

# City seems ready to reactivate the business tax

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

In a strange twist of events, Westmount city council appears poised to reinstate the former business tax in place of the surtax on non-residential property for 1994.

At a special meeting Tuesday, council gave notice of motion it intends to reactivate the city's mental value roll on which the business tax is based.

Though it had maintained only the surtax would generate enough revenue from the commercial sector, Mayor Peter Trent discovered that recent changes in the tax law would allow the city to raise the same amount using the business tax.

"Though I'm not committing the city to a full business tax, it's fair to say we're leaning to collecting a business tax without a surtax," Mr. Trent said.

If this occurs, businesses could expect to pay slightly more in taxes than in 1993. But owners of commercial property, hard-hit by the surtax, would benefit, he said.

"It could go either way," said the

mayor.

The city will table its 1994 budget Monday at 9 p.m., setting the mill rate, or general tax rate, at \$1.12. This is one cent higher than last year.

The city's move to a business tax results from a Superior Court ruling in September that found the surtax unconstitutional. Though Quebec is appealing the judgment, use of the surtax under the circumstances is a little dicey, Mr. Trent said.

Municipalities had expected Municipal Affairs Minister Claude Ryan to modify the surtax so they could use it without fearing repercussions. Instead, the changes only allowed them to reactivate the former business tax, along with other minor items.

Westmount was reluctant to switch back to a business tax fearing it would yield only \$4.8 million compared to the \$7 million in revenue from a surtax, leaving overburdened residential taxpayers to pick up the difference.

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# Officials hope revised contracts will breathe new life into recycling

By J. MARION FEINBERG

A new phase in the blue box program starts tomorrow when bids are opened for sorting of suburban recyclables.

The Régie intermunicipale de gestion des déchets sur l'île de Montréal rejected all the bids it received for 1994 recycling contracts in October because prices were too high.

Some of the joint program was salvaged, however, when the specifications were reworked by a committee of five directors-general, one of whom was Westmount's Bruce St. Louis.

Now there are two types of contract — collection and transport; and sorting and sale of materials — where there used to be one. Another change removes clauses

that were irritants for recycling contractors. One such irritant was a 4 p.m. collection deadline that has been extended to 6 p.m.

"Splitting the responsibilities will give smaller contractors the opportunity to bid on the collection," said Josée Méthot, assistant director-general of the Régie. "Only three big companies (that have sorting centres) were willing to do the job. Limited competition between entrepreneurs was what was kept the prices too high."

The recycling program is here to stay, Ms. Méthot promised. More and more markets for recycled materials are opening up and there is a lot of support for recycling among the municipalities, she said.

"The success of suburban recycling rests on the ability to sell the materials at a good price after they have been collected," said WMA vice president Don Wedge. "The initiative shown by the chief civil servants (directors-general) to get the program back on track again indicates that in some ways they are ahead of their mayors and councillors on the issue."

Many of the recycling contractors are fed up with the fact that they have been asked to bid on about five different contracts in the

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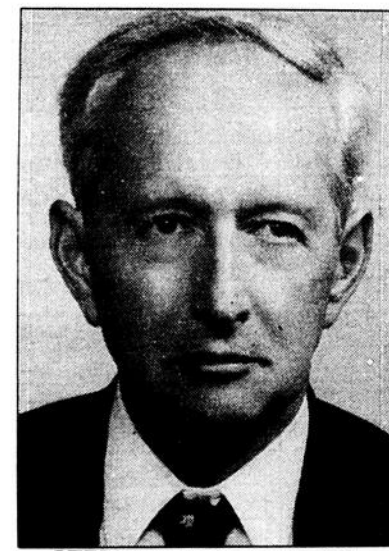
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WESTMOUNT SNOWFLAKES TASTE BETTER: Amanda Joy Presseau was brought from her home in N.D.G. for a romp on Belmont Crescent Tuesday afternoon. She played with her sleigh awhile then flopped down and stuck her tongue out for a slow, cool drink of falling snow.

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# Three named to Order of Canada



STEPHEN JARISLOWSKY

*Jarislowsky is investing in higher education*

By ALISON RAMSEY  
The owner of what, for many years, was Canada's leading investment firm is feeding his fascination for varied topics by endowing university chairs.  
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*French media baron Francoeur is a philanthropist*

By ALISON RAMSEY

Media baron Jacques-G. Francoeur joins the list of members of the Order of Canada.

The man who never earned a university degree — who quit school when the pressures of three

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EDITH DELLA PERGOLA

*Della Pergola enriched opera*

By ALISON RAMSEY

Being named to the Order of Canada could only be made more wonderful for operatic soprano Edith Della Pergola if her husband were alive to share it.

Luciano, a tenor, and Edith were separated by work for years in Europe until coming to Montreal

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past six months, each with slightly

different specifications, said Daniel Emond of Rébuts Solides Canadien.

As well, the newly devised system makes it necessary for them to

provide a price per tonne without knowing the total tonnage they would be required to sort and sell, he said.

"This has caused difficulties with our insurance. We were even thinking of not bidding," said Mr. Emond. "It's risky because we can't predict the volume of materials."

After rejecting the bids in the fall, the Régie gave the municipalities the choice of contracting out on their own or going with us," said Ms. Méthot. Many environmentalists at the time expressed concern over what they saw as the abandonment of the successful common recycling system.

Now the Régie plans to accept two sets of lowest sorting centre rates before going out to tender again for the collection and transport of materials. The sorting centre rates will be based on a price per metric tonne rather than by the estimated number of blue boxes.

Public works director Fred Caluori said the new rate system will penalize municipalities that have high volume recycling.

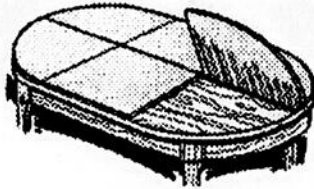
"The more you produce, the more it will cost to separate," he said.

If Westmount is not happy with the results of the sorting centre bids, it will have the option of keeping the status quo, said Mr. St. Louis.

"In order to meet the goal of 50 per cent diversion of waste from landfill or incineration, we have to continue to build up recycling, not tear it down," said Mr. Wedge. "The pulling the plug incident showed that the slightest ill wind could shatter the easy alliance between the 26 mayors of the Régie."

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over the holidays, however, Mr. Trent discovered city officials had interpreted it too narrowly. He found the city could apply the surtax ceiling to collect the business tax.

His assessment was supported by the city's legal advisors, Bélanger Sauvé, he said. Financial details are now being worked out to determine final figures, he said.

Mr. Trent estimates it would cost the city an extra \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year to collect the business tax, maintain an up-to-date rental valuation roll and write off related bad debts.

**\$5 million in suits against city**

THE CITY of Westmount is being sued for \$5 million in eight separate claims from commercial property owners seeking reimbursement of the 1992 and 1993 surtax, city officials said Monday.

The non-residential surtax was ruled unconstitutional by Superior Court in September. That judgment now under appeal.

Claims, in descending order by amount, are as follows:

- \$3,016,181 — 4045 St. Catherine St. by Alexis Nihon Lands;
- \$1,347,391 — Westmount Square by Société Immobilière

Trans Québec et al;  
• \$175,171 — 4817 and 4823-4833 Sherbrooke St. by La Société Immobilière 1234 de la Montagne Ltée. and 4890-4892 Sherbrooke by Grolimond Investments Ltd.;

- \$165,791 — 1248-1250 Greene Ave. by Ivanhoe Inc.;
- \$119,916 — 4113-4117 Sherbrooke St. by Rimsko Anstalt;
- \$69,417 — 343-347 Victoria Ave.;
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# Trent poised and primed to head suburban mayors

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor Peter Trent may become president of the Montreal Conference of Suburban Mayors at the group's elections Jan. 19, THE EXAMINER learned this week. Though he has not yet submitted his name for the job, Westmount's

## Westmount's mayor has to submit his name tomorrow

mayor appears to be the leading candidate, says Outremont Mayor Jean Pomminville, who declined the job and is supporting Mr. Trent. "My understanding from the six

or seven (mayors) I have been speaking to is that Peter's the one people see as a president," Mr. Pomminville said Tuesday.

He has discussed the matter informally with mayors who are influential in their areas of the island, he said.

"He's the man for the job, as far as I'm concerned, and I don't see anyone else interested to do it if he's willing," said Mr. Pomminville.

Mr. Trent would replace former Town of Mount Royal mayor Vera Danyluk, who has resigned as mayor to head the executive committee of the Montreal Urban Commu-

nity. "I know my name is out there, but I haven't put it in yet," Mr. Trent said. "If there's a good solid majority behind me, then there's a good chance I will.

"If we're ever going to make the changes we've been seeking in the MUC, then the timing is right," he said. "Vera will allow downsizing of the MUC, which will take a lot of skill.

"I've worked very closely with her over the last year and a half and I think we need a president of suburban mayors who is in tune with the chairman of the MUC."

The deadline for mayors to submit their names for consideration is tomorrow.

He said he hasn't been lobbying for the top position but might accept the two-year job for one year — renewable — if he finds Westmount has not suffered. He said he doubts it would, since he already spends a considerable amount of time working on various projects for the suburban mayors.

Mr. Trent, 48, views the job as leader of suburban mayors to be equal in influence to the mayor of Montreal since it serves as a counterbalance within the MUC.

