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Robillard gets Liberal acclamation

*Berger says this would
have been his last term*

By CRAIG MCKEE
The Examiner

Former provincial cabinet minister Lucienne Robillard has been acclaimed as the Liberal candidate for a byelection likely to vault her into the forefront of the Quebec referendum debate.

Liberal nominations for the Feb. 13 St. Henri-Westmount byelection closed last Saturday with Robillard being the only candidate to come forward. Candidates had only three days to file papers with the party from the Dec. 28 announcement that current riding MP David Berger would step down to make room for Robillard.

"I had pretty much decided not to run in the next election unless there was a compelling reason to do so," Berger said in a telephone interview on Tuesday.

"The Prime Minister launched me on my second career several years earlier than I'd planned."

Robillard met with the riding executive and its board of directors the night before the announcement. She says she told those at the meeting that she would be a candidate in the riding only if they were willing to have her — and only if Berger was willing to step aside.

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• GST opponent and Westmount resident Gerald Glass announces he will run in the byelection. See page 3.

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Havin' a ball in King George Park

These two unidentified tobogganers took advantage of the snow storm last Sunday afternoon to try their luck with the hill at King George Park. And they weren't the only ones. Numerous Westmounters took advantage of the fresh covering of snow to have some outdoor fun.

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

Local schools helped me, Rhodes Scholar says

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

Diane de Kerckhove is on the road to success, and the way she sees it, a solid educational base has been the key.

De Kerckhove, an honours physics student at McGill University and an accomplished jazz singer who lives in Westmount, was chosen in December along with one other young woman as a Rhodes Scholar.

In an interview during her Christmas break and after an all-night recording session with her jazz quintet for McGill's CKUT radio station, de Kerckhove, 20, stressed that her early school years played a part in directing her

educational career.

Citing Villa Ste. Marcelline on Upper Belmont, and Dawson College in particular, de Kerckhove said, "I really feel as if I didn't get the scholarship on my own; I really felt they all helped so much."

Villa Ste. Marcelline gave her a "wonderful solid foundation in social awareness," she explained, by including the students in fundraising and other activities.

At Dawson College, where de Kerckhove was a student in the first choice science program, she says she had "the best experience" of her life by participating in a variety of

extracurricular organizations, including the student union, senate and student radio station.

De Kerckhove added that her scholarships to go to McGill University are thanks to her academic advisors at Dawson College, who knew what she needed.

Scholarships she has received so far include the Canada Scholarship for Science and Engineering, the Canadian Merit Scholarship, the Greville Smith Major Entrance Scholarship and a National Research Council Grant for Women in Engineering and Science.

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Compiled by Joy Carroll

Community events

Trafalgar School for Girls hosts a bilingual evening of discussion and workshops on the economy Jan. 12, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Topics and recommendations discussed will be recorded and presented to the federal minister of finance as he prepares the 1995 budget. Open to all. To register, phone Rita Solkin after Jan. 9 at 935-2644 or fax her at 935-2359.

Meetings

Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Greene Avenue Community Centre will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at 1090 Greene Ave.
Westmount city council meet-

ing will be held Monday, Jan. 9 at city hall, 4333 Sherbrooke St.

Lectures

Strange Verses, Stranger Interpretations, a lecture by Rabbi Leigh Lerner, Monday, Jan. 9, at noon. Bring a brown bag lunch. All welcome. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom, 395 Elm Ave.

Judaism: When We Lose Our Good Health, a lecture and discussion on how the Jewish faith can spiritually heal us in a health crisis, by Rabbi Leigh Lerner, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m. Presented by Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom Women's Study Group. 4100 Sherbrooke St. West, Elm Avenue entrance. Info: 937-3575.

Performances

Fitzcarraldo by Werner Herzog (1982) will be screened by The Film Society on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m. Klaus Kinski is a man obsessively driven to build an opera house in the Amazon jungle. Open discussion follows. All welcome. 4450 Sherbrooke St. All welcome. Membership info: 938-5252.

Exhibitions

Upstairs, an exhibit at S.Space ensemble, Wednesdays through Sundays, noon to 5 p.m., until Jan. 22. 4928 Sherbrooke St. West, 2nd Floor.

Café Claremont presents an exhibi-

tion of contemporary paintings by André Barcessat to Jan. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to closing. 5032 Sherbrooke St.

Kids stuff

Storytime for children ages 3-6, Mondays at 4 p.m. and Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Info: 931-2304.

Mom 'n' Tot storytime for babies and toddlers up to 3, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Info: 931-2304.

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

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

Register now for after school and Saturday morning classes with experienced artists-teachers starting the week

of Jan. 15 at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave. Ages 4 to 17 welcome. Info: 488-9558.

Dance classes start Jan. 15 with a free trial class at Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave. For ages 5-7, classes are every Sunday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For ages 8-10, classes are from 11:30 to 12:30 the same day. The cost is \$65. For information, call Bernard Pollack at 484-8255.

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

Seniors

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

Drop in for a cup of tea and a chat at Contactivity Centre, Friday Jan.

6 and 13, and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All welcome. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd.

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

Arts and Crafts at Contactivity Centre, Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All welcome. Free admission and supplies. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd.

Soup Kitchen at Contactivity Centre, Mondays at noon. Reserve two days ahead. All welcome. No charge. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Info: 932-2326.

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

Foot Care Clinic, Monday, Jan. 9 at Contactivity, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Register in advance. Info: 932-2326.

Register Thursday, Jan. 12, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for winter courses at Contactivity Centre. Courses from \$5. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Info: 932-2326.

Lunch at Contactivity, Thursday, Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. Guest speaker: Paul Waters, Travel editor of *The Gazette*. Register two days in advance. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Info: 932-2326.

Register now for winter courses at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave. Seniors 60+ benefit from reduced course fees in the Mature Students Department. Info: 488-9558.

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

Volunteers

Contactivity Centre for seniors needs volunteer shoppers and friendly visitors on an occasional basis for isolated seniors in the Westmount area. Commitment for six months is required. For further details and interview, call Joanne at 932-2326.

Big Brothers needed by Jewish Family Services of the Baron de Hirsch Institute. Men between the ages of 18 and 30 who are willing to make a weekly commitment of three hours for at least one year are asked to call Linda Wexler at Volunteer Services, 342-0000.

Jewish Support Services for the Elderly is looking for volunteers for an In Home Stimulation Program for frail seniors. The program promotes continued independence in the community, improved quality of life for frail seniors, and improved self-esteem. Info: Rona Maisel, 343-3795.

Westmount Heart Club needs volunteers. If interested, call 937-6922 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

SPCA urgently needs volunteers for fundraising and public awareness campaigns. Info: 485-9787.

MiniAnimal needs volunteers to help run the non-profit organization dedicated to having animals vaccinated and spayed/neutered to reduce the number of unwanted pets killed each year. Write to them at 168 Metcalfe, Box 3669, Westmount, H3Z 2H4.

Courses

Visual Arts Centre is registering students for classes starting the week of Jan. 15. For course information, call 488-9558.

Who was the first Westmount baby of '95?

THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER along with merchants and businesses in the Westmount area are getting together to honour the first baby born in 1995 to parents living in the City of Westmount.

Residents are invited to inform THE EXAMINER of any local births early in the New Year. The baby born earliest will receive an

array of gifts, including gift certificates for clothing and books.

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Council agenda for Monday

The future of live music in restaurants in Westmount's district C-7 (St. Catherine Street) is expected to come up for discussion in Monday night's council meeting.

