



Committee to study Westmount tribute:

# Montreal's haste renaming Dorchester decried by mayor

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount will set up a citizens' committee on street names to consider the most appropriate way of honoring the late Quebec premier René Lévesque and will probably delay action for at least a year after his death Nov 1, Mayor May Cutler announced at Monday night's city council meeting.

Taking a strong stand against the procedure used by the City of Montreal to rename Dorchester boulevard after Mr Lévesque, Mayor Cutler called the lack of consultation with Westmount "quite unseemly."

By comparison, she said, Westmount would not hastily rename its three-block stretch of Dorchester boulevard but would consider the matter carefully.

Mayor Cutler referred to policies regarding the renaming of landmarks laid down by both the United Nations and the Quebec government's commission on toponymy which state public places should not be named after persons until at least one year after their death.

"In New York City, no matter how important, august or much-loved the person is," she said, the matter undergoes a lengthy process, including consultation with the community.

Asked Tuesday morning whether Westmount would name some landmark for Mr Lévesque, Mayor Cutler replied quickly, "Of course we will."

### 'Not people place'

She said her personal opinion was that Dorchester was not the type of street to name for him in any event, but that he deserved a "people place."

"A man as warm and passionate as Mr Lévesque needs a place where people can assemble. Dorchester is cold, not a street where the gens du pays go for a stroll."

She said St Denis street, Ile Ste Hélène or Mount Royal Park were far more appropriate landmarks for honoring Mr Lévesque.

Westmount's new mayor said she intended to write to Montreal city councillors protesting the lack of

consultation with Westmount, which she found "neither courteous nor in good order."

She said she had simply been informed of the Montreal decision Friday.

According to Quebec government guidelines published by its commission on toponymy, a street must not be named to honor a living person.

"Only names of persons deceased

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## Man cleared of assault on smoker

A 55-year-old N.D.G. resident was released without charges Wednesday last week after he was taken to local MUC station 23 in connection with an assault incident regarding smoking at the Reddy Memorial Hospital, police report.

The man, who police said suffered a dizzy spell as he was about to be put into holding cells, was checked out by Urgences Santé but refused hospitalization.

The incident started out about 3:55 pm when the man was reported to have complained to a hospital worker that a woman in the waiting room was smoking.

When the woman apparently refused to stop she was asked to sit at the end of the room so as not to create a fuss, police said in relating the incident.

The man then held her arm in attempts to take the cigarette from her. No violence was reported to have occurred.

Police were called to investigate and the man was taken to the station for questioning.

## Post office rained out; delivery returns today

Westmounters received no mail delivery yesterday as Canada Post's local distribution centre at 4225 St Catherine street shut down temporarily due to flooding.

Up to two inches of rain accumulated in the post office's first floor facility after a renovated second-storey roof sprung a number of leaks. The Westmount fire department was summoned at 6:06 am yesterday to help pump out the water.

While damage was confined to advertising circulars and a few magazines, according to Canada Post officials, clean-up caused a delay in operations and letter carriers were unable to deliver the mail.

Post office spokesman Louise Roy promised normal services would be restored today.

Canada Post rents the bottom floor of the two-storey St Catherine street structure from owner Pacific International Equities Corp. Pacific International has begun work to build a third floor extension to be completed March 1.

"It was sheer bad luck," Pacific

International superintendent Michel Champagne said of the mishap yesterday. "I don't know why it happened, but it did."

Apparently sections of the existing roof, weakened after the removal of tar and gravel, failed to withstand Tuesday's rain and fell through cellophane sheeting placed underneath.

Mr Champagne said workers are recovering the roof with asphalt. Mail delivery in Westmount won't be affected again, he said, at least not by Pacific International.



"It was a frightfully busy day and I think it just worked too hard."

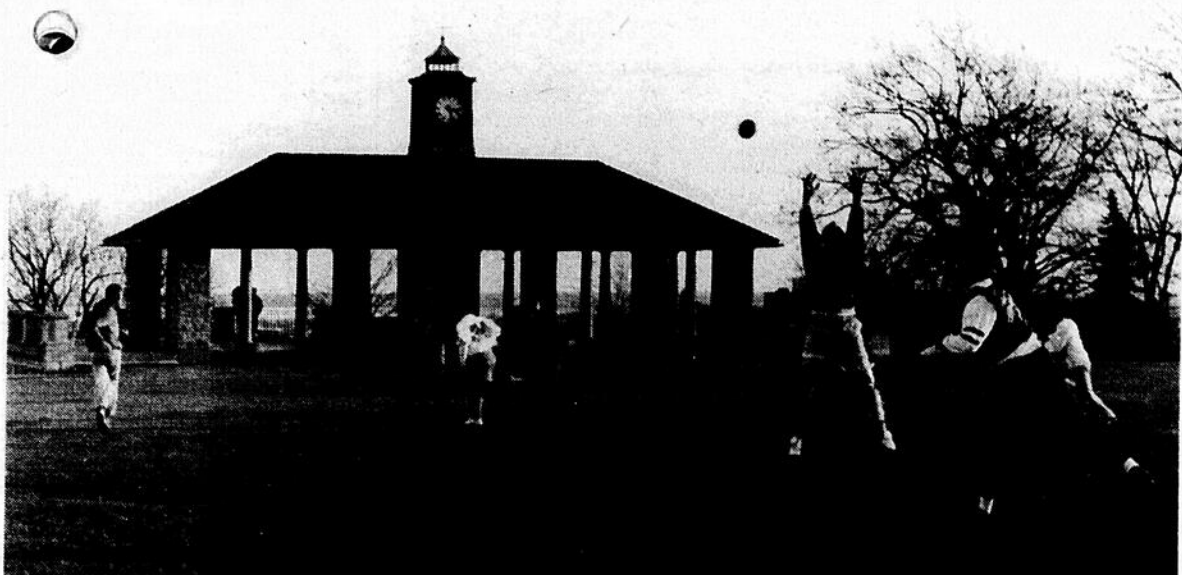
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GOING LONG: Autumn sends leaves to the ground and pigskin to the air. This group of Westmount youths took advantage of the fresh air and clear skies to grind out the yardage in a game of pick-up football on the playing field in King George Park.