The MUC is made up suburban mayors and representatives from the city of Montreal. Each group has a 50-per-cent share of the vote.

To have a Westmounter in such a high-profile position would put the community back in a leadership role on the island, said Mr. Trent. It

has been isolated for the past 10 years after the departure of Mayor Donald MacCallum as a vice-president of the MUC, he said.

"I think it's crucial that Westmount plays the type of role it used to," he said.

Mr. Trent said two recent events have tempted him into considering the job.

One was his recent victory at the December meeting of the MUC council, in which 16 of the mayors backed him without prior lobbying on the police superstation issue. The other is the election of Vera Danyluk, a suburban mayor, as chair of the MUC executive committee.

He also feels qualified to contribute to proposed restructuring of the Montreal region. He prepared the suburban mayors' submission to the task force on the future of municipalities.

"There are very few mayors who have as much background in this area," he said.

As president of suburban mayors, Mr. Trent would represent the group at the Union of Quebec Municipalities in meetings with the provincial government. He is already a director of the UMQ.

## Winter walkies



Blackie (right), Dawson (blond Lab) and Duchess (collie) coaxed owners Madelaine Schwartz, and Claudia and Emily Spencer (holding leashes) to take them out on a squirrel chase during Tuesday afternoon's light snowfall in Westmount Park.

Photo by J. MARION FEINBERG

## Group of youths rob teens

Gangs of youths robbed other teens at gunpoint in two separate incidents over the weekend at Atwater Metro and Place Alexis Nihon, police said. No one was arrested.

"It's possible the same people were involved," said crime prevention officer Lise Bergeron.

A group of seven were following three boys up from the station into the mall Friday night about 10:44 when one produced a revolver and demanded money. The 15-year-old Ardun boy gave him his wallet. The other two, residents of St.

Bruno aged 16 and 17, were searched but had nothing stolen.

On Sunday at 7 p.m., six boys surrounded a 13-year-old boy and his two friends on the station platform as they waited for a Metro heading west. One punched him in the side of head saying, "Give me your pass and your money."

The boy refused but complied after shown a revolver. He had a reddened face and a bump behind the ear when police saw him. One of his friends gave up his Walkman radio and some money.

## Mystery waves tracked to neighbour

By J. MARION FEINBERG

The case of the mysterious garage door interference has been solved.

THE EXAMINER reported last week that an unknown radio signal was blocking the remote control systems of about six homes in the Roxborough Avenue area.

Federal radio inspector Pierre Chouinard said he used a spectrum analyser to track down the source of the interference: a taped-up garage door opener that was emitting a constant signal.

"I made an investigation to see if there was an interfering signal not too far from the operating frequency of the (residents') systems and I found one," he said.

Nina Spiegel said her taped remote was to blame.

"The button was depressed and wouldn't release," she said. "It was inconvenient, particularly in the cold weather. It defeated the whole purpose of having a remote but then I just changed the remote and that was it."

This is the first time in his 25-year career that he has seen a

situation like this, said Mr. Chouinard.

A call came in to Industrie Canada (formerly Communications Canada) complaining about the problem last week, he said. Dor Docteur technicians were unable to find the problem because they didn't have a frequency analyser, he added.

"I drove around in the truck looking for the direction and intensity of the signal for a few hours until we hit on the right one," he said. "The people were pretty happy because it saved them the cost of repairing or purchasing a new system."

Roxborough resident Joseph Braidy said the situation was an amazing phenomenon.

"I'm glad it was finally resolved and in fact the way it was resolved was quite funny," he said.

Automatic garage door owners who habitually tuck the remote into the car sun visor should always make sure they can see if the red operating light is depressed accidentally, recommended Mr. Chouinard.

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11:01 a.m.: 596 Belmont, defective smoke detector;  
11:40 a.m.: 251 Kensington, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
4:21 p.m.: Front of 692 Grosvenor, for

car fire, out on arrival, no damage;  
5:12 p.m.: 50 Hillside, St. Margaret's residence, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
5:34 p.m.: 6 Murray, smoke in room caused by downdraft while burning artificial log;

**Wednesday, Jan. 5**

10:41 a.m.: 1 Wood, commercial area, water leak from previous flood;  
12:58 p.m.: 120 Hillside, apt. 203, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
2:09 p.m.: 4039 Tupper, Montreal Children's Hospital, ninth floor, smoke detector activated by fumes from spray painting in upper mechanical room;  
7:22 p.m.: 4120 St. Catherine, fire alarm activated by water damaging smoke detector;

8:19 p.m.: 396 Olivier, apt. 11, first responder unit for medical assistance;

**Thursday, Jan. 6**

8:40 a.m.: 4222 Dorchester, alarm problem;  
11:12 a.m.: 801 Upper Belmont, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
3:34 p.m.: 376 Redfern, defective alarm;  
3:57 p.m.: 376 Redfern, defective alarm;  
4:29 p.m.: 467 Strathcona, water leak, frozen pipe in unheated garage;  
5:48 p.m.: Outside 3714 The Boulevard, first responder unit for medical assistance at car accident, not needed (see story page 9);  
10:34 p.m.: Irvine and St. Catherine, smoke scare, steam from car radiator;

11:52 p.m.: 1 Wood, apt. 204, first responder unit for medical assistance;

**Friday, Jan. 7**

8:10 a.m.: 4865 Sherbrooke, burglar alarm;  
8:44 a.m.: 2 Westmount Square, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
9:38 a.m.: 21 Stanton, MUC police station, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
9:50 a.m.: 21 Stanton, MUC police station, smell of smoke, burned ballast in light fixture;  
1:25 p.m.: 734 Upper Lansdowne, water leak from broken pipe in basement bathroom;  
3:10 p.m.: Murray Park, first responder unit for medical assistance to injured boy (see story page 9);  
3:17 p.m.: 4840 Sherbrooke, Metro store, first responder unit for medical assistance to woman who felt dizzy;  
3:42 p.m.: 360 Victoria, smoke detector activated by overheated elevator motor;  
6:34 p.m.: 4860 de Maisonneuve, Château Westmount, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
6:46 p.m.: 50 Hillside, St. Margaret's residence, alarm pulled by patient;  
8:38 p.m.: 220 Olivier, sprinkler alarm activated by surge in water pressure;

**Saturday, Jan. 8**

12:15 a.m.: 4675 St. Catherine, arena, fire alarm breaker accidentally hit instead of light switch;  
8:03 p.m.: 220 Olivier, sprinkler alarm activated by drop in water pressure;  
9:03 p.m.: 419 Victoria, water leaking through sunroom ceiling, condensation between ceiling and roof;  
9:08 p.m.: 605 Belmont, gas pipe broken during snow removal (see story page 9);  
11:14 p.m.: 4476 St. Catherine, apt.

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## Renewing the brigade



Recruits get all the best jobs! The new firefighters started work last week bringing to 12 the number of recruits hired to replace retirees in the past 2½ years. From left are Patrick Downs, Nicolas Vachon and Patrick Hearson.

Photo by LAUREEN SWEENEY

# City councillors set out priorities

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

At the halfway mark of their mandate, city council members were asked what they want to accomplish before the next municipal election.

Councillors plan to pursue improved parking conditions for residents, installation of a sound barrier, prettier parks and maybe even a seniors' drop-in centre.

In a series of recent interviews with THE EXAMINER, most of the eight councillors said they hoped to accomplish more now that they've had time to learn the process. All said they planned to leave Westmount's external politics — with the Montreal Urban Community and Quebec — in the hands of Mayor Peter Trent.

### John Lehnert

Mr. Lehnert says he is committed to alleviating some of the parking problems for residents in areas that require them to park on city streets.

He says he's moving to city council's operations and environment committee to work for an overall traffic and parking policy. He says the platform for which he was elected, namely streamlining measures started by the Westmount Finance Action Committee, has been realized.

### Herbert Bercovitz

Mr. Bercovitz also wants to have a traffic policy and is hoping for parking changes.

He's also pressing for more pay-as-you-go budgeting, which means paying for some items of regular maintenance, such as street renewal, from the operating budget rather than as a long-term capital works project.

### David Laidley

Mr. Laidley, who chairs the city's finance and administration committee, says it will oversee a review of the usefulness of all city programs.

"We're asking, should we still be doing something because someone decided we should back in 1957? Maybe that service is now being provided better by someone else."

Aspects such as restructuring the administration are generally looked after by the mayor, he said, even though they fall under the jurisdiction of the committee.

"Peter carries the can on a lot of that stuff," he said.

### Karin Marks

Ms. Marks says it may be time for Westmount's seniors to have a drop-in centre, which she would be happy to help launch, as she did the teen centre. The community, however, would have to show it wants a centre, she said.

This year, city council's planning committee, which she chairs, will try to forge a policy to keep a balance between the city's institutional and residential profiles, she says.

As well, "the moat mentality issue is coming at us from all directions, not only with the dog owners in Summit Park, but all the weddings coming to Westmount Park to be photographed because Montreal won't allow them at the Botanical Garden any more."

### Gail Johnson

Mrs. Johnson wants greater powers for the Public Security Unit.

As chair of the city's horticultural committee, she says she will be trying to work out a long-term plan

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## Director-general says year's priorities include better service for Westmounters

By J. MARION FEINBERG

There is no worse news for city director-general Bruce St. Louis than a citizen telling him they have just been given the runaround at city hall.