This is one of two zoning by-laws up for consideration. The second concerns rules for expansion of "assembly" buildings such as schools.

Council is also expected to pass resolutions on several traffic control items.

Other items on the agenda include a statement of pecuniary interest by the mayor and councillors, the list of accounts for the period ending Nov. 30, 1994 and the approval of purchases.

The meeting starts at 8 p.m. at city hall.

Voters have mixed reaction to Berger's resignation

Voters in Westmount were asked Tuesday what they thought about David Berger stepping aside for Lucienne Robillard in St. Henri-Westmount. Here's what some of them had to say:



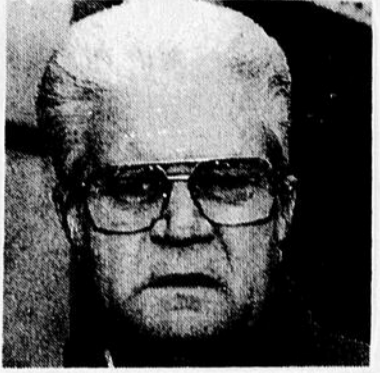
Andrea Fieldman, Arlington Ave: "I understand the logic behind it, but I kind of resent someone coming in not from here. I want the strongest possible representative to try to defeat the referendum, but how is she going to represent Westmount?"



Gerald Wheeler, Lansdowne Ave: "I think if it strengthens the federalist cause, it's a good thing; it's advisable."



Claire Rothman, Sherbrooke St: "I'm happy. I like Robillard, she's a strong woman, I think she will represent Westmount. For the referendum, I've got a lot of faith in her; she's got a good track record."



Colin Gooding, Lansdowne Ave: "I don't like it because he was elected as the MP here, but I guess there's nothing you can do about it."

—Caroline Kutschke

New Year's wishes? Some Westmount personalities share theirs

Pierre Vézina, police chief of Station 23: "With statistics showing an overall reduction in crime in the sector in 1994, I think it bodes well for Westmount citizens, that were very safe in 1994 will be just as safe and secure in 1995."

Richard McEnroe, director of Westmount's Public Security: "I wish that Westmount can have a safer, healthier and more prosperous community for 1995."

Jim Adams, manager of Protective Services, Westmount: "I wish we could get working on the new fire station."

Tom Thompson, executive director of the Westmount Municipal Association: "We hope to help citizens continue to enjoy the quality of life in our community and to enhance it through creative approaches to services and costs. We hope to see some results in planning for the Greater Montreal Region."

The former WMA president added that the association hopes to see parking concerns of Westmount resolved in an equitable manner and that he hopes people will be able to park at the new library.

"We would also like to see a significant improvement in valuations of property taxes," Thompson continued.

He added "I hope I live long enough to see the SPCA reorganize in a positive way."

Michèle Tanguay of the Greene Avenue Merchant's Association: "My wish is that more people would care to share with those who are less fortunate."

Don Wedge, environmental activist: "We must find a democratic way to administer the region of Greater Montreal without losing the cultural benefits of small

communities like Westmount; we can't go it alone and we don't want to be swallowed up."

Mary Sancton, president of the Seniors of Westmount Action Group: "My chief wish is that we could attract more seniors out to our regular monthly meetings so that we have a voice that is more representative of seniors in Westmount."

In an important time of change in social programs and taxes, it's

important for SWAG to have input from Westmount seniors when the group refers back to other groups it deals with, Sancton continued.

"We have to be prepared to take our share in cuts as the rest of society, but it's important that our voices are heard," she said.

Jacques Chagnon, MNA: "I wish everybody has a great year, and a job, first of all." Chagnon said he hoped people

can "reach their targets" and fulfill some of the many objectives they have in the coming year.

"And of course, politically, I wish we could pass through the referendum period without too many scares in our society."

Peter Trent, mayor: "The referendum, whether we like it or not, will affect the local scene," Trent said. "I hope we can put this question behind us and get on to more positive things."

Trent said he also hopes some of the work he is doing toward co-operation on the regional level will bear fruit and not simply amount to "hollow" talk.

"And I can't wait for Westmounters to see their new library, which should be in October."

"I also hope to resolve the question of a police presence in Westmount in the coming year."

The mayor also wished his constituents happiness in the New Year: "Happiness is the finest good one can seek," Trent said.



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No, this isn't a Norman Rockwell painting. These young hockey players do look the part though as they emulate their NHL heroes - even though the pros aren't playing

these days. Keeping the puck in site must have been the tough park in this game in King George Park, which took place during the storm last Sunday.

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

First 1995 arrest comes minutes into new year

Year's first crime hits early Jan. 1

Police at Station 23 in West-

mount say it was mostly quiet in Westmount over the holidays, but it didn't take long before someone called in the year's first crime in Westmount.

A witness called police shortly after 2:15 a.m. Jan. 1 to report that someone driving west on Barat Road drove into the divider in the middle of the road, hit a traffic light and kept on going. Damage to the light was listed as more than \$500.

Police caught up with the driver a

few minutes later at Barat Road and Wood, where he was parked.

They arrested a 24-year-old N.D.G. man and charged him with drunk driving. Tests showed that he had close to three times the legal limit of alcohol in his system, according to police reports.

(See POLICE, page 15)

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Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:10 p.m.
Mincha-Kabbalat Shabbat 4:25 p.m.

Saturday, January 7th
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Mincha-Maariv 4:25 p.m.
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Sunday, January 8th
Shachrit 8:45 a.m.
Mincha-Maariv 4:30 p.m.

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Berger steps aside for Robillard ...

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"I think it's not easy for him," she said in an interview. "You have to be willing to serve your party and your Prime Minister to do that."

Berger, 44, says it was an initiative from Chrétien that prompted the move.

"He asked me to resign to make room for Mrs. Robillard," he said. "I understand this is part of the government's referendum strategy."

He says the fact that this is a safe seat for the party certainly played a part in it being chosen for Robillard, who was first elected to the Quebec National Assembly in 1989. She served as a minister in the departments of higher education, education and health.

Berger was first elected to Parliament in 1979 at the age of 29. He is currently chairman of the Commons Industry Committee. Following this move, he will serve as an advisor on small business financing in the Prime Minister's Office. Berger says he hopes to also work on issues related to science and technology as well.

He declined to comment on rumours that he will be given an

L'après-Noël à Saint-Léon

Le 20 janvier, débutera à Pierrefonds un week-end de ressourcement dans le cadre enchanteur de Pierrefonds, au bord de l'eau. Ce séminaire destiné aux membres de la communauté de Saint-Léon-de-Westmount aura pour thème: "Les Béatitudes" et sera animé par Y. Guillemette et M. Lefebvre, prêtres à la paroisse. Que ceux qui sont intéressés téléphonent à Soeur Judith au 935-4950.

L'équipe pastorale de Saint-Léon présente ses vœux de foi, de paix et de solidarité à tous les Westmountais à l'occasion de la nouvelle année.



DAVID BERGER

ambassadorship sometime in the future.

Riding association president Simon Potter says he and the rest of the executive were disappointed to see Berger leave.

"Everyone recognizes, as Berger has had to, that these are not normal times," he said in an interview. "It's simply hard politics."

"We have to do whatever we can to win this referendum."

He says Robillard will help provide a link between the federal and provincial Liberal parties, particularly during the referendum campaign.

Robillard is being pegged for a spot in the federal Liberal cabinet in the near future, which would give her a higher profile with which to fight the referendum.

She says the idea to have her enter federal politics came from Chrétien. She added that she fully expected to be re-elected provincially.

