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First woman to run for mayor:

May Cutler challenges Gallery; seeks more 'creative' city hall

By PETER BLACK

Vowing to build a new community centre, beautify public buildings, appoint an ombudsman, reach out to elderly Westmounters, and spark a more "friendly and creative spirit" at city hall, publisher May Cutler officially launched her campaign Monday to oust Brian Gallery from the mayor's chair in the Nov 2 municipal elections.

She is the only candidate thus far to challenge Mr Gallery, who won the post in 1983 by defeating Allen Nutik. Nominations close Oct 19. Mrs Cutler is the first woman ever to seek the Westmount mayoralty.

Mrs Cutler, 64, said in an interview Monday she wants to "make Westmount the greatest community in North America" and counter what she feels is a slide into a negative and narrow attitude at city hall.

"It breaks my heart to see what's happened here. ... I want Westmount to be a beautiful and joyous place," she declared.

The founder and publisher of Tundra Books said her recent battle for a zoning amendment to allow her to live and work in the building she bought at 4545 Sherbrooke has been "given up entirely" and that even if she could locate her company there now she wouldn't. Her struggle for the amendment, though, "is one more example of the tunnel vision" the city has exhibited. "When in doubt say no; it's the safest way."

Saying its "atmosphere ... is so suspicious and defensive," she pledged to "change completely the nature of city hall. What I want is a new direction."

She dismissed reservations about her lack of experience with civic administration, noting she had known nothing about the publishing business before starting the internationally acclaimed Tundra 20 years ago.

"So-called experience in some ways is like putting blinders on," Mrs Cutler said.

Cultural matters are particularly important to the candidate, a former patron of Arts Westmount and a key event organizer this year.

She said culture must be taken away from the responsibility of the recreation department and a new cultural department set up to promote and co-ordinate activities.

A new community centre is needed in the city to supplant Victoria Hall, which she described as "a white elephant; a cold, hard place" which does not serve as a true community centre.

May Cutler

A new facility is needed, she said, to provide an attractive and inviting

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Gallery, Fortin vote against:

New day-care gets nod after public meeting

By PETER BLACK

Despite the votes against by Westmount Mayor Brian Gallery and Alderman Paul Fortin, a special by-law giving the green light to K.I.D.S. Westmount Day Care to locate at 4670 St Catherine street was adopted at Monday night's city council meeting.

Approval of the measure follows a public consultation meeting Wednesday last week on a package of zoning by-law amendments which was dominated by discussion of the suitability of K.I.D.S. Westmount.

The special by-law approved by council is the same one it had planned to use to grant its approval of the day-care up until it withdrew it at the Sept 7 council meeting. The by-law, authorized under provincial legislation to encourage day-cares, was intended to be used as an interim measure until the city amended its zoning by-law to allow day-cares in certain areas. When the new by-law was adopted last fall, a typographical error by the city had omitted Xs on a chart showing allowed occupancies.

As a condition to the by-law, the day-care owners agreed to prohibit parents from dropping off or picking up children on St Catherine. The centre becomes eligible for a city occupancy permit today with the publication of the motion in this week's EXAMINER.

Alderman Peter Trent, commissioner of planning and redevelopment, told THE EXAMINER Tuesday he is satisfied residents of the area who had expressed concern about the day-care "have had their day in court."

He said council decided the "slight potential inconvenience (of a day-care) over equivalent type of occupancies is not enough to stop it."

Ald Trent noted current zoning allows health studios, radio stations, offices, service laboratories and other uses, any or all of which could have as much impact on the area as a day-care centre.

Admitting that "the majority of Blenheim residents" were opposed to the day-care, Ald Trent said he doubted whether they would have been able to defeat the zoning by-law in a referendum.

Mayor Gallery told the Monday meeting in explaining his negative vote, that he thought "day-care centres should be in areas of less activity."

Ald Fortin, in whose ward the new centre will be situated, said he "broke ranks" to vote against the motion because he "could not resolve myself to see it fit for a day-care centre."

Centraide ups local objective

The annual Westmount Centraide campaign is under way with the goal of raising $250,000, up $20,000 from last year.

"With so many homeless and soup kitchens in Montreal, it was felt we had to raise our mark," said Grace Hancock, the second-year chairman of the Westmount drive, on Tuesday.

Proceeds of the campaign go towards aiding hundreds of social and community agencies throughout the island. The overall '87 target for Montreal is $20 million. Last year it was $18 million.

Mrs Hancock said striking inside postal workers have made the campaign somewhat problematic and initial fund returns are not available.

"But they've told me to mail out our letters anyway," the local chairman said of instructions from Centraide's head office.

Donations can be sent to Centraide, c/o St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, 687 Roslyn avenue, Westmount, H3Y 2V1.

"None of the neighbors could guess your weight and age, so I had to tell them."

THANKSGIVING Greetings

MONDAY is Thanksgiving Day, signalling a general shutdown of many stores and most businesses, including the offices of THE EXAMINER. Next week's issue will be published as usual on Thursday, with all normal deadlines in effect, but because of the holiday early submission of items would be appreciated.

City of Westmount offices will be closed Monday and there will be no garbage collection. The Westmount Public Library will be open as usual Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm but will be closed all day Sunday and Monday.

THE EXAMINER wishes all its readers a safe and happy holiday weekend.

Faces challenge in ward 6:

Rothman seeks second term to 'see through' projects

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Alderman Joan Rothman, Westmount's commissioner of power, communications and data systems, deposited her nomination papers Wednesday last week seeking a second term on city council.

Although Mrs Rothman was acclaimed as the only candidate to represent ward 6 in the 1983 vote, she faces opposition this time from Lawrence Vatch who announced his intention to run last week.

"I very much want to continue working on council," she told THE EXAMINER. "I've learned a lot and I think I've been effective in many areas.

"I want to be around to see through some of the programs started during the past four years, such as street lighting."

Ald Rothman, who sits on the library's board of trustees as well as city council committees on traffic, audit and personnel, is also running for re-election as Westmount's PSBGM commissioner in the Nov 15 school board elections (see story last week).

Although she lives at 487 Argyle avenue in ward 3, the electoral seat being vacated by Ald Peter Trent, Ald Rothman has chosen to seek to continue representing ward 6 to the south, the area bounded by Atwater, de Maisonneuve and St Catherine street west to Westmount Park, plus 4000 de Maisonneuve.

Joan Rothman

"I've gotten to know the people in ward 6 and become familiar with their problems."

She said "it might have made sense" for her to have run in ward 3

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TAKE NOTICE THAT the schedule to the electoral list (the list of tenants) of all zoning districts in the City of Westmount, is now deposited in the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec H3Z 1E2, where any interested person may there take cognizance thereof, from Monday to Friday inclusive, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The date, time and place set for the revision of the said schedule to the electoral list, as well as the deadline for the submission of applications for the entry and striking off of names on the same schedule, are specified in the public notice of deposit of the schedule to the electoral list, published in The Gazette on 7th October 1987.

Given at Westmount, Québec, this 7th day of October 1987.

R.C. Wilkins
City Clerk

WESTMOUNT
AVIS

PRENEZ AVIS QUE l'annexe à la liste électorale (la liste des locataires) de tous les districts zonés de la Ville de Westmount est maintenant déposée au Bureau du greffier de la ville, 4333, rue Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec H3Z 1E2, et que toute personne intéressée peut y en prendre connaissance du lundi au vendredi inclusivement entre 8h30 et 16h30.

La date, l'heure et l'endroit fixés pour la révision de ladite annexe à la liste électorale, ainsi que la date limite pour la présentation des demandes d'inscription et de radiation des noms sur ladite annexe, sont précisés dans l'avis public du dépôt de l'annexe à la liste électorale, publié dans le journal Le Devoir le 7 octobre 1987.

Donné à Westmount, Québec, ce 7ième jour d'octobre, 1987.

R.C. Wilkins
Greffier de la ville

WESTMOUNT
BY-LAW 992

Public notice is hereby given to all who may be concerned that "BY-LAW TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DAY CARE CENTRE IN A PORTION OF THE BUILDING BEARING CIVIC NUMBER 4670 ST. CATHERINE" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a general sitting held at the City Hall on the 5th October 1987.

Details relating to the said by-law are fully set out in By-law 992 which is open for inspection by all persons interested at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Westmount.

GIVEN at Westmount, P.Q., this 6th day of October 1987.

R.C. Wilkins
City Clerk

WESTMOUNT
RÈGLEMENT 992

Avis public est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le "RÈGLEMENT VISANT À PERMETTRE L'ÉTABLISSEMENT D'UN SERVICE DE GARDE EN GARDERIE DANS UNE PARTIE DE L'ÉDIFICE PORTANT LE NUMÉRO CIVIQUE 4670 STE-CATHERINE" était adopté par le conseil municipal de la ville de Westmount, lors d'une assemblée générale tenue à l'Hôtel de ville le 5 octobre 1987.

Les détails se rapportant audit règlement sont contenus au complet dans le Règlement 992, lequel est ouvert pour vérification par toutes les personnes intéressées, au bureau du greffier de la ville, Hôtel de ville, Westmount.

DONNÉ à Westmount, P.Q., ce 6ième jour de octobre 1987.

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R.C. Wilkins
Greffier de la ville

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BY-LAW 995

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DONNÉ à Westmount, P.Q., ce 6ième jour d'octobre 1987.

R.C. Wilkins
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F. Caluori
Director of Public Works and City Engineer/
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WESTMOUNT *Community Calendar*

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, Oct 8

☐ **School committee meeting**: Westmount High School, 7 pm

☐ **Reading**: Steven Scobie will read from his new book, *The Ballad of Isobel Gunn*, at the Double Hook bookshop, 1235A Greene avenue, 8 pm; for further information, 932-5093

☐ **An evening of Samuel Beckett's shorter plays**: Presented by Imago Theatre at the Atwater Library, Atwater avenue at Tupper street, 8:30 pm; performances also Oct 9 - 11 $

☐ **Joint exhibition**: Work by jewelry designer Janis Kerman and ceramist R. Lynn Studham, Visual Arts Centre, continues until Saturday

☐ **Exhibition**: Paintings by Madeleine Lemire, Galerie Westmount, 4935A Sherbrooke street west; until Oct 14

☐ **Exhibition**: Paintings by Elisa Nucci, Westmount Public Library, until Oct 18

Friday, Oct 9

☐ **CLSC Metro information session**: "Child Safety, Accident Prevention at Home," 300 Victoria avenue, 10:30 am - 11:30 am; for reservations call 934-0354 local 247

☐ **Home fire drills**: And smoke detector testing by occupants, 6 pm

☐ **Family night**: Unity Boys' and Girls' Club, 1090 Greene avenue, 6 pm

☐ **Poetry reading**: Canadians Susan Glickman, Jan Conn, and John Reibetanz are to read from recently published works, in the Lodge room of Victoria Hall 7:30 pm; sponsored by the Westmount Public Library in collaboration with Véhicule Press

Sunday, Oct 11

☐ **Nearly new sale**: Sponsored by Pioneer Women's Organization Kadima group, Victoria Hall, 9 am - 5 pm

Monday, Oct 12

☐ **Chess club**: Sponsored by the Westmount recreation department, Victoria Hall, 7 pm

Tuesday, Oct 13

☐ **Westmount Initiative for Peace meeting**: Dorothy Rosenberg discusses Canada's white paper on defence, in the west lounge of Victoria Hall, 5:30 pm - 8 pm; refreshments will be served

☐ **Birthday party**: Westmount Public Library's 90th birthday is to be celebrated with a reception followed by a tour of the library, 6 pm

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Oct 1

12:09 am: 40 Edgehill, first responder unit;
10:31 am: 4999 St Catherine, first responder unit;
2:30 pm: 4800 de Maisonneuve, code 3 automatic mutual aid assistance from Outremont and St Laurent cancelled at 2:34 pm, sprinkler system activated (see story);
6:05 pm: 6575 Kildare, code 2 automatic mutual aid assistance to Côte St Luc cancelled at 6:17 pm;

Oct 2

8:13 am: York and Prince Albert, first responder unit (see story);
3:51 pm: 3 Westmount Square, apt 411A, first responder unit;
6:00 pm: 120 Côte St Antoine, first responder unit (see story);
6:58 pm: 450 Kensington, Shaar Hashomayim, first responder unit;
9:02 pm: 4474 St Catherine, fire alarm activated by dust from workmen sanding;

Oct 3

7:33 am: 100 Metcalfe, alarm sounding;
12:45 pm: 425 Metcalfe, Shaar Hashomayim, first responder unit (see story);
3:10 pm: 18 Springfield, fire in house (see story);
10:32 pm: 410 Victoria, apt 6, first responder unit;

Oct 4

2:08 am: 4470 St Catherine, apt 303, first responder unit;
3:26 am: 21 Stanton, first responder unit (see story);
4:48 am: 410 Victoria, apt 6, first responder unit;
10:34 am: In front of 54 St Sulpice, natural gas leak;
3:28 pm: 5811 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid assistance to Hampstead cancelled at 5:34 pm;
5:24 pm: 1336 Greene, apt 14, grease fire (see story);
6:[illegible] pm: 1225 Greene, problem with oil furnace;
8:59 pm: 3202 The Boulevard, chimney problem;

Oct 5

7:19 am: 43 Barat, first responder unit;
10:04 am: Front of 4859 Sherbrooke, first responder unit;
3:44 pm: Rear of 550 Lansdowne, false alarm;
3:52 pm: 450 Kensington, Shaar Hashomayim, code 3 automatic mutual aid assistance from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 3:59 pm, defective alarm;
5:34 pm: Olivier and Sherbrooke, first responder unit;
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Mom confiscates son's slingshot

A hunting slingshot was taken to local MUC police station 23 after the mother of a boy who found it did not want it kept, public safety officers report.

The item was spotted Saturday in the hands of a boy skateboarding at Somerville and Prince Albert avenues. He claimed to have just found it at Victoria avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard. The matter was taken up with the mother who did not want her son to keep it.

Robber pulls pistol on pursuer

A man hiding a revolver in his belt forced a cashier to hand over $475 from four cash registers Saturday at the Cinq Saisons store on Greene avenue, police report.

The holdup took place at 5:05 pm after which the robber ran into Westmount Square where a witness who called police saw him holding the gun and looking around.

A Cinq Saisons worker who had pursued the bandit out of the store gave up the chase when the suspect suddenly turned around and pointed the gun at him.

When police arrived, the robber could not be found. He was described as a white man aged about 30 wearing a black leather jacket and grey pants.

Exhaust triggers garage sprinkler

Exhaust from an air compressor was reported to have activated a sprinkler head in the garage of 4800 de Maisonneuve boulevard Friday, fire officials said.

The incident was reported as illustrating the danger of operating a compressor in the apartment building's garage. It was being used at 2:30 pm to expel water from a lawn sprinkler system.

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We Say

Fresh rain on Brian's parade

LESS than a month from the Nov 2 voting day, it safely now may be said that the Westmount municipal elections are "hotting up."

Most dramatic development, of course, is the candidacy of Mrs May Cutler for mayor.

This is unexpected rain on the parade to re-election by acclamation of the incumbent, Mayor Brian Gallery. No present or former aldermen, the obvious source of experienced hopefuls for the city's top office, have shown any inclination to challenge His Worship.

Many citizens will be glad to see such a contest. With municipal elections now four years apart, we think it is useful, even important, to test the public's attitude toward the administration. No office-holder ever should be permitted to feel that his or her mandate is absolutely secure, to be permitted to say — as Mr Gallery has had a habit of saying to us in defence of positions he has taken — that "the citizens are 100 percent behind me." Such a claim invites challenge. Indeed it should be, if only to prevent too-casual disregard of legitimate dissent during the course of an administration.

Mrs Cutler's entry to the fray provides Westmounters with just such an opportunity. Let the debate be earnest, even heated. Considering the two personalities involved, it is bound to be fair.

The talented and respected book publisher brings a welcome breath of fresh air to the fray. Indeed, she offers a new philosophy of municipal government attitude and priorities to which the electors should pay heed. Many of her ideas may have difficulty standing up to the reality and limitations of public administration — a far cry from running one's own business, however successfully.

The comment has been made that "Poor Brian, he has had to fight every election he has been in." So what? Readers of this newspaper over the years know that we do not favor acclamations which, if nothing else, tend to connote an indifferent citizenry. It is another reason why we heartily condemn the Westmount Municipal Association's gratuitous attempts to pre-empt the process by picking and choosing candidates for "suitability." These things are for the electors, not self-appointed selectors.

Mrs Cutler is a highly "suitable" person, to use the WMA terminology, though the voting citizens of Westmount may have reservations on the grounds of public office experience. Service first as an alderman would be preferable, not only for the background to be acquired but to gain the confidence of the seasoned solons with whom a new mayor must work. Mr Allen Nutik had this shown to him four years ago when he ran for mayor, despite warnings that he should get council experience first.

Mrs Cutler has one good cause arising out of her recent brush with city hall: A more open, imaginative approach to long-unchallenged zoning. She recently had an excellent case for the city to take a new look at its definition of what occupancies were suitable for Sherbrooke street in the Westmount Park area. Council muffed it.

But, unfortunately, so did Mrs Cutler who apparently thought her prestigious Tundra Books publishing house would have no problem moving into the house she had bought in this "professional" zone. Clearly, she had not done her homework, a necessity for office-holders.

Personal, heartfelt issues, intelligence and drive are highly desirable in getting into government, at whatever level. But knowledge of the nuts and bolts of local government as large and complex as Westmount's is required, specially if going directly for the top office.

Soiled white collars

THERE is a distinct possibility that the City of Westmount may suffer some disruption from its so-called white collar workers.

There always are murky areas in labor negotiations but when we hear such snippets as "15 paid holidays" and "five weeks' vacation after 17 years" — no matter if demanded, offered and rejected, or existing as an annual entitlement — our head swims.

It appears that these city employees have got themselves in the hands of a union whose reach extends far beyond Westmount and which intends to apply contract provisions here allegedly in effect in other jurisdictions.

We were not under the impression that Westmount clerical and administrative staff were so hard done by that they needed or, perhaps, even sought outrageous conditions of work.

The interesting thing about public sector labor negotiations is the attitude that those who live by the taxpayers' largesse deserve more than the taxpayer gets or even hopes to achieve.

And one of the problems for the citizen is that such negotiations very often are conducted by persons who themselves are senior civil servants, long accustomed to the perks of employment at the public trough. There is no bottom line to inhibit what is asked or given: more is always available through balancing the next budget by further inching up the mill rate.

We trust that one of the harder heads on city council, say the finance commissioner, Ald Phillip Aspinall, CA, has had a hand already in saying "No" and that he will go on saying it.

He will have the hearty support of his fellow citizens by maintaining such a position, through if necessary any inconveniences or even hardships which might ensue should our white collars risk getting themselves soiled on a picket line.

Mayor takes to streets

IT looks as if a long-nagging problem, suffered by citizens, merchants, motorists, pedestrians and others on Victoria avenue just south of Sherbrooke street, may be solved.

Because no other authority, least of all the city despite repeated warnings and pleas over literally years, was doing anything about it, credit (however painful for those ticketed) must go to the station 23 people of the Montreal Urban Community police.

It took Mayor Gallery himself going to the scene, dragging with him appropriate city personnel, to register the essential facts of the perpetual traffic mess caused by too many cars queued up to use too few vacated parking places in the lot behind the popular Steinberg supermarket.

Like most long-festering problems, there probably is no single cause. For instance, it is suspected that not all the users are grocery-shoppers or, at least, that the family victuals having been bought, car occupants are going on to other messages or pleasures in the area. The Steinberg manager intends to put some long-overdue surveillance on users and abusers.

The evidence is abundant that the administrative traffic committee at city hall has had the Victoria avenue problem put before it repeatedly but that the responsible people at city hall have just as repeatedly ignored, shuffled or dodged it. We have had, as a result, institutionalized double parking on Victoria avenue and countless frustrated citizens.

We think the police are to be commended for picking up on the city's omission of action, not the least of which perhaps has been by the Public Security Unit which has a clear mandate to ticket for parking offences (we presume double parking is parking, and of a more serious kind). On the other hand, of course, if the PSU had been doing its job, it would have shown up other city departments' lack of effort.

The mayor quite rightly is proud of the results he has got in various sectors of his direct, on-the-spot interventions (prompted in this instance by the angry citizens who were unlucky enough to have got the MUC's spate of tickets).

But it raises the obvious point:

With more top management in city hall than ever in Westmount's history, why are these things not dealt with as they arise? Why must our mayor have to take to the streets himself to get things done?