Mr. St. Louis opened his talk with that comment at Monday night's Westmount Municipal Association meeting. He gave its members a rundown on the role of a director general and the city's priorities for 1994.

Some of the plans include improving customer service, installation of a new phone system and soliciting city employee input for improvements.

"So far we've amassed 30 to 40 recommendations to improve our

service," he said. "It's all part of our philosophy of the citizen as customer."

Improved financial analysis and accounting techniques are also on the horizon.

"We've made some great strides, even down to a quarterly analysis," said Mr. St. Louis.

The city also plans to continue fostering intermunicipal communication.

Although the Conference of Suburban Mayors keeps the various mayors up to date on each others' activities, a new monthly meeting of directors-general will provide a similar function for the cities' top civil servants.

"An amazing number of cities are going through the same type of

experiences," he said. "This will help to avoid reinventing the wheel. The idea of mutual aid is expanding into all kinds of areas."

The final New Year's resolution is the city's commitment to improve employee training, said Mr. St. Louis.

"Improving the service we offer citizens became an overriding priority since 1991," he said. "We've tried to stop looking inward and look outward to make customers happy."

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## Revising your money monitor

Everyone has a sense of value that develops as a child and is modified as prices change and new products appear.

Take penny candy, for instance. A penny used to buy quite a lot, a large sucker or a long string of licorice. Its value decreased to the point where — in the 1970s — one cent got you three blackballs or two mojos or a morsel of Bazooka bubble gum. Now any chunk of coloured, shaped sugar is likely to cost a minimum of five cents at the corner store.

As you age, your knowledge of the price of things expands. You can usually go to the cash with a paperback and a \$10 bill and walk away with change in your pocket. A solid pair of shoes costs about \$50. A dryer goes for about \$250, a couch for at least \$600.

Sure, some people pay a little more or a little less for these items, but there's usually a good reason. A visibly good reason. Like — the paperback is a translation of a technical book with little popular appeal, or the couch is made of butter-soft leather.

Your internal price monitor may differ from that of the next person, but not by much.

Then there are the things that make you question the whole concept of an internal price monitor; the things that seem so far off the scale it is beyond understanding.

One example is the revamped Atwater bus terminal, which cost \$1.4 million.

For that money, two unheated shelters open to the air were built, as well as one larger, enclosed shelter at the Metro exit. In the process, an overhang that protected passengers at all the bus stops was torn down.

Maybe what is incomprehensible is the fact that bus passengers are, for the most part, worse off than before. Most of the inadequate shelter was demolished to, supposedly, make way for an improved shelter. That shelter didn't materialize ("technical reasons," explained an official) and, making matters more ridiculous, \$1.4 million was

spent in the process of reducing the comfort of passengers.

If "technical reasons" was officialese for "lack of funds," what would the more ambitious plan for the terminal have cost to complete?

One explanation as to why such things as bus terminals seem so wildly overpriced is that, unlike penny candy or pairs of shoes, we don't buy them. We don't see them in shop windows or watch the price go up year after year. The price is a shock each one of the rare times during our lives we are told how much a bus terminal costs.

Construction projects have their own money scale.

It helps to know that, last year, one comfort station in Westmount Park required \$116,000 in renovations alone. To put another notch in the construction scale — the typical city block costs in the neighbourhood of \$250,000 to \$300,000 to redo.

On the eve of the expansion and renovation of Westmount Public Library, it's good to remember that most of us don't have a reliable money monitor for such projects.

It will be difficult for the average resident to tell the difference between keeping costs reasonable and false savings. To avoid a knee-jerk negative reaction by residents paying for the project, the library plan must be well explained.

The comfort station renovation seemed high until the city said that extensive plumbing work had to be done — and all the pipes were in a narrow crawlspace under the floor, which had to be ripped up. The block-long city street that costs at least a quarter-million to redo includes everything from catch basins to sidewalks to infrastructure to paving.

Residents can understand even a high cost for the library if they are given a detailed, easy-to-understand explanation. The city's job in 1994 is to provide one; the resident's job is to take a thoughtful look before pronouncing judgment.

— Alison Ramsey

## I Say!

OF COURSE, I do have a slight advantage over the rest of you. It helps in a pinch to be able to remind your bride that you gave up a throne for her.

— Duke of Windsor, abdicated 1936.

## You Say

### Bus terminal still has bugs

Thank you for reporting on the new Atwater bus terminal facility in last week's EXAMINER. The MUCTC still has not finished it, despite the promises made to your reporter.

At 4 p.m. on Tuesday, there were still no Infobus schedules posted, no indication of appropriate Telebus numbers and no Planibus leaflets.

The photocopied plan of where to board your bus was no longer attached to the door. The layout of the doors to the outside is such that devastating gales sweep through when any two are opened simultaneously.

If you do get to find your way to the 90 bus, the stop is shared with the 144, with which we have nothing in common. The 63 and 138, which do serve some of the same riders, are together — but you have to cross St. Catherine Street in front of the Forum (not the safest crossing) to reach them.

Of course, they should share the same loading point as the 90.

Don Wedge

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WESTMOUNT

### Parking and plowing policy discriminates

A copy of the following letter to Mayor Peter Trent was received by THE EXAMINER:

Dear Mr. Trent: It is 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5, and the snowplows have struck again. Here we are, living on the east side of the street, and victims of the city of Westmount's discriminatory one side of the street parking (and, by association, plowing) policy.

Yesterday afternoon my husband came home from work and shovelled out our driveway...living on the east side of a street that has one side (east) parking at all times, he also shovelled part of the road. This took about 45 minutes.

The plows came, the snow fell. At 11 p.m. my husband shovelled for an hour...our driveway and more of the road, as the plows had manoeuvred around all the parked cars and deposited their snow where there was available space. That space was in front of our empty driveway and those driveways of our other hard-working east-side neighbours.

Overnight the plows came, the snow fell. This morning, another 45 minutes to get the car out. This evening, as stated above, the plows came. This will be another 30 to 40 minutes of hard shovelling.

The people on the west side of the street have had their snow cleared. They had no more than 1/2 metre of snow at the worst, while we have had at least double to triple that amount. Is the city taking some kind

of survey to see how many citizens on the east side, with parking, have coronaries in the winter as opposed to those living on the no-parking west side?

While it is easy to say that there is public transportation available, it is not always feasible to use it. Taxis are, as an alternative, very expensive and not satisfactory if one is on a tight schedule. Would it not be possible to compromise, at least in the winter, and alternate the parking from east side to west on the streets like Grosvenor, so that we do not feel that we are being treated unfairly?

I hope that there will be some equitable solution to this problem, if not this winter, at least by next, before my husband and I are too old to be able to shovel snow at all, and are waiting for coronary bypass surgery.

Lynn Pecknold  
323 Grosvenor Ave.  
WESTMOUNT

### Wolf rebuttal of SPCA statement

Contrary to SPCA public relations director Kathleen Porter (EXAMINER, Jan. 6), the Coalition for Reform of the Montreal SPCA confirms that outright callousness is common at SPCA. Last summer the Laval gas chamber was fixed only after the coalition, including the undersigned, found no flowmeter, worn/leaky gaskets, loose door-buckle and a dog that took too long to die. SPCA gassed unsedated dogs and cats in boxes obstructing circulation. No one was held responsible. This must have been the "love and highest quality care to every single animal" of which Ms. Porter writes.

Per employee affidavits, of which she is aware, for years SPCA drivers killed on arrival most animals they collected under city contracts.

Ms. Porter indignantly states that SPCA financial statements are audited and thus supposedly the SPCA is properly managed. In reality Note 1 to the 1992 statements is a "going concern note," cautioning that operations may cease.

Ms. Porter stated having objected last winter to Joan Clark's telephoning the owner of CFCF-TV to get Bob Benedetti off the SPCA trail. Ms. Porter's perceptions changed after SPCA made her a manager and hired her husband.

The above serves to explain why compassionate persons must press for integrity at the SPCA. First, the SPCA cheque-book, records and animal care must come under members' scrutiny. Next, a businesslike reform along the lines of well-run humane societies (which put our SPCA to shame) should increase productivity/services several times. To help achieve this please call 484-9307.

Alex Wolf  
Coalition for Reform of  
the Montreal SPCA

our M.P.  
David Berger  
says...



### Gun control bill is Berger's aim

In Canada, it's called the Speech from the Throne, in Britain it's the Queen's Speech or the Loyal Address. Whatever it's called, it heralds the beginning of a new session of Parliament. The first session of Canada's 35th Parliament begins next week with the election of the Speaker and the Throne Speech by Governor General Raymon Hnatyshyn.

In her memoirs, Margaret Thatcher writes that the first Loyal Address of a new

government has particular significance. It sets the tone of its whole term of office. If the opportunity to set a radical new course is not taken, it almost certainly will never recur.

She adds that by the end of the debate on the Address, in her first term, it was evident that the House of Commons could expect a heavy program, designed to reverse socialism, extend choice and widen property ownership. Mrs. Thatcher also observes that because her party's manifesto commitments had been so clear, her government's first Queen's Speech almost wrote itself.