"That was a surprise for me to be defeated in the Chambly riding," she said. "Daniel Johnson was very disappointed that I wasn't on his team."

Robillard says she doesn't know what the future holds for her but does say that she wants her role in the federal government to go well beyond the result of the referendum.

She says that Canada has many problems that need to be solved even once the referendum is won. The most important, she says, is the future of the country's social programs and its health care system.

Berger says that, for those who feel cheated that the MP they elected is leaving just a year and a half into his mandate, he will serve his constituents in other ways.

"Who knows, I may be more useful in the new position than I was as an MP."

Berger says his riding office will remain open until the byelection and he will still be available to his constituents.

Local bookseller to run against Robillard

By CRAIG MCKEE
The Examiner

Westmounter Gerald Glass says he will run in the Feb. 13 byelection in St. Henri-Westmount on an anti-GST platform.

The 65-year-old bookstore owner says he may run as an independent but is also considering running under the Green Party banner.

"We have put up with the GST for far too long," Glass said in an interview Tuesday. "In my opinion it has always been an illegal act."

Glass, who owns the Academic and General Bookshop on Sherbrooke Street in Montreal, says that the Tories' addition of members to the Senate to get enough votes to pass the GST should be considered illegal.

He says the tax presents huge problems because of the paperwork it requires.

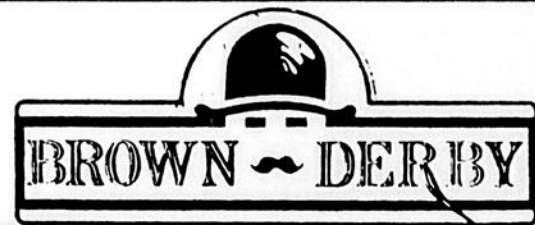
Glass graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1953 and later got a Bachelor of Library Sciences from McGill University in 1962.

In 1963, he opened the bookstore he continues to own today. He is also a former high school teacher.

He says he is planning to retire from the store by the end of March.

He says that if he were just running one-on-one against Liberal candidate Lucienne Robillard he would have a good chance of winning because he is better known locally.

"One never knows what can happen."



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By Reg Morden

Happy New Year!



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Would it make sense to marry a lady because you like the shape of her nose — but everything else about her was completely unsuitable? If you did, chances are you would end up with a pretty nose and a lot of unhappiness.

Yet, this is one of the common mistakes that a househunter can make. All too often, a family will fall in love with an eye-catching feature, such as a rock garden, a chandelier, a built-in radar oven or a fancy fireplace and end up buying the wrong house. This mistake happens frequently and in all price ranges. You have to resist the temptation of paying too much attention to a frill and forgetting the importance of the overall house, location and price.

Yielding to superficial attractions like these can result in your family winding up with a thoroughly unsuitable house. Bear in mind that these same, alluring features can usually be added to another house at a relatively small cost, considering the amount of the overall purchase. Buy the house — not the frosting.

As always, we begin the New Year full of hope and enthusiasm and an unflinching positive attitude. Over the past 12 months, this column has tried to address a wide variety of issues related to real estate. Should there be a topic you would like to see covered in the year ahead, please phone or drop me a line. I will do my best to accommodate your wishes. I hope that 1995 is your best year ever!

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Feds fire their first shot in referendum campaign

A positive step for the federalist side in the upcoming sovereignty referendum means that Westmounters will no longer have the MP they democratically elected.

But not too many people should complain; it's definitely for the best.

David Berger was "encouraged to resign" by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien so that a safe Liberal seat could open up for former provincial Liberal cabinet minister Lucienne Robillard.

Robillard is the star francophone candidate of the No side, and Chrétien's own government, badly needs. Berger, it turns out, was expendable — not exactly a rousing vote of confidence for him, although the party is naturally putting this in the best possible light.

St. Henri-Westmount riding association president Simon Potter says there was "great disappointment" at the decision that would cost them their longtime MP but, more importantly, there was acceptance. They know it is necessary and that it's in their best interest if they want to win the referendum. As Potter says, these are not normal political times.

The thing is, Berger will be rewarded for his "unselfish" act with some plumb government job. This starts with his immediate assignment as an advisor on small business financing in the Prime Minister's Office but will probably end with something more attractive — and permanent.

One wonders why the PMO didn't need such an advisor before if they need one now. The truth is, of course, that Berger is not moving to the PMO because he is needed there, he's there as a reward for his unselfish "sacrifice." The addition of one more salary to federal payroll is an unnecessary payoff but in this case not too many people are likely to complain. It's a small expenditure in the grand scheme of things.

One rather refreshing element of this affair is the honesty with which it was dealt. At no time were we told that Berger wanted to leave to spend more time with his family or to pursue other career opportunities. They made it clear that he had been asked to leave so that a star candidate could be parachuted in.

While some will grumble that they are being denied the MP they democratically

chose, not many federalists will have a major quarrel with the decision because it makes so much sense.

The truth is that this riding would elect anyone under the Liberal banner, especially now. That's why there's no risk in having Berger resign.

Robillard will give the riding something it has not had since Donald Johnston left — a cabinet minister. There is virtually no doubt that this is what Chrétien has in mind for his soon-to-be MP.

Robillard performed capably in her provincial stints at minister of higher education, education and finally health. She was highly thought of — despite the controversy she had to deal with over the subject of CEGEP reform.

Holding major portfolio's like health and education indicates that a tremendous faith was placed in her by then Premier Daniel Johnson. It's not hard to see why she would be sought after by the PM.

Both Berger and Robillard have said in interviews that they don't know why St. Henri-Westmount was chosen for the byelection. What's more likely is that they would just prefer not to say.

In the first place, there wasn't a great deal to choose from, given that the Liberals only hold 19 seats in Quebec.

Brome-Missisquoi is already holding a byelection but that is to fill a vacancy created by the death of a Bloc Québécois MP, hardly a place Robillard would go. It, like a number of other seats located off the island of Montreal, would be perilous for the Liberals. They want to be certain that Robillard gets elected and makes it into cabinet. Having her defeated would be devastating, both for the government and for its referendum strategy.

St. Henri-Westmount is about the safest bet you can find. But there are others. Shirley Maheu in St. Laurent-Cartierville and Warren Allmand in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce were both rumoured to be among those who might have been asked to step aside.

But in the end, it was Berger who got the bad news. But don't feel sorry for him. He will certainly land on his feet, presumably with a high-paying government job to help him start his second career.

—Craig McKee

I Say!

Government should right past wrongs

After reading two articles by Hugh Winsor ("Ottawa says no to redress, *Gazette*," Dec. 15) and Jeffrey Simpson ("The Liberals refuse," *Gazette*, Dec. 20), I am genuinely concerned about the state of mind of the current federal government. The party in power used to be the champion of the little guy and human rights. Today, I am not certain if I can say the same.

Last year, Sergio Marchi said he would maintain immigration levels; this year he cut them. And in the International Year of the Family, he let it be known that in the eyes of the immigration department, the family is you, your spouse and your children — but not your siblings, and no, not your parents.

Two weeks before Christmas, Sheila Finestone issued a "No!" in response to the Jewish, Italian, Chinese, Ukrainian, German and Indian communities seeking redress. The quotation from Pierre Trudeau is: "Government's main function is to be just in its time. It's not to try and correct the injustices that have been done to everybody in the past." The issue here should not be money; the real issue is respect.

