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Next Thursday afternoon:

City's office workers set to strike again

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A second strike date has been set by Westmount white-collar workers for next Thursday following city council's failure to produce a new contract offer at an emergency meeting Sunday.

Union leaders dismissed as "ridiculous" council's call for a giant information meeting of all parties. Instead they scheduled a union meeting for Monday.

The latest moves follow a 12-hour strike by the 100 employees last Friday that closed the library and shut down the switchboard (see separate stories).

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, Westmount's 140 blue-collar workers filed to join the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), seeking improvements in job security and pensions.

"No one is going to lose their job," Mayor May Cutler stated Sunday after the emergency committee session. "There will be no layoffs."

Though the city had reluctantly offered job security after 10 years to its white-collar workers in a last-minute attempt to call off Friday's strike, Mayor Cutler said it would not go further on the job security demand.



White-collar worker raises placard in front of city vehicle during Friday's one-day strike (see story page 7).

Destroy family feeling

Additional guarantees, she said, would destroy the family feeling between all city workers. It would have the same effect, she said, as parents having to guarantee that they would leave all their money to their children.

She said that, after talking with white-collar workers on the picket line Friday, she believes a lack of communication and misunderstanding is at the root of the breakdown in

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Standing 93 metres tall:

Communications tower on Oakland riles residents, mayor, council

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Residents of Oakland avenue are outraged at a 30-storey communications tower that went up next to their properties last weekend.

It took less than 48 hours for the 93-metre (305-foot) orange and white steel structure to be erected. It has a triangular base measuring 25 feet across and is located immediately next to the Oakland backyards on land in Montreal owned by a Ridgewood avenue apartment building.

"We were all outside Sunday afternoon watching in horror as the thing went up, powerless to stop it," said Anelia Wright, speaking on behalf of a group of Oakland residents upset by the tower's sudden invasion into their quiet neighborhood.

The residents held a quick series of meetings and decided to see what they could do to fight it. "We feel so strongly that we want the tower taken down that we won't stop until we get it down," Mrs Wright said.

The group has appealed for help to Westmount Mayor May Cutler, Montreal Mayor Jean Doré, St Henri-Westmount MP David Berger, les Amis de la Montagne and Heritage

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Mayor May Cutler examines the 300-foot communications tower erected next to backyards on Oakland avenue last weekend.

Blaze causes $300,000 damage:

Residents of 250 Clarke evacuated after fire starts in bed clothes

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Residents of the apartment building at 250 Clarke avenue had nothing but praise for the way they were treated by emergency workers when fire forced the evacuation of some 200 on Wednesday night last week.

The $300,000 fire destroyed a fourth-floor apartment when a heating pad covered with a comforter ignited bed clothes at 9:14 pm, fire investigators said.

Heavy smoke filled some hallways and stairwells in the 12-storey building and fire officials feared a buildup of carbon monoxide.

A 72-year-old woman living in apartment 406, where the fire started, had been in bed talking on the phone at the time. She sustained burns to one hand while trying to put out the fire. She was forced to abandon the effort and was led to safety along with many other seniors, some in wheelchairs.

Eight men and women were treated on the scene for smoke inhalation along with a firefighter and public safety officer who later were taken to hospital for examination.

"They are looking after us so well," said Gertrude Bond, as Urgences Santé personnel moved from senior to senior seated in the large lobby.

Six cities responded

Firefighters from six municipalities, along with local public safety officers, carried out the evacuation assisted by 27 MUC police officers responding from as far away as Dorval.

There are some 450 people living in the 194 apartments. Some remained on their balconies throughout the incident.

Fire officials are now looking into why the building's alarm appears to have shut off after about five minutes, said Director William Tim-

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Small child falls down nine-foot catchment hole

A three-year-old Westmount girl fell some nine feet into a catchbasin behind Westmount High School Tuesday afternoon. Someone had removed half of the grill, school officials confirmed.

The girl, who had been walking through the schoolyard with her mother, fell onto a base of well-packed leaves and was rescued by firefighters.

She was believed to have been more scared than hurt but was taken to Montreal Children's Hospital by Urgences Santé for examination, police said. Fire officials said she had a bump on the head and had injured her left leg.

"We gave her one of our Sun Youth teddy bears and she grabbed it and clung onto it," Fire Captain Graham Morrison said.

She was the first victim to have received a bear donated to the fire brigade last June to comfort young children (see story June 8).

School principal Richard Meades called the incident "regrettable" and told THE EXAMINER yesterday he had launched an immediate investigation into the incident. He suspects at least one student of removing the cover over lunch time.

PSBGM maintenance personnel soldered together the two halves of the grill which had come apart at some time, he said. It was not known how long the cover had been damaged.

Mr Meades said students told him one boy had been seen playing with the grill over lunch and had lowered himself into the hole to retrieve one of the halves which had fallen down.

Though he replaced both parts at the time it was believed he might have returned to the place later.

Emergency personnel at the scene said the hole could not be seen for leaves around the area.

Public safety officers who arrived soon after the call for help said the girl had fallen about nine feet below ground into a narrow hole. Firemen Guy Gervais, a member of the fire brigade's first responder crew lowered himself into the catchbasin, checked her condition and lifted her up to Fireman Tom Hopkins. She was put on a backboard and taken to hospital.

The child lives nearby on Dorchester boulevard. She had been accompanying her mother to pick up an older child at Westmount Park School.

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Former councillor back in fray:

Trent a candidate for ward 2 seat

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Former city councillor Peter Trent has thrown his hat into the ring again.

The 43-year-old "retired" businessman, who last February called on Mayor May Cutler to resign, confirmed Sunday he would not only run for council's vacant seat but also would serve as finance commissioner if asked.

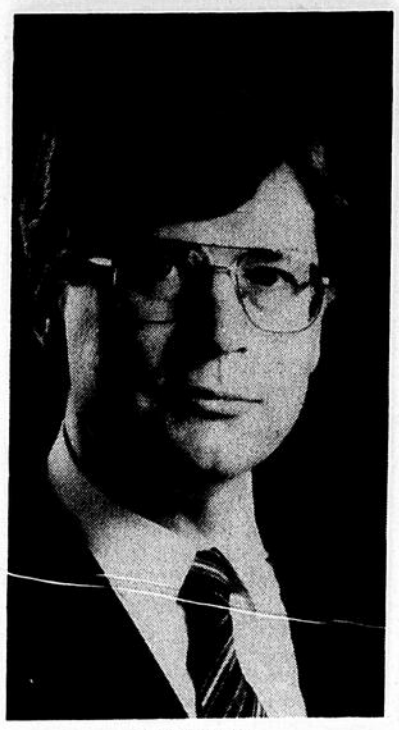
He is the first declared candidate in the Feb 4 by-election to replace ward 2 representative Phillip Aspinall who resigned Oct 12 for business reasons.

Mayor Cutler announced Mr Trent's candidacy. She endorsed him, saying his creative business expertise is needed on council and she believes they could work together.

"I forgive him for not supporting me. We have had a long talk and we believe in many of the same things. I need him. He knows how to get things done."

Mr Trent called their new relationship a marriage of convenience. He said he still does not accept the mayor's method of doing things though he feels she has mellowed recently.

Mr Trent, who served as the city's commissioner of planning and redevelopment from 1983-87, was responsible for downzoning of the city and a complete updating of the city's building code. He also launched the heritage properties study.



Peter Trent

Business commitments

Mr Trent did not seek a second term on city council two years ago citing "substantial business commitments." He said he now has more time after resigning six months ago as president of PBI/Plastibeton Ltd, the firm he founded 18 years ago.

At the time of the 1987 elections, he said, he felt honorbound to see through a $20-million expansion of his company by its majority shareholder, Lone Star, a large U.S. cement-producing firm.

He has since sold out as minority shareholder and is retained by the firm as a consultant one day a week for two years. This would give him time to take on the responsibilities of finance commissioner, he said, outlining his business background.

Mr Trent, a chemist by training, invented a new composite material trademarked as Polymer-Granite. Among its uses are building cladding, countertops, paving stones and subway furniture.

He co-founded Plastibeton to develop and market the material, building the enterprise into a multi-million-dollar concern.

As a member of former mayor Brian Gallery's council, Mr Trent served as alternate finance commissioner to Phillip Aspinall whom he now hopes to succeed. He won the election in ward 3 in 1983 by narrowly defeating Keith Ham in a closely fought battle. Mr Ham is now a Westmount municipal court judge.

Resident of ward 3

Mr Trent lives in electoral ward 3 at 49 Rosemount avenue (now represented by Councillor Daniel Tingley).

He attended Monday night's meeting of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) to discuss his campaign plans with residents of ward 2. He became actively interested in municipal politics while serving as the WMA's vice-president during the tax revolt of 1982-83.

Born in England, Mr Trent was educated at McMaster University (1963-67). He moved to Quebec in 1968. In 1982, he taught marketing at Concordia University. He is fluently bilingual.

He is married to Francine Beaudoin, a former biology teacher. They have one daughter, Dominique.

Firefighters to be honored at Monday's council session

Monday's city council meeting will lead off with a special presentation of the Canadian fire service's Exemplary Service Medals to 23 local firefighters. This is the first time the medals are being awarded in Westmount.

A certificate will be given to police station 23 to mark its victory in the Family Week baseball game.

Mayor May Cutler, following a request from the Jewish Community Council, will proclaim Westmount a participant with other nearby communities in constituting an Eruv (a private domain wherein Jews may be permitted to carry objects on sabbath and other holy days).

Other items slated for the meeting's agenda following question period at 8 pm are:

- Notice of motion to cancel borrowing authority for $1.3 million in 1984 concerning street reconstruction;
- Notice of city council vacancy created by Phillip Aspinall's resignation (see separate story);
- Resolution to ratify essential services agreement between City of Westmount and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE);
- Public works tenders for crushed road salt and collection of recyclable materials;
- Approval of purchases for modifications to ventilation systems at city hall annex and for electrical cable;
- Approval of list of accounts for September 1989;
- Cadastral operations at 3603 and 3197 The Boulevard, 94 Sunnyside and 4445 de Maisonneuve;
- Increase of daytime parking rates on streets and municipal parking lots from $45 to $60 per month;
- Designation of court collectors; and,
- Mayor's and councillors' announcements of Remembrance Day service, fall flower show and possible dates for hearings of demolition decision appeals.

Victim of purse-snatch wants to warn others

A WOMAN whose purse was snatched Wednesday night last week on Prince Albert avenue wants Westmount residents to learn from her experience.

The victim, a resident of nearby Burton avenue, called THE EXAMINER to say the street is dark at night and apparently not very safe. She said on Monday that only the wallet had been recovered so far and turned over to the police station in LaSalle.

"It was pretty scary," she said, recalling the theft which occurred about 9:45 pm as she walked south from the blocked end at Sherbrooke street.

She said she believes someone in a car pulled in behind her from Winchester avenue as she continued toward Somerville. She heard both a car and footsteps before a man suddenly pulled at the strap of the purse, breaking it.

Police stated the man then faced her and asked for the bag which she was still holding by the broken strap. The woman handed it over without resistance and the thief escaped in a small red car going west on Somerville. He is described as a black man aged about 20 wearing a beige T-shirt and dark pants.

Super hero gone wrong

A lone man wearing a Batman shirt held up a cashier Sunday evening at Haines market on St Catherine street near Metcalfe avenue, police report.

The robbery took place about 7:30 pm when the thief, aged 19 or 20, went up to the 19-year-old girl indicating he had a revolver in his jacket. He asked for the money and was given an unspecified amount. The robber, a white man, wore a green jacket and dark pants.

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Purse removed as scam works

A Westmount office worker fell for a familiar scam Wednesday last week, according to police reports.

The woman was lured out of her office at 1336 Greene avenue by a phone call asking her to meet someone outside to discuss a business matter. The woman proceeded to the meeting place at the corner of de Maisonneuve boulevard but no one else showed up.

When she returned to the office her brown purse and wallet were gone.

WESTMOUNT *Community Calendar*

Today, Nov 2

Blood donor clinic: Masonic Order clinic at Place Alexis Nihon, ground floor, from 10 am to 8:30 pm.
Art exhibit: The mixed media paintings of Helen Ryf at Westmount Public Library until Nov 12. 697-7448.
Painting exhibit: *Parcours existentiel*, an exhibit of paintings by Suzanne Laurendeau at Galerie Westmount, 4912 Sherbrooke west, to Sunday.
Art exhibit: *Art à porter*, work by Rosie Godbout, Alicia Niles and Marion Spanjerdt, at Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, to Nov 18. 488-9558.
Masks of Africa: Display at Galerie des 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue, until Saturday.

Sunday, Nov 5

Rummage sale: New and nearly new merchandise from Association of Zaglembie Jews of Montreal to raise money for charity, at Victoria Hall from 9 am to 5 pm.
Art exhibit: Small-format acrylic landscapes by Hudson painter Timothy Elliott at Galerie Dan Delaney, 318 Victoria avenue, until Nov 17. 484-4691.

Monday, Nov 6

City council meeting at 8 pm at city hall.

Tuesday, Nov 7

Concert: Polish Musical Theatre from Gdynia, Poland, commemorative concert on the 70th anniversary of liberation of the city of Lwow at Westmount High School at 8 pm. 766-9747.
Book launch: *Worlds apart, new immigrant voices* by Milly Charon, published by Cormorant Books from 6 to 8 pm at Double Hook, 1235A Greene avenue. 932-5093.
Architectural lecture: Author Aline Gubbay speaks on *Westmount in the Victorian Age* at the Greene Avenue Community Centre at 7:30 pm. All welcome. Free.
Art jewelry: Silver, semi-precious stones, old traders' beads, and amulets in a display of hand-wrought jewelry from Turkestan, Africa, Indonesia, Nepal, India and Europe at Galerie des 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue, until Dec 2.
African art: *Women of Africa: faces, forms, adornment* at Galerie des 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue, until Dec 2. 931-3174.

Wednesday, Nov 8

Public lecture: The Dawson history department presents Greek historian Dr Hagen Fleischer on "The Waldheim Commission: Greek Jews and the Holocaust" at Dawson College, room 5B.16, 3040 Sherbrooke west at 8 pm.
Heartsaver CPR: Course at YMCA from 6 to 10 pm. 931-8046 to register.
Story hour: Today and every Wednesday, a 20-minute story hour for two- and three-year-olds, followed by a 20-minute storytime for children four to six years old and, after that, 20 minutes of story-telling in French. Readings begin at 10:30 am and 3 pm at Westmount Library.

COMING UP

Nov 9: Alain Lefèvre piano recital at 8 pm, St Léon de Westmount Church, 4311 de Maisonneuve west, to support the Association of Christians Against Torture. Tickets available at Ticketron outlets or at 336 Clarke avenue. 933-2978.
Nov 9: Contactivity Centre for Seniors annual craft fair and bazaar from 11:30 am to 3 pm at Webster Hall, 4695 de Maisonneuve, corner Lansdowne. Crafts, knitted goods, home baking, white elephant, books, jewelry and lunch for sale. 932-3433.
Nov 9: Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom brown-bag lunch discussion series on ethical issues, with Rabbi Leigh Lerner as discussion leader. This week's topic is euthanasia. Sessions begin at noon in the community house, 4100 Sherbrooke street west. The public is welcome.

