clients after the VON merged with the CLSC.

Volunteers now serve parts of downtown Montreal, Westmount and Notre-Dame-de-Grâce.

The team has also grown from a few people to four groups of volunteers, who serve about 30 people, each with its own leader, cooks, drivers, servers and washers.

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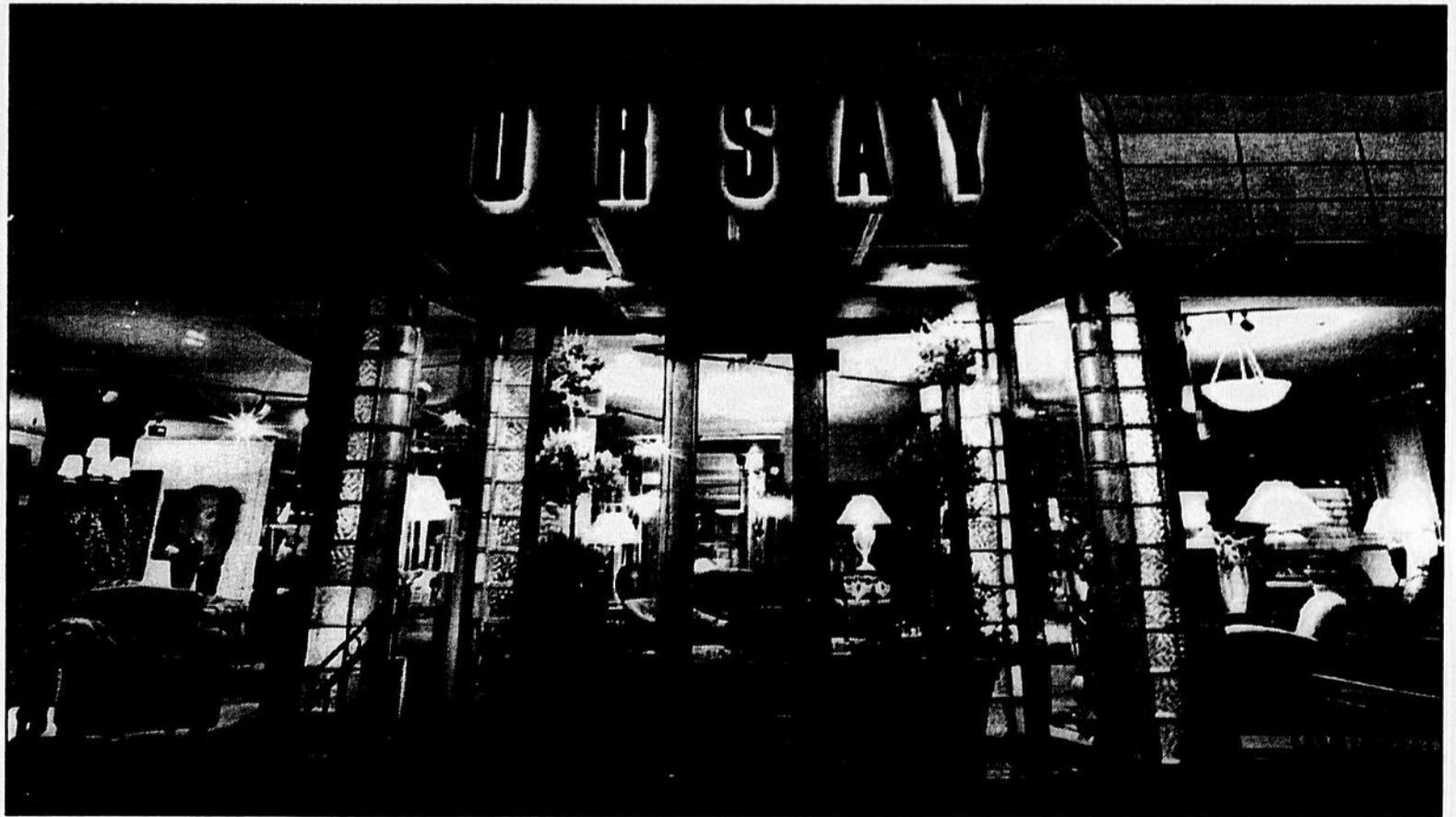
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Is a self-directed RSP the right investment?

By SCOTT A. MacKENZIE

Self-directed RSPs are a popular topic at this time of year, but it is often confusing to sort through the numerous features that are discussed and the opinions offered by

various experts on whether they are a good idea or not. The bottom line is that self-directed plans are good for some people, and not for others, just like any other kind of investment.

The fact is that many investors

give less thought to where they invest the funds they have earmarked for an RSP than to where they buy their groceries. It is human nature to delay considering the alternatives, and to find a last-minute solution at the contribution deadline in February, however, these are not the best criteria for evaluating the type of RSP you invest this year. Your RSP contribution is likely the most important money you spend each year. Shouldn't you take the time to consider how you spend it?

Here are some facts about self-directed RSPs. Self-directed plans allow the investor to construct his


or her own RSP portfolio by choosing from a wide range of investments. It is usually recommended that you have at least \$15,000 in RSP funds accumulated before you set up a self-directed plan to allow for proper diversification and to justify the administrative fee charged by most financial institutions for these plans.


A self-directed RSP can be tailored to fit your needs because you have a wide range of investments to choose from and the flexibility to structure your portfolio any way you wish. Qualified investments range from GICs and

government-guaranteed investments such as coupons, mortgage-backed securities and government bonds, to equities and mutual funds for growth. You can even hold the mortgage on your own home as an investment within your self-directed plan. Self-directed plans also make it easier to include a foreign component in your RSP portfolio.

A self-directed RSP also gives you the flexibility to alter the investment mix within your RSP portfolio to take advantage of changing market conditions. This flexibility can make a substantial difference in performance and in the growth of your RSP assets over time.

Self-directed plans are usually more flexible when it comes to making contributions and withdrawals as well. For example, if you do not have the cash available to make your RSP contribution, with a self-directed plan you can contribute assets you may own such as Canada Savings Bonds and stocks (provided they are RSP-eligible). The amount of your contribution will be equal to the fair market value of the investment on the day it is contributed to the RSP.

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Changing interest rates can affect your investments

By SCOTT A. MacKENZIE

If you're in the market for a new car, a house, a condominium or negotiating a personal loan at the bank or making an RRSP contribution, specific interest rates are probably very much on your mind right now. As an investor, though, you should regularly keep in touch with the general trend of interest rates — whether they are heading up or down. That overall trend can have a major effect on investments you've already made — whether in stocks or bonds. A pronounced shift in direction at any time should trigger a review of what you own and what you might consider selling or buying.