## Mayor gives financial report:

# \$1.6 million surplus foreseen but cost hikes coming for '88

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Although few clues were provided Monday night by city council as to what kind of tax hikes Westmounters might face in the 1988 municipal budget, Mayor May Cutler announced that the city expected to end this year with an operating surplus in excess of \$1.6 million.

"At this time it would be expected that some of the 1987 surplus will be used to reduce the 1988 tax burden," she said in reading a report on the financial position of the city.

Ironically, this year's anticipated surplus corresponds to the \$1.6 million appropriated from the city's accumulated surplus at the start of this year to help balance the 1987 municipal operating budget of \$37 million.

Last year's operating budget surplus was \$2.5 million.

Among spending increases facing

the city in the coming year, she said, were:

- Westmount's rising portion of MUC shared costs, up \$1.7 million over 1987; and,
- The liability insurance crisis which saw insurance rates for Westmount leap from \$70,000 in 1985 to \$370,000 in 1987; and,
- Alternatives to the financing of capital projects undertaken since 1982 for a value of \$4.7 million.

The property valuation hikes on the MUC territory had particular impact on Westmount, the mayor said, where overall evaluation increases amounted to 40.1 percent compared to the MUC average of 27.2 percent.

This would automatically indicate that Westmount taxpayers would shoulder a greater burden of regional government's costs.

Since it was not yet known how a provincial government ceiling on taxable valuations or tax bills might apply in Westmount, no forecast regarding tax bills could be made at this time.

Considerable discussion followed during the city council's public question period concerning possible insurance hikes faced by the city next year.

Jerry Jacobs, 4000 de Maison-neuve boulevard, asked why a substantial increase might be anticipated and the question was referred to Peter Patenaude, the city's director general, for response.

Mr Patenaude named the recent flooding as well as last year's multi-million-dollar Alexis Nihon Plaza fire as being large question marks in the city's prospects for liability insurance.

"Right now, along with other municipalities on the island, we're looking at various schemes for self-insurance. There's also the question of environmental insurance."

## Mayor delivers city hall art election vow

City hall will have its art work promised by May Cutler during her recent election campaign for mayor.

"I've already arranged with Arts Westmount to let us borrow art from some of the local artists who participated in the festival this year," she said Tuesday.

Mayor Cutler has selected the large wall in front of the door off the parking lot for a contribution by Ann McCall which, like all others, she said, would be insured by the city.

"These will be hung in public places at city hall for a period of between six months and a year." Only about 10 will be chosen, she said.

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## WESTMOUNT INFORMATION FROM CITY HALL November 1987 The Vial of Life

Our own Public Security Unit is continually striving to introduce new programs which will be of benefit to our citizens and improve the quality of life in our community. One such program, launched on 6th April 1987, in conjunction with the C.L.S.C. Metro, is entitled "Vial of Life."

The program is aimed at saving the lives of the elderly, homebound, alone, or chronically ill by supplying necessary medical information. The information, which includes the name of the individual's doctor, allergies, medication, and other pertinent medical data, is placed in a plastic container, or vial.

The vial is always attached beneath the top shelf of the individual's refrigerator on the right side so that rescuers can locate it quickly if the person is seriously ill or injured and cannot communicate. The refrigerator is utilized to store the vial because everyone has one, it is easy to find, and even after a catastrophe it is usually still intact.

Two stickers are given to each person. One is placed on the refrigerator and the other on the front door or window so that emergency personnel will immediately notice that there is a "Vial of Life" in the home.

It has been noted that in the short time since the inception of the program, and as a result of it, one participating Westmount resident has benefitted by expeditious diagnosis and treatment when Urgences Santé personnel were summoned.

A total of one hundred and twenty-six (126) plastic vials, donated by the Jewish General Hospital, have been distributed in our city thus far. This service is free of charge and is geared to young and old alike.

If you know a handicapped senior citizen or anyone who requires special attention in the case of an emergency and would like to obtain this vial, please contact the Public Security Unit at 935-8531 local 259 or 935-1777.

## WESTMOUNT INFORMATION DE L'HÔTEL DE VILLE Novembre 1987 La "Fiole de vie"

Notre Corps de Sécurité publique s'efforce constamment d'introduire de nouveaux programmes susceptibles d'être utiles à nos citoyens et d'améliorer la qualité de vie dans notre localité. La "Fiole de vie" se range parmi ces programmes; il a été lancé le 6 avril, de concert avec le C.L.S.C. Métro.

Son but est d'aider à sauver la vie des personnes âgées, confinées chez elles, vivant seules ou malades chroniques en fournissant des renseignements médicaux essentiels. Cette information — nom du médecin de la personne, allergies dont elle souffre, médicaments qu'elle prend et certaines autres données médicales pertinentes — est placée dans un contenant ou une fiole de plastique.

Cette fiole est ensuite fixée sous l'étagère du haut du réfrigérateur du participant, du côté droit, de façon à être facile à repérer par les secouristes si cette personne est gravement malade ou blessée et incapable de communiquer. On a choisi le réfrigérateur comme endroit où ranger cette fiole parce que tout le monde dispose d'un tel appareil qui est facile à trouver et qui, en général, demeure intact même s'il survient un sinistre.

On remet deux collants à chaque participant, un à placer sur le réfrigérateur et l'autre sur la porte de devant ou une fenêtre de manière que le personnel d'urgence puisse immédiatement constater la présence d'une "Fiole de vie" dans la maison.

Depuis le peu de temps que ce programme a été mis en place, on a noté qu'il a permis à un résident de Westmount qui y participait de bénéficier d'un diagnostic et d'un traitement rapides et opportuns du personnel d'Urgences Santé appelé sur les lieux.

Jusqu'à ce jour, cent vingt-six (126) "fioles de vie," dons de l'hôpital Général Juif, ont été distribuées dans notre ville. Ce service est offert sans frais et vise les jeunes aussi bien que les personnes âgées.

Si vous connaissez un citoyen âgé handicapé ou un autre qui doit faire l'objet d'une attention spéciale dans un cas d'urgence et qui aimerait disposer de cette "Fiole de vie," veuillez communiquer avec le Corps de Sécurité publique au 935-8531, poste 259 ou au 935-1777.

## MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 16, 1987

The purpose of my report tonight is to inform the citizens of Westmount of the financial position of this municipality, with particular reference to the years 1986, 1987 and the budget year 1988.

In this presentation, I will report on the financial results of the audited financial statements for 1986 and will give you some preliminary indications of the financial results for the current year (1987) and the general orientation for the 1988 operating budget and capital expenditure programme.