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3:44 pm: 322 Redfern, smoke detector set off by smoker's material;
3:54 pm: 4505 St Catherine, Belvedere Residence, code 3 automatic mutual aid from St Laurent and Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:02 pm, smoke detector set off by food smoking in oven;
5:07 pm: Clarke and de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for woman fallen on sidewalk;

Oct 25

1:10 am: 5950 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 1:22 am;
2:30 pm: 5795 Caldwell, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 2:35 pm;
8:11 pm: 4855 de Maisonneuve, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 8:17 pm, smoke detector activated during testing;
9:14 pm: 250 Clarke, apt 406, mutual aid fire (see story);

Oct 26

8:13 am: 220 Redfern, person locked out of apartment;
9:28 am: 5800 Cavendish, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 9:34 am;
2:06 pm: Area of 4585 Sherbrooke, YMCA, for air raid siren, none heard, false alarm;
4:04 pm: 5760 Parkhaven, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:11 pm;
5:17 pm: 529 Clarke, first responder unit (see story);
5:40 pm: 389 Claremont, first responder unit for vagabond in basement (see story);
8:07 pm: Rear of 1238 Greene, fire in garbage can, extinguished with 1 3/4-inch hose;

Oct 27

12:14 pm: 5555 Trent, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 12:20 pm;
1:47 pm: Parking lot opposite 425 Victoria, van leaking small amount of gasoline;
11:23 pm: 125 Clandeboye, person locked in room (see story);

Oct 28

10:07 am: Front of 19 Sunnyside, smoke scare, car leaking transmission oil on manifold and on street;
2:10 pm: 331 Prince Albert, fire alarm activated;
7:02 pm: 6775 Côte St Luc, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 7:03 pm;

Oct 29

3:31 am: 225 Melville, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:04 am, fire in apartment building (see story);
11:29 am: 1 Braeside, The Study, persons released from elevator;

Oct 30

1:27 pm: Front of 4557 Sherbrooke, steam scare, anti-freeze leaking from burst hose of taxi (see story);
2:17 pm: 1 Wood, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 2:31 pm, problem with heating unit on 8th floor;
4:42 pm: Melville and St Catherine, smoke scare, possibly from passing diesel truck;
5:37 pm: Lane behind 425 Elm, wire down;
9:55 pm: 4574 Sherbrooke, Westmount library, firebox 241, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 10:06 pm, false alarm;
10:44 pm: 310 Elm, first responder unit.

Crime talk given to city workers

Crime Prevention Week was launched by MUC police in Westmount Monday with a talk to city employees on security.

The discussion took place over the noon hour at city hall when Constable Michel Caza provided tips to a group of firefighters and white collar workers on burglaries, robbery, scams and safety in the Métro.

Seniors at Manoir Westmount were to receive the timely tips at an educational discussion geared to their needs yesterday afternoon.

Sappers to hold open house after Remembrance Day service

The annual Remembrance Day service will be held on Saturday, Nov 11, at 11:30 am, at the cenotaph across from Westmount city hall. Mayor May Cutler will preside.

The only Armed Forces engineer unit in the Montreal area, 3rd Field Engineer Regiment, will hold an open house at its armory, 3 Hillside avenue, immediately following the parade and service. The regiment has a long and distinguished history in Westmount. It was granted the Freedom of the City by the late former mayor Donald MacCallum, the regiment's honorary colonel.

The young men and women who join the "sappers," as field engineers are called, receive training in the use of such things as explosives, construction tools and, in some cases, heavy equipment such as front-end loaders, backhoes and dumptrucks. Some of this equipment will be on display during the open house.

At present, 3rd Field Engineer Regiment has opportunities for new people to join. Requirements include being 17 years of age before Nov 1, 1989, for those applying this year; before July 1, 1990, for those applying next year. Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents, and must have at least a level three high school education. Those attending or having completed CEGEP may be considered for officer training.

Members receive part-time pay for attendance two weekends a month and Tuesday or Thursday evenings. In addition, it is possible to take further training on a full-time basis during the summer, which could lead to promotion and up to $350 in weekly earnings.

Training during the winter is conducted at the armory, in Farnham and at Valcartier, north of Quebec City. Members of the regiment have travelled widely during summers. They recently built a bridge at Rankin Inlet in the Northwest Territories.

After acquiring some experience, members may work as temporary full-time members of the regular force in Canada and abroad.

The regiment invites all residents of all ages to visit on Remembrance Day. For more information, call 283-7431.

Liberated

Firefighters used a hacksaw and a screwdriver to rescue a woman from a bathroom on Clandeboye avenue Friday after a defective lock could not be opened, fire officials said. Emergency workers were called to the home at 11:23 pm.

False fireman nabbed in salon

A 48-year-old Montreal man was arrested Friday in connection with fraudulent soliciting at a beauty salon on Greene avenue, police said. The man was turned over to the MUC fraud squad for investigation.

Police were called to the establishment at 1 pm when the man aroused the suspicions of a woman to whom he was trying to sell fire prevention advertising. Though he had identified himself as a fireman, police said he was not.

Warren's wobbed

Several sweaters and jackets were stolen from Warren's Men's Wear Wednesday last week, triggering a burglar alarm at 3:32 am, police said. When officers arrived at Sherbrooke street and Claremont avenue they found someone had thrown a big piece of asphalt through the window. No one could be seen. Damage was estimated at $500.

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We Say

Why this shameful strike?

WHY, among all the various employees and their bargaining units, is the City of Westmount experiencing its first strike which anyone can remember among its so-called white-collar workers?

These are the persons who, for the most part, work at city hall or in other offices, who daily are in the direct stream of authority which runs the municipality and in the likewise direct line of responsibility for maintaining loyalty, morale, well-being and contentment among all staff.

The problem does not appear to be money — rarely is it, really, in government service at any level. There is no bottom line to inhibit generous settlements either as a matter of course and more particularly when the heat of concerted, collective action is applied to the administration.

Working conditions, perhaps. However, the physical and perquisite situation of Westmount employees, at all levels and of all kinds, would be hard to beat.

Then, what's the problem?

We have it on good authority that this fight is on the ordinarily simple question of security of employment.

There have been some strange manoeuvrings in recent years, job positions wiped out, others downgraded or simply denigrated to the point where the holders seek clarification which is not forthcoming. Staff members either ask for or are made subject of transfers under less-than-forthright pressures, only to discover after that they have been shifted and shafted — sure grounds for real or imagined (just as bad) complaints of unjust treatment.

After many years of watching, reporting and making friends at city hall and its scattered departments at all levels, this strike brings us back to the distasteful conclusion which we have not harped on for some months: the day-to-day management of the City of Westmount is wanting.

One cannot blame the white-collars' union, in these circumstances, for asking for the world in "security" provisions to cover themselves from the kind of shoddy treatment some of them have experienced in the past.

Nor can anyone blame council, their information coming in the main from "their side" of the negotiations — that is, the management — for resisting seemingly impossible demands.

The truth, as in most cases of labor relations, lies somewhere between.

The idea of all the employees concerned meeting with the mayor and all the aldermen and, away from the artificialities of the bargaining table, hearing one another directly has much merit.

In addition to speeding a settlement, it just might show how awry has been the management of employee relations as have been other aspects of the running of the city.

Welcome back, Mr Trent

GOOD news and bad news from the municipal election front.

Let's first dispose of the bad: The vacancy on city council to fill the seat resigned by Phillip Aspinall, the finance commissioner, is not to be filled until February!

This is an unconscionably long time. How much is caused by the meddling rules and regulations of Quebec and how much by city administration torpor is veiled in obscurity. The simple fact is that this is considerably longer than the times required to mount federal or provincial elections, which in turn are unnecessarily extended by a throwback to the days when it took ages to campaign across the land by rail and horse-and-buggy.

We suspect a good deal of the problem is city hall unpreparedness along with a lack of will to apply the necessary effort with some degree of alacrity.

As with so many municipal mysteries, it really is up to our delegates on council to solve such administration conundrums. After all, they are the losers who must operate shy one of their numbers for an unconscionably long delay.

The good news is that Mr Peter Trent, a former alderman who decided not to run again due to the pressures of business, finds his career situation changed and is able to return to public life.

Played right, his prompt announcement of his candidacy could dissuade others and be parlayed into a worthy acclamation, saving time, taxpayers' money and the expenditure of short-supply administrative energy.

Opposed or not, we would heartily endorse Mr Trent's reincarnation as a councillor. Bringing his prior experience to bear, alone, commends him. He will be remembered as a dedicated solon, human enough to be not always right but right more often than most.

We shall be glad to see him again at the council table.

You Say

Literacy Day publicity appreciated by foundation

Sir: On behalf of the Canadian Give the Gift of Literacy Foundation, I am writing to thank you for the generous publicity you provided concerning Literacy Day last Sept 8, first by a news item concerning the presentation of cheques to three Montreal organizations for their work in the field of literacy and then, more recently, by a picture of the participants in this presentation.

It is hard to believe that one in five Canadians is illiterate; that is, they cannot read well enough to function in society.

The foundation, which was founded in 1980 and has been funded for the most part by money raised within the book industry, this year presented cheques totalling $36,098 to 16 literacy organizations across the country.

The support of publications such as THE EXAMINER in informing the public of the foundation and its work is essential and greatly appreciated.

Judy Mappin
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Merchant appeals decision on Greene demolition

A copy of the following letter to Mayor May Cutler and Westmount city council has been sent to THE EXAMINER:

Madame Mayor and City Councillors: Please accept this letter in the context of an appeal regarding the upcoming demolition of the Greene avenue row of buildings, one of which is The Coffee Gourmet Centre.

I was both amused and shocked to read about the "$2 million" city program slated for the Victoria-Sherbrooke area. Councillor Vineberg's approval of the preservation of that area's village character "which everyone likes," seems to be a direct contradiction stemming from the approval of the demolition committee to rip up Greene avenue and build a modern five-storey office building and whatever else goes with it, which "no one likes."

The submission of 1,500 names of shoppers, non-residents and residents of Westmount obviously went by the boards without any due consideration from the demolition committee. All of those people are shoppers who support Westmount and contribute in no small measure toward the city income. These same people were told by Councillor Robertson at the demolition committee meeting that the committee's decision "would not be manipulated by numbers"! But isn't this a democratic process? — numbers! People the likes of Mr Robertson et al are elected as a result of numbers. What manipulation?

The entire social aspect of this beautiful and endearing Greene avenue will be scuttled, ravaged, drawn and quartered if this proposed building is erected. The builders are not improving nor beautifying the street as they declared at the demolition meeting. We consider this proposed construction a Greene avenue rape, a total violation of what is a pure and simple, lovely shopping area. A village, if you will, which will be totally desecrated if this project is going to go ahead.

The rent on the proposed store fronts is allegedly going for $65 a square foot — only high-priced items will be able to afford this outlandish rent and, believe me, the shoppers of Greene avenue will not appreciate these types of stores!

We at The Coffee Gourmet Centre are making a living and as a family-run business, we hope to continue to do this. For just a little over 12 years we feel we have contributed greatly in the realm of small business to Greene avenue. By the same token, our customers have become our friends and wonderful supporters — and we have given back what we have taken from the community.

The demolition committee is making a grave mistake in not taking its citizens' disapproval seriously. They elected you to serve them and you have ignored their petition. We have a council without a soul — a council who doesn't heed the pleas of its citizens or small businesses, but who only respects the demands of short-sighted developers.

In closing, let it be said that it is a very sad commentary that the City of Westmount does not deem it necessary to protect, help to enhance and encourage small businesses to thrive and flourish as they should and at the same time help to make its Greene avenue community a bustling, contented and happy environment.

Rita Stafford
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How to tell the weather

THE spell of fine weather which blessed these parts recently brought out the pessimists in full array.

It will end! We shall pay for it! Watch out for a rough winter!

They may be right. However, we don't understand why there are not more optimists (in a limited sense) telling us that this is the start of the global warming, that there is no reason why we must get out the galoshes, the woollies and the snow tires at all.

In any event, perhaps even before this appears in print, the forecasters will be back with gloomier outlooks, including their such-and-such percentages for chances of rain. Remember that wet stuff?

In those rural Quebec parts where we spend more of our time these days, where dairy farms abound, the lore is that when the cattle are sitting down in the fields — they've been standing around a lot over the last couple of weeks — it means that rain can be expected.

Recently on a visit to Scotland we idly remarked on a small herd of cows, lying about contentedly chewing their cuds. Sure sign of rain, we opined. Oh, no, was our host's rejoiner, this meant by Highland beliefs fine weather continuing.

In the event, it rained for the next several days.

Which reinforced a long held further theory of ours. We have been suspicious of meteorologists ever since having to rely on them in wartime to come up with decent forecasts with which to brief aircrews on what to expect from nature in addition to flak, enemy fighters and other man-made phenomena.

Thus, in recent years when the prognostications served up by Weather (Whither?) Canada started to state the prospects for precipitation in percentages of chance, we got to wondering how they arrived at these numbers. We are quite sure they long since gave up going outside and looking at the sky or holding a moistened index finger up to the wind.

Now we think we know the answer. They still go outside or, at least, look out a back window. Just like National Defence kept horses on the payroll at Petawawa, Transport Canada has cows. They are milked twice daily, not for dairy produce but for information.

A met man, junior grade, is assigned to do this. To keep it simple, there are 100 head in each such government herd. The intrepid weather seer simply counts heads.

If there are 30 cows seated (and, therefore, 70 standing) the next published and broadcast forecast may be expected to proclaim a "30-percent chance of rain."

Or, if the man happens to have a name beginning with "Mac," then it will be a 70-percent certainty.


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SERVICE CLUB NAMES OFFICERS

Notice To Secretaries of Clubs, Churches And Associations

Forty-five Years Ago
November 3, 1944

"Teamwork, reason and understanding should always be the keynote and foundation of the relationship between all who either administer or are employed by the city, was the outstanding statement made by Mayor Walter A. Merrill... at the inaugural banquet of the Quarter Century Club of the City of Westmount, held in Victoria Hall last night. After the good things provided for the 'inner man' had been disposed of, 56 employees of the city were presented with watches in recognition of their loyal and faithful service during a period of 25 years. As a matter of fact, one of the city's employees, Peter Charles of the roads department, has a record of 50 years' service."

Thirty-five Years Ago
November 5, 1954

"Snowblowing and the use of salt were the subjects of comments among members of the Westmount Municipal Association, and a report was received from general manager T.J. Hughes. It said: 'Blowing snow onto city property back of sidewalks is economical. It is thus blown on all streets where public property is wide enough, although some may spill over onto private property. Where blowing is not practical, truck loading is used. Blowing costs 3 cents per cubic yard, loading 37 cents. When salt is spread it reduces slippery surfaces and loosens frozen material from roadways. By the time it is mixed with snow, ploughed and blown behind sidewalks... it is most unlikely to damage grass'."

Twenty-five Years Ago
October 30, 1964

"The mayors of three suburban municipalities have reaffirmed their opposition to annexation to Montreal — but left the door open to co-operation on a regional basis. Mayors Chipman Drury of Westmount and S.M. Finlayson of Hampstead — the two 'Anglo-Saxon castles' attacked recently by Resources Minister René Lévesque for 'feeding off Montreal taxpayers' — agreed the one-island-one-city concept is not the answer.... Mr Drury left the audience with the parting thought that the outcome of the annexation question is 'in your hands' since the law requires a referendum before any such step be taken."