It takes only a few minutes every week to stay alert to interest rate trends. There are four key rates which should be checked once a week and are published daily in *The Globe & Mail* and also appear in the financial pages of many local newspapers. Look at:

The Treasury Bill (T-bill) Rate. This is the benchmark for short-term (30-day to one year) interest rates. Each week, usually on a Tuesday, the Bank of Canada auc-

tions Treasury Bills to Canadian chartered banks and investment dealers. If the T-bill rate starts to slide, for instance, you can expect your return on money market accounts or other near-cash investments to go down too. Many short-term rates are tied to it. For example, auto loan rates and floating rate mortgages mirror — with some lag — T-bill fluctuations. T-bills, which are sold to individuals in \$10,000 denominations, are virtually risk-free. The bill matures at face value in a short period of time and there is no risk of default.

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The Bank Rate. This is the interest rate at which the Bank of Canada lends money to the chartered banks. Watch the week-to-week movement in this rate as a fairly early indicator of whether interest rates are likely to head up or down in the near future.

As you regularly review these key rates you'll often find mixed signals. But once you begin to see an upward or downward trend emerging, the following guidelines can help you assess the impact on your investments — and direct your investment decisions. When it comes to assessing the impact of interest rates on your investments, it is important to keep in mind that there is an inverse relationship between interest rates and bond prices. When interest rates go up, bond prices go down because the bond's fixed coupon is less attractive than market rates. When the bond's price has dropped below its face value because prevailing interest rates for that particular maturity are above its coupon, the bond is said to be trading at a discount. Conversely, if rates have declined below the coupon rate, the bond is trading at a premium.

Look at your portfolio and, with the help of an Investment Executive, assess your degree of exposure to a change in interest rates. For instance, if interest rates are going down and you have long-term bonds purchased when rates were higher, you probably have a nice gain on the bonds. You should decide whether you want to keep holding on to those bonds or reduce your exposure to a decline in value if rates start to climb again.

Stocks as well as bonds react to changes in interest rates. In a general way, if the yields on virtually risk-free short-term T-bills are very attractive, investors become reluctant to put their money into stocks, where the risk is higher.

In addition, certain kinds of stocks — notably utilities and banks — are especially sensitive to interest rate changes. Banks, for instance, make much of their profit on the difference between what it costs them to borrow and the rate at which they lend money ("the spread"). As interest rates in the market start to decline, banks bring down their lending rates — but at a slower pace. The spread for many banks usually increase

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Broadway's *Spider Woman* weaves a seductive web

By SUSAN GRAY
The Examiner

If it's spectacle you want, it's spectacle you'll get at Théâtre Misonneuve, where the Broadway touring production of *Kiss of the Spider Woman* is currently playing. Broadway legend Harold Prince (*Showboat*, *Cabaret*, *Phantom of the Opera*), directed the show, which stars another Broadway legend, Chita Rivera, and was written by Terrence McNally with a score by John Kander and Fred Ebb.

Based on Manuel Puig's novel, the show is a retelling of the story of two men imprisoned in Latin America, focussing on the cinematic fantasy life of its main character, gay window dresser Molina (Torontonian Juan Chioran).

The plot of *Kiss* revolves around the intense relationship between Molina, imprisoned for corrupting a minor and Valentin (John Dossett), a Marxist revolutionary and political prisoner. From the beginning, there are grounds for intense conflict. For one, Valentin is so revolted by the fey Molina that he actually draws a line to divide their cell in two. During the course of the musical, however, both men change in ways that would have been unimaginable for them at the outset.

The differences between Puig's novel and the musical, which won seven Tony awards, including best musical, in 1993, are numerous.

Theatre

Many characters have been added (there are only three in the book). One of the additions is the Spider Woman, a figure of death who is referred to only twice in the novel.

Master showman

Prince is a master showman, and his technical collaborators in set, lighting and costumes are first class. The set (Jerome Sirlin) is an ingenious arrangement of steel bars which fold in and out instantly to create either claustrophobic prison settings or open spaces for dancing. Sirlin's projections are likewise breathtaking especially the various webs and the backdrop for the first act finale, *Gimme Love*.

The lighting, (Howell Binkley), especially the harsh tones used in the prison, works wonderfully with the set. Florence Klotz's costumes, notably Rivera's, are artfully done.

But what happens under the fabulous lighting and on the set is largely the purview of Prince. Broadway's famous showman is in fine form and his trademark directorial style is all here — controlled, cinematic, fluid, and replete with stunning images.

On the dramatic level, Prince makes the negotiation of two completely separate worlds look

easy. He is greatly assisted with this, however, by a heartrending, virtuoso performance by Chioran.

Unfortunately, I can't say the same of Rivera, who is billed as *Spider's* star although she spends less than half of it onstage. Technically, as a dancer, she is a marvel. Not only is she over 60, but since a car accident in 1986, one leg sports 12 screws.

Technical mastery is one thing, sizzle, another. Rivera does shine in the finales of both acts and in the musical's title song. She can also deliver in terms of singing and acting. My main quibbles here are a lack of consistency for the former, and the fact that she has so little opportunity to act during the show.

If only she could have taken some of Dossett's lines. His Valentin, especially in the first act, is extremely flat, although some of this is due to an overly macho part. Luckily, as his character softens, Dossett's acting reflexes kick in, although not enough to make his an effective performance overall.

The weaknesses in projection, coupled with missing links between dramatic and musical sections and a lack of interesting songs, makes this a far from perfect *Spider*. Still, the show manages to trap us in its web through a mix of powerful story, strong acting and technical prowess.

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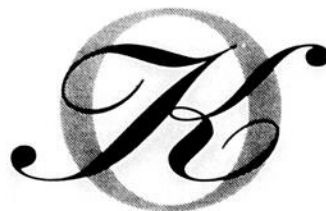


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Heart club keeps pumping despite shortage of volunteers

By ANGELA M. LEE
The Examiner

The Westmount Heart Club, a local arm of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Quebec, kicked off its annual fundraising campaign at Plaza Alexis Nihon last week despite a critical shortage of volunteers.

Traditionally the month of February has been used by the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation because of Valentine's Day. It is the only time of the year that the organization promotes awareness of cardiovascular disease in a nationwide appeal for cash.

"My goal is to collect a minimum of \$15,000," says Georgette Maheu, 74, a Westmount resident and the club's fundraising chairperson. "But I'm having a hard time getting enough volunteers to man the kiosks."

Quebec researchers have made significant inroads in the field of heart disease and stroke, the pri-

mary killer of both men and women in North America. Last year in Canada alone, they claimed more than 75,000 lives.