Canada has three national historic sites commemorating former Prime Ministers Laurier, King and Pearson. Government MPs are lining up to ask Canadians to pay for statues and memorials of Liberal politicians. What is so wrong or so dumb about building memorials to Jews who were turned away by Mackenzie King? About redressing Canadians of Italian and Japanese descent who were detained and interned by King's World War II government? About apologizing to Canadians of Chinese descent for charging \$500 (in 1920s-'40s money) as a head tax by Mackenzie King? The list goes on.

If politicians and journalists are always yelling "Come clean!" to each other, why can't they just accept that all Canadian citizens want is respect? Instead of playing with words and pitting older and younger generations against each other, why can't Sheila Finestone just issue an official apology? If Jean Chrétien said Canada should go to Haiti to right an historic wrong, why can't he fight for the little guys who got "No!" for an answer?

Arnold Kwok
MONTREAL

"Trough day" could have been avoided

Nov. 21 was Trough Day.

On that day 52 MPs, elected just six years ago, qualified for gold-plated pensions worth \$53 million.

Of course, they are not really pensions. Getting an MP's pension is like winning a cash-for-life lottery. After all, what pension pays out after only six years regardless of age? What pension has unlimited protection against inflation? And what pension can legally accumulate two-and-a-half times faster than allowed in the private sector?

The rest of us can only dream about a pension so lavish!

Over the years, Canadian taxpayers will have to fork out millions of dollars to fund the pensions of these 52 MPs, but that's not the worst part.

What's worse is that Prime Minister

Jean Chrétien even allowed Trough Day to happen. He could have easily reformed the pension plan before Nov. 21, but he chose not to and that speaks volumes about his credibility.

How can Canadians trust Chrétien to reform Canada's finances when he won't even reform MP's pensions? How can we Canadians be expected to tighten our belts when our leaders won't tighten theirs?

What Canada needs are leaders who are willing to do what's best for their country. What we have, unfortunately, are leaders who seem willing only to do what's best for themselves.

That's a disgrace and our wonderful country deserves better.

David Somerville
President
National Citizens' Coalition

Do cable companies really need the money?

Guess where Jacques Parizeau got the preposterous formula for a referendum, which just about everyone on the federalist side has called a scam, a fraud, trickery — and worse?

Well, I'm now convinced it originated with the same people offering a brand new menu for our cable television pleasure and tossing a crust to those who don't like it. Yes, the cable companies are on the loose again after being held to some account by Keith Spicer and the CRTC.

Westmounters, along with just about everyone else, are going to pay for something they don't want and didn't ask for. This is what's known as the free market economy: The companies are free to charge what they like and we are free to go elsewhere, even when there is nowhere else to go.

The arrogance of the cable companies is matched only by the passivity of their customers — a lethal combination. The press, daily and weekly, didn't take the role of champion of the consumer. We get lots of advice on where to find the

new channels we don't want and no guidance on where to protest the gouging. (On the other hand, few readers have been heard from in the letters column. Between the *Globe & Mail* and *The Gazette* I counted five.) Note postal increases were halted and rates frozen after howls of outrage from business.

Do the cable companies really need the money? *Gazette* financial writer Mary Lamey reported Dec. 15 that income from CF Cable operations jumped to \$35 million in 1994 from \$10 million in 1993, boosted \$1.8 million by a tax break. Anyone got a crying towel?

With cable increases and other charges looming are we seeing a resurgence of inflation? Westmounters could find evidence of this last week when one delicatessen raised the price of bread 10 per cent and one convenience store boosted milk by six cents (still under the supermarkets). The only things frozen are pensions. Fair enough — if inflation is checked.

Edward W. Barrett
MONTREAL

The Westmount Examiner
EXAMINING THE FILES

50 years ago
 Jan. 5, 1945

MYSTERIES OF 'ELECTRONICS': People must not expect to have their houses heated by "electronics," they need not hope to have their meals, and the food they use to prepare them, to be the natural growth of the art of science of the use of "electronics"; but they may look to some wonderful new applications of the 'wonder elements. So said F.W. Ratcliffe, Vice-President, in charge of sales, R.C.A. Victor Co., Ltd. when addressing the Westmount Rotary Club.

40 years ago
 Jan. 7, 1955

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE'S AUTOGRAPH: Harold R. Barnard, 1540 Summerhill Ave., this week presented the Alumnae Association of the Montreal General Hospital with an actual autograph of Florence Nightingale. Barnard's sister, Mabel Mills Barnard, visited Nightingale at her home in London, England, in 1900. She went to Nightingale's home to visit her, "and found her reclining on a sofa, a sweet, dear old lady, about 80 years old, with a lovely face, a beautiful complexion, lovely grey hair and clear grey-blue eyes.

"I lost my heart to her at once," Miss Barnard added, "She was so kind and sweet." Miss Nightingale wrote a letter of introduction to the Matron of St. Thomas' Hospital so Miss Barnard, also a nurse, would be shown around. It was this letter that Miss Barnard kept all her life, and it was found in her effects when she died. Her brother received it and gave it to the hospital.

30 years ago
 Jan. 8, 1965

MR. MAY RETIRES: Max Sacoransky, known to generations of Westmount women as "Mr. May," is retiring after operating a women's store in the city for 46 years. "Things were stable then," Mr. May said of the first years he was in business. "Now styles change practically every month."

20 years ago
 Jan. 9, 1975

MUC COSTS TOO MUCH (Editorial): Let it not be forgotten that the MUC was created, in the first instance, as a means of shifting to the suburbs some of the costs of impecunious mismanagement by the City of Montreal administration, culminated by the Montreal police strike and its then-overgenerous wage settlement.

10 years ago
 Jan. 3, 1985

HOT MAIL: "The morning's mail was hot stuff at one boutique in Westmount Square earlier this week. The letters, it seemed, were pushed through glass door by the mailman, who watched them land on a decorative spotlight and realized they were starting to burn.

Since the door was locked, he was unable to remove them, fire officials report. Firefighters were called at 9 a.m., but when they arrived at the Victoire-Paris boutique in the concourse, they found the fire had burnt itself out."

One year ago
 Jan. 6, 1994

CLEANING UP SNOW: The first blizzard of 1994 blanketed the city in about 25 centimetres of the snow Tuesday, forcing snow removal crews to work around the clock to make Westmount streets safe. "The fierce wind and the low temperatures made the conditions difficult and dangerous," said Fred Caluori, public works director. "We knew by about noon that the salt would be somewhat ineffective, however, we kept on plowing and salting overnight."

— Joy Carroll



Howling at the moon on New Year's, and other more sensible approaches

It's hard to get the hang of New Year's. That's presumably because our approach to the change in the wall calendar varies with time (and, of course, with the wall calendar -- our '94 one was simply dreadful so at my house we're pretty excited about '95).

Everyone starts off with a not unexpected ignorance of the event. As infants and toddlers, New Year's isn't among the things most critical for us to get a grasp of.

Probably the first inkling we get that great matters are afoot is when we are instructed to change the dates in our copybooks at school. It seems like just another whim of the grown-up world but we do as we're told, rather than blot our copybook.

Eventually, we realize that people -- our parents, their friends, crowds in Times Square -- are having parties and celebrating the end of one year and the start of the next. Pretty soon we're feeling left out and want to stay up too. Next thing you know, we're going to parties, having parties or thinking up weird ritualistic pastimes to mark the changing anno domini.