You Say

WMA has made many contributions to community

Sir: Your vituperative outburst against the Westmount Municipal Association is a culmination of many months of criticism levelled by your paper against this organization. In fact, if the WMA came out in favor of motherhood one suspects you would launch into yet another diatribe.

Thank goodness that our municipal elections are lively with many good candidates, that the WMA seeks out qualified people to run and that the people of Westmount have the intelligence to vote for those they think are best whether or not they are recommended by the WMA.

If there are others that think as you do then they should put their money and time where their mouths are, join the WMA and work to make changes.

Then they might discover the many contributions that this organization has made to the community.

Or will you be fair and discuss these in another issue?

Judith Mappin

598 Argyle avenue
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WMA VP resigns after 'miscarriage of justice'

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

Mr Donald Ross, President
Westmount Municipal Association

Dear Mr Ross:

You will recall that on Sept 28 last, I phoned you concerning certain misgivings I had with regard to the regularity of the proceedings of the WMA nomination committee for Ward 7. I told you that I was taken aback when the chairperson of that committee, Mr Mel Nixon, announced at the Sept 21 meeting at Victoria Hall that we had endorsed only one candidate, namely the incumbent, Councillor Paul Fortin. I mentioned that this was not my understanding, but since there was no formal vote taken at our meeting, I wanted to check with the other two committee members present, rather than challenge Mr Nixon in public, based solely on my interpretation.

I reported that Miss Christine Brodhead was of the same opinion as myself, and unhesitatingly confirmed that according to her belief, both candidates had been considered as "qualified." Mr Pierre Leblond, however, believed with Mr Nixon that we were voting for the "best qualified" candidate, and in his opinion, that was Mr Fortin. Nevertheless, he readily agreed that if our role was simply judging whether a candidate was qualified to run, by virtue of citizenship, general ability, time to devote to the task, evidence of a relevant platform and sincerity of purpose, he would have had to vote for both candidates.

I told you that I felt Mr Nixon had misled him in this regard. Proof of this came forth at the Victoria Hall meeting, when Mr Nixon voiced his obviously sincere but misguided belief that the WMA should "pick" a candidate to simplify matters for the many senior citizens in Ward 7 who were looking for our leadership in this regard. You will remember that this was vehemently opposed at the meeting, for both ethical and legal reasons. In particular, Mrs Judith Mappin, a former director, took him to task for underestimating the intelligence of senior Westmounters, and denied the right of the

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I Say!

A WOMAN we know, returning over the weekend from a shopping foray into Vermont, remarked: "Free trade is going to take all the fun out of smuggling!"

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From an ad for the Canadian Women's Army Corps: "To strengthen the ranks of the Canadian Army, Canada is calling for 25,000 women between 18 and 45 to replace first line soldiers as clerks, stenographers, drivers, mechanics, radio operators, cooks, orderlies, and in other important and interesting work where they can relieve men for more active duties. Here is your chance to serve shoulder to shoulder with Canada's fighting men in any part of the world. Smart uniform, good pay, good food and good chances of promotion."

Thirty-five Years Ago
October 3, 1952

"P.J. Lebroy, of 369 Clarke avenue, one of a dozen or more Canadians to send Senator Richard Nixon a 'vote of confidence' on his recent broadcast explaining his personal finances, received an acknowledgment this week. The senator's office wired Mr Lebroy on behalf of the Republican National Committee with a 'thanks for your vote of confidence.' The local resident had wired the Republican National Committee that 'the Republican Party will alienate the support of a multitude of Canadians if it forces Senator Nixon to resign'."

Twenty-five Years Ago
October 5, 1962

From an editorial: "Why should schools shut tight while the teachers' trade union holds its annual convention? Less than a month ago Protestant pedagogues of Quebec returned to work from over two months' holiday. Yet today and tomorrow classes are halted, the children at home. And there is Thanksgiving holiday Monday, too. Why must the Provincial Association of Professional Teachers hold its private, professional business on public time? Time for which taxpayers pay. Class time which children lose just as they hit stride after the long summer layoff."

Fifteen Years Ago
October 5, 1972

"A 300-signature petition, received by city council in committee only three hours before a notice of motion was slated to be given to begin procedures to close de Maisonneuve boulevard between Melville and Lansdowne avenues, has for the second time in a month stopped action on the project. Both proponents and critics of the scheme turned out to Monday evening's statutory October council meeting among 42 persons who filled almost every available seat in the council chamber. There was nearly an hour's public discussion of this and other topics following the 20-minute formal session."

Five Years Ago
October 7, 1982

"Commuter trains serving Westmount station were brought officially under the control of the Montreal Urban Community Transit Commission at a ceremony at Windsor station Friday. CP Rail will continue to operate the trains under contract with the MUCTC. More trains and lower fares are the principle changes introduced."

From a letter to the editor in response to a Progressive Conservative Association advertisement featuring a hand with the middle finger pointing up: "The advertisement which appeared in THE EXAMINER is in extremely poor taste. . . . It seems to me that the association has set its standards at the same level as those of Pierre Elliott Trudeau."

our M.P.
Hon. Donald J. Johnston
says...

Dispute panel disappoints

WHAT DID Canada achieve in the "free trade" negotiations? I wish I could answer that question. I am not sure that anyone can at this stage because of the scope and complexity of the agreement. The current environment reminds me of the immediate aftermath of a complex budget. Everyone seems quick to embrace or denounce it, but as the analysis proceeds initial reactions may change quite substantially.

A major disappointment is the proposed dispute settlement mechanism. Canadian exporters will remain subject to trade harassment from the U.S. Patent infringement claims by U.S. competitors is an example. An exporter of a new product to the U.S., faced with months if not years of delay and large legal bills, is tempted to establish a plant in the U.S. or undertake a joint venture with a U.S. firm. The proposed mechanism does nothing to reduce or even expedite such harassment proceedings.

Delays and costs are still with us and the incentive to install operations south of the border remains.

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

Seniors' housing triumph

WESTMOUNT is going to have one of the best and most modern multifunctional senior citizens' facilities anywhere, following a lot of hard work by a number of people in our community. Last week's announcement that Quebec has approved the City of Westmount's request for 40 public housing units for seniors on Hillside avenue brings to term the first phase of a complex operation involving all three levels of government, through probably nearly a dozen of their departments and agencies.

The Hillside project will consist of three separate functional units united in a single architectural concept: a 96-bed long-term

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  If you hang from your hip
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But the natives who're packing a rod.

So, Canadians all, use your head
If winter's pallor you dread
  And you're Florida-bound
  Why not turn right around
And dust off your sun-lamp instead.

Harry Mayerovitch

Seeks zoning change for expansion:

PSBGM studies moving arts program if Westmount High doomed to close

By THOR VALDMANIS

Barring a miracle, the current program at Westmount High School is headed for closure.

In its place, the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal appears prepared to move in FACE (Fine Arts Core Education) as the burgeoning bilingual alternative school is pressed for space in its current premises in the High School of Montreal downtown.

PSBGM chairman Allen Butler confirmed in an interview Tuesday that the board recently approved a $20,000 architectural study, examining the feasibility of altering and expanding the Westmount High facility to accommodate a fine arts school of some 1,200 elementary and secondary students.

Mr Butler and Joseph Rabinovitch, the director general of the PSBGM, visited Westmount's public consultation meeting Wednesday last week to propose a "few small modifications" to the zoning of the WHS lot.

"We feel it's to the benefit of Westmount to have a fine arts school," Mr Butler said at the meeting, adding FACE and Westmount High could combine to become "the flagship of fine arts schools in Quebec."

Favorable reaction

Mr Butler said Tuesday that architect David Reich, a resident of Summit crescent who heads the PSBGM study, has found city engineers to be "favorable" to initial plans involving some $5 million in expansion and renovations.

If the motion to close Westmount High is endorsed at the PSBGM board meeting Dec 16, then commissioners would vote on a proposal to move FACE at their next meeting in January, Mr Butler explained.

The chairman added that alterations to the St Catherine street facility would probably take a year to complete. FACE would move in for the start of the 1988-89 academic year.

PSBGM commissioners voted to close Westmount High Sept 22 because of a persistent slide in enrolment. The school, built to accommodate at least 1,000 students, has an enrolment of less than 450. Next year, studies project 359 students.

Nevertheless, Westmount High supporters are scrambling to save the 73-year-old institution before the December appeal deadline.

A public meeting concerning the future of WHS is scheduled for Tuesday at 8 pm in the high school auditorium. Organizers seek a consensus on what type of high school the community would back.

Westmount High managed to avoid the commissioners' axe after it was put on a list of possible closures in the fall of 1984. At that time, Mount Royal High was the one chosen to close and was turned over to the board's French sector.

Observers agree, however, the task to keep the school open this time will be formidable.

FACE principal Phillip Baugniet said Friday his school was in the midst of initiating a study of its own to determine favorable sites for relocation.

"I think it's fair to say most of our efforts will focus on the feasibility of Westmount High," admitted Mr Baugniet, a resident of Metcalfe avenue.

Westmount High's strongest attributes include its facilities and proximity to the downtown core and surrounding community, the principal added.

Mr Baugniet co-founded the alternative fine arts school in 1975. FACE opened as an elementary school in Victoria School and its successful program has since been moved to the Montreal High School on University avenue, premises it shares with a growing PSBGM adult education program.

With 1,000 students (from kindergarten to grade 11) and a waiting list that hovers between 300 and 400 pupils, Mr Baugniet said specially designed, expanded premises, housing a maximum of 1,200 students would be ideal for FACE.

But the principal stressed FACE could make do with its current arrangement for a few more years if necessary.

PSBGM director general **Joseph Rabinovitch** told a Westmount public consultation meeting Wednesday last week a zoning change would be required for a possible expansion of Westmount High School to incorporate the FACE program. Seated to his right was PSBGM chairman **Allen Butler**.

Unchained

A gold chain with 10 diamonds was reported lost near 540 Argyle avenue Monday last week, according to police. It was valued at $2,500.

Woman scares off men in her car

A woman who spotted two men trying to get into her car last Thursday in front of 4145 Sherbrooke street managed to scare them off, police report. The men ran east when she appeared on the scene.

They were described as a black man and white man, both wearing jeans and aged about 25.

The blue 1983 Ford belonged to a Ville St Michel woman. No damage was reported in the incident at 2:45 pm.

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Boosted pay, holidays:

City hall white collars reject three-year pact

Westmount's white collar workers voted 37-32 last week to reject a "final global offer" by the city following a negotiation of a three-year collective agreement for 1986, 1987 and 1988.

The group of 90 workers, which joined the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) in September 1986 as local 2987, has been without a contract for two years.

Members include city hall clerical staff, librarians, fire department dispatchers and parking inspectors.

Although no strike action is planned for the immediate future, according to a press release issued by CUPE last Thursday, the situation could lead to serious work disruptions, it says, if administrators of "the golden mile" continue to display "so much contempt and offhandedness."

The offer provides for a 5-4-3 percent pay hike for consecutive years as well as increases in annual vacations, overtime compensation and accelerated automatic increments.

Two more holidays

It also increases the number of statutory holidays from 13 to 15.

The union is understood to have wanted a four-percent pay increase in 1988 as well as job security.

Although city director general Peter Patenaude described the offer as fair and consistent with settlements accorded to the city's other employees, CUPE officials accused the city, "one of the richest in Canada," of refusing to match work conditions of other MUC municipalities.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Alderman Phillip Aspinall, Westmount's finance commissioner, told THE EXAMINER in an election interview last week that the city was prepared for possible work disruptions and that its 5-4-3 offer was final.

"We'll go to the wall on that," he said.

In addition to the pay increases, the city's offer provides:

- Accelerated automatic increments permitting employees to reach the maximum salary of their grade in four years rather than in five to eight years;
- Double time for overtime worked on Sundays or statutory holidays;
- Five weeks' annual vacation after 17 years' service rather than 20 years, and six weeks after 26 years instead of 30;
- An increase in the number of statutory holidays from 13 to 15.

Rejection of the offer was made Wednesday night last week at a union meeting attended by 70 of the 90 members, president Michael Crouch confirmed. The vote resulted in one spoiled ballot, he explained.

Mr Crouch said rejection of the offer would likely send the matter "back to the negotiating table."

The offer was submitted to a vote following a meeting Sept 29 with Marcel Boisvert, a conciliator from the department of labor.

A summary of the city's offer had been circulated by city officials to white collar workers Sept 11. It was referred to as a "final global offer" in four references in the first four paragraphs.

The summary concludes that the collective agreement had been negotiated "with the constant concern" of improving the group's last collective agreement while also respecting the rights of management to administer the city "in the general interest of the ratepayers."

City records show that the first of 12 negotiation sessions with CUPE was held Jan 7 after a CUPE request for conciliation.

Eight of the meetings took place between May 12 and Sept 5. The city's final offer was tabled Sept 5.

Mayor's knee surgery lays him up for week

MAYOR Brian Gallery was expected to undergo knee surgery yesterday afternoon at St Mary's Hospital where he is slated to remain until tomorrow.

The surgery will require about a week's recuperation, he said Tuesday shortly before being admitted.

"It's my first overnight stay in hospital in 35 years. I haven't been back since I broke my collarbone playing football."

His Worship turns 53 on Sunday.

Three injured in latest jam at overpass

The latest accident involving the railway overpass on Greene avenue at Prospect street resulted in injury to a truck driver and two passengers Tuesday last week, police report.

All were riding in the front seat and complained of sore necks.

Police said the two passengers were ticketed for not wearing seat belts.

The accident occurred about 11:45 am when the truck was driving south and struck the overpass. The driver claimed he did not know the height of the vehicle, which sustained over $500 damage.

A number of other trucks have become stuck under the bridge, most while driving north. Few, if any, have resulted in injury.

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By Reg Morden

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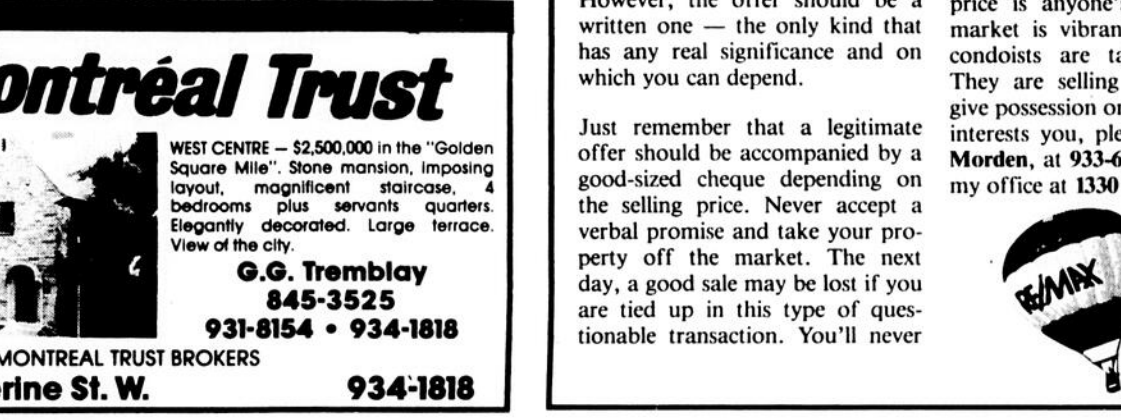

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WMA sticks with candidate list; tables director's resignation

By PETER BLACK

The Westmount Municipal Association Tuesday evening approved the list of names of candidates for municipal office prepared by its nominating committee. Two declared candidates for office were the only ones rejected by the WMA.

Endorsed as "acceptable candidates" were: Brian Gallery for mayor, Alderman Rhoda Vineberg in ward 1, Ald Phillip Aspinall in ward 2, John Johnston and Daniel Tingley in ward 3, Ald Sally Aitken in ward 4, Jacques Beauregard, Stuart Robertson and Karen Marks in ward 5, Ald Joan Rothman and Lawrence Vatch in ward 6, Ald Paul Fortin in ward 7, and Ald Peter Duffield in ward 8. Mrs Marks later informed the meeting she had decided not to be a candidate.

Neil Fernandes in ward 5 and John Lehnert in ward 4 were excluded from the list, as was May Cutler who declared this week for the mayor's job. Mrs Cutler was too late to be considered by the WMA nominating committee, whereas Mr Fernandes and Mr Lehnert were interviewed by ward committees.

The rejection of Mr Lehnert earlier this week sparked the resignation of John Udy, a WMA stalwart and member of the nominating committee which interviewed Ald Fortin and Mr Lehnert. In his letter of resignation (for complete text see "You Say," page four). Mr Udy says he believed, in the absence of a formal vote, that the committee was going to advance both Ald Fortin's and Mr Lehnert's names as acceptable candidates.

Mr Udy felt that the selection of Mel Nixon as ward 7 committee chairman could be construed as a conflict of interest as he was Ald Fortin's official agent in the 1983 municipal race.

WMA president Donald Ross told THE EXAMINER the WMA board met Tuesday evening prior to inviting in other members and candidates, to discuss Mr Udy's letter of resignation. He said the board had voted to "table" the letter. Mr Ross said he had spoken to Mr Udy and tried to persuade him to change his mind.

If Mr Udy had any concerns with the way the nomination was handled, Mr Ross said, he should have expressed them at a Sept 21 meeting of the nominating committees when the final report was prepared.

Neither Mr Lehnert nor Mr Fernandes attended the Tuesday meeting. Mr Lehnert said he had a previous commitment to a meeting of the Côte des Neiges Council of Churches of which he is an official. Mr Fernandes told THE EXAMINER he would not attend since he did not intend to contest the lack of endorsement and did not "want to embarrass anyone."

Most candidates for office attended the meeting and were offered the opportunity to make a brief address to the meeting. Mayor Gallery, Ald Duffield and Ald Aspinall were the only candidates not to attend.

Mr Vatch and Mr Johnston, current WMA directors, spoke from their head table places when their turn came to address the session.

Mr Ross closed the meeting saying the nomination process had been "an interesting experience."

He said although the process is one "that's gone on before, it still creates questions in people's minds and in editorials in newspapers."

Candidates night set for Oct 22

The traditional Westmount Municipal Association meet the candidates meeting has been scheduled for Oct 22 at 8:30 at Victoria Hall.

All candidates, whether or not they have been approved by the WMA, will be eligible to attend and outline their views and priorities. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

Passport found

A bag containing clothing and a passport from France was found Wednesday last week at 815 Upper Belmont avenue, police report. The passport belonged to a 25-year-old woman from Fougères, France. It was not known where the owner might be staying in this area.

Victoria merchants claim security, upkeep sliding

Two owners of small shops on Victoria avenue appealed to city council at its meeting Monday night to upgrade the commercial street with increased security, parking and aesthetics.

"We've become the poor relative of Westmount," stated Morris Zimelstern, of La Chasse au Trésor, 368 Victoria.

"I've been on the street seven or eight years and I've watched it change." Security, repairs, street cleaning and maintenance have all deteriorated, he said.

On the other hand, he added, when it came to customers and parking, police were using "a large hammer to crack a small nut."

Merchants, he said, had met several years ago with Alderman Paul Fortin, which had resulted in some movement, "but then it all died away."

The issue arose in connection with recent police ticketing outside Steinberg's and attempts to resolve traffic congestion (see separate stories).

Parking was a problem all through the city, Mr Zimelstern noted, but he felt enforcement was too rigid. "Your own city vehicles double park and cross the yellow line."

Ruth Shine, of the Bead Emporium, told council she had phoned in vain to get a police car to attend when she believed she had found a truck which allegedly damaged her sign (see photo last week), "but they are always there when a customer is five minutes late on the meter."

Mayor Brian Gallery said he hoped the new city council elected Nov 2 would "look into the business section of Victoria."

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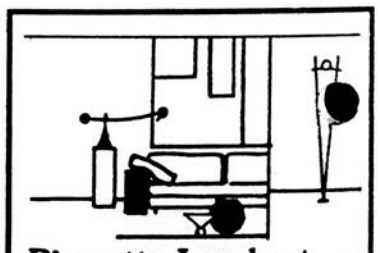

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Police call off ticket blitz; city probes Victoria traffic

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

An MUC police ticketing blitz was called off Friday against cars waiting on Victoria avenue to enter the Steinberg parking lot pending resolution of the traffic congestion by city officials.

The action followed two visits to the troubled site by Mayor Brian Gallery in response to numerous complaints by citizens.

Although the question was raised by merchants at Monday night's city council meeting as well as by Stuart Robertson who is running for municipal election in the ward, Mayor Gallery said no solution had yet been reached.

City officials are understood to be considering the possible removal of several meters on Victoria to allow cars to wait next to the sidewalk where traffic would not be obstructed.