This year, as the foundation celebrates its 40th anniversary, 121 researchers and 49 scholars in 31 research centres receive financial support. The total amount of financial aid given last year reached almost \$3.5 million.

Maheu has raised \$3,600 for the foundation since her club's inception last July. She held a variety of cash-yielding events that included an aquafit class, a heart-healthy banquet and a clothing sale at the Montreal Children's Hospital.

"Often people ignore the kiosk but you must continue to maintain an upbeat morale. And you must always be polite," Maheu says.

Maheu spends eight hours per fundraising.

Eighty-one cents from each donated dollar is invested in research, education and prevention.

"I was working every day last week up until two o'clock in the morning just to set up for this month's campaign. We hope to make money with the campaign. But it's very hard.

"Even if you can give a dime, even a nickel or a penny. Everything helps. We need to get people interested."



Fundraising chairwoman Georgette Maheu shows off some Heart and Stroke Foundation literature at Alexis Nihon last week.

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

Neill Currie remembrance on Saturday

A remembrance for the late Neill Currie will be held this Saturday at 2 p.m. at 80 Hillside Ave.

A local seniors activist, Currie died last month after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 73.

Currie was a founder of the Seniors of Westmount Action Group. At the time of his death he was president of the McGill Institute for Learning in Retirement.

While accomplished professionally, as a former ambassador and diplomat, and later chief economist of the Bank of Montreal, Currie was well-known locally both for his work with seniors and for a garden he nurtured at his home at the corner of Roslyn and de Maisonneuve.

A family service was held in Currie's native Winnipeg.

For more information on Saturday's remembrance, call Gerald Iles at 484-8692, or Sally Aitken at 932-6092.

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tifying habits that cause heart disease and stroke as well as suggesting ways to prevent them.

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Byelection candidates to focus on environment at McGill

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

The environment will be the focus at an all-candidates night scheduled for Feb. 8 at McGill University.

The meeting is organized by the environmental committee of the McGill Students Society and the McGill chapter of QPIRG, the

Quebec Public Interest Research Group.

Separation has been the big issue so far, QPIRG co-ordinator

Alison Dudley said. "We're hoping to get other things on the agenda, like the environment," she said.

The event is being moderated by Arthur Campeau, Canada's Ambassador for Environment and Sustainable Development at the

conference in Rio de Janeiro.

Representatives from Action RE-buts will also attend.

Dudley said Tuesday that organizers had not yet received a confirmation of attendance from Liberal candidate Lucienne Robillard.

The conference will conclude with a period open to all questions, comments and opinions from the floor.

The meeting will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the William Shatner Building (Student Union), 3480 McTavish St.

Advance poll being held Feb. 4, 6 & 7

Advance polls will be open on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday for the upcoming St. Henri-Westmount byelection.

The advance polls are for those who will not be unable to cast their ballots on election day Feb. 13.

Polls will be open Feb. 4, 6

and 7 from noon to 8 p.m. at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve West; Marianopolis College, 3880 Côte des Neiges Rd.; Le Foyer Laurentian, 2165 Tupper St.; Strathearn Cultural Centre, 3680 Jeanne Mance; CEDA (Adult Education Centre) 2515

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Former NHLer Fleming Mackell stays in touch with hockey

This Week's Westmouter

By BOB OLIVER
The Examiner

During his NHL heyday with the Boston Bruins, Fleming Mackell enjoyed playing at the Forum in front of his family and hometown friends. But he wasn't overly fond of the Habs.

"The Canadiens always seemed to beat us in the playoffs. One year we had a 8-3-1 record against them during the year and when we met them in the finals, they beat us."

"I enjoyed going to the Forum, though. Not just because we wanted to beat them so badly but because my mother (Margaret) and my two sisters (Joan and Maureen) got to watch me play."

These days, he's an avid Canadiens fan and he roots for them wholeheartedly.

"I enjoy going to the rink," said the former Bruins star who cheers on grandson Noah Mackell, playing for the Canadiens of the Westmount Recreation (peewee) House League.

"Westmount has a great organization and the people who run the arena are first-class," Mackell said. "I just wish the parents would let the kids play the game. Some of them are too hard on their boys."

Mackell, 65, followed in his father's footsteps as an NHL player and shares his dad's philosophy of letting the youngsters enjoy the game. If a kid's going to make it to the big leagues, he says, he should do it of his own free will.

"My Dad never pushed me," said Mackell of his father, Jack, who played four seasons with the

Ottawa Senators, winning the Stanley Cup in 1920-21. "I just loved the game and I wanted to play in the NHL. He let me decide what I wanted to do with my life."

While Mackell admits it would have been nice if one of his three sons had made it to the NHL, he says he's proud they found their own niche in life.

His oldest son, 42-year-old Mike, who is one of eight children, runs a successful restaurant on the corner of Grey Avenue and Sherbrooke Street, just west of the Westmount border. Mike says he had a dream to become a third generation Mackell in the NHL but it just wasn't meant to be.

"Like most (Canadian) kids growing up, I wanted to play pro-hockey," said Mackell, standing under a 16x20-inch photograph of his father in a Bruins uniform that hangs on the wall of the Claremont restaurant.

"But at the age of 14 or 15 I realized that although I had a head for the game, I didn't have the legs. My friends used to call me the 'blue line bum.'"

Proud of his father's career, Mike has fond memories of going to the Boston Garden as a child. But the one highlight that stands out in his mind was a game at the Forum that he watched on television when he was six years old.

"Halfway through the game my mother (Kathleen) decided it was time for me to go to bed. As I was going up the stairs I turned around just in time to see my father take the puck end to end and



Mackell during playing days, with son Mike, now 42.

score a goal. I was so excited she let me watch the rest of the game. I'll never forget that game or that goal."

Mackell's end-long rush was one of many highlights in his illustrious 13-year NHL career.

After playing his minor hockey in the Westmount area, he eventually joined the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1948. In his two-year

stint with Toronto, he helped the club win two Stanley Cups.

In the 1951-52 season, the Leafs traded Mackell to the Bruins for defenceman Jim Morrison. While Boston never won any Cups during the time Mackell played for them, he says he experienced his greatest moments in his eight-year stay with the team.

With the Bruins, Mackell played

in five all-star games including a first all-star team selection in the 1952-53 season.

That same year, he remembers one of his fondest memories.

"Detroit had a powerhouse team, finishing 40 points ahead of us in the league standings," he said. "In the opening game of the semifinals they beat us 7-0, but we came back to win the series in six games. You had to see the look on Gordie Howe's face after we eliminated them."