### I. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1986 FINANCIAL RESULTS

The financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 1986 were tabled with Council by the City Treasurer as required by the provisions of the Cities and Towns Act. These statements, audited by the City's

auditors, Thorne Ernst & Whinney, were issued 'unqualified' on March 20th, 1987.

The highlights of the results for the year 1986 with some explanations of the major variations between the actual results and budget were presented in detail by the Commissioner of Finance on April 6th, 1987. However, a summary of the highlights is as follows:

The City's total revenue for the year amounted to \$37,438,400 and the expenditures totalled \$34,913,400, leaving us with a surplus of \$2,525,000.

I will review briefly the components of this surplus. Unanticipated revenues were derived from:

- the receipt of \$780,000 from the Quebec Government as a result of the 1983 ice storm and the 1965 land expropriation for the construction of the Ville Marie Expressway;
- an abnormal level of requests for building permits accounted for an additional \$176,000 in revenues;
- transfer duties on the sale of Westmount Square accounted for \$305,000;
- \$154,000 in parking fines were received in excess of budget; and
- other notable contributions came as a result of postponing a debt issue, reduced street and sidewalk maintenance costs, the contracting out of garbage services, reduced expenditures for parks, trees, the Library and our capital expenditure program.

We must remember that \$967,000 of funds were taken out of our surplus to reduce the mill rate and balance the 1986 budget. As a result of the above factors, the fiscal year ended with a surplus of \$2,525,000.

As for our balance sheet position, we had \$7,361,560 in short-term banking instruments composed of \$4.8 million from the Operating Fund, \$0.9 million from the Special Sinking Fund and \$1.6 million from the Working Fund.

Municipal and Utility accounts receivable amounted to \$3.7 million against \$4.8 million of accounts payable.

Capital expenditures for 1986 amounted to \$2,055,211 and were financed as follows:

• Loan By-Laws	\$1,028,623
• Operating Fund	214,100
• Working Fund	567,581
• Parks and Playgrounds Reserve Fund	244,907

Everything considered, the City was and remains in a sound financial position as indicated by the level of the cash and short-term investments, the status of our accounts receivable and by all pertinent ratios of our long-term debt as measured against valuation, to revenue and per capita.

It is Council's intention to ensure that the City of Westmount will continue its sound financial position and maintain the highest bond rating of AA, which is shared by only three other Quebec municipalities (T.M.R., Beaconsfield and, since 1987, Montreal).

### II. 1987 FORECAST

Based on third-quarter results and our estimates for revenues and expenditures to the end of the year, it is anticipated that the 1987 fiscal year should close with a surplus in excess of \$1,600,000.

I will outline briefly the reasons behind this expectation.

Due mainly to a reduction in the number of tax appeals and some new construction that became taxable in 1987, we expect property tax revenues to exceed the budget by \$400,000.

Parking lot revenues and the recoverable costs for services rendered will contribute an additional \$146,000 to the City's Treasury.

Revenues derived from transfer duties on property sales will contribute another \$310,000. Some of this favorable variance can be attributed to the rare sale of one apartment building and two commercial complexes.

An all-out effort to clear a back-log of summonses and warrants for unpaid fines will bring in additional revenues of \$155,000 and \$170,000 due to an increased number of tickets issued in 1987.

Interest on bank deposits and on overdue taxes will probably account for another \$190,000, mainly due to interest rates remaining at higher levels than projected for the last seven months of the year.

We also anticipate that the electric utility operations could bring in at least an additional \$250,000 due to a slight increase in volume consumption.

The postponement of a debt service issue originally slated for 1987 will reduce our debt service cost this year by approximately \$400,000.

As for expenditures for municipal and utility operations, we forecast that expenditures will remain below the budget allotment for the balance of 1987.

### III. 1988 BUDGET

For the next fiscal year 1988, the municipal operating budget guidelines provide for increases in revenues and expenditures in line with Council objectives and policies. The City's high level of services is to be maintained at minimal costs and at the same time keep property taxes within acceptable norms.

No doubt, you have heard the publicity concerning property valuation hikes on the M.U.C. territory which, in fact, had a considerable impact in the City of Westmount.

Overall evaluations on the M.U.C. territory rose 27.2%; however, this figure is 40.1% for Westmount, which automatically indicates that a greater proportion of the 1988 M.U.C. operating costs will be borne by our ratepayers.

The provincial government is currently working on Bill 82, an Act that will, at the option of a municipality, put a ceiling on taxable evaluations and/or tax bills, on selected taxable categories. It is too early to determine what effects this will have on the average property tax owners that have experienced substantial valuation increases over last year's.

The "AVERAGE" property valuation increases for Westmount are as follows:

Single-family dwellings	50.0%
Duplexes	40.8%
Triplexes	66.1%
Multiplexes	78.7%
Condominiums	48.1%
Apartments	21.9%
Commercial	22.7%
Vacant lots	5.1%

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## WESTMOUNT Community Calendar

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

### Today, Nov 19

- ☐ Christmas sale: Reddy Memorial Hospital, 10 am - 4 pm
- ☐ Theatre: *My Rumanian Cousin* play by Aviva Ravel, Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, 450 Kensington avenue, 8 pm
- ☐ Art exhibition: Watercolors by Jessie Fiske, Westmount Public Library, until Nov 29
- ☐ Art exhibition: Paintings by Dave Beckett, Galerie Westmount, 4935A Sherbrooke street west, until Nov 25
- ☐ Art exhibition: Paintings by Ayfer Gursoz, Galerie de Bellefeuille, 1212 Greene avenue
- ☐ Art exhibition: Paintings by Pat Walsh, Artlenders Gallery, 318 Victoria avenue, until Nov 28
- ☐ Art exhibition: Virginia McClure's "Earth Cycles," the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, until Nov 28
- ☐ Art exhibition: Bronze sculptures by Donald Liardi, Galerie Westmount, 4935A Sherbrooke street west; until Christmas