You could say the same thing about the Chrétien government's first Throne Speech. Its authors need look no further than the Liberal Party's election platform. And a quick reading of the Red Book shows that Jean Chrétien was not elected to fight back the hordes of socialism. What

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## Myth-busting is as easy as falling off a cliff

This column was going to be all about how the kamikaze lemming myth is just that: a myth. Like many another, however, this myth seems to have more than a grain of truth in it.

Back in the late 1950s, Walt Disney produced *White Wilderness*, a film about the lives of arctic animals. Leonard Maltin, in his *Movie and Video Guide 1993*, says of the film: "...highlight is extended sequence on lemmings and their yearly suicide ritual."

A few years ago, a documentary was produced that purported to reveal the facts lurking behind a number of "true-life" animal films and television programs. One was Disney's dramatic lemming sequence. Apparently, those lemmings did not leap. They were pushed. And it was not into the frigid waters of some arctic sea, but into the Bow River outside Calgary. There is a graphic shot of lemming flotsam (the camera angle giving the impression of ocean, not of river) as a final illustration of their tragic self-destructive drive.

Before we judge too harshly, we should remember that, at that time, animals were not treated with the same respect they receive today. Drowning a few dozen lemmings was probably considered regrettable but unavoidable and, anyway, no less than they would do to themselves under natural conditions. For I am sure that Disney believed, like so many others, that each year lemmings pour by their hundreds and thousands into the sea, to drown.

In fact, as far as I can tell, lemmings do pour by their hundreds and thousands, but not necessarily into the sea, and not every year. It is the Scandinavian lemming which is responsible for most of the lore. North American lemmings behave in a similar fashion, but don't affect quite so many people — they have less news value, I suppose. In Scandinavia, the lemming population rises to crisis levels about every three or four years.

### Beside the Point



KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

The lemmings respond in one of two ways: starving or emigrating. I know which I'd choose.

Hordes of lemmings start thundering across the countryside, travelling across bogs and plains and hills, eating everything in their path. You've heard of a swarm of locusts? - this is the northern version. Their predators, as you can imagine, have a field day.

The thing is, the heart of the matter is...some of those lemmings reach the coast and they still feel a need to keep moving. They're pretty good swimmers. They cross lakes and rivers without much difficulty. And maybe they're just not all that bright. Maybe they think this is just one more river to cross. Or maybe they know better as they stand frantic and indecisive at the water's edge. They're held back by native wit and urged forward by inbred yearning, until they lose their footing, hit the water and - what the heck - keep going. Only there's nowhere to go.

Not quite the mass lemmingocidal drive we've come to believe in. Still, there's some truth to the whole myth. Lemmings seem, in the main, to be responsible for their own bad press.

I once knew a lemming named Max (no, this is not going to be a limerick) who was really quite charming and outgoing. He looked like a fat, self-satisfied hamster. He'd been caught at Schefferville in a device for measuring rainfall. He adapted rather well to human company. I feel sure he would have looked askance at the very suggestion of throwing himself into nasty icy waters to drown.

Unless the urge was on him.

completely unknown, Dr. Douglas Gairdner, a Cambridge child specialist, revealed."

#### Twenty-five Years Ago January 16, 1969

**TIME FOR THE TUBE:** "Friday afternoon, fellow City of Westmount employees presented Deputy Director Thomas R. Hovenden with a television set as he went on leave pending his retirement April 22 after over 32 years' service to the municipality, almost all of it as a fireman and, since 1961, senior officer of the Fire Brigade. He began as a policeman in 1936 for 15 months before becoming a \$25-a-week fireman. Mr. Hovenden is married and has five children."

#### Ten Years Ago January 12, 1984

**ATWATER RESISTS CHANGE:** Editorial: "All Westmount will be behind city council in opposing the move by Montreal to rename Atwater avenue for one short bit just below St. Catherine street. No one will question the good motives of the Drapeau administration to honor Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys, founder of the Congregation of Notre Dame. But it is a miscalculation of the historical importance of Edwin Atwater — the man primarily responsible for bringing indoor water to mid-19th century Montreal."

#### One Year Ago January 14, 1993

**MAYBE THIS YEAR...:** "City council Monday night adopted a \$7.5-million loan bylaw to restore, renovate and extend Westmount Public Library."

The Westmount Examiner

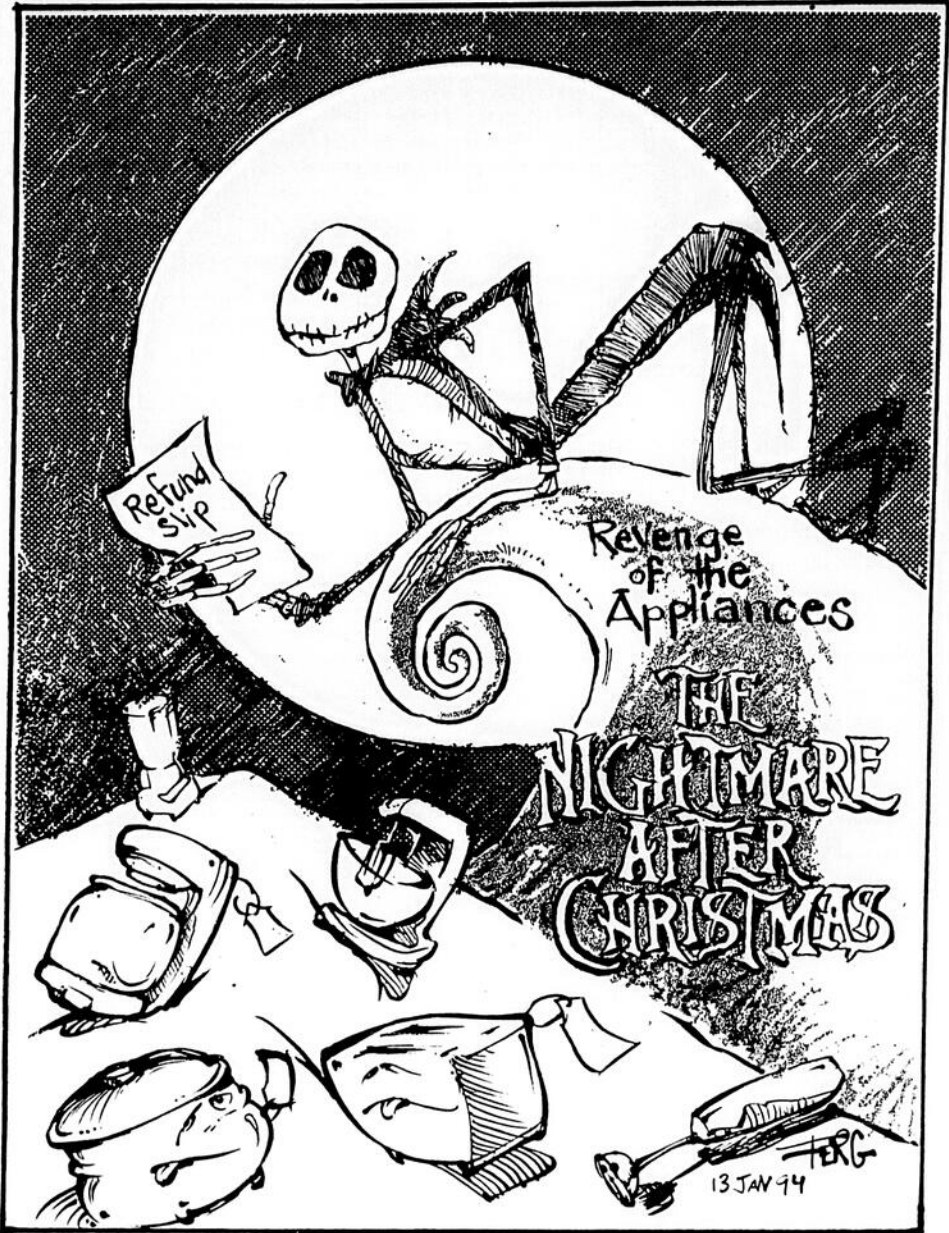
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#### Forty-five Years Ago January 14, 1949

**GENIUS GOES SOUTH:** "John Hampshire could find no outlet for his creative ability and flair for automotive design in Canada, his own country, so he set out one day in 1935 from his home at 53 Chesterfield avenue and headed for New York. Today, he is on the front rank of outstanding U.S. industrial engineers. (He designed) the new National Breweries trucks, which have orthodox cabs but distinctly modern bodies. They will be panelled with aluminium and finished in the familiar green of the Black Horse trucks now in use."

#### Thirty-five Years Ago January 10, 1959

**MOTHERS WRONGLY BLAMED:** "Lovingly, a mother feeds her baby and tucks it into its cot or pram to sleep. Two hours later it is found dead — and the mother may be blamed. Often wrongly and tragically, 500 doctors were told recently. In one of every four similar cases, the cause is not asphyxia caused by pillows or blankets, or by choking. The real cause is



### our Mayor Peter F. Trent says...



#### 11th-hour reprieve

"Delay is the deadliest form of denial."

— Cyril Northcote Parkinson

While Parkinson had in mind the inertia of bureaucrats (he called them "the abominable no-men"), the quote describes my own approach last month to keep our police station.