Unfortunately for Mackell and the Bruins, they lost in the Stanley Cup finals to Montreal, that stood until Rick Middleton broke it in 1983. In the course of his career, Mackell racked up 63 points in 80 playoff games.

Considered one of hockey's best 'chips-down' players and one of the best penalty killers in the history of the game, Howe once said the Bruins were never quite as competitive after Mackell retired in 1960.

During Mackell's career with Boston, the Bruins only missed the playoffs twice, and both those times he was out with lengthy injuries.

After his retirement, Boston missed the playoffs the next nine years.

Many hockey pundits are appalled that Mackell hasn't been named to the NHL Hall of Fame. Mackell doesn't let it bother him — too much.

"I was a 'we' player and I did what I had to do to help the team win. I feel there are a number of players in the Hall (of Fame) that are less deserving of the honour than I am but what can you do? I'm not going to worry myself about it."

(See MACKELL, page 16)

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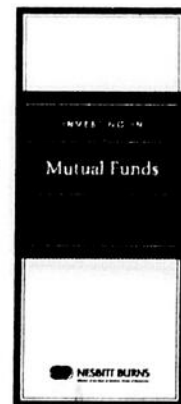
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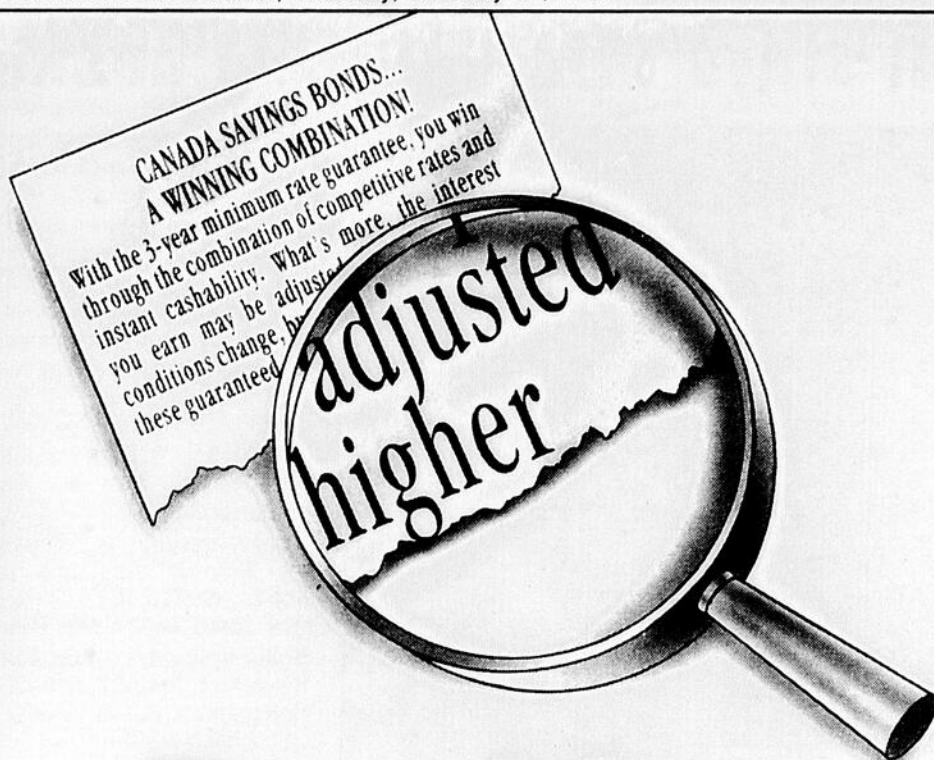
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Cancer claims judge Henry Steinberg

He was known for his writing as well as his judgments

The family of Quebec Court of Appeal Judge Henry Steinberg laid him to rest at a funeral Monday.

The 58-year-old prominent Westmount resident died Saturday of cancer of the esophagus.

Steinberg spent 10 years on the bench, sometimes amid high-profile controversy, but was also known for a second career in writing.

Steinberg's latest work, a fictional piece called *The Meeting of the Saints*, was recently published. His first non-fiction book, *Backstage at the Palace*, published in 1993, detailed his experiences as a judge at the palais de justice.

A McGill University honours graduate in Economic and Political Science, he spent 23 years as a real estate lawyer after joining the bar in 1962.

He was also active in the Jewish community, including stints as vice-president of the Shaar Hashomayim synagogue, chairman in the Canadian Jewish Congress and former chairman of the Canadian Zionist Federation, trustee.

Steinberg was named Quebec Superior Court justice in 1985 and soon became known as a defender of individual rights. In 1988, he disallowed Quebec government regulations requiring that one or more parents be educated entirely in English before a child could be allowed to attend English schools in Quebec. The government made no appeal.

Controversy erupted in 1992

when Steinberg ordered the acquittal of two men accused of conspiring to blow up an airline in 1986. He said it had taken too long to bring the men to trial.

Steinberg faced more controversy in June 1992, when former prime minister Brian Mulroney appointed him to the Quebec Court of Appeal. The move forced Steinberg to give up a murder trial that he was conducting in Superior Court.

The case ended in a mistrial and the accused, Timothy Dale John Cobb, was set free. He's now serving a life sentence for the murder of Sarah Dutil, 11.

Friends recalled a man with a sense of humour and commitment.

"He had a great sense of humour, yet he was very intense in terms of his commitment to law and civil rights," recalled Zave Ettinger, chairman of the Canadian Zionist Federation, who knew Steinberg through the CZF. "He was a very ardent, eloquent speaker."

"He was a noble figure, in the Jewish community and out," recalled Alan Rose, who knew Steinberg for 20 years, mostly through the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"He had an impish sense of humour. He was a well regarded person and much loved," said Rose, now a commissioner with the Refugee and Immigration Board.

Steinberg is survived by his wife Janice, his daughter Joanne and sons Sandor and Barry.

Mackell says hockey has become selfish ...

(Continued from page 15)

Mackell feels a lot to do with getting voted in depends on backing from others and a little bit of politics. He's not interested in getting into the Hall of Fame that way.

"If I'm going to get in, I want it to be because I earned it by my ability to play the game."

Although Mackell would have enjoyed getting paid on a par with the salary standard of today's players, he's not bitter about it. As prime entertainers for millions of hockey fans, he feels the owners are finally giving the players the money they deserve.

He's also pleased players from his era are being properly compensated by their owners.

"We recently won our pension-fund court case against owners who were using our surplus money for their own purposes," said Mackell, referring to the suit filed by close to 1,000 players from the old six-team league. "The judges are supposed to finalize the disbursement of the funds this week."

"I hope they get it to us soon. We're not getting any younger and a lot of the players could use the money now."