The congestion, which has been tolerated over recent years, became an issue recently as police tried to crack down on traffic accidents in the Sherbrooke-Victoria area. Mr Gallery's visits were prompted by the resulting complaints from ticketed motorists.

Scarcely had His Worship arrived at the site late Friday morning for his second visit accompanied by Peter Patenaude, the city's director general, when he was surrounded by frustrated shoppers.

"There's a store full of customers waiting to see *you*!" greeted one woman.

Drivers urge help

Drivers begged His Worship to help, merchants shouted across the street to ask that cars be allowed to double-park, and a concerned Steinberg manager tried to explain how he had tried to get corrective action from the city.

"It's like Russian roulette," manager Graham Fletcher told the mayor as a police car swung around the corner from Somerville and motioned the waiting cars to move on.

"You could drive around the block forever and never be the only car waiting to get into the lot."

A woman at the head of the long line wasn't about to yield her place to police without a fight. She jumped out of the car and rushed over to His Worship.

"Brian! Can't you do something?" she implored. "Why aren't they ticketing the Coke truck over there for double parking?"

"I can't do anything about the ticket," Mayor Gallery told her, "but I promise you we're going to solve the problem."

The sidewalk session continued with solutions being suggested.

The store manager told him how he had offered to buy a meter space on Victoria from the city but was refused.

"Maybe we'll do better than one meter," said the mayor. "Maybe we'll remove five or six and let the waiting cars line up against the curb.

"Maybe we should make the street one way south, he added, or put up a median to prevent cars turning into the lot across the yellow line."

In an interview later, Mr Fletcher told THE EXAMINER he had phoned Bruce St Louis, chair of the city's traffic committee, after learning about the intended police crackdown (see EXAMINER story Aug 20).

He said he had been told the matter would be looked into by the traffic committee but had not heard back until the mayor's involvement.

Although the parking lot holds space for some 40 cars, some six or seven spaces were allotted to the Laurentian Bank (formerly the City and District) at the time it sold the property some years ago to Ivanhoe, Steinberg's real estate arm, Mr Fletcher said.

Since it is suspected that many cars are left in the lot while shoppers or business persons go elsewhere, Mr Fletcher said a second parking attendant would be hired for the next two weeks to monitor possible abuse (see separate story).

Steinberg might then consider some type of customer-only parking system, he said.

Mayor Brian Gallery, left, discussed possible solutions to traffic congestion outside the Steinberg parking lot on Victoria avenue last Friday with store manager **Graham Fletcher**, and the city's director general **Peter Patenaude**.

Store survey shows Steinberg parking has heavy traffic

A survey conducted by Steinberg's last Saturday at its Victoria avenue store showed that 482 cars used the parking lot, representing about 16 percent of 3,024 customers that day.

As cars were checked in and out of the lot, explained store manager Graham Fletcher, results revealed that each parking space was used 12 times during store hours for an average time of 42 minutes each.

The Saturday was quieter than most, he said, because of the Jewish observance of Yom Kippur.

The store serves some 18,000 customers a week.

The survey was the first day of a two-week study which the store is undertaking before implementing possible parking controls within the lot, Mr Fletcher said.

The action coincides with attempts by city officials to resolve double parking on Victoria at the entrance to the lot where waiting cars line up.

"What we want to avert," the manager explained, "is people who have lunch at our expense.

"We have nothing against one good customer parking two hours or someone shopping at our store and then going over to Pascal's, for instance. It's a two-way street."

He admitted being concerned about the recent police ticketing of waiting cars, noting each customer thus lost might represent a $100 or $200 order.

"I'm told they don't ticket the cars waiting to enter Alexis Nihon Plaza for a Forum event because that's a special event. Well, each car lined up here is a special event for us, too."

Asthma attack

A 24-year-old city worker was taken to hospital Friday morning suffering a possible asthma attack while working at Prince Albert avenue and York street, fire officials report.

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By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The greatest danger from fire is in the home.

Although most home fires start in the kitchen, the "real killer ones" originate in the living room.

That's the Fire Prevention Week message Westmount fire officials hope will persuade everyone to practice an evacuation of the home tomorrow at 6 pm. The drill should also include testing smoke detectors.

The appeal was outlined at Monday night's city council meeting by Alderman Rhoda Vineberg, the city's fire commissioner.

Mrs Vineberg provided a graphic demonstration of smoke detector testing in the council chamber after the week was officially proclaimed by Mayor Brian Gallery.

She then urged the importance of maintaining the units in good working order.

Conduct drills

Fire officials, who have been conducting fire drills in Westmount schools this week, say they are counting on all residents following the same procedure at home tomorrow.

"Statistics show that residential fires account for a large proportion of deaths and injuries," explains Fire Director William Timmons.

Most residential fires occur in one- and two-family dwellings, he adds.

These findings, reported by the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs from an Alberta study considered applicable throughout Canada, show the kitchen to be the location where fires are most likely to start, Dir Timmons says.

"Although most originate in the kitchen, the real killer ones start in the living room."

The most common sources of ignition were found to be the stove, smoker's material, the fireplace and matches or lighters.

These occur mostly from overheated cooking oil catching fire in a pan and children playing with matches while left unattended.

Information on home fire drills can be obtained at the local fire station on Stanton street where a video of the subject can be viewed during open house for Fire Prevention Week taking place through Saturday, Oct 10.

Some 800 Roslyn students took only three minutes to empty their school Tuesday as Westmount firefighter **Marcel Brassard** and acting lieutenant William Jacques supervised one of many local school evacuations.

Three treated during holy days

Three elderly persons were reported to have received emergency first aid treatment Friday and Saturday in connection with Yom Kippur observances at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

One was an 82-year-old woman who fainted and hit her head on Côte St Antoine road while running to attend services at 6 pm, public safety officers said. She was taken to the Reddy Memorial Hospital in a Public Security Unit car. The woman lived on Sherbrooke street.

An hour later, a 77-year-old man fainted after being overcome during the service, according to the fire department's first responder crew. Oxygen was administered to the victim, a resident of Clanranald avenue.

Emergency personnel were called back to the synagogue Saturday at 12:45 pm when another 77-year-old man was reported to have lapsed into a coma. The resident of Earnscliffe avenue was transported to the Royal Victoria Hospital by Urgences Santé.

King rat

An unusually large rat was found in a house on Melville avenue Friday afternoon, report public safety officers who managed to trap it and terminate its existence for a grateful resident.

Westmount's fire commissioner **Alderman Rhoda Vineberg** marked the start of Fire Prevention Week at Monday night's city council by aiming a smoke detector spray at a detector to demonstrate testing techniques. Statistics show one third of all reported fires occur in homes where smoke detectors have not been maintained.

Competition philosophy main issue at recreation input meeting

By THOR VALDMANIS

A subtle tug-of-war was played out at Westmount's recreation advisory committee meeting last Thursday evening.

The city's longstanding recreation philosophy emphasizing participation conflicted with that of proponents of more advanced and competitive programming.

Some 30 citizens, mostly parents, attended the city hall plenary, chaired by outgoing commissioner of parks and recreation Alderman John Shingler.

Ald Shingler, who announced in February he would not seek re-election, said he hoped the meeting would serve as a blueprint for his successor after the Nov 2 municipal elections.

While discussion ranged from user fees to the annual recreation chicken dinner, the underlying philosophical debate seemed to re-emerge time and time again during the two-hour give-and-take session.

Otherwise, the recreation meeting yielded a number of viable suggestions.

• A number of residents called for more competitive programs, particularly in hockey. Soccer and swimming programs were also mentioned.

Ald Shingler, who has two children in the inter-city league, disagreed with an assertion that Westmount could not run two hockey programs. He was scheduled to have "an exploratory meeting" with an inter-city hockey organizer yesterday evening.

A couple of parents felt Westmount's all-star programs were not adequate in offering children an alternative to house league play.

"It seems we do everything we can to discourage our children from participation," said Christine Schaffer of Prince Albert avenue. Mrs Schaffer said she was upset that Westmount's emphasis on participation precluded participation in an inter-city league.

The cost of inter-city hockey is $375 per player as opposed to $175 if Westmount as a city were involved, she added.

Robert Aiken, Westmount's director of recreation, claimed constraints on ice time prevented the city from competing at the inter-city level while running the house league program.

Furthermore, the director said, only "five or six" players from any age category could play the calibre of hockey necessary to make an inter-city team.

User fee debate

• The subject of user fees sparked some debate, but in the end there seemed to be agreement against such charges.

Christiane van Renesse of Greene avenue called for a modest increase in the $3 charge for recreation permits.

Another resident, however, said he was "strongly opposed" to any user fees as it went against the department's philosophy of equal opportunity and participation.

A suggestion that lagging attendance in some programs would be ameliorated with user fees was met with this reply from one parent: "I don't think in Westmount $25 would solve anything."

To induce an increased sense of commitment, especially in team sports, a citizen proposed the element of competitiveness be stressed.

Most of those at the meeting seemed to agree, however, that increased parent involvement could encourage the participation.

One parent asked whether the city's financial status called for the establishment of user fees, to which Ald Shingler replied no.

Furthermore, the alderman said, "I've never seen a situation where user fees have brought down taxes."

• A number of suggestions and requests were put forward to improve existing recreation programs.

Citizens called for early-morning swimming, beginning at 7 am instead of 9 am.

An Oakland avenue resident asked that a low-impact fitness program be instituted.

Mr Aiken agreed to examine both proposals.

The recreation director also said he would look into the feasibility of running a hockey clinic, with professional staff, during the Christmas holidays.

A Hallowell street resident also asked that lights and benches be placed beside the oval outdoor rink at Westmount Athletic Grounds. She added that by creating a more favorable environment at the oval rink, it would free up ice time at the arena.

Kit Finkelstein of Grosvenor avenue suggested the pool lanes be marked off, particularly during free swim. The idea was met with enthusiasm.

'Sloppiness' scorned

• A couple of residents complained of recreation department "sloppiness" in posting dates and times of events.

"I agree with you," Mr Aiken said in reply to individual concerns. "It won't happen again. We'll get rid of our sloppiness."

Mr Aiken also admitted to posting tennis lessons at the clay courts in Westmount Park in a tardy fashion. He added that the site of lessons next summer may change somewhat to accommodate tennis enthusiasts who were disgruntled by losing what, they said in a petition, was too much playing time.

• The summer playground program was criticized for alleged overcrowding and disorganization.

Ald Sally Aitken, the commissioner of community affairs, said she knew a number of summer students supervising the program "who were relieved at the end of each day that nothing terrible happened."

Barbara Kaiser, the director of Narnia Day Care, offered her assistance to revamp the program, suggesting it could be modelled after the N.D.G. day camp where parents pay $25 a week.

Ald Shingler said the program was designed for children to play together and was not meant to pose as an alternative to summer day camp.

After further discussion, Ald Shingler said the program's orientation would be brought up in the next committee of council as such a change to the program requires a "fundamental" shift in policy.

• A question was raised as to whether the department's annual chicken dinner awards banquet should not be opened to all participants in keeping with the recreation philosophy.

Mr Aiken said he would look into breaking the banquet up into two events, one for fall and winter participants and one for spring and summer participants.

Mr Aiken also said he would examine ways of creating drama and figure-skating awards to include more girls in the prize-giving ceremonies.

In closing the meeting, Ald Shingler thanked everyone in attendance. As he bid an official adieu as recreation and parks commissioner, he commended recreation staff "for excellent work" and especially thanked members of his advisory council for their assistance during his term.

Other city officials attending the meeting included: Peter Patenaude, the city's director general; Ed McCavour, the assistant director general of operations; Peter Wallace, the boys' recreation supervisor; Beverly Adams, the girls' recreation supervisor; and Lana Romandini, the girls' assistant recreation supervisor.

Cutler's plea for culture first mayoralty race salvo?

In what turned out to be a warm-up before hitting the mayoralty campaign trail, May Cutler lashed out at the recreation department for its lack of adequate cultural programming, during last Thursday evening's recreation plenary.

"There are no cultural activities in Westmount that are acceptable," the Mount Stephen avenue resident protested.

"I don't like culture being subsumed by recreation."

Mrs Cutler, founder of the publishing house Tundra Books, announced she was running for mayor of Westmount Monday (see separate story).

Labelling Victoria Hall a "mausoleum" Thursday evening, Mrs Cutler called on Westmount to find a hall suitable for cultural endeavors. She stressed it was time the city treat culture and "matters of the spirit and soul" with the same importance as it currently handles sports programs. She received warm applause.

"I agree with an enormous amount of what you say," Alderman John Shingler responded, particularly with regard to the establishment of a Westmount civic centre.

Ald Shingler, a strong supporter of Mayor Brian Gallery, mentioned to Mrs Cutler that nominations for city council were still open. She apparently already knew.

Smoking grease brings firemen

A grease pot which caught on fire at 1336 Greene avenue Sunday afternoon was extinguished by a resident of the apartment, according to fire department reports.

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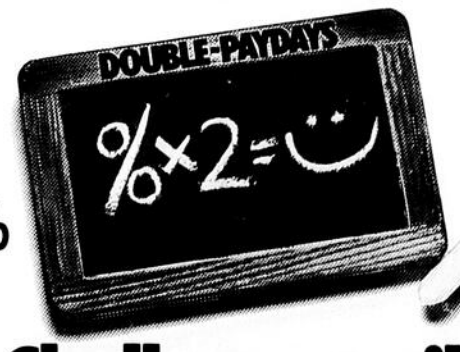

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Council ties up loose ends at final meeting of term

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council wrapped up its four-year term Monday night by adopting a new building code, zoning modifications and parking changes in addition to passing legislation that would permit operation of a controversial day-care centre and proclaiming this week as Fire Prevention Week in Westmount.

Several new candidates for council were among citizens raising concerns, which included Victoria traffic problems, prohibition of filming, the K.I.D.S. Westmount day-care centre at 4670 St Catherine street, access to developers' plans and seniors' housing.

The final statutory public session of council before its dissolution for the Nov 2 municipal vote lasted some three hours and paid tribute to the two retiring aldermen, John Shingler and Peter Trent.

Only Mayor Brian Gallery and Alderman Paul Fortin, as pro-mayor, will retain their offices after the close of nominations at 2 pm Oct 19 for the election.

"Thank you for coming tonight," Mayor Brian Gallery told citizens at the evening's close. "You've found out how a democratic city council works."

One questioner, however, Corinne Sévigny, 370 Wood avenue, voiced concern over "unilateral laws made by council and put into the paper."

She was specially concerned with the recent decision to ban further issuing of permits for movie makers, explaining that St Léon's Church had recently earned $12,000 through rental of its facilities for a film production. This money, she said, was being put into improving security and repairing "the green space at Clarke and de Maisonneuve" which would benefit the city in general.

John Johnston, 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard, a candidate in ward 3, continued to ask why work had still not begun on an outside fire escape from the highrise as promised. As well, he sought greater parking enforcement in the congested eastern sectors of the city.

Stuart Robertson, 418 Claremont avenue, a ward 5 candidate, raised the issue of police ticketing outside the Steinberg store on Victoria avenue and was joined on the issue by two merchants (see separate stories on this and other council business).

John Lehnert, 117 Lewis avenue, a candidate in ward 7, questioned council on its traffic restrictions adopted in fast-track legislation to permit the day-care centre at 4670 St Catherine street, a topic involving several others at the meeting.

Although mayoralty candidate May Cutler attended the meeting, she was not among those asking questions.

Monday night's city council meeting was the last for **Alderman John Shingler**, left, and **Alderman Peter Trent**. Neither is seeking re-election.

Driver threatened by cabbie's knife

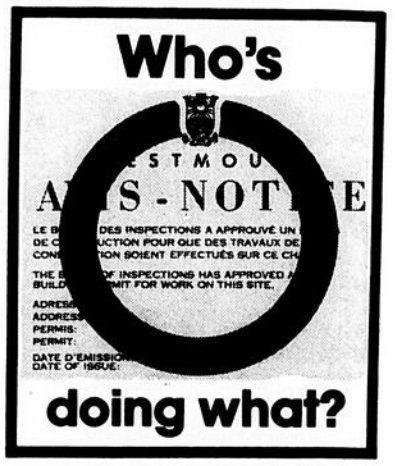
A 33-year-old N.D.G. motorist complained Monday last week that a taxi driver threatened him with a knife at Sherbrooke street and Victoria avenue after they had collided further west at Decarie boulevard, police report.

The victim had apparently followed the taxi along Sherbrooke after the cab left the accident scene about 7:15 pm.

When he caught up with the taxi, the victim went over to talk to the cabbie about the accident and was shown a knife.

The victim backed off and the taxi again drove off. A licence plate was recorded.

The cabbie was described as a black man aged about 35 and wearing a dark jacket.



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

Sept 28

34 Arlington: for Mr Cooper, by Frare and Gallant, extension, $15,000;
52 Gordon: for Sheryl Labow, by owner, landscaping, $2,000;
57 Holton: for Jennifer Patton, by owner, renovations, $26,000;

Sept 30

358 Grosvenor: for Bob Meldrum, by Fitzpatrick Plumbing and Heating, water entrance, $2,000;
337 Elm: for Louise Scott, A. Yamometo, by Service de Réparations Leduc Inc, alter front stairs;
4998 de Maisonneuve: for Creccal Trust, by owners, alter canopy, $2,000;
4721 de Maisonneuve: for Mrs Mayer, by Les Entreprises Claude Boisonneault, plumbing, $650;

Oct 1

4493 Sherbrooke: for Mrs S. Whitzman, by owner, alterations to office, $20,000;
347 Redfern: for A.G. Lajoie, by F. Dussault, plumbing, $1,500;
367 Metcalfe: for Mr and Mrs R. Kay, owners, garage and extension, $170,000;
317 Metcalfe: for R. Robbins, by owner, kitchen renovations, $7,000;

Oct 2

69 Arlington: for Mary Williams, by Continental Nursery, driveway, $8,000;
414 Mount Stephen/4545 Sherbrooke: for May Cutler, by owner, alterations, $6,000;
4324 Sherbrooke: for Château Redfern, by Savard Renovation, alter doors, $1,000;
4493 Sherbrooke: for Mrs S. Whitzman, Central Plumbing and Heating, install plumbing, $1,000;
4270 St Catherine: for Canadian Pickering Properties, by Bertrand Durand, plumbing, $4,000;
324 Elm: for A. Rotchin, by owner, bathroom renovation, $25,000;
1265A Greene: for Mr Williams, by Enseigne Neo-Multiple, erect sign, $800;

Oct 5

4257 St Catherine: for Pâtisserie Geneva, by owner, alterations, $3,000;
45 Stayner: for Susan Gordon, by owner, alterations, $10,000.

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'Toothless' dispute panel a 'cop-out,' MP Johnston says of free trade pact

By THOR VALDMANIS

Canada's last-minute comprehensive free trade deal with the United States lacks the key ingredient — a speedy dispute settlement mechanism, St Henri-Westmount MP Donald Johnston said in an interview Tuesday.

From early reading of media reports, Mr Johnston said he is "profoundly disappointed" over the agreement's failure to protect Canada's export industry from what he called protectionist "harassment" in Congress.

"It's a major cop-out," he said of the proposed dispute settlement solution — the subject of intense debate during negotiations.

While Mr Johnston wished to reserve judgment on other aspects of the proposed treaty, he did not hide his disdain for the dispute resolution mechanism.

"This way we are no further advanced. ... Ultimate decisions may be more objective (with an international tribunal), but it is in the institution of action where the problem lies."

The whole process is too lengthy and costly for Canadian export industries hit by protectionist measures, the MP stressed, even if the end decision proves satisfactory.

Under the draft agreement, appeals to the dispute panel — set up under a newly created Canada-United States Trade Commission — would not begin until all regular trade remedy laws are exhausted and decisions have been reached by appropriate administrative bodies in the complainant's country. After that, the panel has up to 10 months to reach a decision once an appeal has been filed.

With such a cumbersome apparatus, so-called "new wave" or knowledge-based industries, for instance, would avoid establishing Canadian-based operations, Mr Johnston said. Such industries need large markets and without guaranteed, harassment-free access to the U.S., Canada would not be a viable home site.

The local MP, a former minister of science and technology, promotes knowledge-based industry (fibre-optics and bio-technology, for instance) as an alternative to what he sees as our increasingly dangerous dependence on a resource-based economy.

"I was hoping to see the creation of an international body in front of which all matters of trade would be settled ... a body that would override U.S. trade laws," Mr Johnston said. "...something that has teeth and is expeditious."