The idea of delay is not new: at our public meeting in September 1992, where 500 Westmounters came to tell the MUCPD what they thought of the plan to cut 24 full-service stations across the island to 14, I said that delay is one way to save our station. The wrongheadedness of this new police map will eventually be revealed. I just don't want the Westmount station to be history when the scales fall from the eyes of the people responsible for this rationalization.

My manoeuvring to stay the closing of our full-service Station 23 for at least a few years was characterized as scandalous by the chairman of the Public Security Com-

mission. (He no doubt was thinking of the Greek root *skandalon*, meaning stumbling block.)

This delay could allow us to study other options, without having the sword of imminent closure hanging over our heads. An example: I have floated the idea with the MUC of a community station that would be halfway between a mini-station and a superstation.

The deal I struck last month means that, instead of both Station 25 (serving downtown) and Station 23 (serving Westmount) combining and moving to new quarters, only Station 25 would move for the time being. Since 1981, the MUC had been studying merger plans in order to get out of the decrepit Station 25 facilities at 1684 de Maisonneuve. This was the imperative need behind closing our own station, and why we were in Phase 2 of the eight-phase roll-out of the new police map.

I reminded the assembly of the police commission's promise (in September, 1992) to evaluate Phase 1, in order to modify future phases accordingly. No such evaluation was made, as part of Phase 1 is not finished — the combining of the two West Island stations.

I was surprised and pleased to see a majority of mayors voted with me on my motion. But that was not the end of the story, which shall be continued next week.

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the platform promises is a balanced approach to economic policies to deal with the five major interrelated problems in the economy: lack of growth, high unemployment, high long-term interest rates, too high levels of foreign indebtedness, and excessive government debt and deficits.

This approach has been pursued by Finance Minister Paul Martin in organizing a series of pre-budget conferences. He has asked for the advice of Canadians on how to reduce the deficit and foster economic growth.

The Throne Speech will provide further indications of how the government

intends to pursue these objectives.

On a personal note, I am preparing a private member's bill on gun control. In the last Parliament, I spoke in favour of a bill to establish a gun-registration system, which is one of the priorities on the Coalition on Gun Control. Prior to taking action, I intend to speak to the Minister of Justice to determine what initiatives he is planning and to coordinate our efforts. Gun control remains an important priority for the constituents of our riding. In the last few days, I received a petition signed by 400 persons at Dawson College. The petition was circulated to commemorate the anniversary of the massacre at l'Ecole Polytechnique.

# Who's doing what?



**Thursday, Jan. 6**  
**4925 Sherbrooke:** for U. Salice by contractor to be determined, interior alterations, \$1,000;  
**708 Victoria:** for C. Gelber by contractor to be determined, rear balcony, \$4,500;

**Friday, Jan. 7**  
**1089 Greene:** for Mr. Russell by Meubles Québec, windows, \$12,000.

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

**Monday, Jan. 3**

There were no permits issued on this day.

**Tuesday, Jan. 4**

There were no permits issued on this day.

**Wednesday, Jan. 5**

There were no permits issued on this day.

## Official awakening

A public safety officer on patrol noticed the front door of a house on Ramezay Road ajar Friday at 3:55 a.m. There were three newspapers lying nearby. He called for Montreal Urban Community police who arrived at 4:13 a.m. and entered the house. A sleeping resident was awakened and all was reported in order.



# STATION 23 LOG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

## Drunken man punches guard

An intoxicated man punched a security guard from Place Alexis Nihon in the stomach after being led outside to St. Catherine Street last Thursday evening, police said. He was reported to have been sleeping in the food court. The man then hit a passerby in the mouth when he went to the guard's defence. Both decided against pressing charges when police arrived and found he was wanted on an arrest warrant. The man was released at 12:45 a.m. after sobering up on a promise to appear in court on the warrant.

a Pontiac Sunbird outside 800 Lexington Ave.

## Chilling house alerts security

When a security firm was alerted to the temperature dropping in a house on Elm Avenue Monday, Dec. 3, it called police to investigate. Responding to the call, officers found the front door kicked in and the home searched throughout. In the absence of residents, it was not known if anything had been taken. A burglar alarm did not ring.

Jan. 6, was found Sunday night on Montée du Moulin in Laval-des-Rapides, police said. The 1992 Volkswagen Golf had its ignition broken, the wheels were stolen and the driver's seat was gone. The car belongs to a Clarke Avenue resident.

## Dodgy driver crashes Camry

A stolen car was recovered after it crashed into a guard rail, a tree and some wooden posts on Summit Circle east of Oakland Avenue Friday night, police said. The driver abandoned the 1992 Toyota Camry, which had been stolen on the West Island. The driver had failed to manoeuvre the sharp curve put in the road to curb speeding.

## Golf found

A car stolen from the St. Léon school yard overnight Thursday,

## Rolex in purse stolen from Jeep

Four women had their purses stolen last week when they left them in plain view on the floor or seats of parked cars, police said. One taken from a Jeep Cherokee contained a Rolex watch and a gold ring. It was parked Sunday afternoon at 22 Sunnyside Ave. by a resident of Summit Crescent. Another purse was removed last Thursday night from a Toyota truck at Summit Circle and Devon. The others disappeared Saturday from a 1992 Hyundai at 75 Belvedere Rd. and Sunday from

# Councillors' future plans

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 for city gardens and parks. "We're trying to get the parks people to dream in technicolour to see what we come up with."

**Nicolas Matossian**

Mr. Matossian wants to fine tune the process of enacting traffic changes through the fledgling Citizens' Traffic Advisory Committee. Other large issues on the agenda

of the operations and environment committee he chairs are the sound barrier and "smoothing out" capital cost expenditures, such as renewal of the aging fire brigade fleet.

"The logic is, if you have a capital asset you intend to keep a long time in good working order, you should expect to spend about two per cent of its value annually on upkeep. We haven't been."

**John Bridgman**

Mr. Bridgman feels completion of the library building project is a major issue ahead, as well as the possible development of Canadian Pacific land, which the city should keep as a reserve, he says.

"Hopefully its value to the city will increase."

He says he doesn't want the city to take over the abandoned train station without getting some land with it.

**James Wright**

The community services committee chaired by Mr. Wright has nothing earth-shattering in its plans, he says. He is expecting that input from the revived citizens' recreation advisory committee will bring forward new ideas. Recreation facilities are being assessed at the moment, he said.

Cultural items are on hold for the next two years until after completion of the library expansion project. "It's very clear. (Director of library and culture) Carol Thibodeau is being told to devote 100 per cent of her time to the library."

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# Eight accidents on slick snowy streets

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Four people were hurt last week in one of at least eight Westmount traffic accidents police attributed to snowy conditions.

Four of the mishaps involved snow clearing vehicles. One pedestrian was taken to hospital after falling on an icy sidewalk.

Police said they advised the public works department to salt the sidewalk outside 4032 St. Catherine St. Friday afternoon when a 68-year-old woman living on Bonavista Avenue slipped, hurting her right leg. She was taken to St. Mary's Hospital by Urgences Santé.

An eight-year-old boy Montreal West boy was taken to hospital the same afternoon when he fell while playing at Murray (King George) Park and other children landed on top of him. His back was hurt.

Two traffic accidents occurred at The Glen. One injured four people Saturday at 11:15 a.m. when the car made a left turn off St. Catherine Street and skidded into the front of a snow plow going north on Glen Road.

Police said the streets were very snowy and icy. Both drivers reported minor injuries. One passenger in the car suffered neck pain;

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another in the back seat bumped her head.

There was a lot of snow on Glen Road Tuesday, Jan. 4, when a northbound car collided with one going south near St. Catherine Street, police said.

Also Tuesday night, a plow was cleaning a private driveway on Côte St. Antoine at Kensington when it hit a car going past. The contractor received a 48-hour ticket for not having his driver's licence.

Clarke Avenue was snowy Wednesday, Jan. 5, when a car turning into the garage at 250 Clarke Ave. was hit by another.

It was a bad week for contractors — another was removing snow from a driveway at 3755 The Boulevard when he backed into a car Saturday at 9 a.m., police said. The car, a 1991 Toyota, sustained more than \$500 damage to the right front fender.

The same night, a pickup truck with a snow plow hit a gas entry pipe while clearing snow from a driveway at 605 Belmont Ave. Residents and neighbours were evacuated. The driver was ticketed for driving with a suspended driver's licence.

A rear-end collision involving three cars took place eastbound on The Boulevard last Thursday when the first car in line stopped at traffic lights at Carleton Avenue about 5:43 p.m. The street was described as icy.

## Jarislowsky...

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released recently, Stephen Jarislowsky was promoted to the position of officer.

Chairman, CEO and former president of Jarislowsky, Fraser, Mr. Jarislowsky may be better known locally as an honorary chair of the Westmount Dog Owners' Association. Also locally, he was chair of the Montreal Learning Centre, which folded at the end of 1993, and remains chair of Learning Associates at St. Catherine and Greene. Both organizations cater to "children with learning differences," said Mr. Jarislowsky.

Mr. Jarislowsky, 68, was born in Berlin and lived in the Netherlands and France before his stepfather was transferred to New York in 1941. He was drafted into the army after studying mechanical engineering. He then studied Japanese, then worked for counter-intelligence for a year in Japan at age 20.

He took his honourable discharge, got his MA in Chicago and MBA at Harvard then got hired on at Alcan's head office in Montreal.