After his retirement in 1960, Mackell went on to make a handsome living in the automobile industry. He says he keeps in touch with his old buddies at the annual NHL alumni golf tournament. However, he says his playing days are over. The closes he gets to a rink is watching his grandson play and refereeing oldtimers games in Dollard des Ormeaux.

After being diagnosed with a heart problem in July of last year, Mackell underwent a triple bypass operation. Since that time he's recovered tremendously well. Despite a full head of grey hair, the former star has maintained his rugged good looks and is adamant that he's in tip top shape.

"I love going to the local courts to play some tennis or squash," he said. "I could do it every day."

With a reputation as a persevering, hard-working hockey player, Mackell lives his life exactly the same way — to the fullest.

Battery theft a real mystery

About 12 packs of AA batteries were stolen from Hoggs Hardware last Wednesday at about 11 a.m. The suspect is an English-speaking black man, described as about average-sized. He wore a Sherlock Holmes style hat, according to police, and a dark leather jacket. The video surveillance system caught the incident on tape.

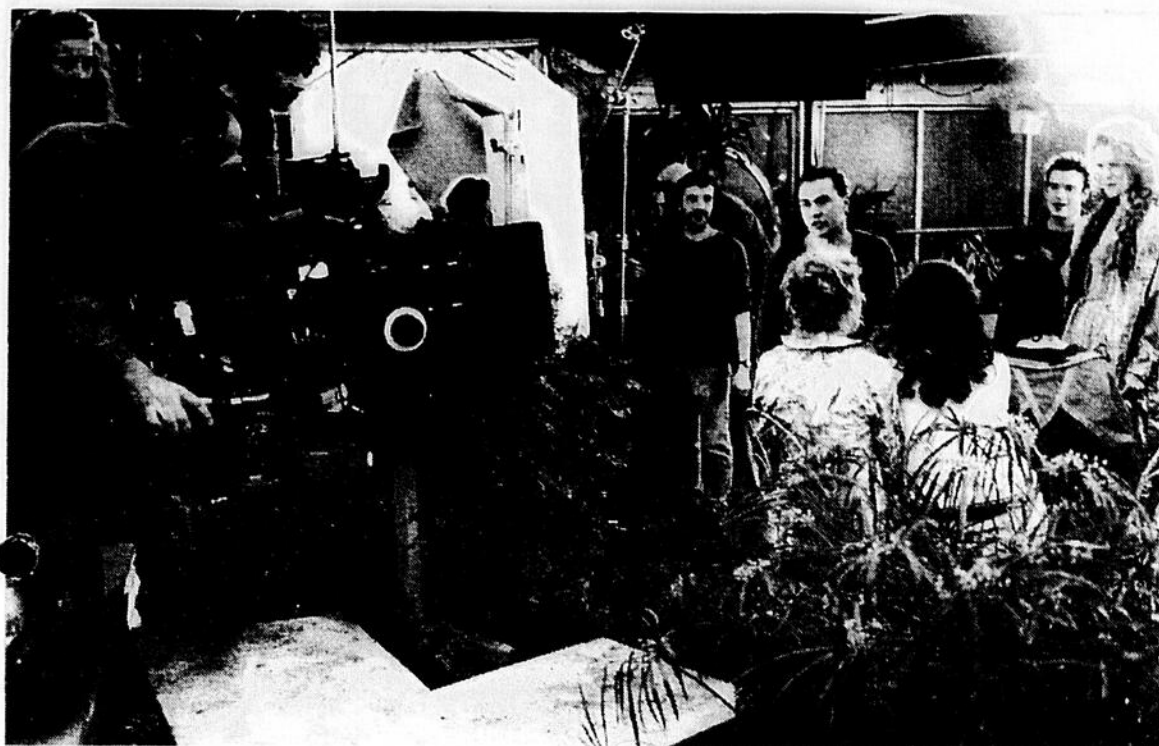
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Balthazar Getty and Alice Krige, two stars of in *Habitat*, prepare for a scene. Photo by PETER McCABE

Westmount greenhouse is the scene for sci-fi fantasy film

Site next to Victoria Hall one of several in Montreal area

Canadian-Dutch film crews clustered around Westmount's greenhouse next to Victoria Hall Wednesday of last week for the filming of sci-fi fantasy movie called *Habitat*.

The scene being shot in the

greenhouse was depicting one of the few places left on Earth with flowers.

The greenhouse was one of several sites around Montreal used by Matrans Productions, crews for

the \$13-million movie shooting entirely in "high definition" and features several state-of-the-art visual effects, including computer and morphing effects seen in *The Abyss* and *Terminator 2*.

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The Commission will sit from February 15 to March 5, Monday to Friday between 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.. An interpretation service will be made available to unilingual English speakers.

Individuals, groups and organizations wishing to make a presentation before the Commission must register before February 5, by phone, fax or mail. Details are given below. Briefs must reach the secretariat before February 10.

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Letters to the editor...


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of an atmosphere of collaboration among councillors and between council and the mayor. This ambience not only promoted efficiency here but also permitted Peter Trent to do outstanding work at the MUC and lately on behalf of regional government without having to worry about warfare breaking out back "home". I said that the "action" was at the MUC and at the regional level because it was there that a better environment for the creation of jobs and the lowering of our disastrous unemployment level may be found.

2. In discussing bureaucracy I did not say that perhaps there were too many firemen. I took the firemen as an example of an organization which has a clear cut structure since it has to be run along para-military lines. Thus it is quite clear that for "X" firemen you can have, say, 1/5 "X" officers. The ratio is transparent and well known. But apparently it is alright to have 1,000 school teachers and say 311 administrators. Why? I suggested one should start from scratch and determine how many administrators, planners, consultants, etc. are permissible for each activity and for a given number of clerks, bus drivers, physicians, nurses, police officers, teachers and engineers who deliver the actual services.

3. Our library has several books on bureaucracies. One deals with contemporary Israeli bureaucracy, the other with modern Peruvian bureaucracy. There are also several humorous books on bureaucratic foibles. The library would undoubtedly have acquired a good general non-academic book on the subject had it been available. I have not seen such a book reviewed in the *New York Times* or *Gazette* book review sections for years.

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Architects call for flexibility...

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available at a less cost, he added. Cautioning the city not to be inflexible, Bolton asked, "In the quest for authenticity, should we go back to wooden sidewalks in Westmount? Because that's the way they were."

"We've been careful to make this as clear as possible without closing doors because this has to be left open to some interpretation," Marks said. "We don't want to prevent things we can't even foresee."

Resident Maureen Kiely wondered how the commission would enforce the bylaw against tastes of individual homeowners.