Mr Johnston was not in the House of Commons for the free trade debate Monday. Instead, he took part in a day-long committee meeting, chaired by former provincial minister of labor Jean Cournoyer, examining methods of revitalizing the industrial core of the southwest Montreal, including St Henri.

Mr Johnston was a vocal proponent of free trade with the United States during his days as Liberal external affairs critic, at times finding himself at odds with fellow trade critic Lloyd Axworthy. He resigned from the Liberal shadow cabinet in May to fight the Meech Lake constitutional accord.

Mr Johnston said he has no immediate plans to address the free trade issue in the House as he continues to devote time to his attempt to alter the constitutional agreement.

Nevertheless, Mr Johnston harbors reservations about the tentative trade deal.

The increased threshold for screening direct takeovers in Canada, from $5 million to $150 million, "is pretty bloody substantial," he said.

While Washington is concerned over recent British, German and Japanese takeovers, foreign takeovers of American companies represent "just a trickle compared to us.

"You have to be 'open for business'," Mr Johnston said, mimicking Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's declaration to New York businessmen shortly after being elected in 1984, "that's for sure."

"But to what extent and for whom?"

As far as the free trade threatening Canadian sovereignty, particularly in cultural and foreign affairs, Mr Johnston said, "In any treaty you give up a certain amount of autonomy.

"The question is whether it's worth it."

While initial reaction to the overall deal seemed favorable, particularly from leaders of the business community, Mr Johnston remains cautious.

"It's a fairly complex and wide-ranging agreement," he said.

"I think you'll find a lot of people changing their minds as it is further studied."

Cycling muggers identified by woman who resisted attack

THE victim of an attempted purse snatching Friday at Metcalfe and Melbourne avenues managed to point out two suspects to police as they drove her around to search for the pair, police said.

The woman had flagged down a Public Security Unit car to report what had happened and MUC police were called to the scene.

Two St Henri youths, aged 16 and 17, were arrested and charged in connection with the incident.

The woman, a 27-year-old resident of Sherbrooke street in Westmount, had been walking north about 4:54 pm when two cyclists rode up behind. One pulled persistently at her bag but was finally forced to let go when she held on tightly to it.

The two took off and police were summoned.

Two suspects subsequently were picked up at Victoria avenue and St Catherine street.

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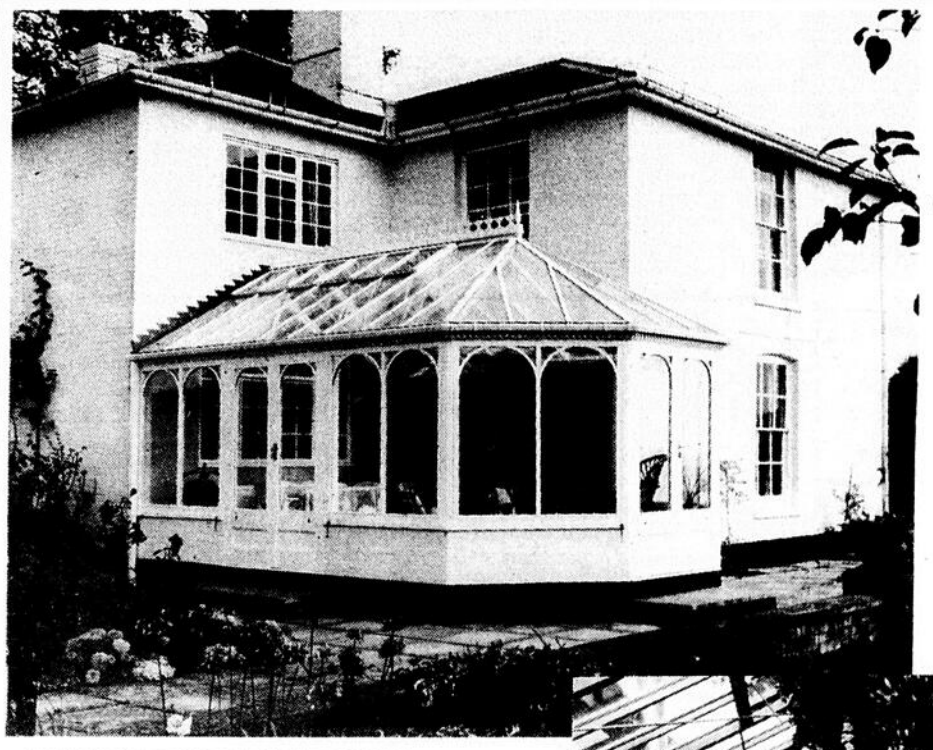

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Home Improvement

Bathrooms seen as retreats, not just necessary evils

The bathroom may have moved indoors years ago, but style-conscious home owners are determined to bring the beauty of the outdoors inside with them. Those who can afford the luxury, the ones with designer-color commodes and gold-finished faucets, want a view from their tub.

Some are opting for massive windows, others enjoy clear-glass ceilings or electric skylights that open to the sun and stars. Homeowners who aren't lucky enough to glimpse the ocean bay, mountains, a river or canyon from the privacy of their privies are creating their own mini-panoramas with flower gardens and atriums just outside their bathroom windows. And inside, potted plants thrive in the humid environment.

"There's something about water that brings you back to nature," says designer Richard Kaleh. "It's very stimulating to your senses to be in water and visually relate to the outdoors."

A bathroom, adds Mr Kaleh, "should be someplace where you don't mind spending time, important time in the early morning and late at night. It should feel friendly."

No longer are bathrooms just a necessary evil. "People are beginning to look at them as a very important part of their houses," Mr Kaleh points out.

"They have become more of a retreat area than a functional space," echoes designer Marsha Sewell.

Many home owners, according to designer Hélène Ziman, are redoing their bathrooms even before they redecorate their living rooms. And they're spending increasingly more money on more spacious, elegant and luxurious baths.

As she sees it, this renewed interest is due, at least in part, to the fitness craze. "People are so concerned about how they look: They're concerned with the care of their face, as well as their body."

An exercise room is only one part of the master bedroom and bath in the home of one of Ms Ziman's clients. The wing — including exercise rooms, bedrooms, dressing area and bath, complete with whirlpool, sauna, his-and-her toilets and sinks and a common shower — measures a generous 1,400 square feet.

These larger bathrooms, some with cathedral ceilings, tend to be compartmentalized, with separate showers and tubs and partitioned toilets. Mirror and glass blocks make big baths appear even bigger.

It's easy to see that utility has taken on style. Says Mr Kaleh, "Bathrooms are meditative rooms, and it's important for them to have the visual impact that such rooms need."

"Ritzy" and "slick" are terms used by Ms Ziman to describe today's luxurious bath. There's an obvious Italian influence. Also popular, she says, is art deco, "almost neo-classic . . . fun and fresh, using classical forms in a new way." Postmodern toilets, so to speak.

Today's bathrooms are luxurious and personal. Homeowners can choose anything from old-fashioned fixtures, such as this vintage pedestal sink, to ultramodern designs that double as art.

For gadget-minded consumers, Villeroy and Boch put out a new sink with a hydraulic lift to change the height at the flick of a button. Meantime, state-of-the-art tubs include the Sensorium with Ambiance, an electronic marvel whose water depth, temperature and turbulence (from whirlpool and bubble maker) are controlled by the waterproof hand unit. The unit also includes a stereo record player, radio, tape deck, disc player and television, as well as a home-security TV monitor and switches to control lights, door locks and home appliances. This kind of luxury isn't cheap — it's $25,000 (U.S.) from American-Standard.

Less spectacular, but still impressive, new bathrooms are decked out in plenty of marble, granite, chrome, gold and lapis. At the same time, homeowners who aren't stuck on "the real thing" are having fun with a variety of laminates, including marble and granite look-alikes, geometric patterns, splatters and zigzags. Ceramic tile, in an assortment of sizes, colors and textures, is increasingly popular for floors, walls, countertops, tubs and even ceilings.

Multilevels, with raised-deck tubs, are more popular than ever. So are angles, catercornered fixtures and angled countertops. Instead of the usual oval sinks, there are plenty of hexagons. And whatever isn't angled is likely to be curved.

Colors range from black and white and red to burgundy, teal, mauve and even purple. The assortment of available colors allows homeowners to choose not only what they like, but what shows them off at their best.

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Home Improvement

Ideas to make your small space big on livability

Hooray for small spaces. Thanks to the high cost of housing and renewed interest in city living, small is chic and bigger is not necessarily better anymore.

Lack of space isn't a decorating roadblock for creative home owners and tenants who seek new ways to make their small spaces great spaces. And today more than ever, they have the interior design industry on their team.

Furniture designers have gotten in on the act, creating a new wave of furniture designed to provide flexibility and storage as well as add beauty to the home, from entertainment centres to sophisticated shelving systems to the newly popular Murphy bed.

Meanwhile, contractors and architects constantly are seeking new ways to add space through remodeling — knocking out a wall here, adding a raised platform or loft there — to make the most of every square inch.

Whether you choose to increase your space structurally or visually — or simply scale down your decorating scheme to fit the room, these tactics can help make any room that's short on space one that's big on innovation and livability:

• To open up a small space, decorate in lighter, brighter colors. Besides paint, use upholstered furniture in white and soft shades to make a room appear bigger.

• Explore the latest home furnishings by browsing through the pages of decorating magazines, stores and showrooms. Many people don't realize just how far furniture design has come in the last decade, especially in the area of flexible design.

For instance, one manufacturer makes a "gravity chair" that shifts from an arched ottoman into a lounger with various positions and a sleek contemporary design — an update on the old-fashioned recliner. Modular units and double-duty ottomans provide plenty of sitting space, yet don't gobble up the room.

• Take a tape measure with you when shopping. What your eye sees on an open floor may be too big when you bring it to a small room.

• Consider glass tables in a room that otherwise may appear cluttered — such as a small dining room or breakfast nook. Glass tables appear to take up next to no space at all, yet are functional.

Create the illusion of more space with mirrors — either by covering a wall with them or hanging them at eye level.

• For a small living room area with no room for a coffee table, consider the new occasional tables that actually slide over a sofa cushion and take up no floor space. If you move into a larger space, they can be used as side tables.

• With furniture in small spaces, less definitely is more. Don't worry about filling up every corner of the room — instead, choose a few knockout pieces for decorating drama.

• It also helps if furniture can serve two purposes. Upholstered chairs have a versatile look as appropriate in a living room as a dining room, enabling you to have just one set of chairs. What is a couch by day can be a bed by night with futons, daybeds and sofa beds.

• In a small space, surprise the senses with bright color such as a yellow, green, orange or purple sofa. Color will become the focal point of the room, and deflect the eye from the smallness of your environment. However, be sure to invest in the finest quality you can and choose a timeless design, such as one with soft styling and tailoring.

• Use area rugs to define space on a shiny hardwood or tile floor. Create "walls" with dividers and screens. Or, use a glass étagère or open shelving system as a divider; an étagère does double-duty for storage and display, while giving an airy look to your living environment.

• Light-colored wall-to-wall carpet can increase the appearance and feeling of spaciousness — especially when used with furnishings of the same shade. A soft, monochromatic color scheme highlighted with a plush saxony texture softens a room's sharp angles and diffuses light.

• Carpet also can help to increase apparent space when used as a construction material. By covering simple, geometrical structures with the same dense carpet used on the floor, you can create a bed platform, a sofa base, extra seating or a table. Used in a living/dining room area, a raised dining platform can gracefully divide the two spaces, helping to give each a distinct personality.

• Use whatever space you have creatively. With the help of an interior designer or contractor, a nook can become a home office, a windowed alcove a small sitting room or an unused closet a sewing space.

• Search your home for hidden storage possibilities. There often is space behind the drywall and panelling in your home between the two-by-four studs to which the finished walls are attached. If you're a handy do-it-yourselfer (or with the help of a skilled contractor), you can construct bookshelves, cubbyholes for knickknacks, even a second medicine chest.

• Replace an ordinary window with a bay window for a decorative sitting niche.

• Rather than hiding behind doors, storage areas now are being integrated into the total design of the room, thus taking advantage of spaces that normally would be ignored. Some examples: open bookshelves; armoires; free-standing closets; nesting tables; platform beds; and bedside cabinets.

• Mini-blinds and shades take up virtually no space.

• Shine light on small spaces with wall-mounted lamps that never need a table. Uplighting with tracks or torchères can push the ceilings and walls outward.

• Finally, make the most of what you have. If your closet is overflowing, give a closet customizer a call — most guarantee they can double your existing space through shelves, bars, storage units and wall attachments. Or, do it yourself with supplies from your favorite retailer.

Here's how to care for ceiling fans

The best way to clean the blades of a ceiling fan is with a cotton cloth dampened with a mild soap-and-water solution. Be careful not to get any water into the motor housing. And, don't use brass cleaner on a brass electroplated fan — it removes the finish.

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Home Improvement

Unify decorating theme with right floor covering

You are staring into a frightening void — that unfinished, unpainted, empty space that you are determined to make an attractive and functional room. Where do you start?

One of the easiest ways to begin making decorating decisions is from the bottom up. The floor is your home's decorating backdrop, and with the vast array of options available today, your floor covering can unify the decorating theme of your home while serving the functional needs of your household.

When selecting floor coverings, one of the biggest considerations is the traffic pattern of the rooms. Some rooms, such as the kitchen, family room and dining area, require floors that can withstand spills, splashes and the wear and tear of family activity, while other areas, such as the living room and bedroom, can serve as the home's showplaces with sumptuous floor coverings. Here are some of the possibilities:

CARPET

If you are trying to achieve a feeling of warmth and coziness, expand the appearance of space in a small room or highlight tactile comfort, wall-to-wall carpet is one of the best floor covering choices.

Besides increasing the value of your home, carpet has a more varied price range than most flooring materials, is relatively inexpensive to have installed and offers a wide range of colors, textures and patterns.

"Softness and resiliency make carpet one of the most luxurious flooring choices," says Janice Hall, senior stylist for Allied Fibers. "Its broad expanse creates a sweep of color and texture that gives a room a serene visual foundation."

Recent technological developments in carpet fibre have yielded carpet systems with unprecedented resistance to household stains. These carpets are freeing consumers to choose lighter, airier colors such as peach, sea foam green and beige, and bring the warmth of carpet to rooms where stains previously have been a problem.

WOOD

More homeowners are knocking on wood these days — natural hardwood floors, that is. According to industry sources, almost 23 percent of U.S. households now have wooden floors in one or more rooms. Contractors and do-it-yourselfers are installing them in new homes, and restoring them as part of remodeling projects.

Thanks to this renewed interest, companies are responding with flooring that goes a long way toward mitigating some of the old complaints about hardwood in the home. For instance, most new hardwood flooring is prefinished with several coats of polyurethane that make waxing obsolete. Just vacuum and buff occasionally. What could be easier?

You also can select flooring in a wide variety of styles, widths and colors, from chestnut parquet to bleached white solid oak to a wide-plank ranch-style oak with walnut pegs.

If you've been hiding a hardwood floor under carpet, but now want to restore it, you can find a competent contractor to handle the job — which requires sanding and screening, staining and sealing — or do it yourself by renting a sanding machine and buying the necessary finishes, sealants and stains.

For creative flair, try one of the new color stains, paint your floor or embellish it with stenciling or painted designs.

RESILIENTS

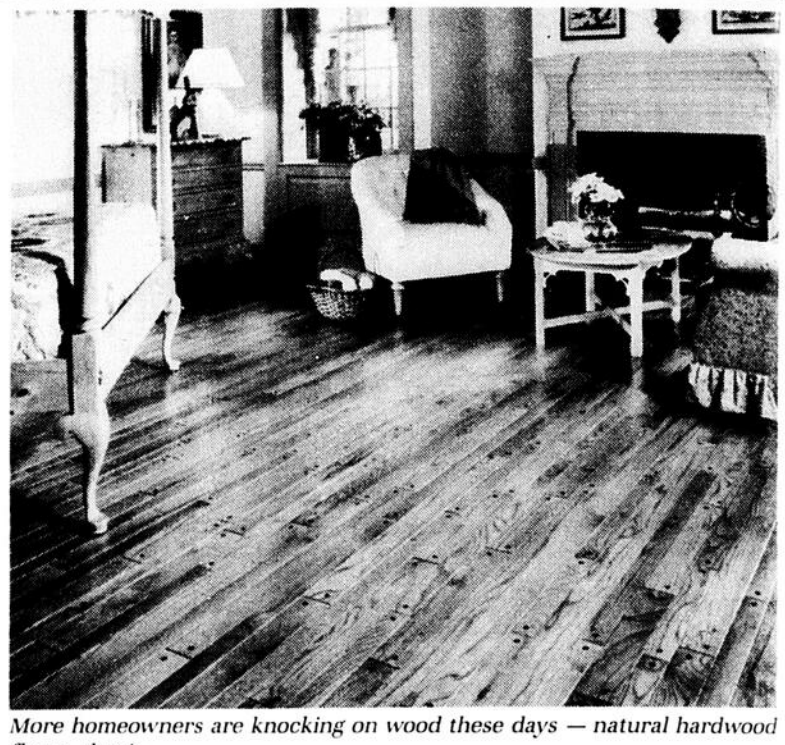
Easy maintenance and durability are the battle cries of resilient vinyl floor coverings, which are sold from roles or in individual square tiles. But today's selection offers more than just easy cleanup after Junior deposits his dinner on the floor.

There is a variety of vinyl patterns available, ranging from wood-grain look-alikes to intricate mosaic designs. Vinyl floor coverings also are water-resistant and easy-to-maintain — only requiring a little ammonia in water to maintain their shine and luster.

While the kitchen, of course, is a logical place for resilient floor coverings, they also can be attractive design components for entryways, family rooms, bathrooms, sun porches or living/dining areas.

NON-RESILIENT

No longer banished to the bathroom, ceramic tile is one of the most beautiful and long-lasting ways to decorate and remodel a home. Now, with improved materials, such as quick-set adhesives, special trim pieces and ready-mix grouts, tile also is easy and inexpensive to install yourself.



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For indoor tiles, the main consideration is how much traffic a floor will receive, according to the Italian Tile Centre. While a single, neutral shade often is chosen for floors, tile color can be selected with the same freedom as carpet color. A smokey blue or salmon in the bedroom or a deep green in the study can be striking. Different colors can be combined to create a pattern or to define separate areas of the room.

Pattern tiles also can be effective. Decorated tiles can be surrounded by solids — either of the same or contrasting background color — to be the illusion of an area rug. There also are patterns that spread across four or more tiles before repeating. The shape and size of the floor tile, along with the color and width of the grout also will affect the overall look.

Glazed floor tiles and unglazed ceramic mosaic floor tiles need a simple, damp mopping with water and detergent to maintain their luster. Glazed tile floors should be swept or vacuumed regularly to remove gritty particles that could wear the surface. Quarry tile floors need only to be cleaned occasionally with a mild detergent solution.

Slate, brick, marble and terrazzo are other hard-surface materials that lend natural beauty plus rugged texture.

AREA RUGS

Area rugs can bring color, pattern and personality to a room. Oriental rugs, dhurrie rugs, ryas, flokatis, Indian rugs and modern designs featuring bold graphics and patterns are just a few possibilities. Braided or hooked rugs and colorful rag rugs lend ambience to Early American decor and rooms with a country feeling.

With these thoughts in mind, starting from the bottom up makes good sense. If you keep the floor treatment in mind when considering day-to-day living and the other elements of design you'll be using, you will end up with a thorough and well-coordinated plan for home improvement.

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Home Improvement

Greenhouses, fireplaces, stoves keep things warm

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You want a project that will lend more ambiance to your home than a new furnace will — yet ideally it should boost your home's resale value and energy efficiency. If you're looking for something that requires more time and money than a snowblower, quilt or portable heater, consider these three radiant additions:

FIREPLACES

Just like hot chocolate and roomy sweaters, people are drawn to the comfort and coziness of a fireplace during the cold weather months. So it's not surprising that fireplaces hold a warm place in the hearts of many home owners. Their warmth and aesthetic appeal make them a room's most important architectural feature.

The easiest way to acquire a fireplace, of course, is to purchase a home that has one, but you also can build or buy a fireplace, or revive an existing — but dormant — structure. Besides custom designs from an architect or contractor, you can choose from a wide variety of freestanding fireplaces or prefabricated metal varieties that can be built into a wall or an existing fireplace.

While a roaring fire will instantly warm cold hands, many of today's fireplaces make for a net heat loss due to the chimney effect. The caveat: Most of the heat produced by burning wood in a conventional masonry fireplace is lost up the chimney, or into the surrounding wall and floor, Cold air is drawn in from the outside air that escapes up the stack.