We start collecting New Year'ses like trophies. Personally, I have done the event in London to the sound of Big Ben (and that was the year they added a kazillionth of a second to the year so Big Ben had to be delayed or sped up or something -- frightfully dramatic)

and in a cottage near Cambridge. I have watched TV and seen the ball fall in Times Square, listened to Guy Lombardo and the Royal Canadians, partied in private homes and, once, dined and champagned in a big hotel in Bermuda (not recommended). I have celebrated the changing year in Montreal, the San Francisco Bay Area, St. Sauveur des Monts, Jamaica and St. John's, Newfoundland.

The outstanding best was once when, at midnight and surrounded by a herd of relations, I skied around an island on Laurentian lake with a huge moon lighting the scene. We howled in what we hoped was lifelike imitation of wolves but probably resembled more the mating call of the common banshee. Fortunately, the only folk around to hear us were (I hope) the odd owl, lynx, fox, moose ... and perhaps a disbelieving wolf or two.

At some juncture, though, the question inevitably arises: why *am* I doing this?

I feel no compulsion whatsoever to greet the first second of each new day or each new month. I'm generally quite content to let such time segments age a bit before I sample them. Why then must I hang about, eyes at half-mast, body adroop, to see the first instance of yet another year? Why must I don silly hats, make loud noises and watch crowds on television doing the same? It's recalls my copybook days -- it

Beside the Point



KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

must be just a whim of the grown-ups.

Last year I celebrated New Year's by going to bed at 10:30 -- a luxury I had not had in many moons. This year, surrounded by another herd of relatives, I watched fireworks in Hartford, Connecticut, set off at the entirely sensible hour of 6 p.m. (They had another set at midnight for the die-hards; we attended the more civilized children's set.) With the same set of relations, which included five children, we went off to a large party. The kids were going strong when the adults faded utterly at about 11 p.m.

We made it home and into bed just in time for sleepy calls from bedroom to bedroom of "Happy New Year." I was asleep seconds into 1995 which, I suppose, is the way to do it. Observe convention ... but only just.

And now, though it's slightly used, I want to wish you all, dear readers, the very best for the New Year -- no matter how old it gets.

Letters to the editor are welcome

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY

PEAK POWER Westmounters plug in to a new record for peak electrical consumption on Sunday, Jan. 16. The demand is too much and power is switched off in some areas as crews began "load shedding." At about 6 p.m., on the third day of a cold spell when the stoves and furnaces were going full blast, the demand for power reaches an all-time peak of 77,120 kilowatts.

YOUR TWO CENTS Tax bills rise 1.8 per cent in 1994 with taxes on the average home rising \$105. Tabling of the budget was delayed until January because of concern over the legality of a surtax brought in by the province.

TRENT NAMED Westmount Mayor Peter Trent is named head of the Conference of Suburban Mayors, pledging to transform the Montreal Urban Community into more of a service enterprise.

MADE TO ORDER Three Westmounters are named to the Order of Canada: media baron and philanthropist Jacques-G. Francoeur, financier Stephen Jarislowsky and operatic soprano Edith Della Pergola.

FEBRUARY

FIRST IN FLIGHT Natural Law Party leader Allan Faguy, head of a group that espouses yogic flying and perfect government, announces he has the 1,000 signatures needed to run in the new Westmount-St. Louis riding in the upcoming provincial election.

SCHULTZ LEAVES The three-year mandate of Westmount's director-general, Manley Schultz, comes to a close. After 30 years in private business, Schultz was hired in an interim capacity to update the city's management procedures and to groom one of its senior managers, Bruce St. Louis, to replace him.

FROZEN SOLID Record-setting warmer weather on the Feb. 19 weekend has little effect on pipes already frozen by record-setting cold in January and early February. By Feb. 1, crews had already thawed pipes leading to 76 households. St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church and about 20 homes were still without water late in the month.

BITE OUT OF CRIME Burglaries in Westmount homes plunge 20 per cent in 1993, figures show. The total number of

criminal incidents reported is 2,064, down eight per cent from the previous year.

MARCH

ELECTION BOUND Westmounter Sandra Wilson is chosen by the Canadian government and the United Nations as one of 35 North Americans sent to observe the first all-race South African elections. Wilson was chief returning officer for the riding of St. Henri-Westmount in both the 1988 and 1993 federal elections.

CULVER CHOSEN The former chairman and CEO of Alcan Aluminum, David Culver, is chosen to head the library fundraising campaign. The \$7.5 million expansion and renovation project is

announced he will join in a 100-kilometre ski trek that will end at the North Pole. Perron makes the announcement with his son and kidney donor, Henri, at his side. Perron raises funds for the Kidney Foundation with the trip.

ANTI-PESTICIDE Concerned residents and environmentalists push for an even tougher pesticide-control bylaw than the one proposed by Westmount city council.

ED AND BARB Ed Broadbent, Barbara McDougall and Bob White are among the big names who attend an international human rights forum at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom.

TRICKY DICKY The Parti Québécois chooses former Westmount MNA Richard Holden as its candidate in Verdun. Holden won

Elementary School will be cut following a redrawing of the Montreal Island "poverty map," even though hundreds of students at the school are still considered to be among the PSBGM's most disadvantaged.

ON THE MOVE The Westmount Public Library moves its adult department to a rented building at St. Catherine St. near Olivier Ave. as preparations get under way for renovations to the historic Sherbrooke St. building. The city also tables plans for renovating Victoria Hall, which will house the children's and audio-visual departments temporarily, and then become rentable and usable year-round.

SOUND IDEA Residents of wards 7 and 8 attend information



Volunteers of all ages work hard on the Roslyn School playground, a "community" project in the truest sense of the word, completed in June.

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

being funded to the tune of \$6 million by taxpayers and \$1.5 million through donations from the corporate sector and citizens. When the fundraising drive kicks off in November, Culver announces that nearly 55 per cent of the \$1.5 million goal has already been reached.

BUTTING OUT Smoking is banned even in private offices as Westmount passes its new no-smoking bylaw, set to take effect on Jan. 1, 1995.

TO THE POLE Just a year after receiving a kidney transplant, Westmounter Michel Perron, 62,

in Westmount under the Equality Party banner, but was later kicked out of the party.

APRIL

INJURED IN FIRE Fire investigators suspect a portable heater is to blame in a fire that destroys a home on Church Hill Ave., injuring the occupant and causing half a million dollars damage.

LUNCH CUT It is announced that nutrition programs and special classes offered at Westmount Park

meetings to get a look at a proposed sound barrier along the Ville Marie Expressway. Consultants propose a 20-foot high metal wall to reduce traffic noise. They say traffic has increased from 60,000 vehicles a day in 1982 to 150,000 a day in 1993.

NEW PREZ The Westmount Municipal Association announces Kit Finkelstein as its new president, replacing Stanley Baker. The former chairman and board member of the Westmount YMCA brings with her four years' experience as WMA vice-president and seven as



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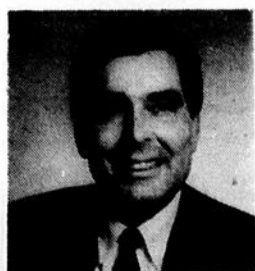
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MR. FIX-IT Former prime minister Brian Mulroney and his wife spend \$600,000 on alterations to their Forden Cres. home, city figures reveal. It is the largest sum spent on alterations and repairs to a residential dwelling in 1993.

MAY

FEAR OF BARS Residents decry the announcement that The Mess Hall, a restaurant and bar, will open on Sherbrooke St. near Victoria Ave. Owner David Di Salvio insists the emphasis will be on meals.

GOING UP Westmount High School gets some uplifting news. It will get a new elevator to improve access to the building's second and third floors.

TV NEWS A face familiar to television viewers, Westmounter Paul Carvalho, 42, wins a journalism fellowship at Harvard University.