"That was a great mistake," he says, with a tone in his voice that might be humour, or wry comment. "I wanted to traipse around the world for them."

But there wasn't much world travel in store; instead Mr. Jarislowsky got involved in business ventures. Jarislowsky, Fraser was started in 1955 in Montreal.

"What's kept me? Inertia, I suppose," he says. "You make the wrong turn in the road, and you're

stuck, so I'm still around paying taxes. I was even too lazy to move out of Quebec."

He isn't sure if he's honoured by being named to, and promoted within, the Order.

The Order should be given to those "who do something that is really outstanding and something that makes Canada a better place," he says. "I don't think scoring a hockey goal, singing a song or being a radio announcer contributes that kind of thing."

"I feel it's diluted... I see a lot of people on the list I don't understand."

Though he added that he wasn't sure he should be honoured, he is

clearly happy with the chairs he has established. There is one at Queen's University (political science/economics), University of Alberta (investment), McGill University (urology), Université de Montréal (study grant on the evolution/dynamics of French-Canadian norms) and the Polytechnique at U of M (engineering).

And that's not likely to be all. "I'm discussing things with a number of other universities," he says.

Though he keeps office hours, "I am retired in my own mind now. I take frequent vacations. I'm trying to reduce the day-to-day and stay with the things that amuse me."

## Francoeur

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part-time jobs proved too demanding — sold his 90 per cent interest in UniMedia in 1987 and created a \$10 million philanthropic fund with part of the profits.

He founded UniMedia in 1973. The company owned daily newspapers Le Soleil in Quebec City, Le Quotidien in Chicoutimi, Le Droit in Ottawa and about 30 weeklies in the same areas. When he sold the chain, it was to Conrad Black.

An only child, Mr. Francoeur started work as a reporter at Montreal's La Patrie in 1941, at age 16. His father was killed in a car accident that year and he wanted to help bring money into the home. ("He was the main war commentator for French CBC... 100,000 people were at his funeral.")

The three jobs he worked at during university were at The

Gazette, Le Petit Journal and editing the Northern Electric employee magazine.

Mr. Francoeur, now 68, bought his first newspaper, Le Guide du Nord, when he was 25 years old. He founded his first newspaper with Robert Allard four years later; it was called Le Dimanche-Matin.

He doesn't shrink from controversy. Mr. Francoeur once worked for premier Maurice Duplessis, as his public relations man, and recalls that "It was fun."

After a life mainly running, buying and managing newspapers, Mr. Francoeur is content to busy himself with the Fondation Jacques Francoeur and other interests. He is, for instance, a member of the citizen's group that has overseen complaints about the Sûreté du Québec since the Oka crisis.

The basis on which the charitable foundation gives help is not surprising, considering that Mr.

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## Hands-on approach wins ECS teacher an award from the Prime Minister

*Trafalgar teacher also wins cash*

By J. MARION FEINBERG

ECS biology teacher Margot McDonald has been given a teaching award by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien for her enthusiastic use of the hands-on approach of teaching science.

"I was not terribly surprised, but we are pleased and proud about the good news," said Michèle Gorry, headmistress of Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School. "She has a way of taking science out of the theoretical and making it visual, tactile and understandable."

The Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence in Science, Technology and Mathematics are given to teachers who have had a major impact on student performance and interest in their subject matter.



**MARGOT McDONALD**

"Ms. McDonald makes science approachable, interesting and fun  
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## Friends Neighbours

*This is a column of social news and events happening to you, your friends and neighbours. We welcome any tidbits of information you'd like to share. All you have to do is call Laureen Sweeney at 932-3157, or send a fax to Friends and Neighbours at 932-5700.*

## Royal Vic kicks up its 100-year-old heels

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

This year's charity ball for the Royal Victoria Hospital is a giant birthday party for the hospital's 100th anniversary.

"It's the kick-off for the celebrations," says Pat O'Brien, president of the hospital auxiliary, which holds the annual dinner-dance. She's one of many Westmounters organizing the Centennial Ball on Feb. 4 at the Sheraton Centre.

"Hospital chefs are making us a big birthday cake and we'll have lots of balloons and anniversary banners," says Marie-Claire Holland, who is chairing the event. "We're hoping for 400 people."

The annual charity ball is one of the auxiliary's major fundraising events, generally netting \$40,000 to \$50,000 that goes toward the auxiliary's donation to the hospital, Mrs. O'Brien says. "We just provided \$442,000 for all the new equipment in the emergency department of the new Centennial Pavilion opened Sept. 28."

As a nursing graduate from the

Vic some 30 years ago, Mrs. O'Brien says she's "so pleased" to head the group in the centennial year.

"The auxiliary is actually older than the hospital because it was started with the Women's Lying-In Hospital in 1844," she says. It was in that year that the McGill medical school asked a group of women to operate the 14-bed gynecology hospital. Also known as The University Maternity Hospital, it was the forerunner of the Royal Victoria.

The auxiliary held its first charity ball in February 1894.

"We're making a special effort this year to reach nurses and people who have been affiliated with the hospital as well as those from other hospitals," says Nancy Gallery, who is looking after decorations. She knows of one nurse who is coming from Vancouver for the event.

Tickets for the event cost \$175 per person or \$90 each for those under 30 years of age and can be obtained from the auxiliary office

at 843-1548. Their sale is co-ordinated by Kitty Lackenbauer. Other local residents helping out are Susan Evans, who designed the invitations and tickets bearing a large portrait of Queen Victoria, Adrienne Peacock and Nancy Anderson.

Dr. Larry Stein heads the overall anniversary committee. Hospital president during the centennial year is former city councillor Phillip Aspinall.

The RVH was granted a charter in 1887 from funding to commemorate Queen Victoria's jubilee. Building construction was completed Dec. 2, 1893, and the first patient was admitted in January 1894.

Westmounter Dr. W. Dale Dauphinée recently left his post as physician-in-chief of the Royal Victoria Hospital to become registrar and chief executive officer of the Medical Council of Canada. A leading authority in gastroenterology, he's planning to commute between Westmount and Ottawa.



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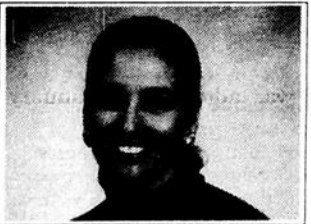
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## Della Pergola

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 and starting to teach at McGill in 1955. From that time on, until his death in 1991, they lived, taught and performed together.

Mrs. Della Pergola, 76, was born in Transylvania, now Rumania. She studied in Bucarest, where she was taught by the man she soon married. During the war, she and her husband travelled Europe, performing in all the major operas on all the major stages. In Ottawa on Feb. 19, the Westmounter will mount a stage to become a member of the Order of Canada.

Mrs. Della Pergola, a lyric soprano, sang the dramatic roles in Aida, Tosca, Il Trovatore, La Bohème and more.

"It was a beautiful life," she says. "It's beautiful to be on the stage. It's the strongest drug, to be on the stage and be a success, and when it

finishes you cannot come down." But the couple said "Enough!" to a life spent mainly apart and sometimes at their house in Milan. They moved to Canada and threw themselves passionately into the then-skimpy McGill faculty of music.

Together, they founded the Opera Studio at McGill. Associate dean of the faculty, Kenneth Woodman, recalls there were about 40 full-time students in the faculty in 1963, when he started.

"The seeds they sowed along the way," he says, grew "in such a way their their dreams are now realizable. Opera is much more prominent" both in the faculty and in Montreal.

There are now 775 students in the faculty of music, says Mr. Woodman, and it commands the sort of respect that McGill's faculties of engineering and medicine did when the Della Pergolas joined.

The couple were given the title

of professors emeritus in 1989. "The two of them were formidable," says Mr. Woodman, recalling the operas they staged in limited facilities with few resources. "It was their determination more than anything else that infused those productions, and the absolute love of opera."

## Francoeur

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 Francoeur is a self-made man. "We don't give money, ever," he says. "We give equipment, especially for vehicles, like trucks for community kitchens and buses for the poor and handicapped."

"It's like the old saying, 'Don't give a poor man a fish. Give him a net so he can catch a fish every day.'"

Mr. Francoeur, after working seven days a week for 46 years, says he's now slowing down.

"Now it's more like five days a week."

## Fire calls

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# Une fin de semaine des prières

Pour la troisième année consécutive, la paroisse St-Léon-de-Westmount offre aux membres de la communauté la possibilité de se "ressourcer." Pendant toute une fin de semaine, les participants vont prier et réfléchir sur le thème "Les laïcs dans l'Eglise."

Cette rencontre commencera demain vendredi 14 pour se terminer dimanche 16 janvier dans l'après-midi. Elle se déroulera à l'Ermitage Ste-Croix, à Pierrefonds et sera animée par Mgr. Paul-Emile Charbonneau.

Nul doute que, comme chaque année, ce stage saura insuffler aux participants un élan, une énergie nouvelle qui leur permettra de mieux "risquer de vivre [leur] foi."

# Register today for courses at Contactivity

Contactivity Centre is offering a series of low-cost courses for seniors. Some of the most popular courses - exercise, tai chi, gentle dance and Thomas More Discussion Group - are being offered again. New courses include calligraphy with Peter Dugen and Better Than Well Being with Jack Fisher.