To improve efficiency, the editors of Ortho's "Energy-Saving Projects for the Home" handbook suggest you:

- Purchase and install a damper; it will minimize heat loss when no fire is burning.
- Buy glass doors to surround the hearth.
- If you have two fireplaces — one on an outside wall and one on an inside wall, block off the one on the outside wall to reduce infiltration.
- Weatherize your home to help reduce infiltration.
- Freestanding fireplaces have a higher combustion efficiency than masonry fireplaces.
- Equip your fireplace with andirons or a grate to permit air flow from beneath the blaze, and a screen to contain sparks.

Once you are the proud owner of a fireplace, check it regularly for loose bricks, gaps in the mortar or obstructions in the chimney. If you use it frequently, have your chimney cleaned at least once a year to remove creosote buildup — a sticky, black, flammable residue created by burning wood, which reduces the ability of the flue to draw off smoke. (Cleaning a chimney is a dirty job, one that might be best left in the hands of a professional chimney sweep.)

For greater safety, new chimneys are built with ceramic flue linings. If yours is an older chimney, you can hire a mason to either add a lining or to lower a prefabricated metal chimney inside your unlined chimney.

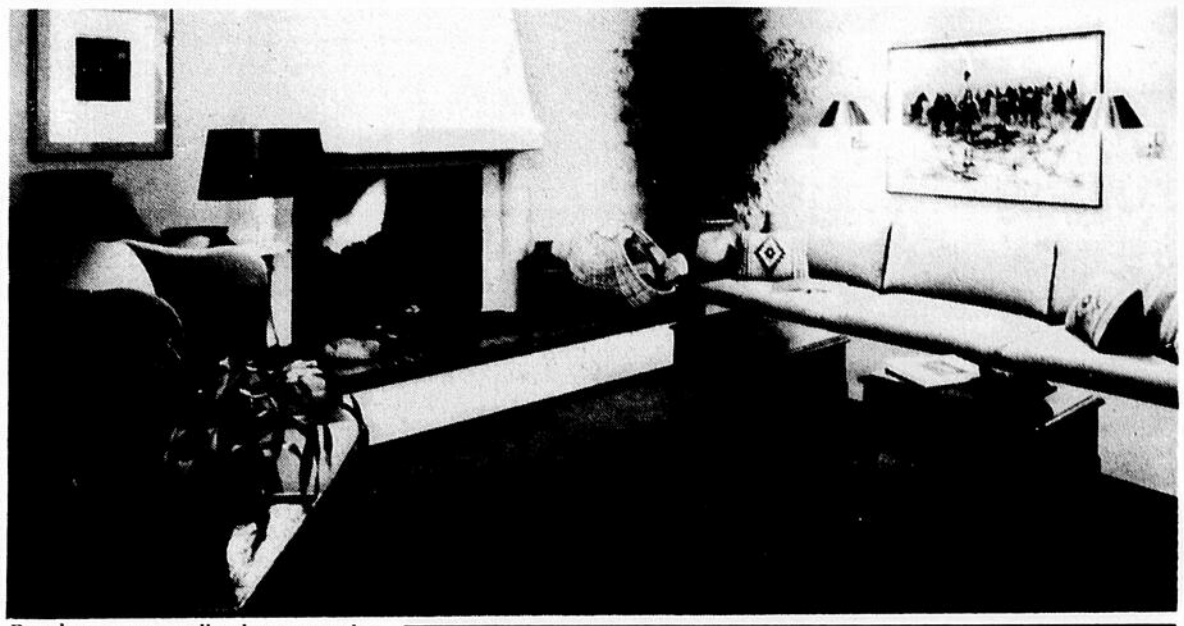
GREENHOUSES

Nobody's throwing stones at glass houses these days, at least not home owners who have realized the aesthetic and energy-efficient attributes of greenhouses.

Greenhouses are an ideal source for passive heating and cooling, where the thermal energy flows thoughout the home by natural convection.

Attached structures, with no walls between the room and the rest of the house, are considered the most energy-efficient because they can have more heating and cooling ventilation from the other rooms. Instead of just baking in the sun or freezing in the snow all day, these rooms can heat and cool other rooms in the house.

Since the distinguishing characteristic of a greenhouse is its transparent siding, these structures bring more light into the home and can be installed in such a way that a new view is created. The structure can be surrounded by glass walls and roof, built with one glass wall or, occasionally. wrapped in a plastic fabric.



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You can use a greenhouse for a variety of purposes, such as dining room, patio, pool-table area, swimming pool enclosure or just to raise plants or flowers such as orchids. Some also like using a greenhouse space as a playroom for children or a spot to sit and peer at the night skies amid comfortable furniture and plants.

The greenhouse needs to be located where it gets sun and prevailing breezes. You can build it from materials available from various outlets or pre-made parts in kits. There also are dealers and contractors that specialize in greenhouse construction.

WOOD STOVES

Wood stoves are fast becoming a cost-efficient supplementary means of heating houses.

Wood stoves are available in a wide range of styles, varying from period reproductions to simple modern ones. But no matter what style you choose, be sure yours is made of sturdy, suitable material, such as cast iron or steel. Look for stoves listed by the Underwriters' Laboratories or other recognized testing laboratories.

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Meech Lake deal could destroy Canadian federation, Johnston tells House

In an emotional speech delivered in French to the House of Commons Friday, St Henri-Westmount MP Don Johnston spelled out why he remains staunchly opposed to the Meech Lake constitutional accord.

He particularly emphasized that his opposition does not make him anti-French or anti-Quebec, as some have charged, but instead is inspired by fears of the fundamental changes the accord will make to the nature of Canada and the threat it poses to the rights of English Quebecers.

"This radical change of course contemplated by the constitutional accord could weaken, if not destroy the Canadian federation," he said, according to a translation of the speech provided THE EXAMINER by Mr Johnston's office.

"We are embarking upon a dangerous course towards poorly thought-out decentralization; a constitutional dead end caused by the requirement that the provinces must be unanimous on major constitutional amendments. This is a step backward from the vision of a bilingual and multicultural Canada. ... To vote for the accord is to vote against Canada."

He told the House he is "for a confident and strong Quebec, within a strong federation.

"If I wanted to destroy the Canadian federation, if I wanted to suppress the rights of language minorities, and if I wanted to create a loosely constructed federation, a kind of alliance among 10 provinces, with a distinct society in Quebec, endowed with powers that would not be available to the other provinces, if I wanted to wipe out the possibility of creating jointly financed national programs like health insurance, if I wanted to do all that, I would vote for the constitutional accord.

"I will therefore vote against it."

He summarized his record of growing up in Ontario and choosing to become a Quebecer and of the feelings of English Quebecers who choose to live here. "Like many other anglophones in the province — I believe the great majority — I not only accept the Frenchifying of our beautiful province, but I take an active part in the process. Our children speak French, they work in French and, far from being hostile to the French fact, we are proud of it!"

Ends bilingual 'dream'

The accord, he said, "puts an end to this dream of a bilingual country." Simply because that dream has not yet become a reality is no reason to abandon it as a goal. With the accord, the government is saying what it considers to be the Canadian reality should be entrenched in the Constitution. The unsuitability of entrenching factual findings is demonstrated, he said, by suggesting we also state in the Constitution that Toronto is the financial capital of Canada.

Quebec is not the only area of the country with distinctive characteristics, he said. Each, in fact, is different from the others. Quebec is different because the language and culture of its majority is French and its law is different but, said Mr Johnston, "we must also recognize that all these rights and characteristics are already protected by the Canadian Constitution. Why, then, should we add the notion of a distinct society to the Constitution? Is it purely to give more power to the province — that is to say, to the provincial politicians?

"There is no doubt that because of its special status as a distinct society Quebec will enjoy powers which will not be available to the other provinces. Those who suggest that this is not the case are frankly wrong."

By granting to Quebec powers others do not have, he warned, "We are setting out upon an extremely dangerous road to an unbalanced federation. A clear consequence of that new approach will be a castration of the role of Quebec's politicians and bureaucrats at the national level."

Three reasons

Mr Johnston said there are three reasons why he "remains skeptical" the accord strengthens the Canadian federation, as claimed by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

First, he said, "We are told the accord, with all its flaws, is justified because Quebec is adhering to the Canadian Constitution. Is that so? To which Constitution? Not the 1982 Constitution. Rather, to a new one in which Quebec is not bound to submit fully to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, in which Quebec will have special powers and where Canada will become the head waiter serving the provinces when they meet each year to feast at the expense of the national interest."

Second, he said it is false to claim the accord will permit the evolution of the Constitution because of its demand of unanimity on major issues.

Third, Mr Johnston said, "The Fathers of this new Constitution have not explained to Canadians that the Quebec government feels itself in no way bound to remain part of the family."

He quoted Premier Robert Bourassa as saying on June 18 when Quebec adopted the accord that "the Liberal Party recognizes the right of Quebec to freely express its will to maintain the Canadian federal union or to end it."

Stinging attack

In the question period after his 20-minute speech, Mr Johnston was the target of a stinging attack by fellow Liberal Montreal MP Jean-Claude Malépart. "Why is he (Mr Johnston) so afraid of Quebec being Frenchified?" he asked. "Are the provinces enemies of the federal government? Are the provincial premiers bad boys? Why is he so afraid of Quebec's distinctive character? I understand that Westmount is no different from Toronto. But St Henri is different from Westmount and different from Toronto."

"I (explained) that we are very proud to have a Frenchified Quebec," Mr Johnston replied. "Obviously he did not understand the comments I just made here.

"But when he asks why I am afraid of the provincial premiers, I say that we must have a national vision. We are here to stand up for the national interest, not the separate individual provincial interests. ... Only one legislature is supposed to represent the national interest. ... It is this Parliament. It is up to us to represent the national interest, not the interests of the Province of Quebec in this House.

"We have been elected to defend the national interest, to promote the national interest. It is not the responsibility of provincial premiers to defend this interest. They cannot do it, they have no incentive to do so. And that is why we cannot leave the management of our country in the hands of ten premiers meeting privately behind closed doors with the prime minister of Canada. That is not what Canada is all about."

St Henri-Westmount MP **Don Johnston** delivers his anti-Meech Lake accord speech to the House of Commons Friday.

Zoning changes proceed following consultation

A series of amendments to Westmount's zoning by-law will likely become official Dec 7, following their adoption by city council Monday night.

Citizens with objections to aspects of the changes will be able to sign a register at city hall on Oct 28 and 29.

Eligible to sign the register are owners and tenants in zones affected by the changes and those in contiguous zones. If an insufficient number of names are registered against the by-law changes, they are to be approved formally at the Dec 7 council meeting, the first of the newly elected council.

The amendments concern zoning for day care (see separate story), the height and shape of residential homes, the definition of a senior citizen as age 55 and over and several housekeeping and corrective amendments.

A public consultation meeting was held on the changes Wednesday last week, but no changes were made as a result.

Shaar noise meeting now set for Oct 26

A meeting which was to have taken place Sept 21 between residents of Metcalfe avenue and the officials from the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim Monday last week was postponed to Oct 26, city officials report.

The meeting resulted from recent appeals to city council by Jean Durcak, a resident, to help control alleged noise from the synagogue.

In the meantime, the city's Public Security Unit logged two calls for parking obstructions on Metcalfe avenue last weekend during events at the Shaar.

The noise issue has been before the courts for some time.

It is now to be considered by the Quebec Court of Appeal following a judgment in Superior Court which upheld a guilty verdict rendered in Westmount Municipal Court against the Shaar in regards to violation of the city's noise by-law.

Alderman says St Antoine office zoning favored

Ald Peter Duffield says a new survey of residents of St Antoine street shows 83 percent of owners and tenants in favor of a zoning change to allow office occupancies in the strip between Brooke and Greene avenues.

He made the announcement at Wednesday's public consultation meeting on zoning by-law amendments.

A previous survey, conducted in a questionable fashion according to the claims of some residents, showed 63 percent favored the change. At the time that figure was rejected as not overwhelming enough for a zoning amendment to proceed.

Ald Duffield, who represents the area at the foot of ward 8, said "some people had reflected" on the proposition and subsequently changed their minds.

CITY OF WESTMOUNT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks are required for the City of Westmount Elections called for Monday, 2nd November 1987. All citizens who are on the Electoral List of the City are eligible to work in this capacity.

Deputy Returning Officers will receive $75.00 and Poll Clerks will receive $55.00 for their services.

For further information, contact the office of the City Clerk (tel.: **935-8531** local 391).

R.C. Wilkins
Returning Officer

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Des scrutateurs et des greffiers du scrutin sont requis pour les élections de la ville de Westmount, prévues pour le lundi, 2 novembre 1987. Tous les citoyens dont les noms sont inscrits sur la liste électorale de la ville sont admissibles à ces charges.

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Pour de plus amples renseignements, prière de communiquer avec le Bureau du greffier de la ville (tél.: **935-8531** poste 391).

R.C. Wilkins
Président d'élection

Photographer talks to club

Frank Kristian of Kristian Studios is to give a presentation of his work at the Montreal Camera Club, Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve, on Oct 19 at 7:30 pm.

Mr Kristian is an award-winning professional photographer who has travelled many times on assignment to South America and Africa.

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COOKIES AND MORE: The Great Cookie War between Nabisco and Procter and Gamble was chronicled recently in a *Saturday Night* magazine article by **Edna Staebler**, who signed copies of her new cookbook, *Schmecks Appeal: More Mennonite Country Cooking* Tuesday at the Double Hook bookstore on Greene avenue. She includes additional anecdotes in an account of this continuing affair in her new book. Recipes include biscuits to one-course meals with lots of cakes, muffins and cookies in between. According to publisher McClelland and Stewart, the "recipes don't use fancy ingredients; they are not expensive to make, nor do they require culinary training . . . they are straightforward, fun to cook, and they always taste great." Ms Staebler's previous cookbooks include *Food that Really Schmecks* and *More Food that Really Schmecks*. The author lives near Kitchener, Ontario.

More Institute celebrates 25th year with art show

This year the Thomas More Institute for Adult Education is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the annual exhibition of works by contemporary professional Quebec artists, which is mounted by the institute's associates' committee.

This year the show is in the Côte des Neiges Cultural Centre, 5290 Côte des Neiges road, from Thursday through Nov 1 (closed Monday). Heading the Associates are Rolande Sentenne and Uve Von Harpe.

Westmount artists exhibiting include Marian Scott, Tobie Steinhouse, Catherine Bates and Dawn McRae-Strathy, with Louis Muhlstock, Jacques Besner, Henry Jones, Rita Briansky, Sarah Gersovitz and Louis Belzile among others. Varied media are offered.

Mr and Mrs Allen J. Hanley, 79 Arlington avenue, are among the associates arranging the show, as are Eileen de Neeve, 378 Metcalfe avenue, and Mr and Mrs Sol Mann, 399 Clarke avenue.

At the vernissage on Wednesday at 7 pm, J. Martin O'Hara of McGill's education department and TMI vice-president academic will head a panel of three judges to select one representative piece to be presented to Charlotte Tansey, TMI president, for the school's permanent collection. Any proceeds of the show go to the maintenance of the institute now enjoying its 43rd year.

The new institute discussion course planned for seniors, "Love is the Strangest Thing," gets under way at the Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre, Friday afternoon, Oct 9, with Suzanne Bannon, director of the centre, as discussion leader.

For exhibition hours, call the institute at 842-5076.

Writing queries to be answered

Legendary writer Hugh MacLennan is to make a special guest appearance at the Oct 17 information meeting of the Writers' Association for Romance and Mainstream (WARM) at the Atwater Library, starting at 10 am.

Other speakers expected to participate are: Hélène Holden, of Westmount, author of novels, plays and short stories; poet and artist Catherine Bates, also of Westmount; Dianna Carr, editorial director of *MTL* magazine; and, Gerald Benjamin, a publisher who is to speak on book distribution.

Admission for the session is $10 or $7 for students and seniors and $5 for WARM members.

For more information call Betty Cunningham at 684-4746 or 697-2025.

Steven Scobie to give reading

Steven Scobie, winner of the Governor-General's award for poetry, is to read tonight from his new book, *The Ballad of Isabel Gunn*, the true story of a woman who disguised herself as a man to join the Hudson's Bay Company in 1803.

He will be at the Double Hook bookshop, 1235A Greene avenue, tonight starting at 8 pm with a reception. All are welcome. For more information call 932-5093.

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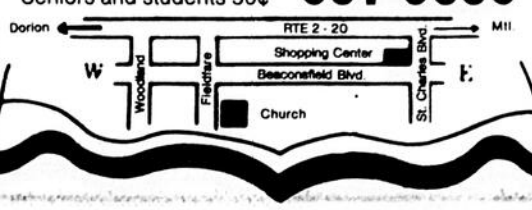

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Beyond Westmount's Borders

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

by RICK KERRIGAN

Centaur opens with musical

The Centaur Theatre is offering pure entertainment for their first production of the season. Frank Loesser's *Guys and Dolls* is one of the best of the older Broadway musicals with staying power that equals *South Pacific*. Even though the language and attitudes are a trifle dated, both musicals have such memorable songs that they can endure new productions. The Centaur production of *Guys and Dolls* will open tonight and run until Nov 8. Brian Richmond is directing this musical which stars Tony Nardi, Linda Sorgini, Karen Skidmore and Simon Webb and a cast of thousands. Well, almost. Paul Keenan is doing the musical direction. *Guys and Dolls* is based on a story by and the characters of Damon Runyon. For ticket information call the Centaur box office at 288-3161.

Who is the prodigal son?

Playwrights' Workshop Montreal will present a reading of Robert Majzels' *Prodigal Son* Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, at PWM, 4001 Berri street. Joel Miller and Matt Mabe will read the parts of two brothers, one of whom is a labor activist, the other a businessman. The play is about how we use the past to reveal the present and reflects on the second generation after the Holocaust and the decline of the radical '60s. Michael Springate is directing. Admission is free but a donation from non-members is suggested. For more information call 843-3685.

A man, a woman, a play

VSOP, a play by Luc Gervais, will be at La Licorne restaurant-bar-theatre, 2075 St Lawrence boulevard, from tonight until Nov 14. It is about a man and a woman and a desire to give some sense to life. Showtimes are Tuesday to Sunday, 8:30 pm. For more information call 843-4166.

Hours for the arts

Les Heures de la Place, the midday performance series at Place des Arts, is under way for the fall with concerts and dance performances. Les Concerts Puce, one Saturday a month until April, are specially for children. The next one will be Oct 31, 11 am. Sons et Brioches is the Sunday concert series at 11 am. The next concert is Oct 18 and will feature samba music. Rolls and coffee are available. L'Art du Mouvement features noon dance performances and the first one will be Oct 15 featuring Menaka Thakkar and classical Indian dance. You can buy a lunch at these performances. All of the abovementioned events take place in the piano nobile of Salle Wilfrid Pelletier. Les Midis Extra will feature music and dance alternately and will be held at noon one Wednesday each month. Colette Boky, soprano, sang yesterday and Les Ballets Classiques de Montréal will dance Nov 4. For more information on all of these events you should pick up a program at Place des Arts.

Silver for Tudors

The Tudor Singers of Montreal will open their 25th anniversary season with a concert Oct 15, 8 pm, in the Church of St Andrew and St Paul. The choir will be augmented by eight singers, 17 instrumentalists and the 50-member Treble Choir from FACE School for a performance of *Mass* by Leonard Bernstein. This piece uses traditional, jazz and rock music and quadraphonic tapes. This is part of the Thursday Master Series for which subscriptions are still available at the Tudor office, 932-3376. Single tickets for this concert also are available at Ticketron counters or by calling Teletron at 288-2525.

Music from McGill

Angela Hewitt, pianist, will give a concert Monday, 8 pm, in Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west. There is an admission charge for this concert.

Alcides Lanza will give a marathon concert with music, tapes, film and slides Tuesday, 6 to 11 pm, in Pollack Hall. He will play piano and synthesizer and will be accompanied by musicians from the electronic music studio. Admission is free.

Pamela Hoswitschka will give an organ recital Tuesday, 8 pm, at St George's Church, corner of de Lagauchetière and Peel streets. She will play works by Bach, Franck, Alain and Duruflé. Admission is free.

The Canadian Piano Trio, comprising violin, cello and piano, will give a concert Oct 15, 8 pm, in Pollack Hall. Admission is free.

Music in Atrium

The Quatuor Linos, comprising four flutists, will give a concert today, noon, in the atrium of Maison Alcan, 1188 Sherbrooke street west. On Friday at noon, a group called Weber and Company, composed of cello, violin and piano, will give a concert in the atrium.