The commission "might encourage other things," depending on the location and other factors, replied commission chairman Gerry Miller.

Architects weren't the only ones worried about inflexibility.

Councillor John Bridgman asked Miller whether anyone rebuilding a house burnt among other row houses, for example, would have to exactly duplicate the original using the same materials.

Miller replied that homeowners should at least respect certain elements and characteristics of what exists and the commission would point out what would be inappropriate.

The council and commission have decided what is architecturally valuable in Westmount, Miller said, and stands by that in the new law.

The city's brick and wood features are "a delightful part of the



KARIN MARKS
"Just clarifying things"

quality and character of Westmount and we have seen a number of these disappear -- to the detriment of the city."

Architect Thibodeau also urged the city to consider refusing materials that although original, go against the environment or energy efficiency.

He suggested using energy efficient windows and avoiding roofing tar.

Architects also pointed to other factors for the city to consider.

Christian Feise said "there's a incredible neglect of buildings" in Westmount, especially the lower southeast portions.

"People just don't give a damn."

"There seems to be no mechanism for clearing up the place," Feise added, citing slowly rotting cars, or junk built up in the yards by bag ladies or bag gentlemen.

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Dawson Blues all smiles

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By BOB OLIVER
The Examiner

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Teammates Tremayne Howe and Marco Azabache also hit the double figures with 18 and 12 points, respectively.

"It was a well-executed team effort," Dawson assistant athletic director Greg Lawlor said after the win. "John Abbott outsizes us considerably, and in order to offset that, we had to work hard under the boards and out-hustle them on the rebounds. We did that, and it was the difference in the outcome."

With the win, Dawson increased (See DAWSON, page 22)



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Sharks	18	13	5	0	87	48	26
Bears	19	11	7	1	69	40	23
Senators	19	9	8	2	43	38	20
Guards	18	9	8	1	63	59	19
Dragons	18	6	10	2	67	82	14
Canadiens	18	3	15	0	30	92	6
ATOM							
Nordiques	19	12	6	1	97	61	25

North Stars	18	8	8	2	72	72	18
Canucks	18	7	7	4	70	83	18
Whalers	18	8	9	2	58	68	18
Penguins	18	7	9	2	79	66	16
Canadiens	19	6	12	1	51	77	13
PEEWEE							
Capitals	20	15	2	3	87	37	33
Seals	20	9	10	1	52	53	19
Canadiens	20	8	11	1	58	80	17
Scouts	20	4	13	3	55	82	11
BANTAM							
Flames	23	13	8	2	90	81	28
Leafs	21	10	8	3	98	79	23
Panthers	22	8	8	6	73	79	22
Lightning	22	7	14	1	75	97	15

MIDGET

Rangers	19	11	8	0	79	63	22
Sabres	19	8	11	0	63	79	16

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Westmount sports and recreation Senior Hockey

EXECUTIVE

P.H.D.	14	8	4	2	42	20	18
Law	14	7	5	2	49	29	16
C.A.	14	6	5	3	38	43	15
Engineers	14	5	4	5	30	33	15
M.B.A.	14	7	7	0	40	41	14
Brokers	14	2	10	2	27	60	6

SENIOR B

Fathers	19	13	2	4	74	50	30
Devils	21	11	4	6	70	45	28
Sharks	21	10	6	5	60	42	25
Leafs	19	9	6	4	61	52	22
Kings	19	9	6	4	59	31	22
Oilers	19	5	8	6	58	58	16
Hawks	22	5	14	3	55	102	13
Flyers	20	1	17	2	35	92	4

SENIOR A

Jets	23	13	8	2	98	83	28
Red Wings	22	12	7	3	84	62	27
Whalers	22	10	7	5	90	69	25
Rangers	22	7	10	5	63	85	19
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DIVISION ST-LOUIS

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N.D.G.	12	2	10	0	20	51	4

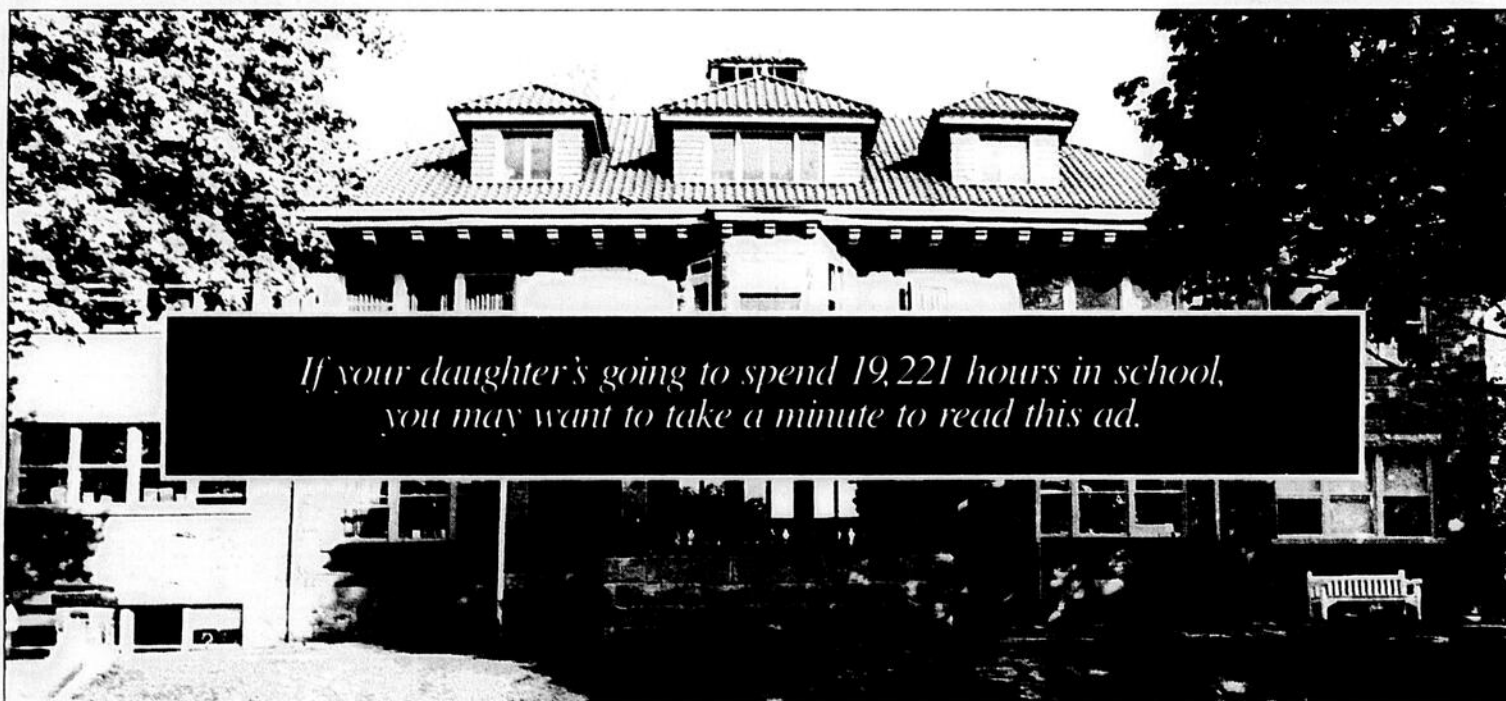
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Westmount Sports and Recreation Senior Hockey