Ten Years Ago
November 1, 1979

"Reports that one Westmounter had twice seen cyclists on the city's new bicycle path knocked over by motorists caused a stir among city council members last week, resulting in pressure to close the bike route early for the winter season. The reports appeared to be inconclusive, however, and police were unable to report any such incidents since the bike route was established two months ago, so nothing will change for the time being. The citizen claimed that neither of the accidents had resulted in serious injury, but said it appeared both cases were linked to eastbound bike traffic confronting autos moving from side streets into de Maisonneuve."

One Year Ago
November 3, 1988

"With tomorrow the deadline for getting on the voters' list for the Nov 21 federal election, many Westmount residents say the enumerators passed them by and never even visited their homes or apartments. Residents from Arlington and Irvine avenues called THE EXAMINER to report both one-block streets had not been enumerated at all. A spokesman from the local Liberal Party campaign said stretches of Grosvenor and Sunnyside avenues and part of the Château Maisonneuve apartment building had not been enumerated either."





our PSBGM commissioner
Joan Rothman
says...

What do they teach there?

ROSLYN School is the original French immersion school in the PSBGM. It was there that the method known as French immersion, pioneered in a St Lambert school, was put into a program for an entire school, formalized as to curriculum and then adopted as a model by the PSBGM. It was from Roslyn School that the French immersion model moved to other schools in the PSBGM and eventually across Canada where French immersion schools are attracting more students every year.

I spoke about Roslyn School and the teaching of French as a second language to a workshop at an Alliance Quebec conference recently. The workshop was held in response to a need for more and better second-language teaching expressed by members of English-speaking communities across Quebec.

Why Roslyn? I was asked to discuss French immersion only, but truly the PSBGM has two pedagogical approaches to the teaching of a second language — early French immersion and late French immersion. Both approaches are valid and attractive. Late French immersion will be described when I take you on a visit to Westmount Park School very soon.

French immersion was developed to teach English-speaking children to speak French, then to read and write French. Formal English instruction is introduced in Grade 3, and English teaching time is then increased so that students in Grade 5 and 6 are learning in English for 60 percent of class time and the French language for 40 percent of the time. If this student continues in the PSBGM post-French immersion in high school the student will be able to write his or her high school leaving exam (Grade 11) in Grade 9.

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our M.P.
David Berger
says...

Who speaks for Canada?

AN ASSUMPTION that is implicit in much of the commentary about the Meech Lake accord is that you cannot be against it and find support in Quebec. Another way of putting it is that you cannot be in favor of Canada and find support in Quebec.

Because of this, there are many who profess to have concerns about Meech Lake but are prepared to set them aside because they fear the reaction that the failure of the accord may provoke in Quebec. Recently John Godfrey, editor of the *Financial Post*, wrote that "The problem with root-and-branch opposition to Meech is that it ignores the current political reality in Quebec.... Meech has become a symbol in Quebec of acceptance into Canada. Maybe it shouldn't have, maybe it is a rotten symbol, maybe the negotiations were fraudulent, maybe Bourassa has done a con job in building up expectations within the province for its acceptance, but that is the reality..."

As Godfrey sees it, Quebec's use of the notwithstanding clause triggered the opposition of English-speaking Canadians to Meech. For these reasons, he suggests a deal. Keep Meech and get rid of the notwithstanding clause. A quick fix if there ever was one!

I would say that the greater danger to Canada today is not that Meech Lake will fail but that it will pass, precisely because of this fear of offending the Quebec electorate. What contempt for the Quebec electorate! This amounts to saying that the attachment of Quebecers to Canada is so weak that Quebecers will blindly support a deal that is bad for Canada. If the attachment of Quebecers to Canada is as weak as that, Canada is, indeed, in trouble.

As Pierre Trudeau said last week, most francophones in Quebec are federalist, they love Canada and want to be part of Canada. Quebecers, like other Canadians, understand federalism. They recognize that if you are elected to Parliament you have a different job to do than someone who is elected to the Quebec National Assembly. Quebecers want the premier of Quebec to defend the interest of Quebec and they want the prime minister of Canada to defend the interest of Canada.

Quebecers, we should remember, voted for both Pierre Trudeau and René Lévesque at the same time. It was perhaps Yvon Deschamps who put it best when he said that what Quebecers really want is an independent Quebec within a united Canada.

Since 1984, "Team Canada" has been losing by default. None of the federal parties have been fighting for Canada in Quebec. Last week, when the provinces of Manitoba and New Brunswick tabled reports on Meech Lake and when a former prime minister once again denounced the accord, the opposition parties failed to ask a single question about Meech Lake in the House of Commons.

This is perhaps the greatest threat to Canada's existence, that at this moment in our history, no national party is able or willing to speak for those Canadians who reject Meech Lake. No national party reminds Quebecers that Meech Lake and Quebec's five demands are two separate things and that it is the former and not the latter which has provoked so much opposition. No national party is able or willing to tell Quebecers that rejecting Meech Lake may just be an affirmation of Canada and their place in Canada.



our M.N.A.
Richard B. Holden
says...

Arrangements in Quebec

THIS past Monday I visited Quebec City in my role of Equality Party house leader.

I had been invited to meet with the outgoing speaker of the National Assembly Pierre Laurin and the incoming speaker, Jean-Pierre Saint-Onge. Our discussions included a wide range of proposals from our party, and a number of extremely helpful suggestions from these two friendly gentlemen.

What offices are available for us? To my delight we were assigned some, not all, immediately.

We discussed the extent of the research money available for the Equality Party, and what support staff would be assigned, such as secretaries and deputies.

Will we have a private meeting room adjacent to the Salon bleu? Probably yes.

Most important, where will we sit in the Assembly? We know the seats we want, and I have great hopes we will be assigned the four we picked out.

I was impressed with the attitude of the two speakers and I know the ground was laid for a constructive debut for our four deputies when the assembly opens.

I Say!

WE must set the example but that doesn't mean we must follow it.

—*Bernard Kops*

Towards a contract settlement:

Mayor wants to dispel 'myths' by having all sides meet

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The idea to call for a large information meeting to cut through negotiation "myths" was hatched Friday by Mayor May Cutler as she talked with striking workers on the sidewalk.

"This will be something new in negotiations," she declared.

The concept of such a meeting was quickly dismissed by union officials who called it "ridiculous." They said a meeting with 100 workers, managers, city council members and union personnel would only cause some to grandstand. They feared it would turn into a giant circus.

But Mayor Cutler is more hopeful.

She solicited ideas from white-collar employees on the picket line, asking how they view the situation, why they are striking, why they want job security and if they think they are going to be fired.

Startled picketers

Many appeared taken aback by her sudden questions and answered in fragments as she moved from one to another. She told them she had never heard of some of their complaints and blamed the breakdown in negotiations on a lack of communication.

Then she assured them, "I won't cross your picket line."

As television cameras rolled, she spotted Roger Laramée, the workers' adviser from the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). She lunged into verbal attack. She said she knew all about CUPE and said the union would just love to strike Westmount.

Mr Laramée, who remained calm and composed during the confrontation, told her he hoped the contract could be settled through negotiations with her and some other members of council.

When she departed after suggesting a mass meeting, Mr Laramée turned to strikers saying, "Her husband (the late Phillip Cutler) was a fine labor lawyer. I would like to negotiate with her."

He said he doesn't believe anything can be achieved at a mass meeting, however.

"The problem so far is that the city hasn't provided a negotiating team that has the mandate to bargain," he explained. "When we last met with them on Wednesday (Oct 25) they gave us the city's latest offer of job security for 10 years' service. But they told us they had no mandate to negotiate it. They also said all the other outstanding points were not negotiable."

Mr Laramée said CUPE wants to settle job security matters first, then consider reducing other demands. "We hope they (the city) decide to come back to the (negotiating) table."

He urged workers to be peaceful in the meantime.



On picket line Friday outside city hall, white-collar president **Michael Crouch**, centre, and CUPE adviser **Roger Laramée**, behind, confer with others.

Off the job for 12 hours:

Workers never expected to march a picket line

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

These are people who never dreamed they would walk a picket line. Certainly never against Westmount.

Some have not worked for the city very long. Many have given years of loyal service and are about to retire. They said they are proud to be Westmount white-collar workers.

Then they found themselves on strike for 12 hours.

"I never thought it would come to this," said one library worker. And her feelings were repeated again and again by others.

More than 70 of the city's 100 white-collar employees who walked off their jobs at 10 am last Friday joined the picket line around city hall. It was a show of solidarity over the breakdown in contract negotiations, they said.

Only a few others chose to go home instead, mostly executive secretaries or supervisory personnel. Inside city hall, a skeleton staff of managers peered out the leaded windows.

The show of strength outdoors was hailed as a sign of encouragement by the workers' negotiating team.

Surprised by turnout

"We knew we had their support, but we never imagined so many would actually turn out," said Michael Crouch, president of the employees' local 2987, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

Their spirits were bolstered by the rumor that the city's blue-collar workers were on the brink of joining CUPE themselves (see separate story).

Though this was the first such strike against the city, it was not the way most of the clerical staff, recreation workers, parking inspectors or dispatchers want history to unfold. They didn't know quite what to expect.

Workers appeared in jovial mood but most said they are upset they have been without a contract since Dec 31.

They talked not about money but about more intangible items: how their jobs might be divided up, a lack of equality among workers and about wanting more respect.

"We have to show the city we're serious," said one.

"This personnel mess has gone on long enough," explained someone else. "We don't even have job classifications."

Different comments reflected different sections in the union demands which they felt had not been addressed in the city's "final global offer" of Sept 19.

As they paraded around city hall talking with CUPE adviser Roger Laramée, the workers raised their pickets to passing traffic which honked back. "That's it, honey," shouted one worker as a large city truck rumbled by tooting loudly.

The picket line dispersed for lunch about 12:30 pm and workers were told by union leaders there was no need to return. About 30 of them drove down to the Corporation Yard to picket as public works vehicles paraded out after the lunch hour.

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Mayor May Cutler takes on **Roger Laramée** from the Canadian Union of Public Employees on picket line Wednesday last week.

STRIKE . . .

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negotiations over the three-year contract for 1989-91.

"Even if we gave job security to everyone it still wouldn't solve all the bits and pieces."

She said, reading a statement from the meeting, "council proposes that an information meeting for all white-collar employees be held, if requested by their union."

The meeting will be organized and led by the city administration with the mayor and councillors in attendance.

The proposal was relayed to all white-collar workers by letter from the city Tuesday. It is expected to be discussed by the workers at Monday's membership meeting.

The mayor suggested union members misunderstood the negotiations, are not really concerned by job security and are arguing among themselves.

More than 70 picketers

More than 70 of the white-collar workers turned out on the picket line Friday in support of the strike. Many told THE EXAMINER they feared their jobs may be divided up among part-time workers.

Mayor Cutler said the city had only laid off about eight or 10 people over the past 10 years and all had been for good reasons everyone knew about. Workers had been treated kindly and were well remunerated, she said.

Union officials said they believe the membership has been well informed and is aware of what is being negotiated.

The list of demands was compiled from written suggestions of all members, explained Michael Crouch, president of CUPE local 2987. After preparation it was run by shop stewards representing the different sectors of workers such as librarians, parking inspectors, fire department dispatchers.

Two other union meetings have been held, April 30 and Sept 27, since the start of negotiations in February, he said.

The city's final global offer was rejected by a vote of 81 percent after a written summary of what the city's offer meant to each demand was circulated to members.

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Following in steps of white-collars:

Westmount blue-collars vote to join with CUPE

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount blue-collar workers have decided by a large majority to join the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), union officials confirmed Tuesday.

An application for certification as a union local was to be filed with the labor ministry Tuesday afternoon, according to CUPE representative Jacques Bouchard.

The 140 full-time and part-time workers are seeking help from the strong national union against further contracting out of jobs and for improvements in their pension plan.

As members of the Association of Westmount Blue-Collar Employees, they have remained unaffiliated with any union until now.

Unconfirmed reports that blue-collars were quietly signing union cards circulated last week. It was not known until a membership meeting Monday that a majority had been obtained. Sources said some 90 percent chose the union option.

News of the decision came as white-collar employees, already CUPE members, were planning a second day of strike action for next Thursday. They too give job security as a major concern.

Long-expected

Blue-collar workers have been expected to join CUPE ever since their white-collar colleagues led the way four years ago. The present blue-collar contract ends Dec 31.

"We want to start slowly and negotiate fairly," explained Michel Poulin, blue-collar president, in outlining the workers' reasons for joining CUPE. "All our jobs are being contracted out — garbage collection, white-line painting, equipment in the garage, mechanics. We can't get things for health and safety."

Workers are turning to CUPE to provide knowledge, legal help and experience, said Mr Poulin, a laborer and spare chauffeur. "We want the same as other municipalities."

Improvement of the pension plan is a priority. Workers are concerned about a $4.5-million surplus in the plan, he said. "The city wants to use the surplus to allow 15 directors to retire at an earlier age."

Though CUPE officials predict certification of the city workers may take two or three months, they say it will likely be more cut and dried than with the white-collar employees since blue-collar jobs are more easily defined.

Blue-collar workers include laborers, parks and road crews, the tree gang, light and power workers, garage workers and the dog catcher. There are about 120 full-time employees and 20 part-timers.

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Officials suspect arson in Melville locker blaze

A FIRE in basement lockers of an apartment building at 225 Melville avenue Sunday was believed to have been deliberately set, fire investigators report. It was not known how the 3 am blaze was started.

Fortunately for sleeping tenants, fire investigators said, the fire had been mainly extinguished by hot water from a nearby pipe which had burst from the heat of the flames. This prevented the fire spreading quickly undetected.

Firefighters used a 1 3/4-inch stream to hose down extension of the fire into some lumber, limiting damage to an estimated $250.

Sleeping tenants had been alerted to the fire about 3:30 am when the building superintendent rang the alarm on finding smoke in the basement. His wife had heard sounds of small explosions caused by aerosol cans.

Smoke filled the hallways and residents were evacuated until 4:56 am. Mutual aid firemen from Côte St Luc covered at Westmount's fire station.

An arson fire at St Stephen's Church June 11 also was self-extinguished when soldering on a hot water pipe was melted by the fire. Court proceedings were taken against a 23-year-old man in that incident (see story June 15).

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Real Estate
By Reg Morden

DON'T SELL A HOUSE — SELL A HOME

If you are considering selling your home, remember this bit of advice: Buyers are not looking for a roof to keep the rain off their heads — they're looking for a new lifestyle. You are not selling a house — you're selling a HOME! With this in mind, it's important that you set the stage for buyer showings.

Keep your home clean, neat and cozy at all times. You might have to show it on short notice. The kitchen is the focal point of any home. Everything should be spic-and-span with dishes washed and excess paraphernalia tucked away. Beds should be made, kids' clothes stowed and not left where kids ususally leave them (sometimes, on the floor).