### Saturday, Nov 21

- ☐ Book signing sessions: With authors Jan Truss, 10:30 am - 11:30 am, and Dayal Kaur Khalsa, 2 pm - 3 pm, Double Hook bookshop, 1235A Greene avenue
- ☐ Christmas fair: St Matthias' Church, 12 Church Hill, 11 am - 3 pm
- ☐ Great Bird Fair: Sponsored by Province of Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds, Westmount High School, 4350 St Catherine street west, 11 am - 5 pm, and Sunday same hours, with a lecture by nature writer Lyn Hancock at 8 pm
- ☐ Bake sale and bazaar: Sponsored by the Ladies' Committee, Branch 14, RMR, 4625 St Catherine street west, 1 pm - 4 pm
- ☐ Concert and mass: La Fête de la Ste Cécile will be marked at Eglise St-Léon by a mass of thanksgiving preceded by a short voice and organ recital of works by Telemann, Bach, Handel and others, Saturday 4:30 pm and repeated Sunday 11 am

### Sunday, Nov 22

- ☐ Giant Steps bazaar: To benefit Canadian Institute for Neuro-Integrative Development, Victoria Hall, 11 am - 5 pm
- ☐ Sisterhood family fun day: Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, 450 Kensington avenue, 11 am - 3 pm
- ☐ CAMMAC sight-reading: Of Bach's Oratorio, for amateur singers and instrumentalists, especially strings, St Matthias' church hall, 10 Church Hill, 3 pm

### Monday, Nov 23

- ☐ Nearly new sale: Sponsored by Pioneer Women's Organization Dorot Kanot group, Victoria Hall, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- ☐ Book signing: With nature author Lyn Hancock, Double Hook bookshop, 1235A Greene avenue, 1 pm - 2 pm
- ☐ Chess club: Sponsored by the Westmount recreation department, Victoria Hall, 7:30 pm
- ☐ WMA directors' meeting: Victoria Hall, 8 pm

### Wednesday, Nov 25

- ☐ Luncheon meeting: Rotary Club of Westmount, Victoria Hall, 12:30 pm
- ☐ Free defensive driving course: By Auto-Victor Driving School, 4253 St Catherine street, suite 5, 6 pm - 10 pm; for information call 937-4279
- ☐ Annual general meeting and fundraiser: St Henri-Westmount Progress

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**Nov 10**

**10:48 am:** 95 Côte St Antoine, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 10:54 am, fire in gym mats (see story last week);  
**5:00 pm:** Clarke and de Maisonneuve, toppled gas heaters at construction site (see story last week);  
**8:56 pm:** 6 Weredale Park, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 9:13 pm, pullstation activated accidentally;

**Nov 11**

**5:03 pm:** 21 Stanton, MUC police station 23, first responder unit (see story);

**Nov 12**

**9:40 am:** Greene and St Antoine, broken water main;  
**7:28 pm:** 7001 Mackle, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 7:34 pm;  
**7:58 pm:** 40 Summit crescent, assistance to MUC police (see story);  
**10:42 pm:** 419 Victoria, problems with radiators;

**Nov 13**

**9:12 am:** 449 Clarke, strange odor, cardboard box leaning against baseboard heater;

**Nov 14**

**4:28 am:** 369 Clarke, apt 1, fire in mattress (see story);  
**7:39 pm:** 60 Bruce, internal alarm (see story);  
**8:21 pm:** 732 Upper Roslyn, assistance to MUC police (see story);

**Nov 15**

**5:16 pm:** 4505 St Catherine, Belvedere Residence, flooding from toilet tank;  
**7:34 pm:** 525 Mount Pleasant, ECS, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 7:39 pm, problem with sprinkler alarm;

**Nov 16**

**7:04 pm:** 3500 de Maisonneuve, 1 Alexis Nihon Plaza, fire in tower under construction (see story).



**AUTHOR AT LIBRARY:** As part of the Children's Book Festival taking place across Canada this week, **Jan Truss**, right, author of several children's books and plays, read from her latest novel *Summer Goes Riding* to an audience of grade 6 students from Weston School, Roslyn, Selwyn House and Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School. Maria Varvarikos, librarian at the Westmount Children's Library, is the Quebec provincial co-ordinator of the festival.

## Driver fleeing accident faces series of charges

A 46-year-old N.D.G. man was charged with impaired driving and refusal to take a breathalyzer test Tuesday last week after his car collided with another on Côte St Antoine road and Lansdowne avenue injuring the second driver, police report.

The man also was issued tickets for not wearing a seat belt, for failing to stop at a stop sign and for driving without using headlights.

Additional charges also may be laid for hit-and-run, police said.

The injured driver, a 36-year-old man also living in N.D.G., sustained injury to the nose, forehead and

right eye, but was reported to have refused medical treatment.

The accident occurred about 10:05 pm as the victim had stopped his car at the stop sign. He was hit in the rear by the other one, which pulled across the intersection and stopped on the north side of the street until police arrived.

As police started to question the victim, the driver of the other car was reported to have driven away. Police started after him and the car was stopped near Claremont avenue.

Damage to both cars was estimated at over \$500.

## Ticket trucker

The driver of a truck that backed into another Tuesday last week on Sherbrooke street at Victoria avenue was issued two tickets after the accident, police report. He was ticketed for backing up without assistance as well as for not having proof of insurance. The accident occurred west-bound at 1:45 pm.

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## Had no helmet, moped nabbed

A 20-year-old Montreal youth was ticketed for driving a moped without wearing a helmet after the vehicle was initially suspected of being stolen when spotted at Sherbrooke street and Kensington avenue Friday, police report.

The owner, a 55-year-old Westmount man, also was issued a ticket for not having a licence plate on the bike.

The moped came to police attention at 12:50 am when the rider was noticed without a helmet.

The driver, who claimed to have borrowed it from a friend, was taken to local MUC police station 23 for investigation and the tickets were issued after the owner confirmed the story.

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## We Say

### What's in a name?

WESTMOUNT's reaction, as expressed by Mayor May Cutler, to the City of Montreal's announced decision Monday to rename Dorchester boulevard to honor René Lévesque, was precisely right.

Westmount, she said, chooses to weigh the proposal, not respond instantly to Montreal's apparently rushed decision, taken without opportunity for consultation or reflection.

This is not to signal a position pro or con and certainly not, as already suggested in some quarters, some kind of anglophone lack of respect for our late premier.

Indeed, one of the many things inspiring the desire to honor the memory of Mr Lévesque is the very thing which the Montreal administration seems to have overlooked: his widely acknowledged devotion to the democratic process, not too evident behind the rushed Montreal announcement.