ON THE BLOCK The city threatens to auction a nine-storey office building at 245 Victoria Ave. over non-payment of more than \$300,000 in back taxes.

GIFTED PROGRAM Parents descend on a school board meeting to decry plans to cut a program for gifted students at Roslyn School.

The program is later given a one-year reprieve.

NEW WING The Study school celebrates the opening of a new arts and sciences wing. Students and staff began using the new wing in January when work ended.

JUNE

FROZEN FOOD City council puts a freeze on new restaurants and outdoor terraces, asserting that Westmount is essentially a residential community and has enough establishments to serve its population. A closer look at restaurants was prompted by initial outcry over The Mess Hall, councillors say.

PLAYGROUND More than 100 parents, children, city employees and volunteers pitch in to build a new playground at Roslyn School.

MULRONEY PRAISED Accolades flow for former prime minister and current Westmounter Brian Mulroney as he is given an honorary degree by Tel Aviv University. A dinner and convocation at the Shaar Hashomayim synagogue was attended by more than 400 people.

HERE COMES THE BUS Residents of Lansdowne Ave. circulate a petition urging Montreal bus drivers to stop speeding down



Mayor Peter Trent (right), councillor James Bridgman and library director Caroline Thibodeau help move boxes to temporary library location as renovations begin.

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

their street.

JAZZ RULES The city says a café and jazz club on St. Catherine St. near the Forum will get special dispensation to continuing offering "live music shows," after public security officers stop a show that

was in violation of city bylaws. The city later says it will look into amending a zoning bylaw for the area.

VISUAL ARTS Fiona Macleod takes over as the new director of the Visual Arts Centre, and says

the Victoria Ave. building needs a complete overhaul.

CONSTRUCTION WOES Residents of streets near Dawson College voice concerns about the construction noise expected as the third and final phase of the school's expansion is announced. The city later says that these concerns will be addressed in the calls to tender.

GETTING THE BUGS OUT City hall says it will wait 24 hours to allow inspection of a site before granting a pesticide application permit. The move follows complaints that spraying the lawn of the Royal Bank building on Tupper St. was unnecessary.

FUTURE UNCERTAIN Parents attend a Montreal Catholic School Commission meeting to try to maintain programs at École Internationale. The future of the top-ranked Montreal school was in doubt after Quebec City ruled it illegal to collect fees to finance the extra language and study classes offered at the public school.

JULY

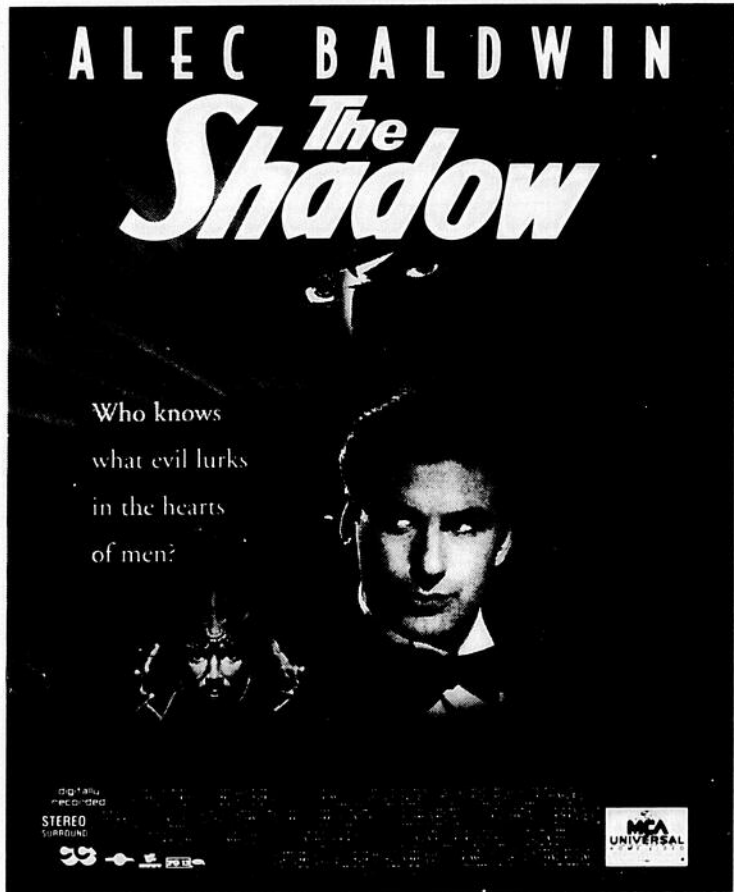
LOCK DOORS Thieves take advantage of the summer season and stifling heat to break into 14

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homes and businesses in Westmount in a week. Local police advise residents to take precautions.

CLOSED BY 10 P.M. City council targets café-terraces in a new bylaw to take effect next summer, requiring them to close by 10 p.m. and preventing new café-terraces adjacent to residential streets from being licensed.

BUS INVESTIGATION The Montreal Urban Community investigates complaints by Lansdowne Ave. resident Jon Feldman that buses speed in the neighbourhood and pose a danger to residents. Feldman criticizes the city for lack of action. Mayor Peter Trent says tests revealed that cars, not buses, are the culprits. The MUCTC later puts up 30-km/hr signs on the street. In August, the MUC threatens to press vandalism charges against Feldman for allegedly berating a bus driver and hitting a bus with a shovel after he stopped it near his home.

REDDY GROWS Provincial approval comes through for a \$5.6 million expansion and reorganization project at Reddy Memorial

Hospital. The plan involves moving the emergency ward, building an emergency bay, centralizing surgical services, and creating long-term-care beds and a geriatric unit.

STORM HAVOC A violent summer storm shuts off power and fells trees and power lines in many spots around Westmount, causing damage to traffic lights and private property. The cleanup cost for public property is estimated at \$50,000.

BEST DOCS IN TOWN In the 1994-95 edition of The Best Doctors in America, six of 32 Quebec doctors listed live in Westmount. They are: Dr. Richard G. Margolese, Dr. H. Bruce Williams, Dr. Ronald Guttman, Dr. Jack P. Antel, Dr. Harry Bard and Dr. Apostolos Papageorgiou.

AUGUST

HELMETS MANDATORY The City of Westmount makes helmets mandatory for in-line skaters and cyclists, but drops a motion banning skaters from sidewalks. Skaters are also banned from city parks except on the bi-

cycle path.

ON GUARD Resident Andrew Cook-Jolicoeur, a member of the 78th Fraser Highlanders, tells city council the cenotaph is in a sorry state. Mayor Peter Trent agrees and says the monument will be ship-shape by Remembrance Day, at a cost of \$70,000.

NOT A PROMISE Education Minister Jacques Chagnon says his department's approval of a \$22-million expansion at Dawson College shows the Liberal government's commitment to the English-speaking community. He said the announcement was not tied to the election.

TRAIL BLAZER Resident Dr. Herbert Jasper, is selected by the Canadian Medical Association as the 1994 recipient of the FNG Starr Award, for his years of trail blazing research in neuro-science, specifically in treating epilepsy.

MULTI SECURITY Westmount council applies for a \$2-million grant through the federal-provincial infrastructure program to fund a multi-station combining police, public security and the fire department. Mayor Peter Trent estimates the total cost to be \$4 million. The grant was approved in September.

SEPTEMBER

CHAGNON WINS Liberal Party candidate Jacques Chagnon wins handily with 26,537 votes in the provincial election Sept. 12, matching the trend in western Montreal, while the Parti Quebecois nearly sweeps the rest of the province. The City of Westmount is blasted for tearing down campaign posters and later admits it made a mistake.