Decorator touches help a lot: Vases or pots of flowers, colorful pillows, mirrors on the walls to make rooms look more spacious. Mow the lawn, touch up any peeling paint. Don't start major renovations, but do make obviously needed small repairs, such as a leaky faucet, torn screen or peeling paint. Remember what you're selling.

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Trains buffs take note! A super 2-bedroom condominium on the south side of Westmount Park Towers can be yours for pleasurable viewing. Unfortunately train traffic is not as much as you might hope for with less than 20 trains passing during the day (and the majority are of the short commuter variety). Being on the fourth floor, unless you have your timetable at the ready, you may miss them. Passing time is to a maximum 30 seconds and with the windows closed, the decibel level, I am afraid, is minimal. When the trains aren't there, you will have to put up with unlimited sunlight during the day and the sparkling lights of the city by night. Apartment 411 is one of the most "user friendly" condos in Westmount with 1780 square feet of well conceived living space. Motivated vendors have reduced to $349,000 and are eager to see an offer. For a private viewing inspection of this wonderful condo, please call me.

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Mid-life of an elected body:

Council examines past and peers into future

Two years ago today Westmounters went to the polls to elect Mayor May Cutler and eight city councillors.

Halfway through their term of office, Westmount's solons all agree a main goal for the coming two years is to continue providing the best possible services in the most cost-effective manner and to see through to completion a number of major projects.

They also agree that, together with the city administration, they have done a good job of running a tight ship and reducing spending where possible.

Mrs Cutler said her first two years in office have not been productive ones in terms of the major changes she had hoped to achieve. She feels the kinks have been worked out, however, and the atmosphere at city hall has improved.

"I'm looking forward to a much easier and more fruitful two years ahead," Mrs Cutler said. "My relationship with council has never been better. They're getting used to my abrasive style and I'm getting used to them. I don't think I'm any less abrasive. We're just working together better."

Mrs Cutler listed among her priorities: following through on recommendations made by management consultant George Cuff, and getting the renewal of the Victoria Hall, greenhouse and library complex off the ground.

She said she hopes to see an improvement in the long-term planning at city hall so that problems can be averted before they arise and so that expensive undertakings — such as planned repairs in Westmount Park — are tackled as a whole rather than piecemeal.

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Wards 1 and 3

Councillor Rhoda Vineberg, representing ward 1, is the commissioner of light and power. She said she looks forward to the planned landscaping of the lookout parking lot and the remodelling of the commercial area of Victoria avenue and Sherbrooke street.

Mrs Vineberg wants improvements to Summit Park to make it into an urban park with restricted access and better grounds. The city is hiring a landscaping group to present a proposal for the park, she said.

Ward 2 is now vacant with Phillip Aspinall's recent resignation. It will be filled at a by-election Feb 4.

Daniel Tingley represents ward 3 and is commissioner of administration. Mr Tingley said he's particularly interested in the planned renovation of the Westmount Library. "I want to monitor the changes at the library and see how they go forward," he said.

Another of Mr Tingley's priorities is to see through changes to the structure of the city hall administration. "I think we'll soon see a breakthrough in the administrative structure. It will clear up a lot of misunderstandings and improve morale," Mr Tingley said, adding that tensions over the past two years have had a negative affect on all city employees.

Wards 4, 5 and 6

Community relations commissioner Sally Aitken, in ward 4, lists among her priorities the successful completion of the Hillside seniors' housing, making Westmount more environmentally responsible, improving accessibility for the handicapped at public buildings and further developing the Neighborhood Watch program.

Stuart Robertson, representing ward 5 as commissioner of planning and redevelopment, hopes to see development of the Glen Yards get off on the right foot.

"I would like to slowly bring the CP development before the public and council to a resolution," Mr Robertson said. Rather than rush it, he said he would be prepared to see the planning go beyond the end of his term.

Mr Robertson wants to set into motion some long-range plans for revitalizing Westmount's parks and to increase shopper traffic in the Victoria/Sherbrooke commercial area so there will be fewer empty storefronts.

Joan Rothman, ward 6, is commissioner of leisure and culture. Mrs Rothman wants to see the continued expansion of the recreation department so it offers a wider variety of programs, better use of the facilities, getting a full recycling program started and making city hall accessible to the handicapped.

Mrs Rothman said she hopes to have proper baseball facilities developed at the Westmount Athletic Grounds and a better soccer field in Westmount Park.

Wards 7 and 8

Public safety commissioner Paul Fortin, in ward 7, plans to look into the organization of the fire department and public security unit and to consider merging the two.

"What do we do with public security? Do we modify the *modus operandi* or keep it as it is?" Mr Fortin said. "I would like to put my nose a bit more into the fire department as well. With Director T. Simmons now technically at retirement age, I want to ensure continuity there."

Peter Duffield, commissioner of public works and representing ward 8, said his main priority for the coming two years is to continue trying to reduce spending and to deliver the level of services residents want in the most cost-effective manner.

"It's been accomplished, but that doesn't mean it stops there. It's a continuing process," Mr Duffield said.

"The first couple of years of this council had its ups and downs. The fact we haven't worked together at times may have had a big impact on management," he said.

Mr Duffield said he hopes to help get the planned changes at the library and Victoria Hall off to a good start before his term is up.

1991 ballot is anyone's call:

Only one council member planning now to run again

When Westmount residents go to the polls in the November 1991 municipal election, they will likely face an entirely different ballot from that of two years ago. It may have as many as six vacancies for council and one for the mayor's office.

Four of the remaining seven city councillors, when asked of their intentions this week at the halfway point of their current mandate, said they plan to call it quits at the end of the current session. Two others are undecided and only one said she plans to run for another four years in office. The eighth seat is vacant.

Mayor May Cutler said she would prefer not to run for a second term in 1991 because she wants to devote more time to travel and to her publishing business.

"I have no secret agenda, but I have threatened to run again unless we get the things I want advanced far enough," Mrs Cutler said. She wouldn't want to leave office if she thought improvements made and projects begun during her term would be undone after she left.

Only Joan Rothman out of the seven councillors said she'll definitely be on the ballot at the next municipal election.

Definite retirees

Councillors Sally Aitken and Peter Duffield each gave a clearcut "no," saying they will let someone else have the job after their eight years are up.

Daniel Tingley and Paul Fortin said they expect not to run again either. Mr Tingley, in only his first term, called it premature to ask the question, but said he would not run unless the amount of time required for the job is reduced.

"I'm not at all happy with the time commitment and with the decision of the mayor to hold two public meetings a month," Mr Tingley said, adding that councillors are asked to spend too much time in meetings. He feels they should leave more of the day-to-day running to the city hall staff.

"It's not a question of remuneration. I would prefer to get paid nothing and see the time commitment reduced," Mr Tingley said.

Mr Fortin said he will run only if there is a particular project he wants to see through to completion.

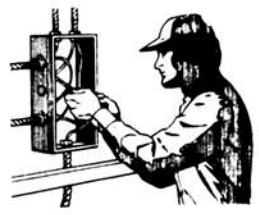
Rhoda Vineberg and Stuart Robertson each said they have yet to make a decision.

Mrs Vineberg said she won't want to run unless the relationship between council members improved. "I'll do my best for the next two years and then I'll decide."

Elected midway through the previous council term, she will have been in office six years by the next election.

Mr Robertson said he thoroughly enjoys the job, other than the demands it puts on his time and the strain on family life. "I'd like to continue, but I'll see in two years' time," he said.

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Recycling sheds may be too expensive for city

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Fiscal responsibility may stand between environmentally-concerned Westmounters and their recycling depots.

Councillor Peter Duffield, commissioner of public works, said he will recommend at Monday's council meeting that his fellow councillors reject the price Orford Recycling has tendered to empty the city's recycling shacks.

The three depots were closed in August after two years of successful operation that saw constant increase in the quantity of material brought to them. The company with the contract to empty them closed suddenly.

When city officials opened tenders last week in anticipation of the resumption of the recycling program, only one had been received — Orford's bid of $160 per pick-up. And that for paper and glass only.

Public works director Fred Cauori said the volume of material residents were bringing to the shacks before they were shut down would require three pickups per week at each one, resulting in a $1,440 weekly bill.

"When I see what they're trying to charge us I say, 'Screw you, boys!' — and you can quote me on that," Mr Duffield said. "I think recycling is wonderful, but I think there's a limit. I've got to be fiscally responsible."

Cheaper elsewhere

Mr Duffield lamented the fact that for $1,600 a week, the same company is going door-to-door in N.D.G. picking up material from 6,120 households once a week. It also collects material from depots in 17 different locations twice a week for $2,800, or slightly more than $82 per pickup.

At least one member of council plans to oppose Mr Duffield at Monday's meeting when he calls for the rejection of the tender. Sally Aitken said she'll fight to have recycling back in Westmount even if it means having only one depot.

Mrs Aitken said the cost would be considerably less than $1,440 if the city re-opened only its depot in the Corporation Yard. Having only one depot would make it be less accessible for the public, particularly those without cars, but it would be better than nothing, she said.

Westmount is one of seven municipalities scheduled to begin home pickup of recyclable materials from houses and small apartment buildings in April 1990 under the auspices of the inter-municipal waste management board. Residents of larger buildings will still need depots for their recyclable materials.

Mr Duffield said the dearth of tenders and the high price of the one received are an indication of how difficult it is for a municipality to go it alone in recycling.

"I really don't think it's a cost-effective way of proceeding," he said.

Council, officials complete budget in Sunday session

The city's 1990 budget was basically completed after a seven-hour session between department heads and city council members Sunday at city hall, Mayor May Cutler reports.

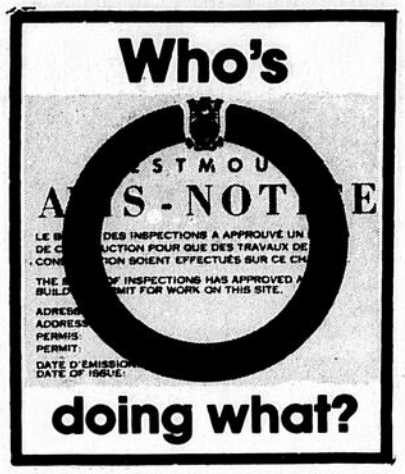
It was the first time that such a joint meeting was held and the idea was hailed by many as informative and very successful.

It culminated three months of budget preparation during which time department heads met individually with the appropriate city councillor, some with the mayor.

Most were breathing sighs of relief that budget preparation is over. They are waiting to implement the results, which are being kept under wraps until presentation of the budget in December.

Sunday's meeting, chaired by assistant director general Ed McCavour, took place without the benefit of a finance commissioner following the resignation of councillor Phillip Aspinall.

"I was very very pleased with the meeting," Mayor Cutler said. "It was the one time everyone got together to learn what everyone else was doing."



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

Oct 23

215 Redfern: for Reader's Digest by self, extension and renovations, $2,000,000;
460 Mount Stephen: for A. Wolff by self, fireplace repairs, $8,000;
4325 Montrose: for Michael Miller by self, extension, $27,000;

Oct 24

597 Côte St Antoine: for R. Kremer by self, windows, $3,500;
200 Lansdowne, No 106: for Fabre Construction by self, alterations, $800;
3197 The Boulevard: for A. Lakis by self, brick cleaning, $8,300;

Oct 25

4333 St Catherine: for First Westmount Corp by self, sign, $4,000;
214 Côte St Antoine: for Cecilia Buitrago by self, alterations, $3,400;
551 Lansdowne: for Mr Mihalache by self, privacy screen, $300;
329 Roslyn: for Mrs Shattila by self, alterations, $20,000;

Oct 26

570 Grosvenor: for Phillip Napier by Benoit Lavallée, plumbing, 13 fixtures, $20,000;
20 Surrey Gardens: for H. Bloomfield by Air Energisé, heat pump, $3,500;
4 Hudson: for E. Broderick by self, alterations, $2,000;
112 Irvine: for P.I. Leblond by self, renovations, $18,000;

Oct 27

499 Elm: for L. LaPierre by Les Services Hydroniques Inc, plumbing, four fixtures, $2,000;
93 Sunnyside: for Mr and Mrs Salomon by Outremont Plumbing, plumbing, 20 fixtures, $35,000;
4330 Montrose: for J. Lecours by self, new windows, $9,000.

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New community centre elects executive

Greene avenue resident Louise Blais is president of the new Greene Avenue Community Centre board of directors.

The board elected its executive at its first monthly meeting Wednesday last week. Ms Blais has lived in the neighborhood all her life and went as a child to the building in its former incarnation as the Unity Club.

Other officers chosen are Stayner street resident Michael Novak as vice-president and secretary; Linda Thompson, of Prospect street, as the other vice-president and the person in charge of publicity; and Doreen Adair, also of Prospect, as treasurer.

Greene resident Alan Bull is in charge of the building committee. Diane Russell, of Greene, and Morag Howlett, Prospect, are heading the program committee. Columbia avenue resident Catherine de Lotbinière is responsible for special events.

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Warm weather helped evacuation procedures as residents of 250 Clarke gathered in the lobby as well as outside during the fire Wednesday night last week.

Sitting tight beats evacuation in some smokey fire situations

To leave, or not to leave?

That was the dilemma faced by tenants at 250 Clarke avenue during the fire Wednesday night last week.

They clogged the building's communication system by phoning down for information and even phoned the fire department's dispatcher seeking guidance.

Their confusion was understandable, fire officials said. Though generally one should leave a fire-stricken building, sometimes smoke and fumes make this too hazardous.

The ideal situation, says Fire Director William Timmons, is an intercom system found in some newer buildings by which fire officials can advise all tenants directly.

At last week's incident, he said, emergency personnel tried to get to every apartment to take word to residents.

A general rule of thumb for apartment dwellers, he says, is to be familiar with evacuation plans posted by law on each floor. When the fire alarm sounds, check how much smoke is in the hallway. If smoke is too heavy, it may be safer to close the door and use wet towels to prevent smoke and fumes from penetrating.

A balcony is likely the safest location in such an eventuality, provided it is not engulfed in smoke.

Further information can be obtained from the Westmount Fire Brigade's prevention office at 935-2456.

Greene, Summit demolitions: both decisions taken to appeal

Appeals were filed by Sunday's deadline on two of the three recent decisions of Westmount's demolition committee.

City officials say council will decide at its meeting Monday how and when to hear the appeals of the committee's decisions — one approving the demolition of the buildings at 1259-71 Greene avenue and the other refusing demolition of the house at 22 Summit Circle.

Four letters were sent in appeal of the Greene decision, two from residents living in the area and one from a merchant whose store must move to make way for the five-storey building that will be built on the site.

Rita Stafford, owner of The Coffee Gourmet Centre, writes in her letter that shoppers on the street will not appreciate the pricey stores she thinks will be the only ones able to afford the rents in the new building.

Mrs Stafford submitted a petition with 1,500 signatures in opposition of the demolition and the new project. She writes that the councillors on the demolition committee should listen to those who elected them. (See "You Say," page four.)

The owner of 22 Summit Circle, lawyer Annie Kenane, has appealed the decision preventing her from razing the house and building a new one in its place. The short letter gives no reasons for the appeal.

Meanwhile, the owner of 3637 The Boulevard now has the green light to proceed with demolishing the coach house on his property. No appeal was made of the committee's decision to grant him a permit.