Mayor Cutler neatly pinpointed the obvious lack of due consideration at Montreal city hall by noting that there had been absolutely no communication with the City of Westmount, the only Montreal partner sharing with it Dorchester boulevard. It does not seem to have occurred to anyone on the big city's executive committee that this failure would tend to detract from their good intentions with the potential even for controversy.

For instance, there certainly are Westmounters as there are Montrealers, including francophones, who believe that Montreal's haste is unseemly, inspired largely by emotion engendered by Mr Lévesque's very recent death. Such a decision would be an even greater honor if more study, thought and ingenuity had

been allowed to play upon it.

Montreal, sensibly, proposes to give Lord Dorchester's name to the now largely meaningless "Dominion" Square. Of course, this raises the question of why Montreal simply didn't give Mr Lévesque's name to Dominion Square, hardly less of an honor.

While Westmount and other suburbs are part of the metropolis and their residents are interested, the decision taken is Montreal's, not Westmount's. That is not to say that the Montreal Urban Community may not have a say considering its concern with metropolitan arterials, which Dorchester certainly is. However, even there the MUC, with its overwhelming Montreal bias, may be quite unconcerned with any renaming or, on the other hand, heartily endorse Montreal's action.

Westmount, unless dictated to by other authority, need do nothing. There is no reason why any street must bear the same name throughout, even within the same municipality. Indeed, variety and change along thoroughfares is part of the cachet of many world-class cities.

Westmount also must consider, if it goes along with the change within its own borders, what to do if anything about the memory of Lord Dorchester.

There are all kinds of possibilities for Westmount, not the least of which might be substituting the name of Quebec's first governor following the conquest and acknowledged great friend of French Canada for the generic name "Westmount" Park.

But we are with Mrs Cutler: Let's not rush it and, meanwhile, ignore the unthinking criticism from outside.

## Editorial Notes

A FEW months ago, when the Timmins-Campbell / Cliffside garage on St Catherine street was being demolished, we noted the perplexity of countless pigeons who for numerous pigeon generations had nested in corners and crevices of the old building's brickwork. Fairway Construction is well under way there with a new structure, the design and overall appearance of which is being kept as if a vital secret from the curious Westmount public who must eventually view it and even the curious older citizens who might like to contemplate living there. Anyway, the pigeons are not so slow. With the general physical shape of things to come materialized, they are exploring the structure for new homes of their own, however temporary these may prove to be once closing-in is completed. Fairway is reported to be keeping architects' perspective drawings from public gaze for vague promotional purposes, or perhaps for the birds.

## Something I Want to Say



Harry Mayerovitch

WESTMOUNT

### Under-funding the problem

WHO says the government of Premier Robert Bourassa is liberal?

Let us not rehash here just now how, in the Liberal regime under his earlier political incarnation, the first adventure into curbing for everyone in this province the freedom of language was enacted under Bill 22. This, of course, paved the way for the excesses of the Parti Québécois' Bill 101 — some of which are being argued before the Supreme Court of Canada this very week.

Let us, rather, take a look at how, in his second kick at the Quebec government can, Mr Bourassa appears to accept as normal government interference in the lives and institutions of the people. The so-called social democratic approach (for which read bureaucratic, centralist, planned and socialized) refined to a high art in every area of the provincial government by the PQ seems to have been adopted, hook, line and sinker, by the so-called Liberals.

Take for example Mr Bourassa's health and social services minister, Mrs Thérèse Lavoie-Roux, and her apparent outrage that any hospital should regard Quebec-decreed maximums for key hospital salaries as possibly inadequate. Not satisfied to hold the principal pursestrings and have civil servants control virtually all the minutiae of the many corporations and agencies under her control, she has moved to dictate the use of non-government funds as well.

It appears to be her view that the unpaid voluntary top officials of our hospitals — the last public input barring the way to absolute government operation — should be shorn of their remaining power and responsibility: to preserve the standards of their institutions through the quality of their people, procedures and plant. Money assuredly is not everything, but even Economist Bourassa must realize that there is a close link between top quality, in people and things, and top

money.

He must also realize that the bureaucratic mind tends to think otherwise: that seniority and uniformity should govern all things and that his health minister appears to have fallen under the spell of her ministry officials in this regard. Her knee-jerk reaction to allegations concerning the Royal Victoria Hospital and other hospitals demonstrates a singular lack of appreciation of the boon benefactions and foundations have been and are to the health care system.

The legislation now proposed to clip further the options open to budget starved hospitals, in addition to its inherent shortsightedness, is offered without any justification by the minister other than the familiar bureaucratic stance: We know best; do as we say!

The Royal Victoria and other hospitals that will be victimized by this further unjustifiable interference are quite capable of directing their own affairs in all their individual special circumstances, certainly a good deal better than Mrs Lavoie-Roux's minions.

Indeed, the Royal Vic board only last Friday accepted an ad hoc committee report, prompted by recent "revelations," which not only addresses some time-honored practices and roles which may have become outdated but refocuses attention on the hospital's prime purpose, patient care.

The onus is on the minister and the premier to show why she is perpetuating rather than easing Parti-Québécois philosophies of government through the exercise of raw power and control, rather than encouraging collaboration and co-operation between the public and private sectors.

Neither side has all the answers. Heavy-handed regulations and prohibitions are no answer. Particularly when under-funding by the government itself is the root problem.



**Forty-five Years Ago**  
November 20, 1942

"Lieutenant Temple Murray Barott, 1st Battalion Black Watch (RHR) of Canada (overseas), who was taken prisoner of war during the Dieppe raid, was later reported missing, but later communications revealed the fact that he had been taken prisoner and was unhurt. Lt Barott, 23, is the only son of Mr and Mrs Ernest Barott, 3 Summerhill Terrace. He was educated at Selwyn House School, Ashbury College, Ottawa, Bishop's College, Lennoxville and McGill University... Mr and Mrs Barott have received a post card from their son, since he has been taken prisoner, saying that both he and his friend, Lt Murray Mather, also of the Black Watch, are well."

**Thirty-five Years Ago**  
November 21, 1952

From an editorial: "One of the strange ironies associated with the government-owned CBC is the latter's professed belief in the following principle: 'The right to answer is inherent in the democratic doctrine of free speech.' Ironic, because the power and authority delegated to the CBC is a total negation of this principle. CBC has monopolized network broadcasting. It turns over the national networks to political and economic commentators of its own choosing. If there is disagreement with what those commentators say, if individuals or organizations feel that the public has been given false or misleading information, nothing can be done about it because there is no national outlet for the opposing point of view."