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# Russian students marvel at flashy holiday decorations

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Flashy Christmas decorations, big houses and televisions were some of the chosen photography subjects of Russian students here on a cultural exchange with The Study.

"When we went downtown, the Russians kept getting sidetracked by things that we pass by without a thought every day," said Study student Sarah McCans.

The young people have been kept busy and entertained with trips to the McCord Museum, the Biodome, home parties, a hockey game and even a little shopping at the Eaton Centre.

## Houston North

"I imagined all of Montreal to be like Houston, with skyscrapers everywhere, so when I arrived and saw all the individual little houses, I was a little shocked," said 16-year-old Sasha Baraussov.

The arrival of the Russian students marks the second half of the exchange that began when a group of Study students and chaperones visited Moscow during the summer.

Natasha Bilyk, 15, jokingly said she initially thought Canadians were from another planet.

"Although there are great differences, I was happy to discover that it was not so and that Canadians are the same people as we are," she said.

She wanted to contact newly arrived Russians or Ukrainians to ask them if they missed home and if they found living conditions better here.

"I couldn't live here, I would miss home too much," Natasha said. "I think I will try to make better conditions at home to make it the best country in the world."

Sasha, who aspires to be a furniture designer, said he was very impressed by the way the Study is equipped, with computers, blackboards, calculators and even a greenhouse. He said he is looking into McGill entrance requirements because the more degrees one has, the less chance one has of getting

drafted.

"When I return to Moscow, I'll have lots to tell my teachers," he said.

Natasha's main interest in participating in the exchange was to see first-hand how Canadians live and what kind of education they receive. The aspiring journalist also wants to improve her English.

"One thing I noticed is that the students really communicate with their teachers and the classes are smaller," she said. "They speak to their teachers like friends."

Study student Derev Antikacioglu said the visit might just spur her to learn more about Canada's history and culture.

"We can't even compare with what they know about their own country," she said. "Canadians don't seem to have the same amount of pride and patriotism."



Fourteen students from Moscow will be guests of the Study until Monday. Their whirlwind tour has featured plenty of sightseeing and warm comraderie. Two of the student hosts, Sarah McCans and Derev Antikacioglu (top row from left), pose next to Sasha Baraussov. Natasha Bilyk lies in front of the group.



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Scholarship exams for entry into Grades 5, 6 and 7 will be held on Saturday, January 22. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, January 19.

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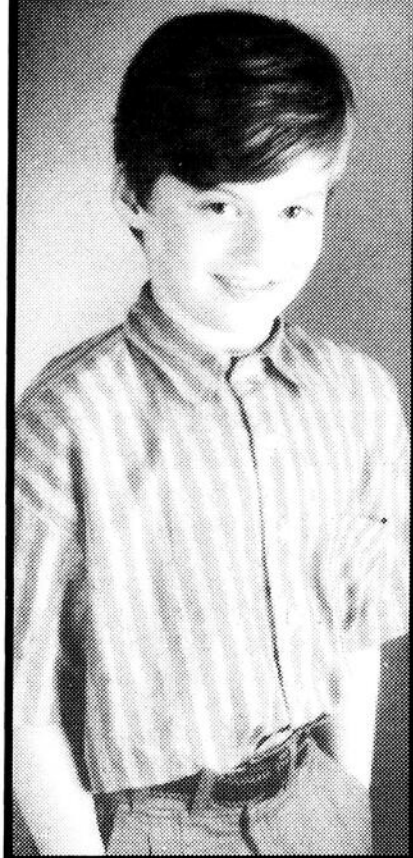
For complete information contact: Gordon C. Allan, Director of Admissions at 482-0951 LOWER CANADA COLLEGE, 4090 Royal Ave., Montreal, Quebec

## Berlyn is part of peace discussion at McGill

Judith Berlyn of Westmount Initiative for Peace is one of the participants in a panel discussion on "Canada: Peacekeeper or War Profiteer" in room 132 of McGill University's Leacock Building at McTavish and Dr. Penfield on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The evening gets under way with the Montreal premiere of the NFB film *Peacekeeper at War* by Martin Duckworth. It marks the third anniversary of the Gulf War.

Panel discussion follows. The other participants are Richard Sanders of the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade and Normand Beaudet of the Centre de ressources sur la non-violence.



## Official registration at the CECM Elementary Schools

Official Registration for September 1994 will be held: **from January 24 to January 27 between 9:00 and 11:30 A.M. and from 1:30 to 4:00 P.M.**

YOU CAN REGISTER UNDER THESE CONDITIONS:

- for pre-kindergarten, (not for all schools) the child must be four years old before October 1, 1994;
- for kindergarten, the child must be five years old before October 1, 1994;
- for Grade one, the child must be six years old before October 1, 1994

**To register your child in an English school, you must bring his / her Certificate of Eligibility for English instruction.**

You are requested to bring with you a copy of the child's birth certificate. **In order to obtain this certificate, please call 864-3900.**

**Important:** If you just arrived from another country and your child has to attend a French school for the first time, you can register at the *Service des relations interculturelles* of the CECM, 3737 Sherbrooke East, ground floor, with the following documents: birth certificate, official immigration papers, school report cards. Office hours: 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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## ECS teacher wins award

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for the girls," said Ms. Gorry. "Her biology lab is a wonderful place."

The veteran mathematics and science teacher and ECS Old Girl taught at Royal West Academy for 15 years and has spent the last eight at ECS.

"I really enjoy kids' discoveries through experiments," said Ms. McDonald. "Books can be boring but lots of discussion and experimentation helps keep them curious."

Trafalgar School's Roberta Wood is also a recipient of the same award as Ms. McDonald. They both won in the provincial category.

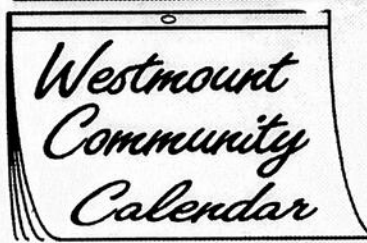
"It's a real boost to be recognized this way," she said. "I'm so pleased to be getting this award the

same year as Margo did, because she taught my children."

Five of her 23 years as a physics and chemistry teacher have been at Trafalgar School.

"When I first started out, I realized the amount of talent being turned off by the male domination in the field so it became a priority to promote access to engineering and science careers for women," she said. "I have also been very pleased to have had an extraordinary number of students accepted at the summer program Shad Valley Summer Program for the Centre for Creative Technology."

A total of 191 winners were chosen this year from almost 500 submissions. Winners receive certificates and cash awards, which are shared in part with their schools.



The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

### Friday, Jan. 14

**For kids: Pioneers, for Grades 1 through 6, meets weekly from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 4006 Dorchester Blvd. at Atwater (Weredale entrance) for friendship and activities. \$10 a year. 765-8389 or 932-8046.**

**Bridge: at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St., at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments. \$7.**

### Sunday, Jan. 16

**Jan 16: Seminar on "Israel Advocacy and the Problem of Jewish Continuity" at Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave., from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$22 registration; \$11.50 for seniors and students. Includes breakfast and lunch. 486-9526.**

**For seniors: The Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim luncheon at 12:30 p.m. presents an afternoon of art films with *Images of the Wild*, on wildlife painter Robert Bateman and Lypa, on the Inuit sculptor and printmaker.**

### Monday, Jan. 17

The January session of city council starts with a question period at 8 p.m., followed at 9 p.m. by the budget meeting.

At press time yesterday, a short agenda was announced as follows: adoption of a bylaw to amend the sinking fund, approval of accounts for November 1993 and approval of a \$2,000 bill from the Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors.

**Adult Prisoners of Childhood Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. at Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke St., parking lot door. 937-4392.**

**Bridge: at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St., starting at noon. \$6 includes refreshments. Master points. 937-3575.**

**Montreal Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd., rear entrance. Third nature competition - slides. Guests welcome.**

**For parents: Anonymous parent support group meets at 7:30 p.m. at Westmount Y.**

### Tuesday, Jan. 18

**Bridge: Novice game in conjunction with Congregation Shaar Hashomayim's weekly duplicate bridge club at 12:30 p.m. \$6 for lunch to Meals on Wheels. 937-9471, ext. 139.**

### Wednesday, Jan. 19

**Recovery Inc., self-help group for sufferers of depression, anxiety, nervous fears, panic attacks etc. weekly at 8 p.m. at 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd., rear entrance on Lansdowne.**

**Women's lunch: Sisterhood of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave., power lunch at noon followed by lecture by Arna Poupko, "Conflict & Restitution: The Success and Failure of the Biblical Family." Babysitting available if requested. Cost for lecture, \$5. All welcome. 937-9471, ext. 139.**

### Thursday, Jan. 20

**For seniors: Drop-in exercise at Contactivity, 4695 de Maisonneuve, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. \$2. 932-3433.**

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Pat O'Brien, from left, Nancy Gallery and Marie-Claire Holland look at a photo of the Royal Vic as they prepare for the Centennial Ball.

## Friends and Neighbours

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A group of St. Andrew's Rovers braved snow and sleet on the night of Dec. 21 to go Christmas caroling in the neighbourhood. Neil MacKinnon, Meredith Jones, Romesh Vadivel, Sebastien MacDougall, David Meisels, Frank Denis, Jason Lee, Mark Sanctuary and Nick Horn were among those who managed to collect \$139.08 for *The Gazette Christmas Fund* for their two-hour effort. The Mulroneys were among those who helped swell the coffers.