Mel Hoppenheim has paid a permit fee of $1,615, one percent of the municipal valuation of the building in question. He has also put up a monetary guarantee of $161,520, an amount equal to the valuation of the coach house. The city can cash that in to complete the demolition if it is started and left unfinished or if conditions of the permit are not followed.

Reader's Digest building to get two new storeys

The Redfern avenue Reader's Digest building will be growing up and out in the months ahead.

Westmount city hall issued the company a $2-million building permit last week to erect two additional storeys on top of the two-storey northern half of the building and to extend it out over the entrance on Redfern. The southern section of the building will remain as is, city officials said. All the changes conform to current zoning regulations.

A Reader's Digest official declined to give details of the project pending its final approval by the company board. The permit was sought early, he said, to speed work along when approval is granted. At that time a formal announcement will be made.

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There was little left in this fourth-storey apartment at 250 Clarke after fire started with a heating pad in the bed of this room, according to investigator **Lieut Barry Coates**.

FIRE . . .

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mons. He took charge of the operation on his arrival at the scene.

"Fortunately it was a warm night so a bus was not needed for tenants," he said.

Many residents congregated outside, some in dressing gowns, discussing their escape. Some clutched dogs and cats, some looked for relatives and friends and tugged at the sleeves of firefighters asking them to check for people in certain apartments.

One woman on the sixth floor said she was foreed to return to her apartment to get a wet towel to cover her face when she and her small dog, Jenna, encountered heavy smoke in both stairwells.

Though the very hot and smokey fire was brought under control within half an hour of the fire department's arrival, difficulty in communicating with residents added to the complexity of evacuation, Dir Timmons said.

Anxious tenants clogged the building's intercom system as they called the lobby to know if they should evacuate (see separate story).

It was the first fire residents of the building could recall since it was built some 20 years ago.

The fire charred most of the large three-room apartment. It was extinguished using a 1 3/4-inch hose as well as one from the building standpipe. It was declared out at 9:53 pm and residents were allowed back in about midnight. A fire watch was kept on the building until the next morning.

Emergency workers who went to hospital to be examined for possible smoke inhalation were Fire Captain Graham Morrison, who led the first crew inside, and PSO Robin Rowan, who went from apartment to apartment on the smokey fourth floor. They are reported not to have suffered serious injury.

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3. Persons nominated shall have lived in Westmount for at least ten years.
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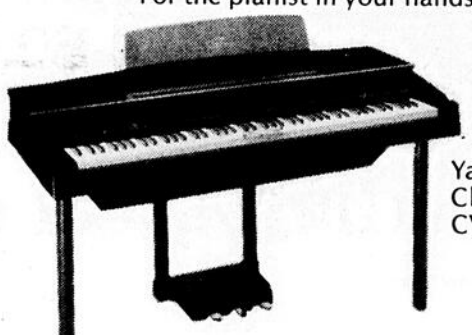


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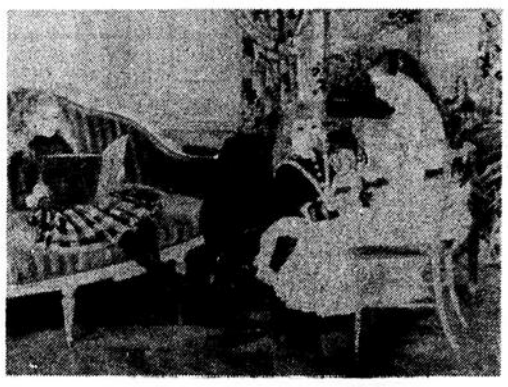
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By JANET COUTTS

Some students do theatre

Two anglophone CEGEPs in the Montreal area train students in theatre — Dawson in Montreal and John Abbott in Ste Anne de Bellevue. The latter also has an elective course in theatre workshop within its English department for students in other disciplines. The theatre workshop option begins its performance season with *Murder in a nunnery*, a mystery adapted by Emmet Lavery from a novel by Eric Shephard. It will be performed at 8 pm tonight and Saturday and Friday at 1:30 pm at the beautiful on-campus Casgrain Theatre. Directors are staff members Murray Napier and Christopher Lester. All stage roles and many technical positions are filled by students. Coming up at John Abbott are *Time of terror: the magenta moth* by John Patrick Nov 16 to 18 in the studio theatre; *Crimes of the heart* by Beth Henley, Dec 7 to 9 at Casgrain Theatre and John Patrick's *The dancing mice* Dec 14 to 16 at the studio theatre. Credit card reservations can be made by calling 457-2447.

. . . Others learn science

Vanier College is holding science week Nov 6 to 10 at 821 St Croix boulevard in St Laurent. Tuesday the open house from 2 to 10 pm looks at aspects of science from nuclear energy through demonstrations of animal care to assessing marshlands for wildlife habitats. Labs will be open and several lectures are scheduled. Wednesday presentations on the safety of our drinking water and how aerodynamics causes a golf ball to slice or hook will be featured. Thursday the popular *Magic of chemistry* show will be staged and Friday a robotics demonstration is scheduled. The full schedule can be obtained at 744-7507 at any time: you get a human being during working hours, a machine other times.

In corpore sano

The Concordia University ski team is earning its way with a ski sale to Saturday from 10 am to 9 pm daily at the Loyola Campus Centre, 7141 Sherbrooke street west. Discounts are offered on alpine and cross-country equipment, clothing and accessories. Major credit cards are accepted and there is plenty of free parking. 848-3850.... At Concordia the 24th annual Nike Centennial Basketball Tournament will be taking place with teams from University of P.E.I., Bishop's and University of British Columbia going up against the defending champion Stingers Friday starting at 6:30 pm and Saturday at noon and 2 pm.

More beautiful bodies

Sunday 11 well-known local painters and photographer D. Zaman Zadeh will be at Gallery 4, Queen Elizabeth Hotel from 4 to 10 pm to show 150 of their most recent works, all devoted to the nude. Their book, *A contemporary study: the nude in painting and photography*, will be launched.

Messiah at cathedral

One swallow may not make a summer, but winter can't be far behind when what appears to be the season's first performance of Handel's *Messiah* is at hand. The Christ Church Cathedral singers and orchestra under the direction of Gerald Wheeler perform the traditional concert Friday at 8 pm at the cathedral, St Catherine street at University. A freewill offering is requested. Soloists are soprano Suzie Le Blanc, contra-tenor Daniel Taylor, tenor Benjamin Butterfield and bass Michel Ducharme.

Antiquarian book fair

More than 50 booksellers from across North America will attend the Montreal Antiquarian Book Fair Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 pm at Hotel Maritime, 1155 Guy street. Books in French and English will be exhibited and sold. Featured will be Canadiana, Americana, voyages and exploration, literature, art, philosophy, science, military history, medicine. Maps, photos, bindings, prints, manuscripts and autographs will also be included. In conjuction with the fair, an auction of rare books will be held at Hôtel des Encans de Montréal, 4521 St Lawrence boulevard, Friday at 6:30 pm. 488-5943.

Blickpunkte

At the Musée d'art contemporain, *Blickpunkte* continues to Jan 14. This is a co-production with the Goethe Institut, and it consists of work by 40 German artists representing current trends in drawing, installation, painting, photography, sculpture and video. On Nov 12 at 2 pm chief curator Manon Blanchette will give a guided tour of the exhibit, which is accompanied by a catalogue. Other related events include a February theatrical production of *Rivage à l'abandon* by Carbone 14, based on the writings of Heiner Müller; a Mpv 12 family activity day from 1 to 5 pm at the museum with an activity kit produced by sculptor Guy Bourassa; a Nov 14 dance production by Gerhard Bohner at 8 pm at Maison de la culture Parc Frontenac, 2550 Ontario street east (872-2273); and a Nov 29 performance by Jochen and Esther Gerz at *100 days of contemporary art*, 2000 Notre Dame street east. 596-1110 or 499-0159. Information about the museum may be obtained at 873-2878.

Gallery roundup

At Dazibao, 4060 St Lawrence boulevard, large black and white photos by Holly King are on display to Nov 19.... Rita Letendre's paintings, *The Montreal Years*, are at the Concordia Art Gallery, 1455 de Maisonneuve west, until Nov 18.... At Stewart Hall Gallery, 176 Lakeshore, Pointe Claire, the Maxwell Hoe collection of handmade coffee services is on display to Nov 26.... At the design centre of UQAM, 200 Sherbrooke street west, posters by Mieczyslaw Gorowski will continue to Dec 3.... Vikky Alexander has a show at Galerie Brenda Wallace, 372 St Catherine street west.... Work by Charles Gagnon is at Galerie René Blouin, also 372 St Catherine, until Nov 25.... A show called *Ritual and Ceremonial Objects* opens at Galerie Amrad, 1522 Sherbrooke street west, tonight and continues to Dec 24.... An exhibition of acrylic and some watercolor works by June Wallace at the atelier of the Arts Club, 1410 Guy street, runs till Sunday. This is a farewell exhibition as the artist is moving to Toronto.

New Music Festival

If you wonder where the pop music scene is these days, representative groups will get together for a 10-day festival being put on at Club Soda, 5240 Park avenue, 270-7848; Les Foufounes Electriques, 87 St Catherine street east, 845-5484; and Café Campus, 3315 Queen Mary road, 735-1259. It kicks off with three groups, Billy Shakespeare, Timbuk 3 from Texas and Hodads at Soda at 9 pm Thursday. Other highlights include Gwar at Foufounes Thursday, Janitors Animated, who did the notable music for APA's production of *Kiss of the Spider Woman* some time ago, at Foufounes Friday; a raw talent night with free admission at Foufounes Nov 8; 39 Steps at Soda Nov 10; Kali and Dub, Canada's best reggae band, plays Soda Nov 11; and Jerry, Jerry at Soda Nov 12. There's lots more, and everyone's highlights aren't necessarily mine.

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At McGill Players' Theatre:

Contorted plotline and people in Bennett's play *Kafka's Dick*

Sydney is a tiresome young man who works as an insurance agent. He thinks this gives him something in common with Franz Kafka, who also worked in insurance.

In between reading everything written *about* Kafka instead of *by* him, Sydney (David Pluscauskas) spends time belittling his wife Linda (Roxane Maranger).

Then one day a man turns up at their front door. He has just urinated on their pet tortoise, and he is Kafka's friend and biographer Max Brod (Jamie Duquette), who died in Israel in 1956. But nonetheless...

Linda takes the tortoise to wash him off. She kisses the little reptile and presto! offstage, he turns into Kafka (Westmounter Russ Justason).

The play is *Kafka's Dick*, a comedy by British humorist Alan Bennett. It is playing at Players' Theatre, 3480 McTavish street, until Nov 11, with 8 pm performances. Tuesday's performance is pay what you can; ticket prices for other performances are $8 general admission, $4 for students and seniors.

Other people in the play include Sydney's elderly father (Conrad Rader), who is terrified of being shipped off to an old folks' home, and is memorizing answers to questions he fears a social worker might ask.

Kafka's parents (Evan Solomon and Tara Gray) eventually turn up, though they too are long dead.



From left, Westmounter **Ralph Justason** as the betrayed Kafka and **Jamie Duquette** as Max Brod, who broke the promise he made to his dying friend, in *Kafka's Dick* at Players' Theatre.

Adjectival son

Herman Kafka finds out the world knows he was a terrible person and a bullying father and husband, while his weakling son has become so famous that "Kafkaesque is an adjective in Japanese."

He is hardly more dismayed than his son, who had made Brod promise to burn all his works. But the writer is also a trifle jealous that Proust also owns an adjective.

Kafka Sr and Sydney hatch a plot to make Sydney's reputation and save Herman's. He will prove that he was just an ordinary father with a difficult child, and he forces his son to go along with it by blackmailing him about the size of his penis.

Sorry, it really doesn't get any funnier when Kafka discovers that the whole world has long known that he worried about the size of what his father terms "his old man."

Nearly everyone, it turns out, has a grudge against Kafka. He is put on trial (lots of comparisons to his *The Trial*). Eventually, everyone ends up in heaven where Kafka is still miserable.

Though this play got some excellent reviews in England, the script did not make me want to read or see more of Mr Bennett's work. But I am also aware that people's senses of humor are widely different. If anything here made you laugh, the production might well.

The production is directed by Nick Morra, who directed Players' Theatre's production of *Hamlet* last year. He has not, thank goodness, insisted that his actors attempt English accents, though he has not tried to relocate the play, leaving it safely in England.

Box office number is 398-6813.

— **Janet Coutts**

African women

Galerie des 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue will show *Women of Africa — faces, forms, adornment* from Tuesday to Dec 2. For more information call 931-3174.

Small landscapes at Artlenders

An exhibition at Galerie Dan Delaney Artlenders of works in acrylic by Dorothy McGain will end this afternoon at 5 pm.

Recent small-format acrylic landscapes by Hudson painter Timothy Elliott will go on display from Sunday to Nov 17. The vernissage for the show will take place Sunday from 2 to 5 pm at the gallery.

The gallery is at 318 Victoria avenue. For more information call 484-4691.

November events at Double Hook

Double Hook bookstore, 1235A Greene avenue, has announced a series of events to take place this month at the store.

Milly Charon of Cormorant Books will be in attendance to launch her new book, *Worlds apart: new immigrant voices*, on Nov 7, from 6 to 8 pm.

On Nov 15 at 8 pm George Vitez and Mona Elaine Adilman will read in the Buda reading series.

Two events for children will take place Nov 18. At 11 am Hazel Hutchins will meet preschool children; at 2 pm Mary Alice Downie will give a reading for the same age group.

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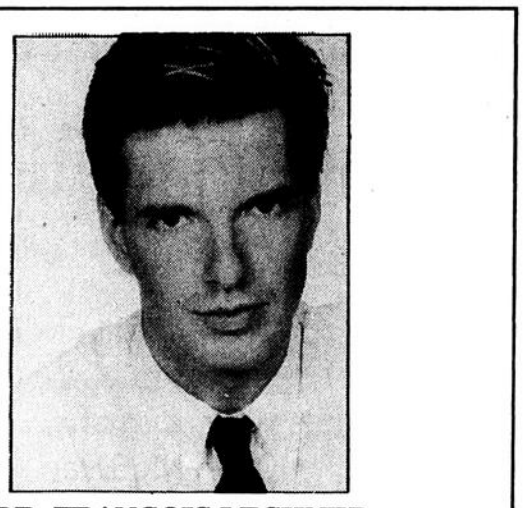
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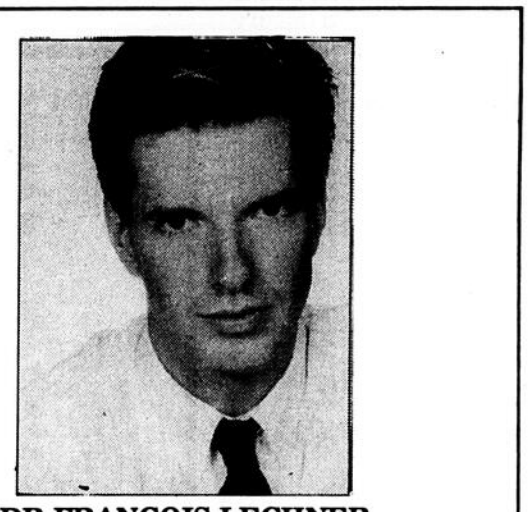
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Councillor Stuart Robertson, centre, chats with residents of ward 5 at Monday's meeting of the Westmount Municipal Association. Mr Robertson is flanked by WMA board members **Lawrence Vatch**, on the left, and **Ruth Shine**. Residents of ward 6 meet at the table in the background.