Appreciate that jazz

The McGill Centre for Continuing Education is offering a course in jazz appreciation beginning Tuesday. This is a seven-lecture course which will cover such topics as the evolution of the rhythm section, Miles Davis, the future of jazz, the lineage of a song, individualism in jazz and the history of jazz in Montreal. Classes are Tuesdays, 6 to 9 pm. For more information call 398-6158. You must register by Friday.

Bits 'n' pieces

Canadian Cultural Programmes is presenting Canadian author Josef Skvorecky who will give a reading and commentary from his works Tuesday, 1:30 pm, in the NFB cinema in the Complexe Guy Favreau, 200 Dorchester boulevard west. Admission is free. ... Prof Christopher Lasch will speak on "Hope and nostalgia in the self-image of the age" Wednesday, 6 pm, in room 132 of McGill University's Leacock Building.

Ready for action

The McGill Outing Club is holding a sale of brand-name outdoor equipment Wednesday until Oct 17 in room 107 and 108 of the Student Union, 3480 McTavish street. For sale will be clothing, cycling gear, bicycles, windsurfers, kayaks, telemark and cross-country skis, tents and sleeping bags. You can save 30-60 percent.

Elisa Nucci with one of her flower paintings currently on display at the Westmount Public Library.

Nucci flower paintings explore nature's colors

An exhibition of the works of Elisa Nucci is now on view at the Westmount Public Library.

Ms Nucci began her formal fine arts training at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts school where she studied drawing and painting with Arthur Lismer and Gentile Tondino.

She went on to study at l'Ecole des Beaux Arts, majoring and receiving her degree in graphic design.

She later worked as an advertising designer and art director in major advertising agencies in Montreal. At present Ms Nucci owns and operates her own design company.

She has created a collection of oversize flower interpretations. Though claiming no special knowledge of horticulture, she says she enjoys exploring the magnificent colors and shapes of different varieties.

The exhibition can be seen until Oct 18 during regular library hours.

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Château Ramezay volunteer guides give history talks

On Sunday at 2 pm Westmounter Nancy Erdrich will be lecturing on eastern woodland Indians at the Château Ramezay, 280 Notre Dame street east.

The museum's volunteer guides are presenting a six-week Sunday afternoon program as part of the 125th anniversary celebrations of the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society (owners of the Château Ramezay).

Subsequent lectures, to be given at 2 pm also, are: Oct 18, woolcraft and linen by Elfi Valenta; Oct 25, the habitant kitchen, by Julie Dawson and Jeannie Strom-Olsen, both Westmounters; Nov 1, 18th century military awards including La Croix Saint Louis, by Tom Wiley; Nov 8, domestic arts and lighting before electricity with Katharine M'Seffar of Westmount; and Nov 15, the Château Ramezay, architecture and occupants, by Ami Bard, also of Westmount.

For more information call 489-7925.

JINGLE BELL RINGERS: The St Mary's Hospital Auxiliary annual Jingle Bells Christmas sale is planned for next Friday, Oct 16, from 9:30 am to 5 pm in the hospital auditorium, 3830 Lacombe avenue. The sale offers a wide variety of items including handicrafts, special gifts and cards, collectibles and country-kitchen fare. Proceeds will be used by the auxiliary for hospital programs and equipment. Helping organize the event are, standing from left, **Nicole Tinmouth**, tea room convener, **Patricia Lafrenière**, publicity, Westmounter **Janet Macklem**, auxiliary past-president, and seated, **Margie Reckziegel**, collectibles co-convener.

COMING EVENTS / ÉVÉNEMENTS

WIP OPENS SEASON

The opening meeting of Westmount Initiative for Peace Tuesday, Oct 13. Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg will critique Canada's white paper on defence and will welcome questions. "Happy hour" at 5:30 pm in the west lounge, Victoria Hall, precedes the talk. All welcome.

ART SHOW & SALE

St Paul's 24th annual art show and sale will open Wednesday evening, Oct 21. It will continue on Thursday and Friday afternoons and evenings at St Paul's Church Hall, 377-44th avenue, Lachine.

CONCERT

Concert at First Baptist Church, 6215 Cote St Luc road, Hampstead, at 8 pm Saturday Oct 10. Admission $12. Soloists are Guy Huard, baritone; Louise Lecavalier, soprano; and Jacques St-Jean, pianist. Light refreshments included. Sponsored by the church board of trustees; proceeds will go to the operating deficit.

Peace group opens season

The Westmount Initiative for Peace has announced its opening meeting of the current season. This will be a supper-hour gathering on Tuesday in the west lounge of Victoria Hall.

In order for members to become re-acquainted and to welcome new participation, sherry and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 pm. Any Westmounters who are interested in exploring, without obligation or pressure, the work of the peace movement in Canada and in Westmount are welcome to attend.

Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg, one of the central figures in the Canadian peace movement, who also happens to be a member of WIP, will be on hand to discuss the government's recent white paper on defence and a few related issues in which WIP might involve itself during the coming year.

Mrs Rosenberg is known across Canada for having her finger on the pulse of peace and justice activity.

The meeting is scheduled to conclude by 8 pm.

Buyers, sellers, renters, job hunters, contractors, repairmen and others get together each week in the classified advertising section of THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER. To place an ad, call 931-7511.

Grenfell sale on Oct 21

The Grenfell Association of Montreal is sponsoring its annual sale at Westmount Park Church Oct 21 from 11 am to 3 pm.

Lunch will be served in three sittings, and handicrafts, Christmas cards, home cooking, old and almost-new items and other goods are to be available for sale.

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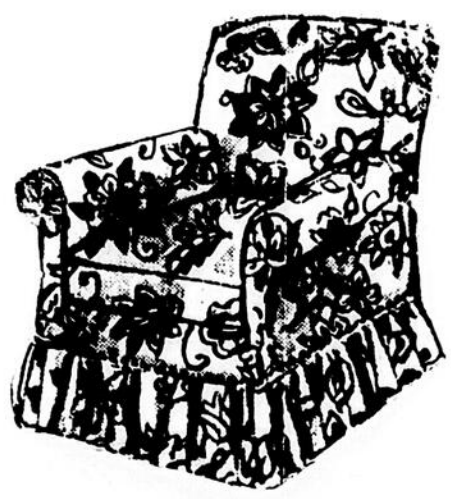
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Seniors' council to offer course on communication

For the third year in a row, the N.D.G. Senior Citizens' Council, in collaboration with the Catholic School Commission, plans to offer a human relations course entitled Learning to Communicate Effectively. The course will centre on such important everyday skills as self-awareness, attentive listening, verbal and non-verbal communication, assertion training, appropriate ways to handle interpersonal confrontations and how to give proper feedback.

People interested in attending are expected to actively participate in the class, share life experiences, and want to learn new ways to improve their relationship with others.

The course begins Oct 16 and runs for eight Fridays from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. It will be held at Rosedale United Church, 6870 Terrebonne avenue. It is open to senior citizens and people interested in working with the aged. There is a $10 fee for registration and material cost, payable during the first day of class.

Persons interested in registering or needing more information are asked to call the council at 487-1311. It is suggested that one register by phone as soon as possible.

PREPPING FOR TRAFALGAR CENTENNIAL: Trafalgar School Old Girls are hard at work putting the final touches on arrangements for the school's centennial celebrations coming up Oct 21-25. Among the organizers of the event are Westmounters, from left, **Peggy Jean Thomas**, dinner committee, **Diana MacNeil**, memorabilia co-ordinator, and **Eleanor Curwood**, class rep chairperson. For more information on centennial celebrations call Sandy (Keymer) Amos at 937-4219.

Poster contest entries invited

An original design created by a Montreal area elementary student will be the official poster of the Mickey Stein-Mont Habitant Skiathon. The annual event, in aid of the Cancer Research Society Inc, is scheduled for Dec 6.

All students at the elementary school level are eligible to enter. The theme is "Having fun at the Mickey Stein-Mont Habitant skiathon." Drawings must be 12x16 inches in any two colors on a white background. There are three categories: five- and six-year-olds, seven- to nine-year-olds; 10- to 12-year-olds.

Posters must be sent to: Skiathon '87, 1411 Fort street, suite 401, Montreal H3H 2N6. The deadline for entries is Oct 19.

Three prizes in each category and a grand prize will be awarded. Prizes include Mont Habitant ski boutique gift certificates, ski days, ski lessons as well as the grand prize of a ski ensemble.

For more information call 935-9570.

Single parents' program offered

The Davis YM-YWHA is offering parent-child programs for single moms and single dads. There will be social and recreational groups, recreational and cultural programs including holiday programs and outings and trips, and discussion groups to share ideas and concerns around being a single parent.

A general meeting is to be held on Sunday at 1 pm at the Davis Y, 5700 Kellert avenue, Côte St Luc. A separate recreational program will be available for children for a $1 fee. For further information call Lynne Pronman at 482-0730.

Singles course starts Wednesday

Due to a low initial response, the Catholic Community Services is reissuing its invitation to separated and divorced men and women to a series called "Single Again."

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I visited a seniors' residence the other day, and I was startled by the anger so many residents seemed to be expressing. I was reminded of the elderly people I had worked with a few years back, in subsidized housing.

There, the anger would often be expressed at children, who never seemed to visit often enough, but most of the time it was reserved for the administration — the superintendent and the "office." I must admit, I never took their anger lightly. I saw it as pain, as frustration with a world that didn't turn out as they would have liked, as an emotion that was gut-real. So I tried to help them do something about it.

And I saw positive results. The people who had felt so minimized by their lack of power discovered that they *could* accomplish things when they joined together. And every such activity pushed their self-image up a notch, made them feel just a bit better about their lot.

I think there should be a government rule, as there is for schools and school committees, that every seniors' residence should have a residents' committee.

That residence that I visited recently did not have such a committee. I mentioned the anger. It was very indirect, and often it just looked like sadness. But when they talked, they said many of the things all people feel when they live in institutions, no matter how benevolent. "Nobody really cares," "We're treated as if we were things," "They didn't ask me!" "We're miserable, but we're afraid we'll be put out if we complain."

Most of the City of Montreal's subsidized housing projects do have some form of tenants' committee. This is municipal policy. But no such role exists for non-municipal institutions. When Westmount's new projects for seniors go up, I would hope that attention is paid to this fundamental issue, and that tenants and residents are helped to form such groups.

There are many ways these committees can be extremely helpful to the administration. They can offer immediate feedback on food, for example, where food is included. It's very hard to please everyone, but when the consumer is involved in the process it can be a lot more successful. In low-cost housing, tenants' committees have been very effective by organizing recreation and educational activities, by alerting the administration to any in-building problems before they become critical, but also by being the best bridge for communication.

It can be terribly hard to suddenly have most of your decisions made for you, or have the feeling that you no longer are permitted any initiative. This is so even when it may be what you need and want. But most modern managers of institutions today recognize that this doesn't have to happen. Nor should it happen. Even when the population is apathetic, the tenants' and residents' committee can be most productive, and can make the difference between an angry group of people and a productive, engaged population.

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ALUMNI GO CHINESE: The Stanstead College Alumni Association will hold a gourmet Chinese dinner and dance Oct 24 to raise funds to refurbish the school's reading room. Helping to organize the event are, seated from left, **Nancy Amos** and **Eddie Battah**, chairman of the event, and standing from left, **Peter Wynne**, president of the alumni association, and **Geoff Wagner**. The 10-course dinner will take place at Kenny Wong's restaurant on the South Shore. For ticket information alumni, friends and parents of students at the school can call Yvonne Ten Pas at 937-1096 or 932-0142.

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Family historians discuss traditions

William Marquis is to speak on family traditions and how they change at the Oct 13 meeting of the Quebec Family History Society at La Maison du Brasseur, 2901 St Joseph boulevard in Lachine.

Mr Marquis, a Plattsburgh, N.Y., native, is immediate past-president of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society.

The public is welcome to the meeting and more information on it and the society can be obtained by calling 488-7798.

Head & Hands offers courses

Head & Hands, a non-profit community health and social service centre for youth, needs volunteers who can tutor high school students in French, English, math, science, and other subjects. An extra hour of help per week means better grades, means better possibilities, the group says.

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Built to mark Victoria's jubilee, Westmount Library celebrates 90th

Thanks to funds freed up by a $13,000 gas company forfeiture, Westmount founded the province's first municipal library on Oct 4, 1897 — 90 years ago this week.

At the suggestion of then-Alderman William Lighthall, city council added $2,000 towards the $15,000 project to build and stock a library, marking Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

Since then the Westmount Public Library has grown to include a membership of 9,050 citizens and a collection of 129,330 books, 328 periodical titles and 2,054 cassettes in addition to pictures, government documents, pamphlets, clippings, videocassettes and an extensive historical collection of Quebec postcards.

To celebrate the library's 90th birthday, a party has been planned Tuesday at 6 pm for 150 to 200 invited guests.

Rosemary Lydon, Westmount's current chief librarian, recently released a brief history of the library as it celebrates the 90th anniversary of its founding.

After city council passed the "by-law concerning the establishment and maintenance of a free public library" in 1897, a committee immediately was set up to oversee the project consisting of: Mayor J.R. Walker, Aldermen W.D. Lighthall, Frederick W. Evans, James Henry Redfern, and trustees Matthew Hutchison, D.W. Ross and J.C. McCormick. Charles Gould, the McGill University librarian, acted as a professional advisor.

The committee chose leading architect Robert Findlay and sculptor George W. Hill to collaborate on design.

The library opened its doors June 22, 1899, after a year of construction.

It has undergone a number of facelifts over the years.

In 1911, an addition to the building was constructed to house a children's library, one of the first in Canada.

The reading room and music gallery south of the circulation desk were built in 1925, enlarging the adult section.

A three-storey extension — the "new building" — was erected in 1959 and the children's library moved into the third floor of the annex.

Renovations in 1967 removed the old two-sided fireplace from the original part of the library and created the centennial reference room.

In 1982, an elevator and washroom for the handicapped were added and renovations to the basement made room for a government documents library.

Miss Lydon is only the fifth chief librarian over the library's 90 years. Her predecessors were: Beatrice Glen Moore, 1898-1901; Mary Solace Saxe, 1901-1931; Kathleen Jenkins, 1931-1952, and Norah Bryant, 1962-1983.

Thief finds hidden radio

A $600 radio was stolen from a parked car last Thursday outside 356 Olivier avenue, according to police reports. The grey 1986 Volkswagen was broken into by smashing a small vent window causing $75 damage. The detachable radio had been hidden under the seat.

A car radio also was reported stolen from a red 1986 Saab parked in front of 527 Lansdowne avenue overnight Wednesday-Thursday last week.

Suit slipped through door

Someone managed to pry away a plexiglass closure at a shop in Westmount Square over the weekend Sept 26-28 and pull out a three-piece suit valued at $2,500, police said.

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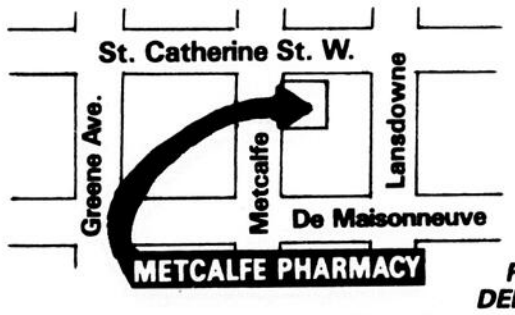

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Enfin cette semaine, ces lampadaires pourront être posés et exercer leur rôle, celui d'éclairer, d'illuminer.

Ce projet de 1405$ ne couvre qu'une réalisation partielle de ce que nous pourrions faire, l'idéal serait sûrement que tout le côté de l'église soit dans la lumière, non d'abord pour l'esthétique, mais pour la sécurité, puis pour la présence du lieu où habite le Seigneur des seigneurs.

Des électriciens sont au travail pour répartir le courant de circuits surchargés dans le sous-sol de l'église, aussi pour poser des rampes chauffantes dans le local qui a été loué à l'ACAT et qui sera occupé par le secrétariat de l'Association au sous-sol au 336, ave Clarke à compter de la semaine prochaine.

Le travail pour l'installation de drains à chaque côté de l'église est terminé. Il reste à planter des arbustes pour la finition des travaux.

Le plafond du vestibule est "éventré," un tuyau de cuivre est à remplacer et une réparation à la toiture corrigera les inconvénients que causait une fuite d'eau. Il restera à refaire la peinture de ces petites fresques.

Tel qu'annoncé, tous ceux et celles qui auront participé à la campagne de financement depuis un an seront dans la "course" pour gagner l'icône de la Madone (valeur de 1300$) qui est exposée près de l'ambon et qui sera tirée au sort en la fête de St-Léon, le 15 novembre prochain. Pour chaque $25, vous avez "une chance" de gagner.

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Church honors Westmount cop

A special award of recognition was made to Westmount's MUC police crime prevention officer Sunday by the congregation of Union United Church in St Henri.

Constable Michel Caza was honored for work at several outreach activities at the church as well as helping to organize station 23's contribution to the church's food distribution program to the needy last Christmas.

Religious experience topic of ecumenical lectures

A series of weekly lectures is to take place at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church commencing on Oct 19 at 8 pm, exploring varieties of religious experience in contemporary society.

Chosen from a broad spectrum of denominations and professions, the speakers will analyze and compare different pathways to spiritual reality. Topics will include the mystical path, the charismatic path, the ecumenical path, the sacramental path, and the ethical path.

Lecturers are well-known scholars and communicators, including Neil McKenty of radio and television; McGill vice-principal John Armour; Tom Ryan of the ecumenical centre; Anglican priest Ian Stuchbery, and Bruce McLeod, former United Church moderator.

Titled "A New Dynamic," the lectures form a sequel to last year's "New Perspective" series, in which outstanding writers evaluated the current resurgence of religion. Descriptive brochures and enrolment forms are available at many churches in the city, or at the office of the host church at 687 Roslyn avenue. Call 486-1165 for more information.

St-Léon a besoin d'articles

Le comptoir Premier Choix sera confié de nouveau à Jacqueline Bacon et ses auxiliaires. Les articles de choix y auront leur place afin de tenter l'acheteur qui désire trouver des choses spéciales: potiches originales, bonbonnières, salières et poivières, plateaux, bouteilles de parfum ou lotions (même ouvertes), savons de fantaisie, cache-pots, décorations de toutes sortes.

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☐ **WPS school committee meeting**: Westmount Park School, 7:30 pm

☐ **General meeting**: To discuss the future of Westmount High School, at the school, 8 pm ☺

Wednesday, Oct 14

☐ **Luncheon meeting**: Rotary Club of Westmount, Victoria Hall, 12:30 pm ←+

☐ **Harvest card party**: Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve blvd, 1 pm - 4 pm; for information and tickets call 932-2326 ☺

COMING UP

☐ **Oct 16**: An exhibition of weaving called "Homage to Sister Cécile Auger," Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, until Oct 31 ☺

☐ **Oct 16**: Roslyn School ski and skate exchange, in the school gym; collection of items from 2:45 pm - 6 pm; sale from 7:30 pm - 9 pm; for further info call 489-0164

☐ **Oct 16**: Annual general meeting, Planned Parenthood Ville Marie Inc, 5 Weredale Park, second floor boardroom, 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm; wine and cheese to follow ☺

☐ **Oct 17**: Information meeting, Writers' Association for Romance and Mainstream, Atwater Library, Atwater avenue at Tupper street, 10 am; for information call Betty Cunningham, 684-4746 $

☐ **Oct 19**: Globetrotting photographer Frank Kristian speaks about his work to the Montreal Camera Club, Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve blvd, 7:30 pm ☺✓

☐ **Oct 19**: Is the start of a weekly lecture series, "A New Dynamic," at St Andrew's - Dominion-Douglas Church, 8 pm; call 486-1165 for further information ☺

☐ **Oct 21**: Grenfell Association of Montreal annual sale, Westmount Park Church, de Maisonneuve at Lansdowne, 11 am - 3 pm; lunch to be served in three sittings: 11:30 am, 12:15 pm, 1 pm

☐ **Oct 27**: A meeting of the Montreal branch of Ikebana International features a demonstration and workshop by the Takeya School, St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, 687 Roslyn avenue, 1:30 pm ☺

☐ **Oct 30**: Halloween costume party sleepover for youth aged six to 12, at the Westmount Y, 7:30 pm - 10 am Oct 31; for more information call Lisa, 931-8046

☐ **Nov 1**: Second annual Westm[illegible] Firefighters' basketball tourna[illegible], Westmount YMCA, Sherbrooke street at Arlington avenue, 10 am ☺

☐ **Nov 11, 12**: Annual book fair of the Atwater Library, Atwater avenue at Tupper street, to be held in the auditorium from noon to 8 pm on the 11th and from 10 am to 5 pm on the 12th; donations of books for this sale will be gratefully accepted

☐ **Nov 13, 14, 15**: 5th annual parish bazaar of St Léon's Church; the church welcomes donations for the white elephant table

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WMA to interfere with the citizens' democratic privilege to choose between bona fide candidates on the basis of their different platforms and abilities. The secretary, Mrs Heather McFarland, corroborated. The WMA is not a political party, she reminded Mr Nixon, and should not even appear to be acting as one.