Anna Klefos, 11, her sister Andrea Klefos, 10, and their friend, Tara Caulfield, 11, went carolling several times the week before Christmas in aid of the burn unit at Hôtel Dieu hospital. The Klefos family, including parents, Edith and Kris, then took the donation of \$214.51 to Dr. Paillon at the hospital for La Fondation des Grands Brûlés du Québec.

"We just wanted to say thank you to everyone who contributed," Mr. Klefos said.

Why did the girls choose the burn unit?

"Because Anna and Andrea are Junior Firefighters," he said.

David Lipper, who graduated from St. George's School, will star with Linda Gray in *The Eileen Stevens Story*, to be shown on TV during the first week of February as NBC's movie of the week, says his proud mother, Irene Lipper. Mr. Lipper has teamed up with another former Westmounter, Shawn Levy, to co-produce their own film called *Broken Record*, which was filming in Hollywood last month.

## Shalom Line orientation

Shalom Line is holding an orientation meeting for new volunteers on Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

It will provide prospective volunteers with an overview of the service and what is expected of those who wish to help.

If you are interested, call Suzanne at 735-3541, ext. 3380.

## Workshop on making slides

The Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave., will present a one-day workshop, "Making Slides of your Artwork," with Kay Aubanel, on Sunday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can register in person or by phone by calling 488-9558.

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## GAME OF THE WEEK

# Lawyers soundly pound CAs 5-0

By NANCY NELSON

The executive hockey league consists of players who are at least 32 years of age. The team names, Engineers, Brokers and so on, do not necessarily denote the professions of all the members.

The teams are fairly evenly matched this season, with only a few points separating the first-

place PhDs from the sixth-place MBAs.

This Monday evening saw Law challenging the CAs, who, only last week, had fallen from first to second place.

From the opening face-off at the Westmount arena, Lawyers dominated the first period.

CA goalie John Delorme held off several attempts, but was finally

overcome by a screened shot on a power play. Takafumi Matsuoka managed Law's first goal, followed in rapid succession by three more. Law's sniper John Mulvahill scored two, including a short-handed goal on his own rebound, and Norman Richer chopped one in over Delorme's shoulder. Claude Bismuth, Matsuoka and Bruce Dobby received the assists.

Accountants fought bravely back in the second period, with the defence holding off even a 5-on-3 attack, after several CA penalties.

Law's Mulvahill achieved his hat trick in the last two seconds of a power play. The CAs came close to scoring on a number of occasions but the Law goalie, Barry Sternthal, proved too tough.

Despite being down 5-0, the CAs came alive in the third period.

They stopped Law's onslaught and racked up two goals; by Abbey Neidir, with an assist from Allan Clarke; and by Glen Malcolm. Finally they ran out of time as Law prevailed 5-2, with the CAs maintaining their second-place spot in the standings. Rivalries seemed soon forgotten, as there were smiles all around during the final handshakes.



CA goalie John Delorme fends off the Law at a game Monday. Photo by CLIFFORD SKARSTEDT



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## SPORTS STANDINGS

### HOCKEY

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey league as of Monday, January 10:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
<b>NOVICE</b>							
Sharks	13	11	2	0	85	38	22
Bears	13	11	2	0	65	28	22
Senators	12	7	3	2	64	34	16
Rangers	13	5	8	0	41	58	10
Dragons	12	5	7	0	31	49	10
Flyers	12	3	6	3	40	56	9
Canadiens	13	2	9	2	34	61	6
Guards	12	2	9	1	34	70	5
<b>ATOM</b>							
Canuks	13	10	2	1	58	34	21
Canadiens	13	9	4	0	66	41	18
Whalers	12	6	5	1	57	40	13
Penguins	13	6	6	1	39	54	13
Nordiques	14	3	8	3	39	54	9
North Stars	13	2	11	0	32	68	4
<b>PEEWEE</b>							
Scouts	15	10	3	2	80	64	22
Seals	14	8	2	4	91	35	20
Capitals	16	5	7	4	67	81	14
Canadiens	15	5	9	1	65	89	11
Sabres	14	3	10	1	50	84	7
<b>BANTAM</b>							
Leafs	17	9	7	1	54	47	19
Lightning	17	7	7	3	53	56	17
Panthers	16	7	6	3	52	47	17
Flames	16	6	9	1	39	48	13

### SENIOR HOCKEY

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey league as of Monday, January 10:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>						
P.H.D.	11	5	3	3	47	40
C.A.	11	6	4	0	41	38
Engineers	11	6	5	0	29	33
Brokers	11	5	5	1	42	36
Law	11	4	4	3	38	36
M.B.A.	11	3	6	1	27	41
<b>SR B</b>						
Fathers	15	10	3	2	58	27
Sharks	16	10	4	2	58	37
Kings	16	9	3	4	50	39
Devils	16	9	6	1	48	44
Oilers	16	6	7	3	46	46
Flyers	15	4	9	2	41	55
Hawks	16	4	12	0	51	69
Leafs	16	3	11	2	41	76
<b>SR A</b>						
Blues	18	10	3	5	70	48
Whalers	17	9	6	2	71	60
Rangers	17	5	8	4	50	65
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# RECREATION

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## Robbie Burns dinner-dance returns to Victoria Hall

Sons of Scotland will host the 26th annual Robbie Burns dinner-dance at Victoria Hall on Saturday, Jan. 29.

Cocktails are served at 6:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. the pipe major will lead the head-table guests to their seats and address the haggis. Next, a roast-beef dinner will be served, catered by Muirs.

Entertainment includes singing, dancing, piping and drumming. Dancing to the John Maloney Band follows.

## Cross-country ski club for golden agers

The Golden Age Association's wellness centre is organizing a cross-country ski club, which will meet every Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., until March 18, at locations in the Montreal area. Participants will leave from 5700 Westbury Ave.

Bill Deskin, a professional ski instructor at l'Esterel resort, will accompany the seniors on their outings.

Cost for transportation for the season is \$30. Arrangements for rentals can be made through the association.

Beginners are welcome. Skiers must be members of the Golden Age Association and must register at the wellness centre prior to participating.

For information call Maria at 739-4731, ext. 228.

## Seniors' drop-in exercise group

Contactivity Centre's exercise program is once again available on a drop-in basis. Stretch and tone with east-to-follow dance movements to classical music on Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. or Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$2 a class and the group starts Jan. 20.

## Anti-stress group starts

Depression, insomnia, stomach problems and headaches are all symptoms of stress. An eight-week course for people suffering from stress offered by Jewish Family Services, in French and English, allows participants to discuss symptoms and ways of handling stress.

Cost is \$100. The group will start meeting when about a dozen people register. The sessions run for two hours each.

Call Ellen Schwartz at 342-0000 for registration information.

Something to sell? Use EXAMINER classifieds. Call 630-6300 or Fax 630-6085, deadline is Friday.

No tickets will be sold at the door. For information and reservations call Elaine at 766-1367 or Christina at 696-1722.

## Lawn bowling club elects executive

The Westmount Lawn Bowling Club held its 91st annual meeting in Victoria Hall on Nov. 7.

It was reported that a successful year was had despite much rain and heat.

"I don't think anyone who's played on our greens has not commented on how good they are," said member Jean Place.

The highlight tournament was the July 30 winning match of the

Westmounters with a desire to dance, read on.

Ballroom dancing neophytes can take advantage of a new 10-week session being offered this winter, said socio-cultural director Beverly

Walter Hager Trophy by the Westmount men's four. Richard Menear, René Lecompte, Fred Dawson and Bob Thomas played an almost flawless game to defeat a strong team from Pointe Claire.

Awards were given out and thanks given to the outgoing slate of officers.

Retiring president Carey Foster welcomed the new president, Irene

Adams-Coskun.

Victoria Hall will be alive with whirling partners from 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Friday beginning Jan. 28. The cost for the beginners' course is \$44.

Rideout, and introduced the new executive.


Vice-president is Bob Thomas; Ian MacKinnon is treasurer, Marjorie Irvine is secretary; Fred Dawson and Emily Bently are match chairmen; Jane McJannet and Tom Carnell are in charge of hospitality; Gert Truscott is house chairman; Leonaora Turner is in charge of membership and Jean Place looks after publicity.

Instructor Herbert Rozan is a graduate of the Imperial School of Ballroom Dancing in London and has worked as an instructor on the S.S. Pushkin cruise ship, said Adams-Coskun.

There are also classes available for those with some experience. Mondays from 8:30 to 10 p.m. is slated for Level II dancers and Fridays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. will see the advanced class take the floor.

"Registration for socio-cultural programming is on now and people should register as soon as possible because some classes are already filling up," she said. "Beginners' karate already has a waiting list."

For more registration information, call Adams-Coskun at 935-8531, local 212.



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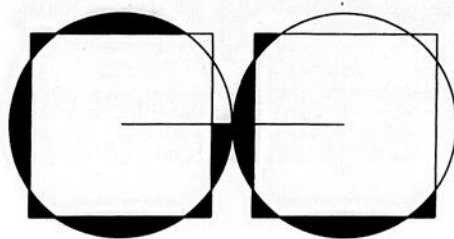
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