Citizens ask questions at ward meetings

Monday's meeting of the Westmount Municipal Association allowed residents of the city's eight wards to meet with one another to compare notes on issues of concern to their neighborhoods.

Eight mini-meetings actually took place in Victoria Hall as residents got together with a WMA board member living in the same ward for an hour of discussion.

"This helps us to be more aware of the issues and to get feedback," said WMA president Tom Thompson.

The seven city councillors all attended and joined the meetings of their respective wards. For much of the time, the councillors were grilled by residents wanting to know why the city does or doesn't do something in a certain way. Questions covered every imaginable local issue from traffic flow to recycling, from dogs to security.

Mr Thompson said the evening was so productive for both the WMA and for the councillors that he hopes to hold similar ward committee meetings periodically in the future. About 75 residents attended.

Ward 2 was without a councillor due to Phillip Aspinall's recent resignation. His place at the table was filled by the pretender to the ward 2 throne, Peter Trent, who seemed quite at home in the position. Earlier in the day Mr Trent had declared his intention to run in the Feb 4 by-election to fill the vacant seat on council (see separate story).

Lawn napper

A 53-year-old woman was found lying on property at 529 Clarke avenue last Thursday. She was taken to hospital by Urgences Santé, police said. She appeared confused. She was reported to have been released three days earlier from Douglas Hospital after being under psychiatric care. She lives in LaSalle.

Woeful wallet

Police said they have been unable to contact the owner of a wallet found Tuesday last week at Sherbrooke street and Claremont avenue. It contains cash and personal papers. It belongs to a resident of Ormstown. The wallet was turned over to police by public safety officers after being picked up by a citizen.

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ÉVÉNEMENTS

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Christmas Craft Fair

Gifts for friends and home, hand-crafted by artisans. Smocked dresses, Christmas decorations, pine cone wreathes, dolls, stuffed animals, woodcraft, knitting, baking. Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5, 10 to 3:30 both days. Centennial Academy, 3641 avenue Prud'homme, corner Côte St. Antoine.

Open House

Children's clothes at discount prices (Oshkosh, Krickets, Magi, Harley), ages 1-12 years. 4224 Madison avenue, N.D.G. Sunday, Nov 5, noon-6 pm.

Children's Literature Roundtable

sponsors a session with Britain's David McKee, author/illustrator of numerous children's books, who will discuss his work at Fraser Hickson Library, 4855 Kensington, N.D.G. on Nov 6 at 7:30 pm. No admission fee.

Super Sale

at Westmount Park Church, Saturday, Nov 4, 10 am-2:30 pm. 4695 de Maisonneuve, corner Lansdowne. Clothing, kitchenware, books, collectibles.

Fall Dessert Bridge

of the Notre Dame de Grace Women's Club at Wesley United Church Hall, 5964 N.D.G. avenue, Nov 8 at 1 pm. Convenor: Mrs W. Morrison (484-7985).

Annual Bazaar

of the Church of St Columba, 4020 Hingston avenue, on Saturday, Nov 4, 10 am-3 pm. Antiques, books, dolls & toys, jewelry, knitting & sewing, home cooking, records; luncheon 11:45 am-1:30 pm. Your support will be very much appreciated.

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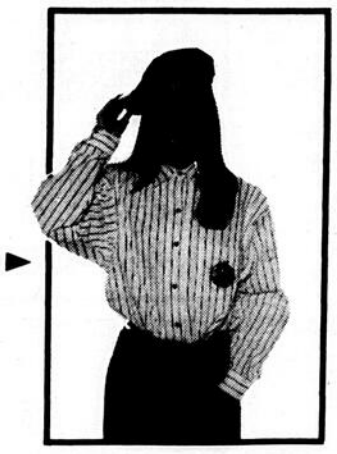
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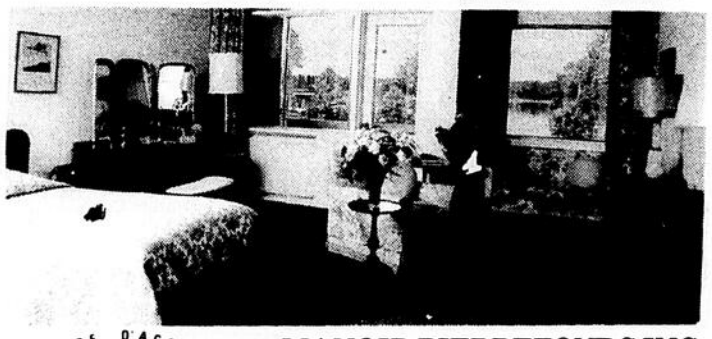
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The Montreal Children's Hospital "Together We Care" capital campaign is nearing the mid-point on its way to the $40-million goal.

In announcing the total realized to date, campaign co-chairs A. Jean de Grandpré and Rowland C. Frazee expressed satisfaction but added there should be no let up in efforts to reach the objective.

The co-chairs announced the launching of the new individual gifts division of the "Together We Care" campaign. The new division is chaired by Martha Hallward and Arnold Steinberg. While other divisions concentrate upon donations from foundations and corporations, the new division will focus on individual donors.

The need for a children's hospital in Montreal was understood as long ago as the 1860s, but MCH was not founded until 1904. The hospital occupied several sites before moving to its present quarters in 1956. Along the way, it developed a reputation as one of the outstanding pediatric hospitals in North America. It became affiliated with McGill University, created a school of nursing, began research, and pioneered many surgical and treatment procedures.

Because of the growth in services and personnel, and due to the age and design of the building, the physical plant must be improved and expanded through new construction and modernization.

New construction will cost $23 million, renovation of existing facilities will cost $10 million, and medical equipment and ancillary materials will run a further $7 million. Government support funding will cover improvements beyond the $40 million private sector goal.

Red Cross clinic at Alexis Nihon

The Masonic Order will hold a Red Cross blood donor clinic today at Place Alexis Nihon, ground floor, from 10 am to 8:30 pm.

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American consul general addresses Rotary:

U.S. and Canada together must face difficult issues

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Free trade, the environment and the fight against narcotics are three fundamental issues Canada and the United States must face together, U.S. consul general Andrew Antippas told Rotary club members last week.

Mr Antippas was guest speaker last Thursday at a joint luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Westmount and the Montreal Westward Rotary Club held at Montreal West town hall.

Appointed to his position a little over a year ago, Mr Antippas said he feels the implementation of the free trade agreement, in effect since last Jan. 1, is proceeding well.

"I think an awful lot has been accomplished in the last 10 months even if all trade disputes have not yet been resolved," Mr Antippas said. "It hasn't been without problems, but the fundamental experience with the agreement is very positive."

Things are going so well, he said, some industries on both sides of the border are pushing for the acceleration of the phasing out of tariffs and other restrictions on trade.



U.S. consul general **Andrew Antippas** is flanked by Rotary Club of Westmount president **Brent Hussey**, left, and Montreal Westward Rotary Club president **David Franklin**.

The two countries are the largest trading partners in the world in terms of volume. In 1988, $190 billion (U.S.) worth of goods and services flowed back and forth across the border, he said. Three-quarters of Canada's exports end up in the U.S.

Mr Antippas refuted accusations made recently in Ontario that the agreement has resulted in layoffs in the automobile industry in that province. He blamed a general slowdown in the economy and a drop in car sales.

Environmental questions

Turning to the environment, Mr Antippas said the two most pressing areas are energy supplies and the state of the environment.

Montreal is part of an economically and socially mature part of the North American continent, he said. Since economic development needs energy, and energy production and consumption create pollution, economic development in the northeast must be kept in check.

"This goes against what we have traditionally believed: that the sky's the limit when it comes to economic development."

With only five percent of the world population, the United States and Canada consume a quarter of the world's energy.

Mr Antippas referred to a environmental plan the American government is drawing up to reduce air pollution. Today, 81 cities in the U.S. fail to meet federal air quality standards. Under the plan, that number would be reduced to 20 by 1995. "In 20 years time, even cities like New York and Houston should meet the standards."

Working in the Bahamas as the U.S. chargé d'affaires from 1981 to 1983, Mr Antippas said he saw the impact of illegal drugs on the country.

"When I was assigned to the Bahamas, I thought my biggest job would be working on my backhand." He soon discovered how the drug trade was scarring the Bahamian way of life.

The country was being used by traffickers as a stop-over to channel drugs from the producing countries into the U.S. Two side-effects were a boom in the Bahamian banking industry as the traffickers laundered ill-gotten gains and an addiction problem as some of the product found its way onto the streets.

Mr Antippas lamented the growing drug industry in Montreal. The city was once merely another market, but has now become a distribution centre for cocaine and heroin destined for the U.S., he said.

"I do fear for the ability of our collective North American society to survive this scourge. We may have to give up some civil liberties to combat the problem."

Mr Antippas was introduced by David Franklin, president of the Montreal Westward club, and thanked by Brent Hussey, president of the Westmount club.

Donations taken to a good home?

SPCA officials are asking citizens to keep an eye out for anyone attempting to steal donation boxes placed in Westmount stores following the theft of one Tuesday.

"We never thought anyone would have the gall to do that," said Anne Wade, vice-president of the Westmount SPCA chapter.

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In the neighborhood

by Kathleen Hugessen

The Wicked Witch of Somerville

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The child rang the doorbell.

The door was instantly flung open by a terrifying figure. Dressed in a form-fitting black silk dress and red-lined black cape, raven hair to the mid-back, black nails and lips, and face a ghastly white, this malevolent creature shrieked at the child, "What do you want?"

He wanted, he discovered, to get away. He flung down his bag, scattering the goodies it held, and pelted down the street.

"Wait," she called after him, distressed at the effect she had had. "Wait. I'm a good witch."

He was understandably skeptical. One of the witch's sisters — an ordinary mortal — went out to him.

She reassured him, returned his bag and candies, and confided to him, "We have to let her out once a year." He was consoled enough to return to the house to collect his due and even, it is said, to touch the witch's cape.

Lane Middleton, 34, tells the story with a blend of remorse and delight.

Working on scary

When she first set out on her witching career, about 10 years ago, she wasn't scary at all.

"The first year I had a short skirt, I was all in black, I used a pale makeup base," she says. "The kids weren't scared at all. They'd say, 'You're too pretty to be a witch.' That was not the effect I wanted. So I started to shop around."

A friend who lives in Bermuda came up with the wig of long, wavy black tresses. And Ms Middleton improved on the makeup, going to absolute white for the face, with black lipstick and dark eyes. Last year she tried a green skin makeup but says it was less successful. There's a skeleton necklace and, new this year, skull earrings.

The outfit has gone through various incarnations.

"One year I wore a long red dress with a black cape. The dress was very gathered, like a bubble dress. It was more like an Elvira outfit," she says. "The kids started to get really scared. You have to tone it down sometimes."

Then, three years ago, her sister Sam (she of the child-calming gifts) made her a witch outfit as a birthday present. It creates just the effect Ms Middleton is after.

The family input into the witching business does not end, nor indeed begin, with the costume. The house haunted each year is the home of another of Ms Middleton's sisters. The first year (when the witch was too pretty) she was on Argyle ave-



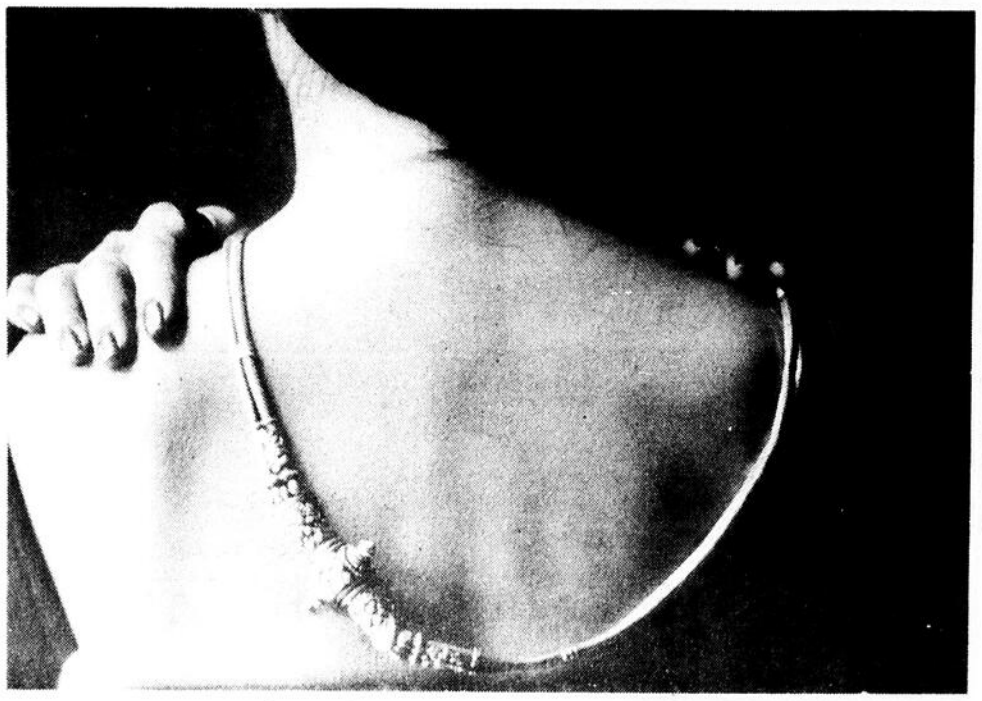
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nue. When she moved to Somerville, so did the witch.

"It's kind of like Rent-a-Witch," Ms Middleton says. "I'm now the Wicked Witch of Somerville."

This year she will have an assistant witch. Her eight-year-old niece has decided to make her first foray into the scaring business.

Dramatic flare

Ms Middleton says she has always had an interest in the dramatic. She grew up in Westmount and attended St Paul's Academy where she was a member of the drama club. She studied interior design at Dawson College and was a member of the drama club there. A few years ago, she studied in an English drama group with Dora Wasserman at the Saidye Bronfman Centre. She has appeared in a few plays with McGill Players, the most recent being *Little Murders* last spring.

The witch (who has no name) is a product of this love of drama — and of Halloween.

"I love Halloween," Ms Middleton says. "Much to my dismay, at 12 years old you're not allowed to dress up and go out."

She decided that, when she got older and out of range of parental injunctions, she'd fly in the face of convention. She'd dress up anyway.

Now her witching hours are the high point of her year. She says she starts gearing up for her role at the beginning of October. She says she feels the change coming over her all month long. "Emotionally I get ready."

Ms Middleton works for Seagram's Distilleries in office management. The people at work know about her late-October aberration. They have become blasé about black nail polish.

Countdown

"The night before, I paint my nails black," she says. "You can feel it starting, you're getting in to it."

She leaves work early on Halloween. "It takes about 15 minutes to put the makeup on, then 15 minutes for the costume and fishnet stockings."

Then she goes to stand in front of her apartment building, in Montreal on Westmount's border, waiting for her sister to come and pick her up.