**Twenty-five Years Ago**  
November 16, 1962

"J. Richard Hyde took his birthday victory in stride. He did not consider his reelection, for his third term as Liberal MPP for Westmount-St George, a personal victory. It was, he said, an enthusiastic expression of confidence of the Quebec people for the tremendous Liberal leader, Jean Lesage. On Thursday, November 15, Mr Hyde marked his 50th birthday. Speaker of the last legislative assembly, Mr Hyde's election was conceded by his two opponents early Wednesday evening when returns indicated his majority would be substantial. He won by a majority of 8,942 votes."

**Fifteen Years Ago**  
November 16, 1972

"Two seats on the seven-member Westmount School Board are up for grabs in early January. They are Seat No 1 held by Commissioner Mrs Sam Kaplan, who also is the local school board's representative on the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, and Seat No 5 held by Commissioner Iain Gow. Mr Gow, who lives at 258 Metcalfe avenue, has indicated that he is not available for re-election, while Mrs Kaplan, 733 Upper Belmont avenue, says she's available."

"Some 70 persons, representing almost half of the membership of the Somerville Area Residents' Association, Monday night endorsed without dissent the first six of 10 proposals of their planning committee designed to conserve and enhance their neighborhood."

**Five Years Ago**  
November 18, 1982

"Prices were up and volume down in Westmount house transfers registered during the month of September. Sale prices for one- and two-family dwellings, on average, were nearly 10 percent higher than the 1982 MUC tax valuations in the 22 registrations. The average sale price was \$177,455. The 9.9 percent average mark-up compares roughly with similar figures for June and July. In



**our mayor**  
Her Worship May Cutler  
**says...**

**Quite a time**

IT'S been quite a time since the election. I have been overwhelmed with good wishes and offers to help. Those who made them may be sorry, I am taking up those offers.

As promised, I do intend to make sure the extraordinary expertise of our citizens is fed directly to your elected representatives and on to those who work for city hall. Citizens' committees are meant to collect information, discuss and to advise the elected representatives. They meet according to need. A good city is one that reflects most closely the pace, style and wishes of its citizens, appreciating and preserving good from the past, assessing the present and planning the future. Citizens are the city.

In the past few days I have spent much time on the telephone — at least the time I had left after the intensive briefing sessions on sinking funds, pensions, city structure and preparations for council meetings. Where organizations already exist — such as those representing the elderly, tenants, the arts, recreation, dog owners, our heritage — it's relatively easy. In some cases it's a bringing together of representatives from several organizations already working, such as tenants' groups.

In the case of new citizens' committees that I feel are needed, the list gets longer by the minute. Some that have been needed for a long time include committees on relations with the MUC, the city's budget, taxes and evaluations, and parking (which may have to come down to a committee per street, because of variations).

One committee that I had not thought of as requiring any urgent existence now appears needed. It would deal with street names. It is usual after the death of a prominent individual to wait through a period of mourning of at least one year during which extensive consultation takes place between the family of the deceased, whose feelings and preferences should be considered, as well as groups and organizations with which he or she was closely associated. I intend to follow this tradition and will so instruct the new committee.



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

**Polls full of holes**

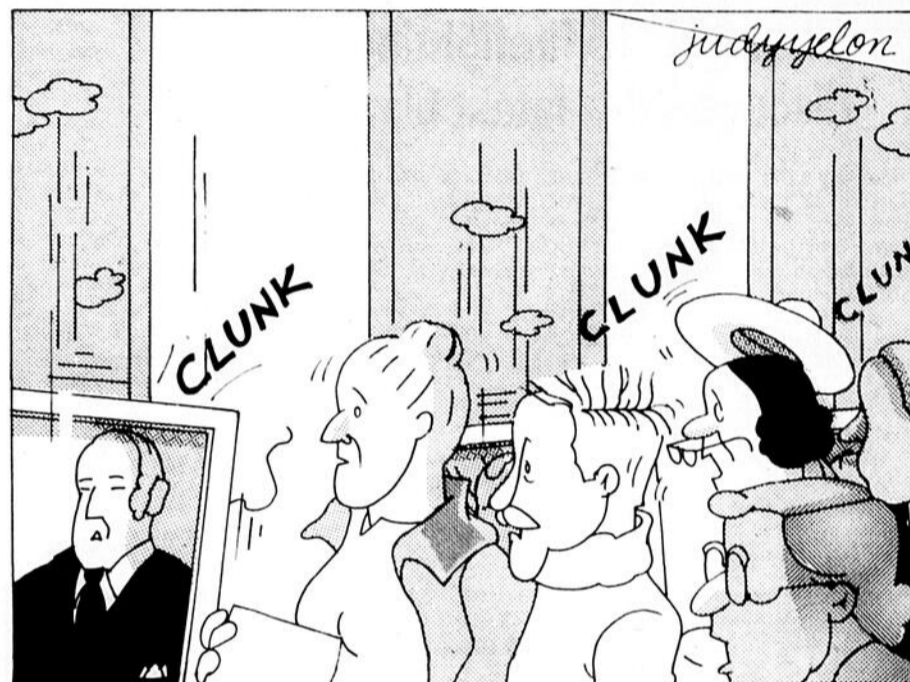
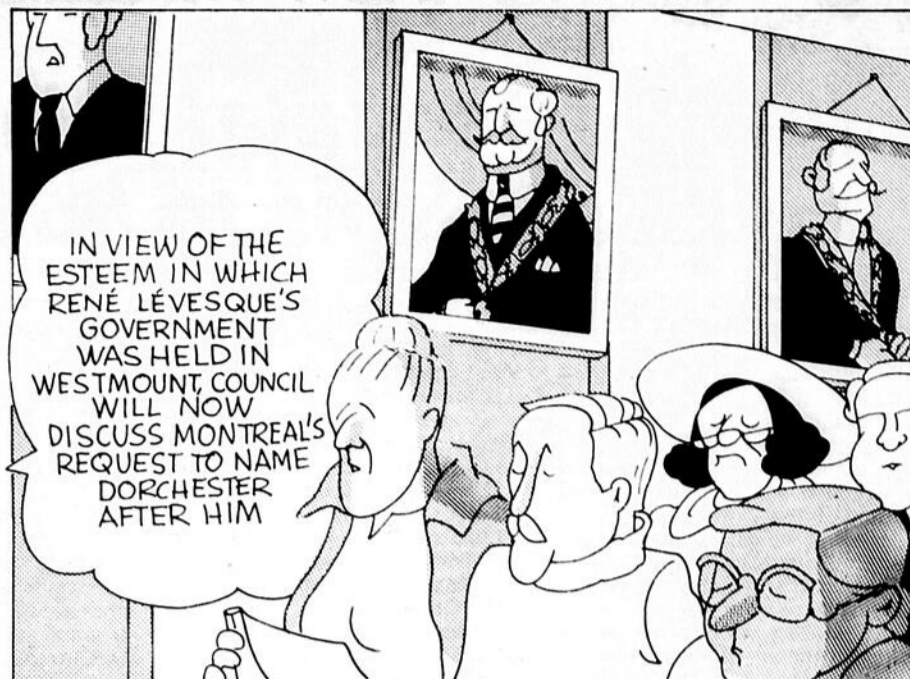
THERE ARE polls, and there are polls. Have the Péquistes done well to topple Pierre-Marc Johnson, or was it a mistake?