Furthermore, I mentioned to you that while I had assumed Mr Nixon's experience on council and with the WMA would be of value to our committee, especially his being chairperson of the previous nominating committee, I had forgotten that he had been Mr Fortin's agent during the last election. This, I felt, might be construed as a conflict of interest, certainly if only Mr Fortin's name was put forward by our committee.

Your response to all this was that you did not believe Mr Nixon's former alliance with Mr Fortin constituted a conflict of interest; with regard to the rest, you felt it was too late for it to be considered. If I wished to challenge Mr Nixon's putting forward only one name, I should have done so at the Victoria Hall meeting.

At the time, I accepted your interpretation. After all, I had no part in the selection of committee members; nor did anyone consult me as to the appropriateness of bringing Mr Nixon out of longtime retirement in Knowlton to head up the committee, notwithstanding his detachment from current events and his attachment to one of the candidates. No one can blame me for the fact that there was no formal voting on the basis of written criteria at our one meeting. Furthermore, my not challenging Mr Nixon's announcement at the last meeting was due to the best of motives — an unwillingness to cause embarrassment based on my own uncorroborated opinion.

Nevertheless, there has been a miscarriage of justice, to which I, the sole active member of the WMA at the meeting, was an accomplice. I feel, therefore, that I have no recourse but to tender my resignation as vice-president and executive director of the association. This I do with regret, but I see no other honorable alternative.

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Parliamentary report on Meech Lake slanted

Sir: The report on the Meech Lake Accord prepared by an inter-parliamentary committee has been slanted to the extent that only the views of those favoring the proposals are given consideration. Those who opposed the accord's glaring ambiguities and the lack of any interpretation of terms such as "duality" and "distinct society" included a Privy Councillor and ex-senator, Eugene Forsey and two of Canada's most eminent legal constitutional experts, Prof Wayne MacKay (Dalhousie law school) and John White (Queen's faculty of law). Their views were disregarded in favor of testimony from people like Eric Kierans, Gordon Robertson and Prof William Lederman, none of whom was able to say how the so-called "terms of the accord" would apply.

The obvious solution, a referral to the Supreme Court of Canada, as Mr Trudeau had followed over patriation of the Constitution, was disregarded in an attempt to ram these proposals through the House of Commons without MPs having the benefit of legal counsel.

I can remember former clerk of the Privy Council (the same) Gordon Robertson's screams of disapproval when the Union Nationale made similar proposals to the federal Liberal government in the 1966-69 conferences on constitutional change.

I can remember when Warren Allmand spoke out against this same kind of ill-starred proposals when submitted by Jean-Luc Pepin's Task Force on Canadian Unity in 1978. The late Senator Claude Wagner had labelled this proposal to allow provinces to protect language rights "senseless, illogical and absolutely crazy."

How can these people claim to be for a strong federal government while at the same time supporting the notion that Canada be decentralized into a confederacy of states? The proposed annual meeting of "11 first ministers" will supplant much of the present constitutional mandate of federal members of Parliament to speak for their electors in the national interest. This will be replaced by a system that will put pressure on MPs to support only the views of their party leader, and Parliament will be reduced to a "rubber-stamp" function on national affairs.

The Senate hearings on the Meech Lake Accord will decide the future of Canada because a group of party leaders, Messrs Mulroney, Turner and Broadbent, have tried to use the weapon of party discipline to impose a wholesale change to the Canadian Constitution in complete disregard for the rights of English-speaking Canadians living in southwestern Quebec.

The only way for English-speaking Quebecers to fight back is to support the present legal case (Allan Singer Ltd) questioning Quebec's legislative power to eliminate English that will be heard by the Supreme Court on Nov 16 and by attending the Senate hearings on Meech Lake that will go across the country this fall.

Federal MPs like Don Johnston, David Berger, Ian Waddell and Pat Nowlan should shrug off the name-calling and invective from those who have knuckled under to party pressure and insist on a complete judicial interpretation before any vote can be taken in the House.

It will be interesting to see if the stout proponents of Canadian sovereignty within North America who are so vocal in their defence of "Canadian" identity with respect to freer trade will show the same concern for Canadian sovereignty within Quebec.

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Westmount High worth fighting for

Sir: A good Westmount friend, Fred Levine, recently sent me the Sept 24 issue of your newspaper, in which was announced the forthcoming closing of Westmount High School. Five years ago, while students at WHS, Fred and I, in our graduating year, were actively involved in numerous programs aimed at improving the image of the school in the community. In co-operation with the parents' committee and the school administration, we were able to make some progress with our program — with those who listened.

Unfortunately, the trend against public school education, especially toward large, broadly based schools like WHS, was, and probably still is, much too strong to turn around. The reality of low enrolment appears to have spelled the closure of our school.

The frustrating thing is that it is just possible the closing could have been avoided. If Westmounters had really understood and been prepared to support the values of an integrated education system, and if the PSBGM had not panicked and created its own semi-private schools (e.g., Royal West and Argyle academies), it is conceivable that the Westmount High enrolment might have remained higher.

I guess, in a sense, Westmount High evolved into an "experiment" around 1970, when events led to enrolment of increasing numbers of students from other municipalities. For approximately 15 years the xenophobia of Westmounters was tested by students from all over Montreal. One would suggest this approach failed to maintain the integrity of the school.

However, I am happy that I had the opportunity to attend Westmount High during that period, and I know that those years greatly influenced the direction of my life. I would like to thank those who have battled, and those who continue to fight to keep the school open. Westmount High is definitely a cause worth fighting for.

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care facility, 40 low-cost housing units for seniors, and a day centre with preventive and therapeutic facilities for elderly citizens who will be referred by health professionals. We hope that this senior citizens' complex will go some way toward meeting the needs of our older men and women.

What ought to be emphasized is the *integrated* nature of the project: the nursing home and day centre are funded by the ministry of health and social services, while the housing unit is funded by the three levels of government on the approval of the ministry of housing.

That they are to be developed as parts of a harmonious whole is due to good luck, good timing, and an awful lot of hard work. We can thank the provincial ministers responsible, Thérèse Lavoie-Roux and André Bourbeau, as well as their officials. We can also thank the mayor, Alderwoman Sally Aitken, the other members of council and city officials for not losing faith in the project over the last two years. Perhaps it would not be out of place to add that my own staff has played a role in the development of the project of which I am very proud.

Ambulance donated to Israeli service at event Sunday

The Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue on Metcalfe avenue in Westmount will be the scene at 11 am Sunday of a community gathering featuring the presentation of an ambulance to Magen David Adom, Israel's national emergency first-aid and blood service.

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The public is invited to attend the presentation.

Two bicycles are recovered

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Neighborhood Watch ponders door-to-door recruitment

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's Neighborhood Watch program soon will be sold door-to-door.

The new approach comes from Singapore where the system is used by neighborhood police stations to recruit new members for the crime prevention program.

Director Richard McEnroe, director of Westmount's Public Security Unit, told THE EXAMINER Monday the door-to-door approach had been outlined by Singapore's deputy police chief at last week's annual convention of the International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners held in Montreal.

Both Director McEnroe and Public Safety Officer Raffaele Barba attended a Neighborhood Watch workshop at the convention where they heard how the Singapore program had swelled membership to 70,000 since its start in 1981.

"Based on that success, we decided to try it out here," Dir McEnroe said.

The Westmount program has been organized street by street through block meetings.

Several sessions of the convention were attended by MUC constable Michel Caza, crime prevention officer at Westmount's station 23, who chaired a workshop on robbery.

Guest speaker at the workshop was Erich Rebscher, chief of criminological research for the West German Federal Criminal Police.

"We heard that other countries face the same problems we do," Cst Caza reported. "They put up barriers against crime in one area and it shifts the problem somewhere else."

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Supper switch rush eased in new city parking rules

Westmount drivers will have until 6 pm, one hour longer, to change their parked cars to the other side of the street following a number of parking changes approved Monday night by city council.

The changes include designation of five additional streets for alternate-side parking as well as permitting parking on both sides of Côte St Antoine road.

Streets newly approved for alternate-side parking are Arlington, Strathcona, Mount Stephen, Springfield and Church Hill.

Only the Côte St Antoine change can be expected in the next week, city officials said.

Other modifications will take between four and six weeks to go into effect since they require new signs or stickers to be ordered.

The recommendation to extend the duration of daytime parking on one side of the street to 6 pm followed complaints from residents stating they could not be home from work in time to change their cars to the other side, Alderman Paul Ferrin explained.

The lifting of parking restrictions from the south side of Côte St Antoine road is intended to narrow the street and slow the flow of traffic, he said.

Valise taken from back seat

A man who put a suitcase on the back seat of his car late Wednesday last night discovered it gone the next morning, police report.

The bag was taken from the garage of the apartment building at 4998 de Maisonneuve boulevard. It contained a camera, Walkman radio, two jackets and other items totalling $2,000.

It was reported to have been packed in the car to be ready for the next morning.

May Cutler filed her nomination papers Monday morning at city hall to become a mayoral candidate. Explaining the intricacies of the task is **Bob Wilkins**, left, returning officer. Mrs Cutler's official agent is **Henry Finkel**.

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place for groups, especially seniors, to meet, for cultural gatherings, for music and theatre activities. A nursery school as well could be incorporated into the structure, bringing young and old together.

Mrs Cutler decried the "deterioration" of the Westmount Public Library due to lack of funding from city hall. She said she wants the library "renovated and extended" and the western wall opened and incorporated into an atrium linking it to the conservatory. The library should be open to users 365 days a year and later in the evenings, she said.

As for the greenhouses, she said they should be preserved and flowers from them displayed in public buildings in Westmount. City gardeners should be available to provide tips for Westmount's amateur green thumbs.

Ombudsman for seniors

Mrs Cutler said an ombudsman would help ease the fears of many Westmount senior citizens, particularly concerning condominium conversion and rental conditions. "A large number of our older people feel deserted and frightened."

Dog owners as well would get better treatment with her as mayor, Mrs Cutler said. She promised to find ways to provide dog owners with a better hearing for their needs.

She urged more contact between the anglo- and francophone communities in Westmount, and used an all-French literary night during the Arts Westmount festival as a symbolic example. The same sensitivity should be shown to allophones, she said.

A year-round swimming pool is another project Mrs Cutler listed on her campaign program.

As for the cost of her campaign promises, Mrs Cutler said her simple rule has been "you can always find money for what is important.

"We are not only the wealthiest, and can afford to care for our people, we are undoubtedly the best educated in the country — why are we not using our combined talents here to solve problems creatively and build positively?"

Mrs Cutler said "the remarkably competent" city staff would enjoy a more creatively charged city hall, saying "most people can stand happiness." She said if elected she would meet with municipal personnel and ensure they were made to "feel their participation counts."

She added, "I want to treat people as I would expect to be treated."

Mrs Cutler said she has the time and energy to devote to the mayor's job.

Widowed last February with the death of her husband Philip, a labor lawyer and Superior Court judge, she said she now has her evenings free, as well as her days, to attend meetings. As for operating Tundra, Mrs Cutler said, "We can manage it with the good staff here (at Tundra)."

She professed to "feeling 30" and not having spent a day in bed since she gave birth to her last son.

As for the campaign itself, with its slogan "We want May in November," she has promised herself: "I'm going to have fun or I'm not going to do this at all."

Mrs Cutler was born May Ebbitt in Montreal, the daughter of Irish immigrants. Educated at McGill University, she received her MS in journalism from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in 1946.

She was the second woman hired by Canadian Press in Montreal in 1945. She worked for the information unit at the United Nations in New York before returning to work for *The Montreal Herald* and *The Montreal Standard* magazine.

She taught journalism at McGill and set up a three-year extension program in journalism.

She won a Centennial literary award for her book *The Last Noble Savage* whose U.S. adaptation was chosen outstanding book of the year by *The New York Times*.

She married Philip Cutler in 1952 and moved to Westmount in 1961 with their four sons: Keir, a writer living in the Laurentians; Michael, an art instructor in New York; Roger, a Vancouver lawyer, and Adam, a Westmount real estate agent.

Mrs Cutler is bilingual and Tundra Books is one of the few Canadian publishers to publish books in both English and French. She is named in the *International Women's Who's Who*.

After 20 years living on The Boulevard, she is temporarily living in an apartment on Mount Stephen before moving into her permanent residence on the second floor of 4545 Sherbrooke, now being renovated.

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and let John Johnston run in ward 6 where he lives at 4000 de Maisonneuve, but she feels changing her ward for this election would have called for a new election organization which was too much to undertake with the school board campaign at the same time.

Asked what she considered to be the issues in her ward, she replied that the concern for sound financial management and taxation was basic to all Westmounters, but that speeding, parking, security and dogs remained high on the list in ward 6.

"I've always been a strong supporter of Neighborhood Watch and any movement where citizens help themselves," she said. "I feel the city should be spending money in these areas."

In this respect, she said she planned to use the Westmount Dog Owners' Association to help solve the problem of dogs.

Ald Rothman said she was preparing a platform that would include providing services "that Westmounters expect to receive at a reasonable cost within a balanced budget."

She also wants to promote security "in the streets and at home" as well as "oversee and preserve" the suburb of Westmount as an entity "in the midst of growing urban pressures."

This would include "Westmount leadership in the control of MUC costs and environmental controls," she said, explaining that she wanted to see the issues of snow dumping, garbage disposal, clean air and water as well as more green spaces addressed.

To carry out her platform, she said, "I will work for citizens who bring their problems to council, but more positively, work with citizens to provide solutions to problems."

Council members, she added, "are just citizens too. They need all the help they can get."

Joan Rothman, who was born May 29, 1930 in Toronto, holds a BA degree from the University of Toronto as well as an MA from Cornell and completed course work on a doctorate in anthropology at McGill.

She was co-founder of the French immersion program at Roslyn School in 1967 and chairman of the Westmount School Board in 1972.

She is a PSBGM delegate on the School Council of the Island of Montreal where she is a member of the executive committee and chairman of the inner city committee.

She is married to Justice Melvin Rothman of Quebec Court of Appeal and has three daughters.

Ald Rothman's official election agent is Herbert Siblin. An advisory council consists of Judy Berlyn, Filona Cournane, Kyra Emo, George Alevisatos, Dr Bruce Shore and Sally Drummond.

Among others she lists as assisting in her campaign are: Corinne Sévigny, Charles Taylor, Pat Harris, Judy Rasminsky, Wendy Gillanders, Heather McFarland and Ping Tse.

'Surprised' Gallery oils machine to face 'last minute' challenger

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

"Keep the mayor mayor!"

Westmount's own chief magistrate appeared at Monday's city council meeting wearing the blue and white button from the election campaign of New York Mayor Ed Koch.

"It's Sally Aitken's idea," Brian Gallery said approvingly. "I'm going to use it for my campaign!"

His Worship who, until May Cutler joined the mayoralty race Monday, thought he might be re-elected by acclamation, said he was "completely surprised that someone had decided to run at this late date."

The municipal elections are Nov 2.

"I would have thought someone wanting to seek office seriously should not make it appear to be a last minute decision.

"However, this is now an election," he continued, "and I must endeavor to rally the troops and mount a campaign to be mayor. It's unfortunate. I have no campaign manager or literature, but I will be ready."

Mayor Gallery, a seasoned political campaigner, wasted little time.

An hour later he had a campaign manager in Michael Price and already his mind was in the running as he prepared to enter hospital Tuesday at 1 pm for knee surgery (see separate story).

His Worship filed nomination papers Friday morning followed Monday by May Cutler.

Mayor Brian Gallery filed nomination papers for re-election on Friday morning at city hall before **Robert Wilkins**, returning officer, right. Accompanying him was his agent **John Churchill-Smith**.

CAN YOU VOTE? Not unless your name is contained on the electoral list put out in city hall last week by **Judy Marshall** who has been compiling it with other staff from the city's returning office.

New city building code comes into force today

Westmount's new building code was adopted by city council Monday and was to go into effect today.

By-law 994 concerning building and building construction adopts the National Building Code of Canada (1985) with numerous stringent modifications.

The highlight of the new code, which replaces by-law 577 adopted in 1950, is the mandatory installation of sprinkler systems in all new buildings, including one- and two-family dwellings.

Only one change has been made to the draft legislation since it was last discussed at a public meeting, Alderman Peter Trent told Monday's meeting.

The change came at the suggestion of regular council attender Ramzi Ferahian who, Ald Trent said, "is now forever immortalized in the building code of Westmount."

The change was an addition concerning back pressure devices in ventilation systems, he explained.

Mayor Brian Gallery thanked Alderman Trent, who is retiring from city council, for his work on the major piece of legislation saying, "It's a credit to your office."

"Too bad I'm not running for your office," Ald Trent replied.

Parents show support for St-Léon's activities

Despite the near impossibility of finding a babysitter last Thursday, the night of the mammoth U2 rock concert, a great many people turned out for the autumn general meeting at Ecole Saint Léon.

Principal Jean-Pierre Drolet spoke of his staff's well-considered dedication to academic excellence in a thoroughly French context, and of their commitment to fostering among the students an atmosphere of calm and mutual respect.

He also welcomed parents into the school to help the children with computer, library and reading skills.

Dominique Foulon, the president of the parents' committee, assured parents of the genuine attention paid by the school to their suggestions, and of the worth of the many parent-sponsored extracurricular activities.

Spokespersons for some of these activities — chess, yoga, sports and dramatic expression — outlined their courses; then teachers and parent committee members were introduced. Two new members, Elise Bochmann and Monique Roy, joined the committee.

After the meeting, parents went to the classrooms to learn about the year's educational objectives and see samples of their children's work.

Car stolen

A car was reported stolen Saturday night from in front of 4036 St Catherine street while its owner, a St Leonard man, went to the exhibition NHL hockey game at The Forum, police report. The grey 1984 Plymouth was valued at $4,600.

Blenheim residents concerned, but most support new day-care

By PETER BLACK

Members of Westmount city council were greeted by a packed house gathered for the statutory public consultation meeting Wednesday last, most of whom were there to voice their views on the day-care issue.

While several residents of Blenheim Place, located around the corner from the proposed K.I.D.S. Day Care, expressed concerns about increased traffic, most persons in the audience heartily endorsed the zoning amendment which would allow day-care centres in some four more commercial zones and one residential.

Views expressed at the meeting were often wildly divergent. Whereas Malcolm Fletcher of Academy road said he hadn't seen "a more suitable place to put a day-care in my life," Pierre Tellier, a spokesman for Westmount Park Towers condominium project adjacent to the day-care site, said, "I think this is the last place I would park my children."

Other comments included:

• Christiane van Renesse of Greene avenue, said she was "shocked" by council's change of mind on the matter. "Day-care centres would be an asset" to the city, she said.

• Cynthia Lulham, former assistant director of Narnia Day Care in Westmount Park School, said the demand for day-care places is so great that "people are calling up when they're pregnant" to reserve a place for their expected child. She said a "great deal of parents" would walk or bicycle their children to day care.

• R.S. Busbridge said "it would be a great shame if a new day-care was prevented due to a technicality."

• A Mr Legault from Blenheim Place said the day-care would put additional pressure on his street where there is already "an enormous amount of traffic."

• David Oliver said that the special by-law for day-care zoning was established by the province because day care is a priority. Although he suggested the city's traffic committee have a look at the area, "I think it's hard to imagine something that would be better situated" for a day-care.

• Harold Fernberg, who said he was a 25-year resident of Blenheim Place, felt there may be a "health hazard" associated with the area of the day-care building due to excessive exhaust emissions from cars and trucks accelerating up the St Catherine slope going east. He also said the area "is a very fast corner."

• Pierre Brunet, a Blenheim resident, said that although residents of the area must contend with noise problems, "if I have a choice I'll take the day-care centre as opposed to another massive condominium."

• Mr Tellier, representing Sofati Ltd, builder of Westmount Park Towers, said 35 of 40 condo buyers had signed a petition against the day-care "voluntarily." He said residents raised the question of noise in the area and the "additional" burden of noise the day-care might pose.