"Getting into the elevator can be quite an experience," she says. "It's 4:30ish. I think it's a little early for most people. They don't even smile."

Then she is whisked off to her haunt. "I feel very diabolical," she smiles. "It's very therapeutic, it really is. It's one way to harmlessly let out any evilness."

She is a very classy looking witch, if last year's photos are anything to go by. Great legs.

"They're rented," she says. "I have to return them at midnight."

She says the witch is well-loved by kids and parents. Most children are accompanied by their father or mother. "They see their parents laugh and they will eventually come up the stairs."

The public security officers are, she says, special friends. "They come and put reflective tape on my cape. They're worried about me!"

Bewitching blues

By 9 pm, most of the trick-or-treaters have vanished into the night. The witch's job is done for another year. Not surprisingly, Ms Middleton suffers a mild let-down depression.

To help her with it, friends come and pick her up and take her downtown. "They follow behind me as I walk up and down the streets," she says. "I kind of float through the bars."

It's Halloween and people are open to a little witchery.

In November, Ms Middleton will travel. "After October 31, I get a little down. It just hits me."

So she gets away from it all and indulges in a little post-witching rest and relaxation. The costume, wig, makeup and fishnet stockings all are put away.

Until next Halloween.

Environment awareness day to be held at St A-D-D

St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church invites the community to an environmental education day, Saturday, Nov 4, from 10 am to 5 pm.

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The line up of speakers begins, at 10:45 am, with Peter Molino of Perkins Papers Inc. He will speak on "Recycled paper products." He will be followed at 11:30 am by Cameron Lamond, a process consultant, speaking on "Responsible care in the Canadian chemical industry." Other speakers are: Joy Carroll at 12:15 pm on "Media and the environment"; Jean Boutet at 12:45 pm on "Organic agriculture — myths and realities"; at 1:15 pm, dermatologist Dr June Irwin on "Doctors faced with chemical terrorism"; Geri Dionne at 2 pm on "Analysis of a bag of garbage"; Dr Stuart Hill on "Re-creation of person and planet" at 3 pm; and, at 4 pm, Daniel Crasifi on "Our internal environment."

Westmount city councillor and media plant pundit Stuart Robertson will be on hand from noon till 2 pm as a consultant on plant and garden care.

There will be displays, literature and videos covering a wide range of environmental issues: recycling, hazardous substances, energy conservation, household tips, insect management, beauty aids, household cleaners and more besides.

Among groups participating are Westmount Environment Advisory Committee Team (WEACT), STOP, the Green Party of Canada, Global Citizens Association, La Fondation Québécoise en Environnement, Westmount Initiative for Peace, 2nd Westmount Boy Scouts and many others.

Babysitting will be provided as will entertainment and activities for older children. Refreshments will be provided by La Boulange du Commensal. The event is wheelchair accessible. Admission is free.

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professionals.

Roslyn School is today — 22 years after the program started there — still a French immersion school, housed in the same 80-year-old-plus building on Westmount avenue, with some 700 pupils from kindergarten to Grade 6.

This year for the first time there is an extended kindergarten — morning and afternoon program for the children of working parents. The reality is that most parents today, whether single parents or two parents, work, and the care of children before and after school is of concern to them. The principal of the school, Bertha Dawang, and some active parents from Roslyn are responsible for this new service for children and their parents. Do inquire at the school if you wish more information.

Roslyn was one of the first PSBGM schools to introduce a program for bright children within the school curriculum. The program is now called the Challenge program and Maureen Gross is the teacher responsible for challenging approximately 17 percent of the students in the school to work to their potential.

The Challenge program, indeed the school, is involved with telecommunication networks. These are the AT&T Global Classrooms which network with a gifted and talented class in Garden City, Michigan, and a more local program called Logo Express. The Global Classroom puts Roslyn students in touch with students in other countries so history and geography can receive that personal touch. Headlines in newspapers become very real because they are happening to someone you can reach through the computer network.

Logo Express involves schools in the PSBGM, Edinburgh, Meadowbrook, Roslyn and Mackay Centre (a PSBGM social affairs school). The students, of course, communicate bilingually since the first three schools are French immersion schools. Mackay Centre is part of the network because handicapped youngsters and computers were made for each other!

Pedagogy in our schools is changing and we in the school system lack sophisticated ways to bring this exciting information to the attention of parents. I hope in the weeks to come to help fill this information gap and answer some of your questions.

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Merge manoeuvre maddens motorist

A driving dispute Oct 18 ended with one motorist kicking the car door of another at de Maisonneuve boulevard and Wood avenue, police said. Damage, reported five days later, was less than $500.

The incident occurred about 11 am as both cars were driving west side by side and suddenly had to merge into one lane. The victim cut in front of the other car whose driver then pulled ahead and stopped. Getting out, he delivered the kick and drove off.

Police said a full description of the suspect has been provided and the incident will be investigated. The victim is a 32-year-old Montreal man.

Months of work by parent Snow brings extended-K to Roslyn

The long-awaited Roslyn extended kindergarten program was finally launched yesterday.

Roslyn principal Bertha Dawang says 10 children are enrolled in the program. They finish their morning French-immersion kindergarten class and go to the extended-K at 10:52 am. They bring their own lunch.

The extended-K teacher is Natalie Lorriman. She is bilingual, holds a master's degree in special education, and has training in French as a second language and in psychology, says Mrs Dawang.

Mrs Dawang describes the program as daycare. "There will be enrichment activities — song, dance, creative arts, occasional excursions."

Parent and school committee member Katherine Snow has worked for months to create an extended-K program. She was constantly foiled by the lack of space in or near the school. With the loss of a Grade 1 class earlier this year, a room became available and extended-K became possible.

Mrs Dawang says there is no morning program for children enrolled in Roslyn's afternoon kindergarten. "There were only two candidates and we couldn't run it for just two kids."

Dawson programs host lecture

As part of Dawson College's 20th anniversary celebrations, the history department, the Hellenic studies program and the Jewish studies program will offer a public lecture by Dr Hagen Fleischer of the Waldheim Commission on Wednesday at 8 pm.

Dr Fleischer's topic is *The Waldheim commission: Greek Jews and the Holocaust* and he will speak in room 5B.16 at 3040 Sherbrooke street west.

Gubbay launches series of Greene Centre talks

A new lecture series begins next week at the recently opened Greene Avenue Community Centre with local resident Aline Gubbay speaking on "Westmount in the Victorian Age."

Mrs Gubbay is author of the well-known book on Westmount, *Montreal's Little Mountain*. Her presentation, including a slide show, will take place Tuesday, Nov 7, from 7:30 to 9 pm. It is free of charge and all are welcome to attend. The centre is located at 1090 Greene avenue, just south of Dorchester boulevard.

The second in the series will feature internationally-renowned painter Ghitta Caiserman-Roth on Tuesday, Nov 21, at 7:30 pm. Her talk is called "Theme, variation and celebration" and she will show examples of her work.

Organizers are looking for a sponsor to help cover the costs of bringing in other speakers in the future. They hope to have two English speakers and one French speaker each month.

Concert marks Lvov liberation

The Polish Musical Theatre from Gdynia, Poland, will present a commemorative concert to mark the 70th anniversary of liberation of the city of Lwow, now under Russian rule.

The group will perform with music, songs and humor at Westmount High School auditorium, 4350 St Catherine street west at 8 pm Tuesday.

For information and ticket reservations, call 766-9747.

Audi anguish

An MEI car radio and a leather jacket were stolen from a gold-colored Audi broken into Tuesday last week on Somerville avenue, police said. Damage to a window and seat of the 1984 car is estimated at $500. The theft occurred between noon and 1:45 pm.

McGill presenting honorary degree to David Culver

Westmount resident David Culver will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from McGill University and give the convocation address at Founder's Day Convocation today at 2:30 pm.

Mr Culver, OC, BSc'47, MBA, is a former governor of McGill and has also served as president of the Graduates' Society. In July he retired as chair and CEO of Alcan Aluminum, and is now chair of D. Culver & Co Investments Inc. For 11 years he was Canadian chair of the Canada-Japan Businessmen's Co-operation Committee. In 1987 he was awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Grand Cordon, of Japan.

Mr Culver is a companion of the Order of Canada and holds honorary doctorates from York University and Université de Sherbrooke.

Today's convocation will be held at the Palais des Congrès, 201 Viger street. 1,583 students will graduate with all faculties except dentistry awarding degrees or diplomas.

Shirley Thomson, director of the National Gallery of Canada, will also receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. For information call 398-3748.

TOWER . . .

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Montreal.

Mayor Cutler said she is appalled by the size of the tower and the fact it could be erected in a residential zone, particularly when Westmount, Montreal and Outremont recently signed an accord to work together to protect and preserve the mountain.

"It's astonishing we could sign that accord and then have something like this happen," Mrs Cutler said. "It's a commercial venture in a residential zone. We must have it taken down."

On a new scale

While there are several dozen rooftop antennae on apartment buildings in the area, this is the biggest and tallest and the first built on the ground.

The company that owns the tower, Glenayre Electronique, didn't get a building permit from Montreal city hall to erect the structure. That's because they don't need one — Montreal doesn't regulate communications towers. All the company needed was a federal government operating permit. Westmount does prohibit such towers within its borders.

When Westmount services director Bruno di Lenardo contacted the federal department of communications to inquire about the tower, he was stonewalled and had to use the Access to Information Act to get his questions answered.

Mr di Lenardo said what he eventually learned was that the federal government does not take into account the municipal zoning nor require any impact studies be carried out before issuing the permit.

Mr Berger said he's looking into the matter. "If it's government policy not to require impact studies, then that policy has to be changed," Mr Berger said.

Mrs Cutler sent a letter to Mayor Doré Monday urging him to look into the matter as well and to take steps to prevent any more such structures going up.

"I'm sure that our recently signed 'Agreement regarding the Preservation and Enhancement of the Three Summits' was conceived to ensure that our forests be preserved but I never imagined that a forest of antennae was also slated for preservation and further growth," Mrs Cutler wrote.

Will blend in

Glenayre official Jean Brunelle said yesterday he understands how residents might not appreciate the structure outside their windows, "but in a month they won't even see it. It will have become part of the landscape."

While he admitted it's a commercial venture, Mr Brunelle said the tower will likely be used as well for public services such as ambulances, the RCMP and Sûreté du Québec. Individual antennae are already being installed on the tower and will be functioning within a month, he said.

Oakland residents plan to bring a petition to Westmount's city council meeting Monday to let council know their feelings. Mrs Wright said residents of apartment buildings on Ridgewood also upset by the tower and have begun circulating their own petitions.

"It's frustrating to us as residents that we could do nothing to prevent the tower going up and that Montreal says this is out of its jurisdiction. Somebody has to take responsibility for it," Mrs Wright said.



RED ARMY HELPS REHABILITATION: The Montreal Rehabilitation Institute held its 40th anniversary gala recently with the premiere performance of the Red Army Chorus and Dance Ensemble. More than 700 guests attended the gala at Place des Arts to honor Dr Gustav Gingras. Westmounters **Senator Guy Charbonneau** and **Yolande Charbonneau** are seen flanking **Ariel Adam**, director of the institute.

La paroisse St-Léon se prépare pour le bazar-encan annuel

Une conférence sera présentée par un des rares spécialistes en éthnique d'administration des affaires et en ingénierie. Dans la série des conférences des jeudis de St-Léon, ce moisci, Louis Racine, PhD en sciences religieuses, professeur à la faculté de théologie à l'université de Sherbrooke, viendra partager ces dimensions de notre responsabilité en morale du travail et des affaires. Bienvenue à tous.

Le bazar de St-Léon approche... les 10, 11 et 12 novembre.

L'encan est de plus en plus populaire et nous espérons recevoir d'autres articles de valeur pour le rendre encore plus intéressant. Faites-nous parvenir bijoux, tableaux, plats en argent ou en verre, potiches ou bibelots de qualité, lampes, argenterie, verrerie, accessoires électriques, chandeliers, beaux miroirs etc. Y indiquer "pour le bazar-encan."

L'encan aura lieu vendredi, 10 novembre à 19h. On peut voir les articles à l'avance dans l'après-midi de 15h à 17h. Venez avec la famille et les bons amis au bazar et à l'encan.

Volunteers sought

The St-Léon Meals-on-Wheels team urgently needs cooks and cooks' helpers to work every second Friday from 9 am to 10:45 am. A person to accompany a driver and deliver meals on Tuesdays is also needed as is someone to come in at 12:30 pm on Tuesday to wash up the cooking utensils.

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Kristallnacht to be recalled

The German Jewish Heritage Association will hold Kristallnacht commemorative services in the Memorial Room of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, 5151 Côte Ste Catherine road, Thursday, Nov 9 at 7:30 pm.

During Kristallnacht (the night of the broken glass) Nov 9-10, 1938, the Nazis desecrated synagogues, destroyed property and murdered Jews across Germany and Austria in the beginning of the devastation inflicted on European Jewry.

The commemorative services are co-sponsored by the Jewish Public Library and the Montreal Holocaust Centre. For information call 345-2605.

Acoustic neuroma group to meet

The Acoustic Neuroma Association is a support group for people who face and undergo removal of acoustic neuromas and other benign tumors involving cranial nerves, members of their families and other people interested in controlling, preventing or treating such tumors.

The next ANAC Montreal chapter meeting will take place Sunday at 2 pm at the home of Betty and Jack Feinberg, 272 Harrow crescent, Hampstead. Ophthalmologist David Nicolle will speak on "Eye problems post acoustic neuroma surgery."

Members are asked to confirm attendance by calling 483-2459 or 684-2686.

Ain to speak

Joe Ain, past-president of Allied Jewish Community Services, will speak on *The dilemma of Russian Jewish immigration — Israel or North America* Monday at 1 pm in the chapel of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm avenue. Mr Ain has had an executive and board membership in many international Jewish settlement agencies. For more information call 937-3575.

Renowned pianist Lefèvre to play at St-Léon for ACAT

Westmount resident Alain Lefèvre, pianist, will perform a program of Schumann, Liszt, Rachmaninov and Balakirev, on Thursday, Nov 9, at St-Léon-de-Westmount church.

Mr Lefèvre, 27, is considered one of the most notable performers of his generation. At the age of five he entered l'École normale de musique de Montréal. During his student years he claimed first prize nine times in various Canadian music competitions.

The Conservatoire National Supérieure de Musique de Paris accepted him as a student when he was 17. Upon completion of his studies in 1983, he was awarded first prize for chamber music and for piano.

Mr Lefèvre returned to Canada in 1984. He made his Montreal debut with the McGill Chamber Orchestra under Alexander Brott. In 1985 he was Canadian representative at an international festival in Istanbul. Two years later he became the first Canadian to play Salle Pleyel in Paris with the Pasdeloup orchestra conducted by Gérard Devos.

In recent years he has appeared as guest soloist with the Orchestre des jeunes du Québec, the symphony orchestras of Quebec, Edmonton, Montérégie, Halifax and Montreal.

Tickets for Thursday evening's performance are $50, $35 or $20 and are available from ACAT (Action des chrétiens pour l'abolition de la torture) at 336 Clarke avenue, 933-2978; or at all Ticketron outlets.