P.H.D.	11	6	3	2	34	15	14
Engineers	11	5	3	3	23	23	13

Westmount House League Hockey Scores January 24 - 30

Jan. 24 Novice	Senators 4 Bears 1
Atom	Canadiens 2 Nordiques 2
Senior A	Jets 3 Whalers 3
	Rangers 2 Blues 2
Senior B	Kings 3 Hawks 1
Jan. 25 Senior B	Devils 2 Oilers 1
	Sharks 5 Flyers 0
Jan. 26 Pee Wee	Canadiens 2 Seals 1
Bantam	Flames 4 Lightning 2
Senior A	Jets 6 Blues 3
	Whalers 6 Red Wings 2
Jan. 27 Pee Wee	Capitals 4 Scouts 1
Senior B	Fathers 4 Hawks 2
	Leafs 4 Devils 1
Womens	Westmount 4 Bishops 2
Jan. 28 Novice	Bears 2 Guards 0
	Sharks 9 Canadiens 3
	Dragons 6 Senators 3
Atom	Nordiques 5 Whalers 1
	Canadiens 5 Canucks 0
	Penguins 6 N. Stars 5
Jan. 29 Bantam	Leafs 6 Lightning 1
	Panthers 3 Flames 2
Midget	Rangers 4 Sabres 2
Womens	Dorval 5 Westmount 3
Jan. 30 Pee Wee	Capitals 5 Canadiens 2
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Blues out-hustle Islanders...

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its league record to 7-1, good enough for second place behind league-leading Montmorency, at 8-1.

Dawson led John Abbott 51-31 at half-time.

Earlier in the afternoon at Concordia, the lady Blues dropped their tenth straight game of the season, losing 86-50 to the lady Islanders.

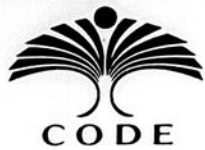
"Once again, we got off to a slow start spotting John Abbott a 40-18 lead at half-time," Lawlor said. "But we played them to a 46-32 score in the second half, and the team is definitely improving in all aspects of their game on every outing.

"Unfortunately, it's difficult to beat a team like John Abbott when you trail by as many points as we did in the first half."

Rosie Mendez led the Blues offence with 11 points, pouring in five of five from the free-throw line. Tara Miller followed Mendez's lead with 10 points.

NOTES: The lady Blues will play Champlain (St. Lambert) tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Westmount High School in their first game of the Sun Youth Tournament. With a win, they'll play on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Verdun Catholic High School. If they lose, they'll play at noon. Friday and Saturday games will also be played at Verdun Catholic. The championship final is slated for 8 p.m. Saturday night, following the consolation final at 6 p.m.

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No gold for Gryphons at Loyola tourney

But Selwyn House basketball squad earns bronze

By BOB OLIVER
The Examiner

There wasn't any gold for the Selwyn House Gryphons at Loyola's Silver Anniversary Winter Sports Tournament.

As one of 25 Canadian and U.S. high schools competing in the 25th annual tournament held over the weekend at the Loyola campus, the Selwyn House bantam hockey and midget basketball teams failed to reach the finals in their respective categories.

The Gryphons basketball entry, coached by Colin Boyle, beat West Island College 49-38 on Friday before edging host Loyola 51-49 on Saturday. But sandwiching a 56-28 loss to tournament champion Macdonald-Cartier between the two victories, put Selwyn House out of gold medal contention.

As a result of their exciting victory against Loyola in Game 3, the Gryphons wound

up in the bronze medal spot.

Selwyn House's Kevin Boyle was selected to the tournament all-star team after scoring 21 points against Loyola and another 18 in the game against West Island.

"Generally, we shoot 43 per cent from the floor. But in our game with Macdonald-Cartier our shooting went cold," Boyle said. "We only shot 23 per cent against them and we were 0-8 from the (free-throw) line."

Macdonald-Cartier won the midget final with a victory over Centennial Regional High School.

The Selwyn House bantam hockey team, coached by Pat Shannon, dropped a 2-0 affair to tournament champion John Rennie High School in opening-round action on Friday. They lost 2-1 to Alexander Galt High School from Lennoxville in Game 2 on Saturday.

Goalie Jeff Gantz was outstanding in the Gryphon net in both games while defenceman James Brooks was Selwyn House's "franchise player" of the tourney.

"The kids performed very well," Shannon said. "This is not exactly a banner year for the team but everyone on the team is optimistic and we seem to be improving with every game."

In the championship final, John Rennie edged LCC 3-2 in overtime.

As an added feature to celebrate the silver anniversary, an Old Boys hockey game was played on Sunday, pitting Loyola against long-time rival, LCC. Players from the 1940s through the 1980s took part. Former NHL president Brian O'Neill and former NHL referee Red Storey officiated the contest.

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Selwyn House Gryphons find out that glory is fleeting

By **BOB OLIVER**
The Examiner

"How hard it is to maintain inherited glory."
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After winning the GMAA and provincial championships last year, the Selwyn House Gryphons juvenile hockey team has found itself at the other end of the spectrum this season.

Falling on the short end of a 5-1 score to the Loyola Warriors Monday afternoon at the Loyola arena, the defending champion Gryphons — currently in last place — saw their 1994-95 record drop to 1-10-1.

"We've lost 12 good hockey players from last year's team, including our top scorer, Jamin Kerner, our best defenceman, Ben Wearing, and the league's best goaltender, David Haimon," said Selwyn House coach Steve Mitchell after Monday's loss.

"We can't expect the same results after losing a dozen key players from our championship team. We have to look at this season as a rebuilding year."

Mitchell says the most important thing that left with the graduating players is the team's scoring touch.

Loyola — which isn't exactly a powerhouse in the league, sporting a sub-par 3-8-1 record — scored once in the first period, and twice in both the second and third to take a 5-0 lead.

Selwyn House finally got on the scoresheet when Hugo Blomfield beat Loyola goaltender Mike McIntyre with 1:20 left to play in the game.