TOLD TO LEAVE Javed Sheikh, owner of Fruiterie Westmount, is scheduled to be deported to Pakistan because of a 1990 conviction for assaulting a neighbour. Supporters circulate a petition and send it to the immigration department. Sheikh is later told he can stay — four hours before his scheduled flight.

TOILET SEAT LIFTED Some Westmounters, including Patty Bakakis, owner of Miss Westmount, get a laugh after the theft of an antique toilet seat from her restaurant bathroom. The thief could have at least left her \$50 or a replacement seat, Bakakis says.

CHILD INJURED The father of a six-year-old boy threatens a lawsuit against the city after his son sustains serious head injuries inflicted by a newly installed, handicapped-accessible swing in

Westmount Park. City workers take down the swing and discover two pieces are missing.

PARK HERE The city introduces its long-awaited parking policy, in which residents and their guests are given top priority, businesses and their clients second, while outsiders, including schools and employees, rank third.

STAY OPEN Restaurant owners get a break from the city in new regulations allowing them to stay open until 11 p.m. instead of the 10 p.m. first proposed.

LOVER'S LOOKOUT Roslyn Lookout — better known as lover's lookout — gets a curfew. No parking is allowed from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., city council says, after public security noticed an increase in teenage motorists there.

OCTOBER

MYSTERY SOLVED Vancouver regional workers stumble over wreckage of a plane that crashed in 1947 but was never found. Among the crash victims is former Westmounter Clarence Paul Reaper. The B.C. coronor's office seeks surviving relatives and Reaper's daughter is later discovered still living in Westmount.

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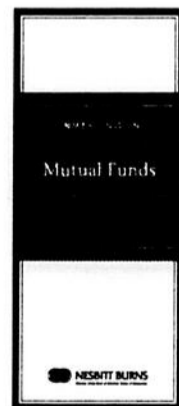
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are found to be rotting because they have not been repainted for years due to budget cuts. The Montreal Teachers Association calls for the reinstatement of regular maintenance programs at all PSBGM schools.

ELECTION FRAUD? Defeated Parti Québécois candidate Monique Simard claims electoral fraud by the Liberals after voters' lists show many Montreal-area, including Westmounters, voted in the rural Bertrand riding. Simard, who also voted outside her own riding, says the Liberals encouraged the practice which robbed her of votes. Her appeal is filed one day too late and is thrown out of court.

NOVEMBER

UNIT TO GO Officials of the 3rd Field Engineer Regiment confirm that a new location is being sought to replace its decaying Hillside Ave. home, but say they may not leave for a couple of years.

GOODALL VISITS World



Repairs are made to the roof of the controversial CP train station in November to prevent its further deterioration.

Photo by BERNIE O'NEILL

renowned chimpanzee expert Jane Goodall speaks to students at the Akiva School in one of many visits around Montreal.

PARKING WOES Proposed parking fees are too high, residents tell the city at meetings on its parking policy. The WMA later supports the policy. Greene Ave. property owner Pascal Luciani gets

mixed reviews for his proposal for an indoor garage on the street. Greene Ave. merchants later launch a petition in favour of a garage.

LEAKING FRIDGE The source of an acrid smell at the Westmount armoury that forced many people to leave the St. Catherine St. building during a

meeting, baffles army officials until firefighters uncover an old leaking fridge in the officer's mess.

GOOD IDEA Canadian Pacific, owners of the railway station on St. Catherine St. near Victoria Ave. says using the station as a centre piece in development there is a good idea. Repairs are later made to a hole in the roof.

POOL CONFLICTS Residents' complaints that there is not enough time or space for them in the Westmount swimming pool leads to a public meeting and a decision to juggle the swimming schedule.

PATERSON HEADS BOARD Westmounter Alex Paterson is elected to head the interim McGill University Hospital Centre board and he agrees that his firm, McMaster Meighen, will not provide any legal services to the board to avoid conflict of interest.

ROTHMAN CLOBBERS Joan Rothman, commissioner of Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, beats out the opposition

in school board elections, winning nearly 90 per cent of the vote.

DECEMBER

MILITARY EXERCISE A military exercise by the Royal Montreal Regiment in lower Westmount startles unsuspecting residents when soldiers appear atop buildings and on St. Catherine St. carrying guns. The exercise, which prompted 30 calls to police and 911, was supposed to be confined to the city's corporation yard.

MAYOR ON MUC Mayor Peter Trent is named to be MUC council's vice-chairman.

EXPERIENCE FOLDS *The Westmount Experience* folds after just eight months of publication, laying off 15 employees.

BUDGET DAY The 1995 \$51-million budget means that the average residential tax bill will remain the same in the coming year. Operating costs were cut by half a million dollars, while the tax rate was set at \$1.33 per \$100 of value.

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GREENE AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

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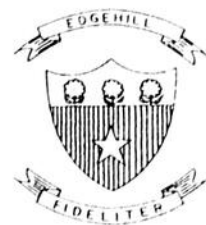
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Rhodes Scholar and jazz singer plans for Oxford experience this fall

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McGill University has also helped lay a solid foundation in her academic career, said de Kerckhove, also a dancer with the Ballets de la Jeunesse.

Along with her studies, she also writes for the *McGill Daily*, does charity work as well as Chinese painting.

Christmas trees will be picked up

If you're wondering what to do with your Christmas trees, the City of Westmount's Public Works department has a solution. Crews will be picking up trees within the next two weeks. The trees go into a woodchipper and the material is then given to a nursery for mulch.

All you have to do is remove all the decorations and put it behind the sidewalk on the lawn for pickup.

Getting the scholarship was no easy feat and when one of the judges' panel called her only hours after deliberating, de Kerckhove said she was so excited, she made the woman repeat the news.

"I was laughing so much" she said, adding that she was pleased to be picked since there were so many qualified finalists. She was one of only three women among the final 25.

De Kerckhove's mother, Carolina De Varant, said she and her husband, Arnauld, were delighted with their daughter's achievement, although they wouldn't have been disappointed had she not won the scholarship.

What's important, De Varant said, is that her daughter applied for it.

"She's always been an extremely well-rounded person," said De Varant, a teacher at Villa Maria High School. "She was never a bookworm, never, never, never. She would not be happy if her head was in the books all the time."

Diane's mother said she's always stressed that getting high marks wasn't important, but learning how to think was.

"She's a very caring person, I think that's what impresses me about her — more than her grades. She cares about the poor and underprivileged."

After finishing her honours physics degree, de Kerckhove heads back to Ottawa this summer to continue research at the National Research Council of Canada's Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics.

She also hopes to sing again in the Montreal Jazz Festival this summer.

De Kerckhove starts her career at Oxford studying astrophysics this fall.

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Selwyn House bows out in tournament won by Ontario school

By BOB OLIVER
The Examiner

No one can accuse the Selwyn House Gryphons of being ungracious hosts.

At the 10th annual Selwyn House Varsity and Bantam Hockey Tournament held Dec. 21-22 at the Verdun Auditorium, both Gryphons teams bowed out in the preliminary rounds leaving the door open for visiting teams to reach the finals.

The Selwyn House juvenile squad lost their opening game 6-0 to Toronto's Upper Canada College Blues before falling 6-3 to the Loyola Warriors in game two.

The bantam Gryphons — playing a three-game preliminary schedule — lost 3-0 to Lennoxville's Alexander Galt Pipers, 3-1 to École Jean de Brébeuf, and 3-0 to Loyola.