Proceeds from the evening will go to further the efforts of the Action of Christians to Abolish Torture. Tax receipts will be available.

Craft fair at Contactivity

Contactivity Centre for Seniors will hold its annual craft fair and bazaar Thursday, Nov 9 from 11:30 am to 3 pm in Webster Hall, 4695 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, corner Lansdowne avenue.

Crafts, knitted goods, home baking, white elephant table, books and jewelry for sale will be features. Lunch will be served from 11:30 am to 2 pm.

Golden Agers to protest tax

Seniors will meet to protest a proposed federal tax on Old Age Security and Family Allowance benefits for higher income families on Thursday, Nov 9 at 7:30 pm at the Golden Age Association, 5700 Westbury avenue.

Liberal MP Sheila Finestone; Jean Woodsworth, president of One Voice, The Canadian Seniors Network; Lawrence Bessner of Bessner, Gallay, et al and former Concordia University commerce dean; and Yvette Brunet of La Coalition Québécoise des Ainés will describe the proposed "clawback" measure and its potential impact on all seniors.

Seniors who attend the meeting will be invited to sign a petition to be presented to Mrs Finestone that night. Similar petitions opposing the measure are being circulated by One Voice nationwide for presentation in this session of the House of Commons.

For more information on the proposed tax or the meeting, call 739-4731, local 72.

Rummage sale

The Association of Zaglembie Jews of Montreal will hold a rummage sale of new and nearly new merchandise for the whole family Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm at Victoria Hall. All proceeds go to charity. For information call 336-9657.

Temple offers ethical chats

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom is offering a brown bag lunch series of discussions on ethical issues when life is in the balance. Meetings are held Thursdays at noon in the temple's community house, 4100 Sherbrooke street west. Rabbi Leigh Lerner leads the discussion with the Jewish perspective on euthanasia today.

The topic Nov 16 is triage and Nov 30 is capital punishment.

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In the spirit of Halloween:

Spooky, creepy, eerie, fun: Westmount homes in costume

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Three Westmounters carried off top prizes for decorating their homes in the most creative and original way for Halloween Tuesday night. Eight others received honorable mention.

Though rain poured down on trick-or-treaters, it failed to dampen the "spirits."

Fortunately, said this year's judge Councillor Rhoda Vineberg, she managed to visit Virginia Bostock's huge sugar ghost before it turned to syrup on the front lawn of 93 Hallowell avenue. The spectre was made of sugar-coated T-shirt fabric.

Mrs Vineberg, who replaced Coun Paul Fortin at the last minute, was assisted by her daughter Deborah as well as Public Security Director Richard McEnroe.

One of the most original displays was at 32 Anwoth road where a number of small pumpkins along window sills were carved to spell out the word "welcome." The display won an honorable mention.

Another was at 697 Victoria avenue where trees had been transformed into ghosts and small white twinkling lights lined the walkway to the door.



Judging of Halloween decorations in Westmount by "cowboy" **Councillor Rhoda Vineberg**, left, began at the Greene Avenue Community Centre where elaborate decorations were prepared for a large community party. At right, Public Security Unit director **Richard McEnroe** gives out reflective tape to trick-or-treaters.

Extensive and creative preparations by the Greene Avenue Community Centre were downgraded to an honorable mention when judges considered some of the decorations to create a fire hazard. Though the centre was hosting a large Halloween party, organizers had lined the front entrance and lawn with numerous paper bags cut in pumpkin faces, each containing a lighted candle.

Top prizes were reserved for properties judged to have best overall effect and creative effort.

First prize was awarded to **156 Hillside** avenue where Suzanne Peikert produced lifesize figures made with stuffed stocking bodies of a ghost bride and groom, a witch on a flying broom stick and a ghost. The decor was completed with balloons and pumpkins.

Second prize went to Yvonne Mass at **619 Murray Hill** who answered the door dressed as a huge orange pumpkin. Her 21-year-old poodle, Tolstoy, wore a large ruff. Elaborate pumpkins and other decorations were artistically placed outside including a pumpkin couple seated in chairs.

The third place winners had, without question, created the spookiest house found by judges. Last year the same house carried off an honorable mention. Chris Dezorda and Guy Kaye transformed the front of **121 Arlington** avenue into a Frankenstein nightmare of colored lights,

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MUC police campaign Nov 5 to 18:

'Walk carefully' is message of safety drive

Do you walk across the street in a trance, stepping off the curb wherever you please?

If so, you're probably lucky not to have been one of the MUC's 2,819 pedestrians hit by cars last year. If you happened to be one of them, this story is especially for you. For others, you might be among this year's statistics, so better to read on.

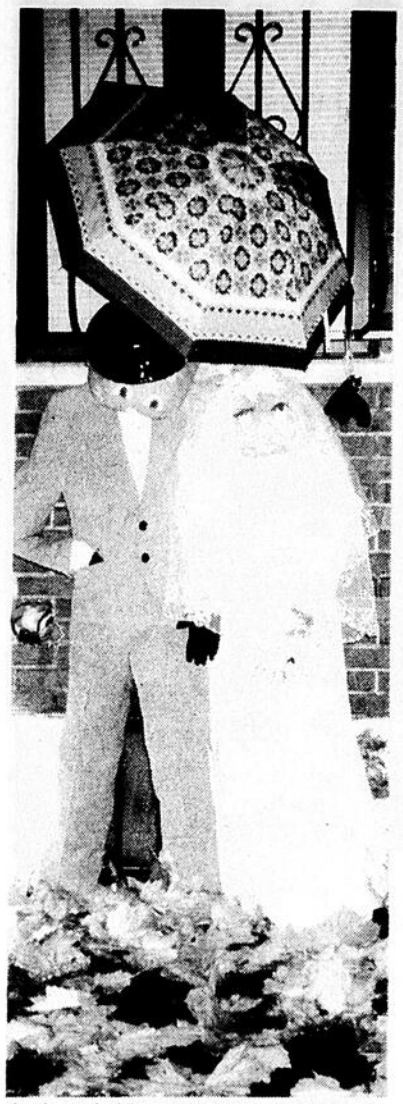
MUC police are starting their annual pedestrian safety campaign Sunday, Nov 5, and will be issuing tickets for jay-walking and other offences. The program overlaps with National Seniors' Safety Week (Nov 12-18).

The police are hoping, between Nov 5 and 18, to educate the public on the rules of the road as they apply to pedestrians, says Constable Michel Caza of local station 23.

"We'll be handing out pamphlets on safety, as well as $10 tickets."

Special attention will be paid to crossings on Sherbrooke street at Clarke, Greene, Grosvenor and Victoria avenues as well as de Maisonneuve boulevard and Greene, and St Catherine street and Atwater avenue.

Remember to cross at corners, wait for green lights or pedestrian signals and not to take chances, Cst Caza says. Seniors in particular are reminded to wait for another light if they think they may not have time to cross.



A ghost bride and groom helped win first prize for the Halloween home at 156 Hillside avenue decorated by Suzanne Peikert.

ghostly sound effects and personalized comments about approaching trick-or-treaters.

Honorable mentions were awarded to following homes (in no specific order of merit):

- **606 Grosvenor**, for the fortune teller;
- **93 Hallowell**, for the sugar ghost;
- **75 Somerville**, for the headless brother and cobweb effects;
- **730 Upper Roslyn**, for its cemetery;
- **509 Clarke**, for its graveyard with pumpkin bodies "all over the place";
- **32 Anwoth**, for "welcome" pumpkins;
- **1090 Greene**, Greene Avenue Community Centre, for general effort;
- **697 Victoria**, for lighting and ghosts.

Wallet lift

Someone stole a wallet from the pocket of a jacket in the office of Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue Monday last week, police said. It contained $60.

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It's serious partying time as ECS turns 80 years old

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School is holding a party.

Not just any old party, this.

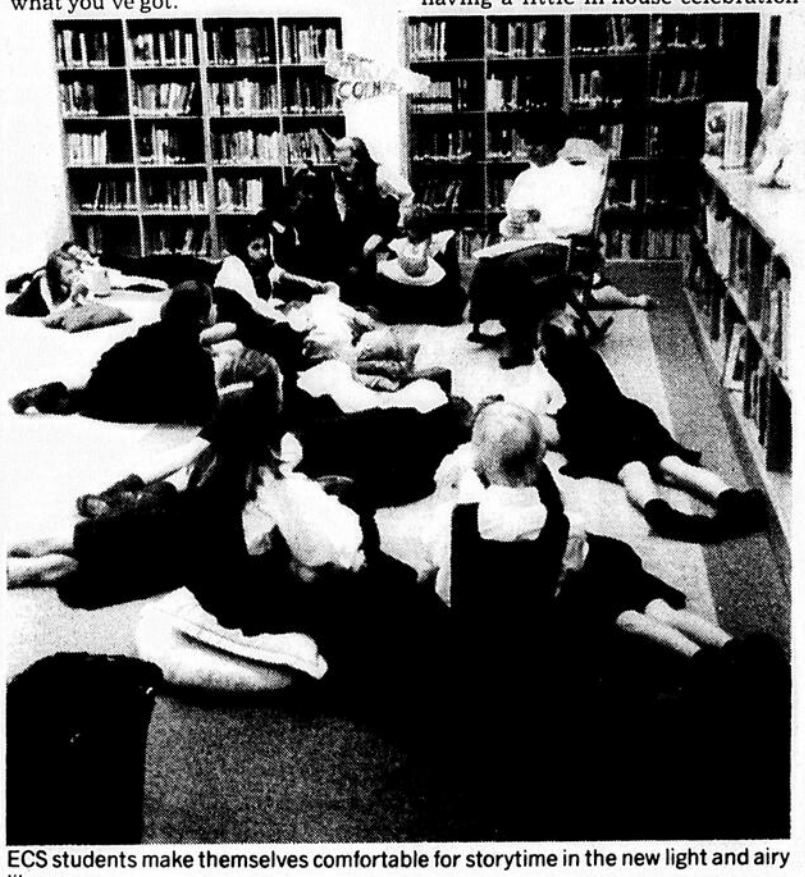
Take a school and make it 80 years old. Add a 5,000-square-foot building-extension representing, according to headmistress Molly Fripp, an addition of about 50 percent of the existing building. Toss in pledges to meet the extension's funding goal of $3.8 million. Shake well and see what you've got.

Definitely a party.

A three-day event, in fact, starting today.

This is Founders' Day at ECS. The traditional Founders' Day service will be held, as will the finals of the public speaking contest. Maysie MacSporran, headmistress at ECS from 1940 until 1961, will be guest speaker.

Tomorrow afternoon the school is having a little in-house celebration for the school community. The annual bazaar, usually a public event, is being held as something of a family affair — a tea party with the gymnasium decked out as a tea garden. The baking and craft tables will still be there — all the items for sale having been made by ECS students. The proceeds will go to charity.



ECS students make themselves comfortable for storytime in the new light and airy library.



The new music room at ECS, filled with students readying their Christmas carols.

Old Girls' reception

The Old Girls' Association is holding a cocktail reception on Friday evening at the Canadian Centre for Architecture. ECS development officer Ann Boa reported Monday that at least 125 graduates are expected to attend. Gérald Valiquette will be guest speaker.

It is on Saturday, however, that ECS is pulling out all the stops. That's when the ribbon will be cut and the extension will be officially opened. And that's when the school community will carve its way into an enormous ECS-building-shaped 80th-birthday cake.

An open house with tours of the extension will be given starting at 11:30 am. Visitors will have an opportunity to see the greatly expanded library with its long skylight brightening the open layout. There is a new conference room adjacent to the main section of the library. In an upstairs that wasn't there before, there are the new music rooms, art room, computer room and four new classrooms. In other parts of the building are two new science classrooms, a drama studio and teacher workrooms. The kitchen, after shrinking, has grown again (though not back to its original size), and the locker rooms have been renovated.

"It was quite something to add 5,000 square feet onto a landlocked school," says Mrs Fripp.

One's choices in such a situation are, up or down. ECS took both.

Visitors on Saturday will also see screenings of a video made at the school this year. Mrs Fripp says the tape tells the tale of the extension from planning through to completion, with plenty of student voices telling how the work affected day-to-day school life.

There will be a luncheon served at 12:15 pm and the official opening ceremony will take place at 2 pm, complete with cake and ribbon cuttings.

"The youngest student who is daughter of an old girl, the head girl and the president of the Old Girls' Association will cut the birthday cake," Mrs Fripp says.

This is serious partying. It makes for a pretty hectic three days.

"It's half-term this weekend, so we'll have Monday off," she says. Though the break may be needed and deserved, Mrs Fripp she doesn't seem at all daunted by the prospect of the next few days.

"It's going to be fun," she says with a smile. "We've finished building, we've finished the fundraising campaign, we're 80 years old. I think that's something to celebrate."

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Bike unbound

A Raleigh bicycle was removed from a meter pole on Greene avenue Wednesday last week where it had been secured for a week, public safety officers report. It was taken to local MUC police station 23.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey leagues as of Saturday, October 28:

	GS	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
NOVICE								
Canadiens	22	2	2	0	0	12	1	4
Bears	22	3	2	1	0	16	8	4
Dragons	22	2	1	1	0	3	7	2
Guards	22	3	0	3	0	2	17	0
ATOM								
Canadiens	22	3	2	1	0	14	10	4
Nordiques	22	3	2	1	0	11	12	4
Penguins	22	2	1	1	0	5	6	2
Canucks	22	2	0	2	0	5	7	0
PEEWEE								
Canadiens	20	2	1	0	1	9	6	3
Capitals	20	1	0	0	1	3	3	1
Seals	20	1	0	1	0	3	6	0
SENIOR A								
Stars	28	5	4	1	0	25	14	8
Wanderers	28	5	3	1	1	26	8	7
Flames	28	5	2	1	2	17	11	6
Sabres	28	5	1	3	1	19	21	3
Bruins	28	4	0	4	0	4	37	0
SENIOR B								
Hawks	30	4	4	0	0	21	12	8
Fathers	30	4	2	2	0	20	19	4
Devils	30	3	1	1	1	10	6	3
Aces	30	2	1	1	0	6	8	2
Kings	30	3	1	2	0	12	13	2
Flyers	30	3	1	2	0	4	11	2
Oilers	30	3	0	2	1	9	13	1

Roslyn student places in poster competition

A Westmounter and student at Roslyn School is among prizewinners in the Snow Much Fun! poster competition. Ranya Karafilly was awarded a prize in the seven- to nine-year-old age category. David Bly, a student at Solomon Schecter Academy, drew the winning poster.

The competition was open to students between the ages of five and 12. The winning entry becomes the official poster for the Mickey Stein Skiathon. The theme this year is "Winter Ss: skis, skates, sleighs and snow."

The skiathon is an annual event sponsored by Mont Habitant and Canderel in aid of the Canadian Cancer Society. Over the years the skiathon has raised nearly half a million dollars for cancer research.

This year's skiathon will be held on Sunday, Dec 3, at Mont Habitant in St Sauveur des Monts. For more information, call 935-9570.

Purse found

An empty brown purse was found late Tuesday night at Sherbrooke street and Clarke avenue, public safety officers report. The bag was turned over to MUC police.

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Refreshments will be available and there will be activities for children. For information call 935-2359.

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