• Evelyn Wajcer, director of K.I.D.S. Westmount, said children would only be outside in the fenced-off play area for an hour at a time in small groups. She said she wondered about the objectivity of the Sofati petition. She said the day-care would be air-conditioned to ensure fresh ventilation and protection from any airborne pollutants.

• John Udy expressed outrage at the suggestion the day-care would be an "additional burden" to condo owners. He asked: "Do I have to stand up in this chamber and stand up for motherhood? A vote against day care is a vote against motherhood."

• The day-care's landlord, Ronald Pickering, invited the audience to the day-care, which is still under construction, "to see where your children are going to be." He compared the traffic in the area to the "Steinberg parking lot." He accused the day-care owners of permitting sloppy workmanship where "workers had cemented over sprinklers."

"If this is happening now, what's going to happen when the kids move in?"

Mr Pickering said. "I'm beginning to think twice about this," referring to his four-year lease with Mrs Wajcer.

• Another speaker later said, "It is strange Mr Pickering is voicing an objection as the landlord of the building." He said improvements to the leased space would be made at the expense of the tenants and that permits from all levels of government are necessary before the day-care can open.

• James Aitken reminded the audience that other occupancies than day-care are permited in the zone in question, such as a service laboratory.

He said it is "very appropriate" for a day-care to be located so close to a residential area. The zoning amendment being discussed would open up many other areas of the city to day care, he said.

Mayor Gallery thanked the audience for its participation saying "a meeting like this is healthy."

Help the community by giving generously to Centraide this month.

NEW LIBRARIAN: After 10 years of administrative experience in the McGill University library system **Heather Halliday** became the new head librarian at the Atwater Library as of July 1. At McGill she was instrumental in introducing computer-based systems in the acquisition department. She has a master of library and information studies from the university.

Threat writ

Graffiti which was found on an elevator at 200 Kensington avenue Tuesday last week was believed related to alleged problems in the apartment building, police said. The message read "Kill the landlord."

Cars meet

Two cars collided on Sherbrooke street last Thursday as they converged into the intersection at Victoria avenue from different directions, police report. No injuries occurred but damage was over $500 to each vehicle.

St Léon parents want to meet commissioner

The school committee of Ecole St Léon agreed Tuesday evening to try and stir up interest in the upcoming school board elections Nov 15.

Ray Doucet, editor of *The Gazette*'s Probe column represents the elementary school at the Montreal Catholic School Commission. The N.D.G. resident told THE EXAMINER last week that he plans to seek re-election. He is uncontested to date.

Plans are being made to invite Mr Doucet to an upcoming school committee meeting. Letters are being sent to parents next week to publicize the event, Dominique Foulon, the committee president, said yesterday.

"Most parents here haven't even met our commissioner," Mrs Foulon added. "I haven't." Mrs Foulon said it was time parents got to know their local commissioner.

St Léon prepares drive for funds

Ecole St Léon is preparing to launch a campaign to raise funds for special activities and purchases of library books.

The details of the campaign are still being ironed out, Dominique Foulon, the school committee president, said yesterday.

Mrs Foulon added that St Léon will be offering a new computer program beginning in mid-October as part of a host of extracurricular activities offered at the school.

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Parents angry popular teacher forced to leave

Roslyn parents are up in arms over the departure of popular grade 2 teacher Sandra St Laurent and are threatening to keep their children from school tomorrow.

Miss St Laurent has worked at Roslyn as a part-time teacher for nine years. She completes her final day at the school today after losing her position to a full-time teacher with tenure at FACE who had been declared "excess" and had to be relocated.

Roslyn principal Barbara McK[illegible] made the announcement at a school committee meeting Monday evening to the dismay of many parents.

"This is one of the things I hate about this job," Miss McKnight said.

Joan Rothman, the local PSBGM commissioner, said yesterday that she "must have heard from 11 or 12 parents who are all very disturbed.

"They are very serious about this issue, very militant. They don't like losing a teacher in mid-term, especially someone of the calibre of Sandy St Laurent."

But Mrs Rothman expressed reservations about what can be done.

"The teacher from FACE is within her legal right and so is the union," she explained, under terms set up between the teachers' union and the provincial government.

"Roslyn parents are especially active," Mrs Rothman said. "I know they would love to do the hiring and firing of the staff and principal."

But while the model is appealing, she said, it has been thoroughly discussed in the past and rejected by the teachers' union.

Need volunteers for Roslyn watch

The Roslyn absentee program is in need of volunteers, organizer Drew Brennan reported to fellow school committee members Monday evening.

The program, which ensures the whereabouts of elementary students, is short five volunteers for 8 am to 9:30 am duty at the school, she said.

For additional information call Drew Brennan at 931-0926.

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Stereotypes in text deplored by committee

"A SQUAW'S work is never done."

Is this the type of information disseminated to children using a grade 4 social science text?, asked a horrified Kevin Tierney, the external delegate of Roslyn school committee, Monday evening.

The text, titled *Our Region*, is the subject of considerable controversy at the Lakeshore School Board, Mr Tierney said.

"It's incredibly sexist ... facile, stereotypical and historically absurd," he said. "It's scary!"

Rocco Santini is in shipping, black women from Jamaica are nurses, and Mohawks are famous for steel working.

"Seeing how my children are entering grade 4, I thought it would be a good time to bring this up," Mr Tierney said to laughter.

Principal Barbara McKnight admitted she had not read the text, but suggested Mr Tierney make his objections known to the PSBGM review board. He said he would.

Roslyn committee balks at WHS closing protest

PSBGM commissioner Joan Rothman made a special plea Monday evening to Roslyn School parents to attend a public meeting on the future of Westmount High School at 8 pm Tuesday in the high school auditorium.

WHS committee chairman Michael Star and Roslyn parent Linda Stern, the architect of a drive to transform WHS into a community school, also visited the committee meeting to gather support for a three-page report titled "Positive Transition."

The report suggests Westmount High adopt a "comprehensive, creative, challenging, community-oriented program supported and enriched by strong parent involvement."

While a number of Roslyn School committee members declared they would attend Tuesday's meeting, the committee declined to endorse the report or pass a resolution condemning recently announced PSBGM plans to close Westmount High at the end of June.

Considering only six graduating Roslyn students chose to attend WHS out of a class of 100 last year, "it would seem slightly hypocritical to say we want Westmount High School to come alive," committee member Kevin Tierney said.

Nevertheless, Mr Tierney and other parents expressed an interest in transforming WHS into an alternative school modelled after Royal West Academy in Montreal West.

Candles scorch kitchen counter

Candles left burning on a kitchen counter Friday night caused an estimated $500 damage at a house on Springfield avenue, fire officials report.

Firefighters were not called to the home until the next afternoon when they found two six-inch burn marks in an Arborite counter.

Bike rescued

A blue Protour bicycle was turned in at local MUC police station 23 Monday last week after being found at 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard, public safety officers report.

Rothman denounces ploy to oust Roslyn English

Joan Rothman officially launched her campaign for re-election as local Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal commissioner at Roslyn School Monday evening.

"Roslyn School has always been dear to my heart," Mrs Rothman told school committee members, recalling her work on the Home and School Association when she spearheaded a move to bring a then-novel French immersion program to Roslyn in 1964.

As yet, no one has challenged Mrs Rothman as the Nov 15 school elections date approaches. She has been the local PSBGM commissioner since 1973.

Mrs Rothman informed school committee members that a motion to close Roslyn's English sector was brought up at PSBGM meeting in September, but promptly defeated.

"I felt it was a very abrupt and discourteous motion," the local commissioner said.

Mrs Rothman warned the issue would not go away, however, and may resurface as early as next year after a study is completed looking into the viability of Roslyn's 115-student English program.

The commissioner guessed the September motion arose out of bitterness over the decision to close the English stream of Barclay School in Park Extension.

Roslyn parents agreed to write the PSBGM stating their opposition to any tampering with the English program.

Roslyn to probe instructors' pay

Roslyn School committee member Susan Brooks is to chair a subcommittee looking into the uniformity of salaries paid to activities instructors.

The decision came after debate over program costs and their relation to fundraising.

Mrs Brooks is expected to report back at the committee meeting Nov 9.

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Roslyn ski and skate exchange set for Oct 16

Kids outgrown their skis and skates? Equipment to sell? Then the Roslyn School ski, skate and soccer equipment exchange is the ideal place.

This popular annual event will be held Oct 16. Collection of items to be sold will take place in the school gym from 2:45 pm until 6 pm, and the sale itself will be held from 7:30 pm until 9 pm, also in the gym.

For more information, contact Celia Bussey at 488-7359 or Judy Scherz at 489-0164.

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Following are the standings in the Westmount touch football leagues:

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Raiders	8	4	1	2	1	3
ATOM/PEEWEE						
Cowboys	8	5	4	1	0	2
Colts	8	5	1	4	0	8

Round of action opens school year

By PAUL ROTHER and SEAN BAPTISTE

Welcome to this year's first report on the activities at Westmount High. We hope to be featuring some of the special events at the school during the current year.

During the first month of school a number of significant events occurred, such as a trip to Arundel made by the black studies class. Their teacher, Mr Jeffers, organized a group of 16 students to visit a retreat from Sept 18 to 20. The students met with professors from such institutions as Concordia University, Dawson and Vanier colleges. They were interviewed individually and advised on matters concerning career choices. Apparently all the students benefitted greatly from this experience.

A UN meeting for peace was held in Montreal during September. Bluma Kegel, drama teacher, attended the meeting with two of her students and the school was recognized for its part in the Children for Peace organization.

A trip to Beaver Lake was arranged for the grade sevens by the prefect advisor, Mrs McAulay, and her prefect board.

The prefects organized and participated in the many activities that were held during the day. The purpose of this trip was to get the new students acquainted with one another and the seniors. Also, it was a chance to help them get accustomed to their new school.

Five students from a grade eight enrichment class were taken by their teacher, Mr Bracegirdle, to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. There the students viewed the display of Leonardo da Vinci's works. Future trips for this group will be reviewed in upcoming articles.

After a five-year absence, former English teacher Mr Guinty has returned to the school to teach again.

At a recent meet-the-teacher night there was an excellent turnout and considerable interest was shown in the school.

In sports news, the girls' volleyball team won two matches and the boys' team won two matches as well.

The cross-country running team placed in the top 15 in Quebec.

Unity hosts family night

Unity Boys' and Girls' Club will be having a family night tomorrow at 6 pm. Films, games and information on today's family will be featured. These activities are similar to the many held across Canada during National Family Week, Oct 5-11.

This week has been set aside to demonstrate the importance of family and to draw attention to the need for preserving the strength and integrity of the family.

All Unity Club members and their families, as well as the public, are invited. The club is at 1090 Greene avenue. For more information, contact Rick, Nancy or Linda, at 931-6202.

Janitor's keys used for entry

Office equipment valued at $7,500 was stolen overnight Friday-Saturday from the building at 4795 St Catherine street using master keys to various offices, police report.

The keys were taken from the janitor's quarters broken into by breaking a basement window. A video machine was among missing office items.

Buzzed off

A circular saw was discovered missing from the garage of a house under renovation on Shorncliffe avenue Monday last week, according to police reports. It was valued at $400. The saw belonged to a contractor.

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Applications for September 1988 are now being accepted for all grades. Entrance tests for Secondary 1, 2 and 3 will take place on Saturday, November 7, 1987 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Some tuition assistance is available.

OPEN HOUSES

The Elementary School Open House will be held at 3685 The Boulevard on Wednesday, October 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

The High School Open House will be held at 3100 The Boulevard on Saturday, October 31 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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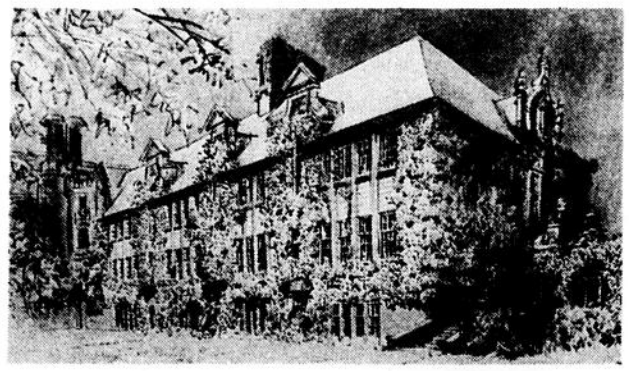

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Hockey teams sharpen up to commence new season

By MARK SHANNON

There are many noteworthy items dealing with the Westmount Recreation Centre this week.

The Westmount arena has opened its doors for another season of action. With a fresh sheet of artificial ice, hockey players around the city are dusting off their blades in anticipation of what is expected to be another eventful year of competition.

Teams are not wasting time, however, as practices and tryouts are slated to start this week.

Registration turnout for hockey has been generally favorable so far, with the exception of the midget league. With only 14 players willing to play, this league will dissolve imminently, unless a radical surge of teenage players enrolls soon.

Those residents interested in joining the hockey program can register at the Westmount arena during office hours.

Girls' soccer has progressed steadily in the past few weeks since resuming the season after a lengthy summer break.

A combined Atom/Pee-Wee league engaged in play-off action Wednesday last week, which turned out to be the last game in a best of seven series.

Blue Bombers win

The first three games of this Blue Bombers/Red Devils confrontation were won by the Bombers. The Devils came back to take the fourth game, only to be eliminated in the fifth with the Blue Bombers taking the championship.

In the novice league, a similar rivalry was brewing as the Green Bombers and Westmount Blues found themselves in a struggle for the championship.

The Green Bombers claimed the first game but the Blues won the next three. The GBs staged a persuasive comeback as they bombed the Blues for the fifth game.

Last Monday, under the watchful eye of assistant girls' recreation supervisor Lana Romandini, eight- and nine-year-old girls gathered at Prince Albert Park, to play the sixth game of a seven-game series.

Larisa Ozolins scored in the first half for the Blues but Jessica Brownstein rebutted in the second half as she tipped one in for the Bombers.

Two minutes into overtime, Sarah McCans of the Westmount Blues did what many only dream about. She scored the goal that won the game and thus the championship for her team.

Westmount pee wee all-stars break out in stodgy strides Monday as they take to the ice for the first time this season.

SOCCER STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal soccer leagues

	GP	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
TERMITE							
Chile	10	9	0	1	31	5	19
Belgium	10	6	1	3	22	13	15
Denmark	10	4	3	3	27	15	11
Yugoslavia	10	3	5	2	13	18	8
Bolivia	10	2	6	2	8	22	6
Holland	10	0	9	1	3	29	1
NOVICE							
Canada	10	9	0	1	39	9	19
Ireland	10	7	2	1	25	10	15
U.S.	10	5	3	2	28	19	12
Spain	10	4	5	1	13	23	9
Norway	10	1	8	1	5	28	3
Argentina	10	0	8	2	7	28	2
ATOM							
Portugal	9	8	1	0	27	7	16
England	9	5	3	1	20	15	11
Austria	9	4	4	1	19	15	9
Bulgaria	8	2	2	4	7	12	8
Netherlands	9	1	5	3	11	16	5
Poland	8	1	6	1	9	28	3
PEE WEE							
Sweden	10	6	2	2	22	14	14
Uruguay	10	5	4	1	17	21	11
Brazil	10	5	4	1	15	10	11
Italy	10	1	7	2	13	22	4
BANTAM							
Germany	9	5	1†	3	28	11	13
Hungary	9	0	6†	3	11	28	3

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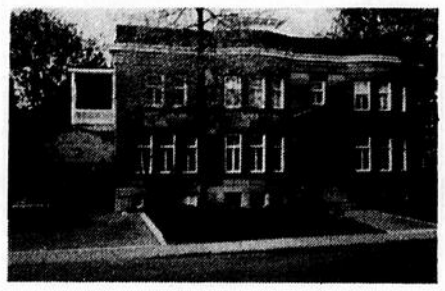

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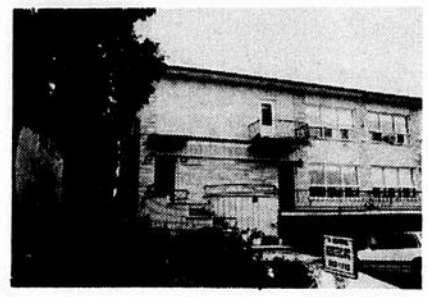

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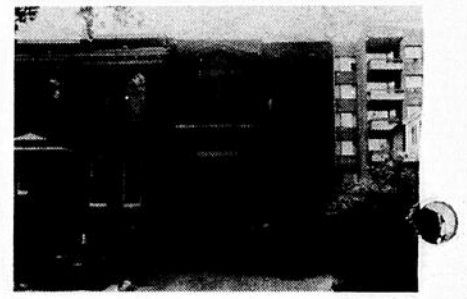

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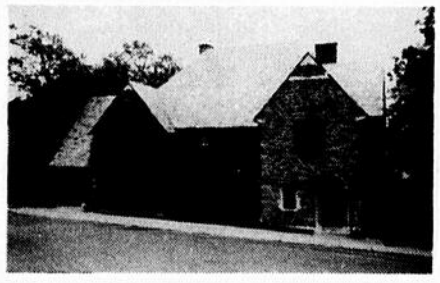

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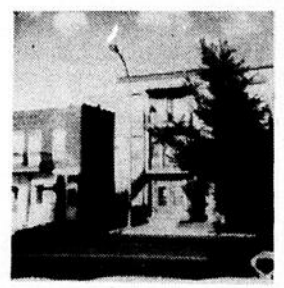

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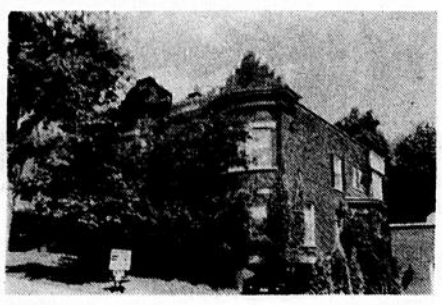

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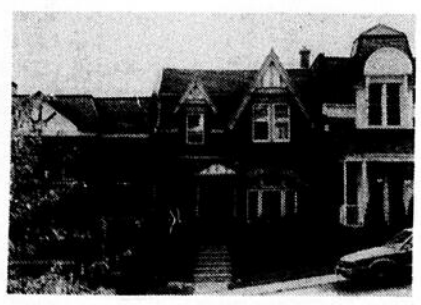

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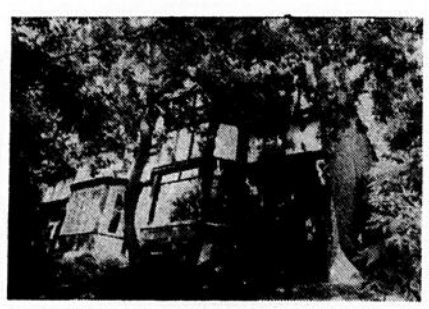

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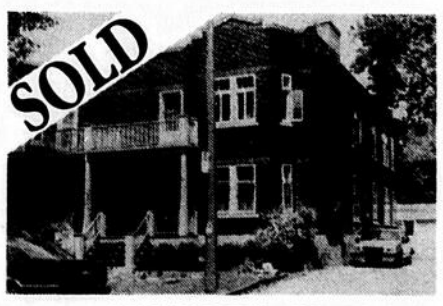

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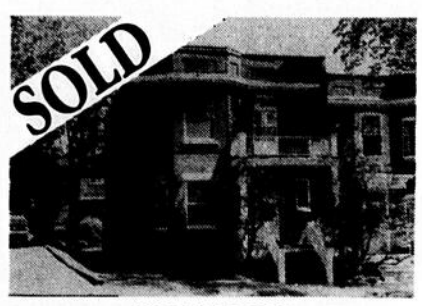

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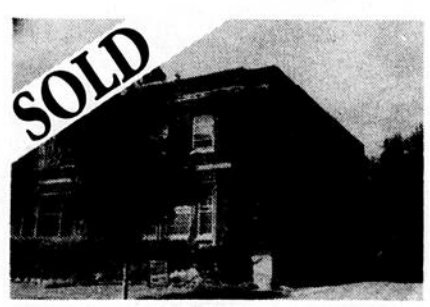

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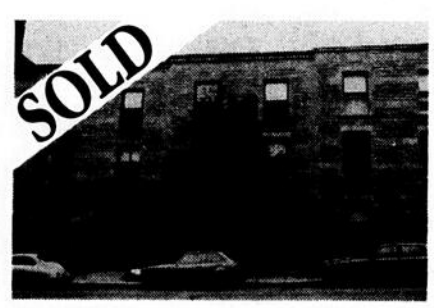

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