The performance of the PQ in the polls was supposed to be Mr Johnson's Achilles heel. In all of the major polls, the PQ's standing has been nothing to write home about: they are in close combat with the NDP-Quebec (whatever that turns out to be) at about 23 percent or 24 percent of voting intentions. Those same polls, however, showed Pierre-Marc Johnson to be more popular than his party, and the pretender, Mr Parizeau, to be less popular than either Mr Johnson or the PQ. This is the exact opposite of similar situations in other political parties over the past decade: the toppled leader is normally less popular than his party, and the pretender, if there is one, more popular than the current leader.

Last weekend, however, we got the benefit of two new polls which seemed extremely promising for the PQ and Jacques Parizeau. Overnight, the PQ seemed to have rejoined the Liberals in popular favor. Or at least a headline to that effect could be concocted. The problem is that for different reasons, neither poll provides comparable data. The first, by Léger and Léger, a firm headed by the indefatigable Marcel Léger, former environment minister and sometime chief PQ organizer, suffers terribly from the firm's

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August transfers, prices were only 1.2 percent higher than valuations... The highest price declared for a one- or two-family dwelling was \$325,000."



**You Say**

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**No Mayor Gallery to kick around**

Sir: Imagine our sense of wonderment, on returning from a protracted session of harrowing raspberry plants, weeding the dicots, and pruning the missis and kids, or

whatever it is we occasional farmers have to do to justify our tax breaks, and on picking ourselves up after colliding with a veritable ziggurat of EXAMINERS that invisible hands had constructed in our absence behind the front door, to learn that the good burghers of Westmount had taken the advice of an elderly uncle of ours — viz, that since one of the few true liberties offered by parliamentary democracy is the freedom to turn the incumbent government out, we should take advantage of it whenever it presents itself — and that Mayor Gallery, in the seeming twinkling of an eye, had become quondam Mayor Gallery.

Our sense of wonderment and our sense of disappointment, too, for we had long had it in mind to take our sometime chief to task, on the one hand, and to balance yin with yang by suggesting ways in which his energies might better serve the public.

Had the mayor been kept mayor (the jig was up at that point, by the way. Borrowing the slogan of a sleaze spelled ineluctable disaster) we were thinking, for example, of berating His Honor for perpetrating such frauds as the "Our mayor says" column in your own distinguished forum; a dead giveaway was the library matter of last May 21, which we were later given to understand was ghosted by a higher-up in the institution itself — a gratuitous piece of information, since apart from attending the more or less official functions that required his presence there, Mr Gallery was never known to darken the library with his shadow, and the likelihood is he holds books in the same esteem as he does dogs. But alas, the oppor-

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**I Say!**

THERE aren't many left like him nowadays, what with education and whisky the price it is.

—Evelyn Waugh

**Year after inferno:**

# 'Cherry red' plaza fire causes beams to buckle

The cause of a short-lived, but spectacular, highrise fire at Alexis Nihon Plaza Monday evening is still under investigation but believed to be accidental, Montreal fire officials said yesterday.

The blaze, which was quelled by Westmount firefighters, broke out in construction shacks in the Montreal portion of the 12th storey of the office tower which was razed in last year's multi-million-dollar inferno.

The two fires occurred exactly one year and three weeks apart.

The building, which straddles the border of the two municipalities, is

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

under reconstruction after being stripped bare and is still unenclosed. Intense heat from the fire caused metal beams to buckle, resulting in extensive damage to the structure in the burnt area, fire officials said, including the partial collapse of the 13th floor.

The damage was not considered to be "severe" in dollar loss, however, Paul Massicotte, president of Alexis Nihon Group, said.

A "very rough estimate" of damage would be less than \$100,000, he

told THE EXAMINER, since repairs will involve mainly labor costs.

Westmount fire crews were called first to the fire at 7:04 pm, having to force through locked doors (see separate story). Firefighters were also summoned from Montreal and Westmount's five mutual aid cities.

**Broke out in cabins**

The blaze broke out in an area partitioned into temporary offices and storage cabins for sub-contractors and originated in one belonging to Outremont Plumbing and Heating Company, Westmount fire officials said.

Because of the number of combustibles in the area, the fire generated "a tremendous amount of heat," explained Fire Director William Timmons.

This caused main metal girders and cross beams to elongate and distort, resulting in the partial collapse of the 13th floor, he said. "They were cherry red. All have to be replaced."