The Upper Canada College Blues beat Alexander Galt 7-1 to capture the juvenile crown while the St. Hubert's École Internationale upended Lower Canada College 2-0 to win the bantam title.

Despite their early exits, both Gryphon hockey teams took their losses in stride.

"We have a young team and we went into this tournament with a few key players out with injuries," said Gryphons juvenile coach Steve Mitchell, who guided his team to the GMAA and

provincial championships last season.

"On the plus side, this tournament gave us an opportunity to give all our players equal ice time and a chance to use (goaltender) Jamie Seguin instead of our number one goalie (Ben Sharp).

"Anyway, it's better to lose in tournament play than in league games."

Gryphon bantam coach Pat Shannon shares Mitchell's view.

"We have a lot of new players on the (bantam) team and it was a tremendous opportunity to get everyone in the games," he said. "It gave them good exposure to top quality hockey and I'm happy to add that everybody on this team had a wonderful time."

Another team that thoroughly enjoyed the tourney, as well as Selwyn House's "first-class hospitality," was Upper Canada College. After decisive wins against the Gryphons (6-0) and St. Hubert's MacDonald-Cartier Golden Hawks (5-2), UCC scored six unanswered goals in the third period of the championship final to rout Alexander Galt.

Despite the 10-hour bus ride to Montreal and back to Toronto, UCC coach Blair Sharpe says his team will gladly do it again next year.

"The Selwyn House people put together a terrific tournament and we're just happy to be a part of



Tournament MVP Daniel Tkaczuk (right) of UCC battles with Joe Flanders of Selwyn House.

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

it," Sharpe said. "I'll admit it might have been an ugly ride home if we'd lost, but since we won it'll be a sweet trip back.

"And we'll definitely be looking forward to defending our title."

Goaltender Chris Short led a four-man UCC contingent on the tournament all-star team that included forward Daniel Tkaczuk and defencemen Mark Ferley and Ashley Beales.

Alexander Galt's Ryan Frappier and Marek Driver of Beaconsfield

High School were the other two forwards selected to the team. Tkaczuk, a six-foot-one, 220-pound, 15-year-old, who scored a hat trick in each of the games against Selwyn House and MacDonald-Cartier as well as a two-goal, two-assist performance in the final against Alexander Galt, was the unanimous choice as MVP of the tourney.

Selwyn House bantam goaltender Jeff Gantz won the best goalie award in a "showdown" fea-

ture that took place on the second day of the tournament.

Tomak Nishijima scored the bantam Gryphons lone goal of the tourney, assisted by Gabe Brown, in their 3-1 loss to Jean de Brébeuf.

In a 6-3 loss to Loyola in the juvenile division, Robert Fagnoli, Joe Flanders and Matthew Singerman scored for the Gryphons while Eric Pedicelli (2), Singerman, Fagnoli and Hugo Blomfield had assists.



Selwyn House goalie Ben Sharp and defenceman Matthew Singerman look for answers as UCC's Tkaczuk (right) and Ashley Beales celebrate a goal in 6-0 victory.

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

Police log from Station 23 ...

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The man is due to appear in Westmount municipal court Feb. 22.

Car theft leaves no trace

A 24-year-old Dollard des Ormeaux man, reported his 1990 Accura Integra stolen Dec. 31. He

had parked the car on Forden Crescent between 12:25 and 1:45 p.m. while visiting friends, but it was gone without a trace when he returned.

Bag caught thief's eye?

A thief smashed the driver's side window of a 1987 Ford Mustang


parked at Devon and Summit Crescent between 2 and 3 p.m. Dec. 30, and made off with a women's purse.

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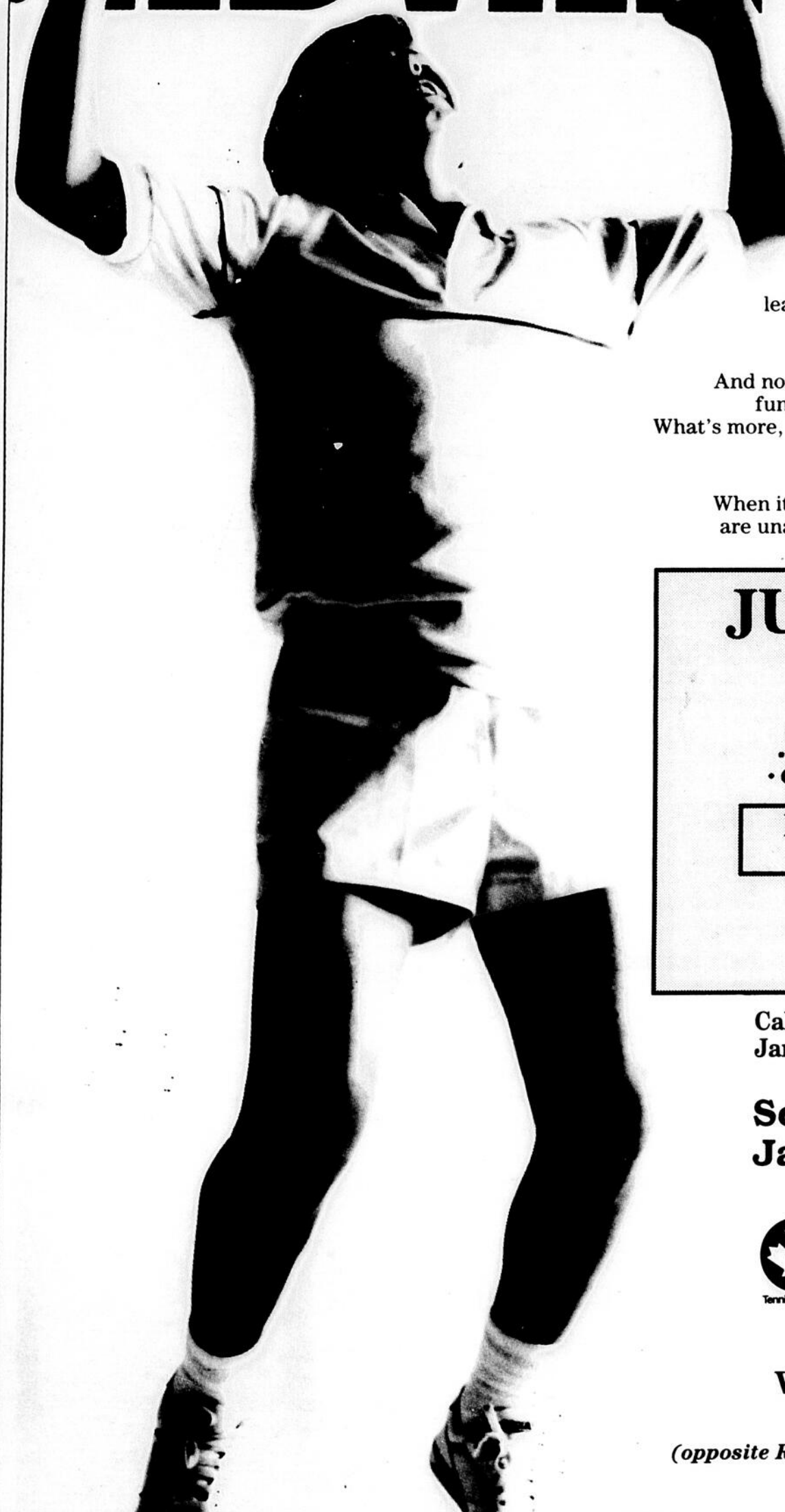
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