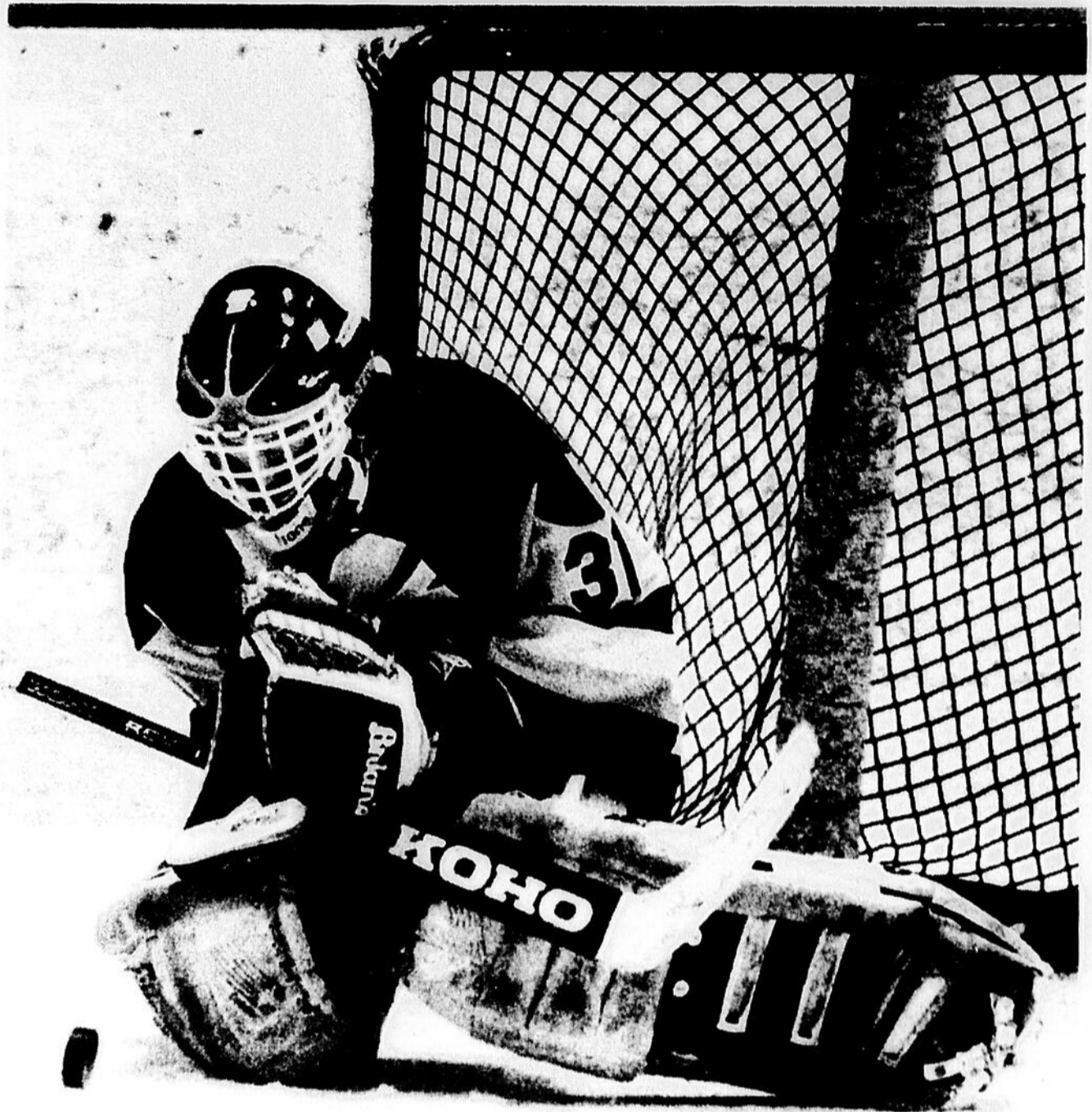
John MacDonald and Franco SanGregorio drew assists on the goal.

"All season we've played extremely poorly in the second period, but today the boys put in a solid three-period effort," said Warriors coach Jamie Kompon after the victory. "It feels good. It's our first win since we beat them 6-3 in their Selwyn House Tournament back on Dec. 22."

In a previous meeting in league play at the end of November, the two teams skated to a 3-3 tie.

"You have to give credit to Loyola today. They forechecked us like crazy and they worked hard all game," Mitchell said. "But our kids work hard too and it paid off in a goal late in the game."

"Sometime this month a team is going to come up against us and take us too lightly and we're going to upset them."



Selwyn House goalie Ben Sharp makes the save but leaves a fat rebound.

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LE PROGRAMME

LE JEUDI 9 FÉVRIER

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Achat de billets à l'aréna ou au Centre Contactivité
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LE SAMEDI 11 FÉVRIER

- 9h00 - 13h30 **TOURNOI DE BALLON-BALAI POUR ENFANTS ET ADULTES** [Aréna]
- 10h00 - 16h00 **PROMENADES EN TRAÎNEAU** [Parc Westmount]
- 11h00 - 3h00 **CABANE À SUCRE** [Parc Westmount]
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- 12h00 - 13h30 **GOÛTER GRATUIT DE "HOT DOGS"** [Aréna]
- 13h30 - 14h00 **PARADE COSTUMÉE** [Aréna]
- 14h00 - 14h30 **CONCOURS DE LANCEMENT DE RONDELLES DE HOCKEY** [Aréna]
- 14h30 - 15h30 **COURSES EN FAMILLE** [Aréna]
- 15h30 - 17h30 **PATINAGE FAMILIAL** [Aréna]
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EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

- 12:30 - 3:00p.m. **SENIORS' CARNIVAL LUNCHEON** [Westmount Park Church]
Purchase tickets at the Arena or at Contactivity
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- 6:30 - 9:30p.m. **FAMILY TOBOGGANNING** [King George Park]
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- 5:00 - 11:30p.m. **NIGHT SKIING - BROMONT** [Bromont]
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

- 9:00 - 1:30p.m. **ADULTS' AND CHILDREN'S BROOMBALL TOURNAMENT** [Arena]
- 10:00 - 4:00 **OLD FASHIONED SLEIGH RIDES** [Westmount Park]
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- 1:30 - 2:00p.m. **COSTUME PARADE** [Arena]
- 2:00 - 2:30p.m. **PUCK SHOOTING CONTEST** [Arena]
- 2:30 - 3:30p.m. **FAMILY RACES** [Arena]
- 3:30 - 5:30p.m. **FAMILY SKATING** [Arena]
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