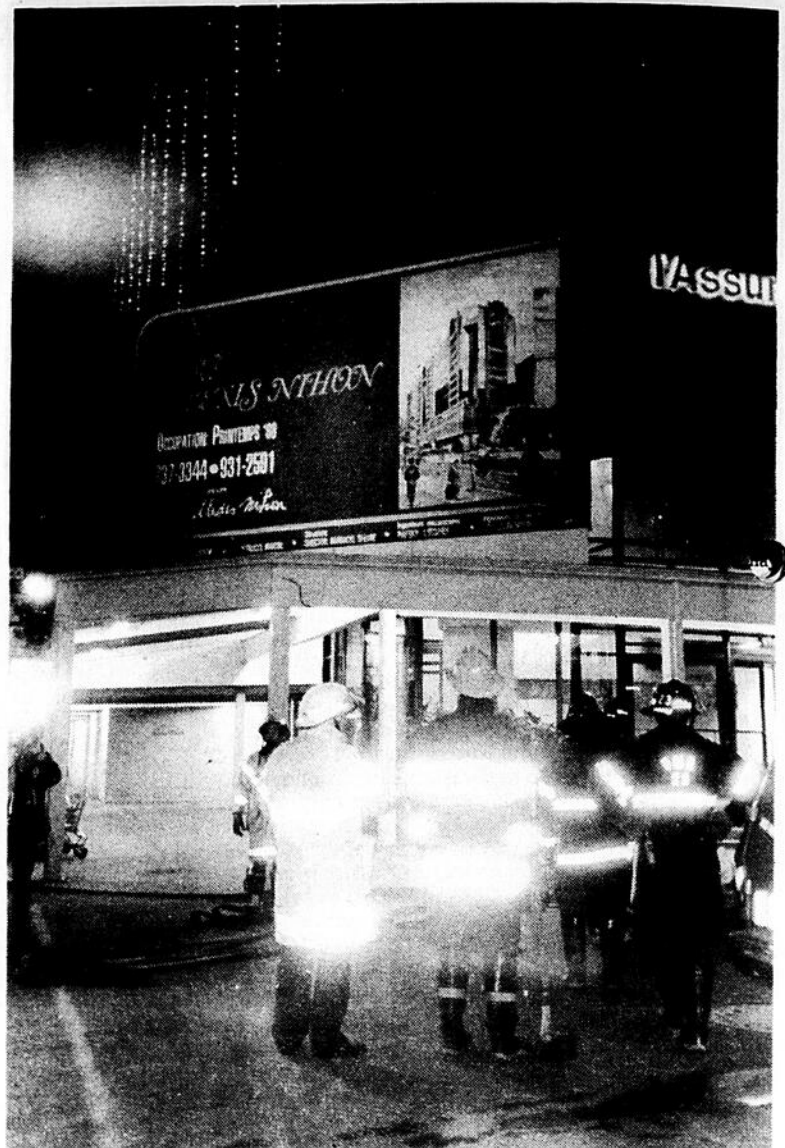
Water supplies used to fight the fire were effective, Dir Timmons said, and, although three 1 1/2-inch lines were laid from the internal standpipe, the fire was knocked down using two streams.

"It could have been worse had the building been enclosed," he added. "The smoke wouldn't have dissipated as quickly. We're lucky it was vented properly."

The fire was recorded as being called in on 911 by a tenant of the building at 2150 de Maisonneuve boulevard.

As fire trucks converged on the area, passersby noticed spectacular flames and the fire looked worse than it was, firefighters said.

Construction material began



Firefighters complete operations at Monday night's construction site blaze at Atwater avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard while the outside of the Alexis Nihon Plaza tower's steel frame remains lit by strings of Christmas lights.

burning and explosions from cylinders of liquid propane gas could be heard.

**'Burning well'**

"It was burning well when we arrived," Captain Gary Watson said. He estimated the burning area as about 50-feet square. The nine-man

Westmount crew was forced to back off while fighting the fire when they heard the sound of metal moving. It was later they found the floor above had sagged about three feet.

The major part of the fire was knocked down by 7:24 pm and mutual aid firemen helped replace the local men and conducted overhauling procedures.

Crews from Côte St Luc, Outremont, St Laurent and the Town of Mount Royal were released from the scene between 8:38 pm and 8:57 pm, and Hampstead, which had covered at the local station, left at 9:07 pm on return of the Westmount men.

Dir Timmons said he felt fire. *Continued on next page*

## Obstacles to firefighting discovered in latest blaze

Monday's fire at the Alexis Nihon Plaza tower brought to light several "deficiencies" similar to those reported to the inquiry held into last year's inferno in the same tower, fire officials report.

Among the problems reported were difficulties accessing the fire floor, lack of security personnel to assist firefighters inside the premises and the use of fire department connections by workers.

Although water supply was found to be adequate this time, according to Westmount Fire Director William Timmons, Montreal district chief Réal Gignac said his crews reported

that some standpipe connections had been adapted for use by workmen on the site.

"These are for use by fire personnel only," he told THE EXAMINER.

He was also concerned by reports of locked doors and lack of keys which forced Westmount firefighters to force their way up to the 12th floor on arrival as well as a lack of security persons to guide them.

"These are things we thought had been corrected and it's good that we found out about them before the building is finished," Chief Gignac said.

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## Construction sites provide fire dangers

The recent fire in the Alexis Nihon Plaza tower, now being rebuilt, is the fourth sizable blaze to occur in the past two years in buildings under construction in Westmount, according to fire officials.

Two have broken out in the roof of the former Mother House under renovation by Dawson College, both

### CHERRY...

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fighters from Westmount and Montreal co-ordinated their efforts well.

When the Montreal Fire Department arrived on the scene at 7:12 pm, he said, its equipment was connected to the standpipe outlets on Atwater "to supply water for our people."

Both Montreal District Chief Réal Gignac and divisional chief André Bourdeau were on the scene, as was Westmount Assistant Director Roger Laviolette.

caused by workers' torches.

Another occurred in the office tower at 2 Alexis Nihon Plaza, 3500 de Maisonneuve boulevard two years ago when fire caused a reported \$900,000 damage.

The latest incident at 1 Alexis Nihon Plaza, formerly numbered 1500 Atwater avenue, involved temporary storage shacks built from plywood partitions on the 12th floor.

"Every firefighter knows he has to be so careful in buildings under construction," says Fire Director William Timmons, noting holes in floors and other hazards.

"We have on-going courses in the department regarding new construction."

Special fire safety patrols also are carried out twice weekly at the Dawson College project to renovate the former Mother House to keep firefighters up to date as much as possible with changing conditions in and around the building.



Westmount is studying the possible name change of Dorchester boulevard following Montreal's decision this week to change their section of the thoroughfare to Boulevard René Lévesque.

### DORCHESTER...

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for one year and having established historic importance or direct connection with the place can be chosen."

It also states that names should be avoided that might give birth to, or encourage, a violent or deep division of public opinion.

"Montreal has really stepped far out of line," the mayor said.

The renaming of Dorchester was brought up at Monday's city council meeting by Alan Bull, 1094 Greene avenue, during question period.

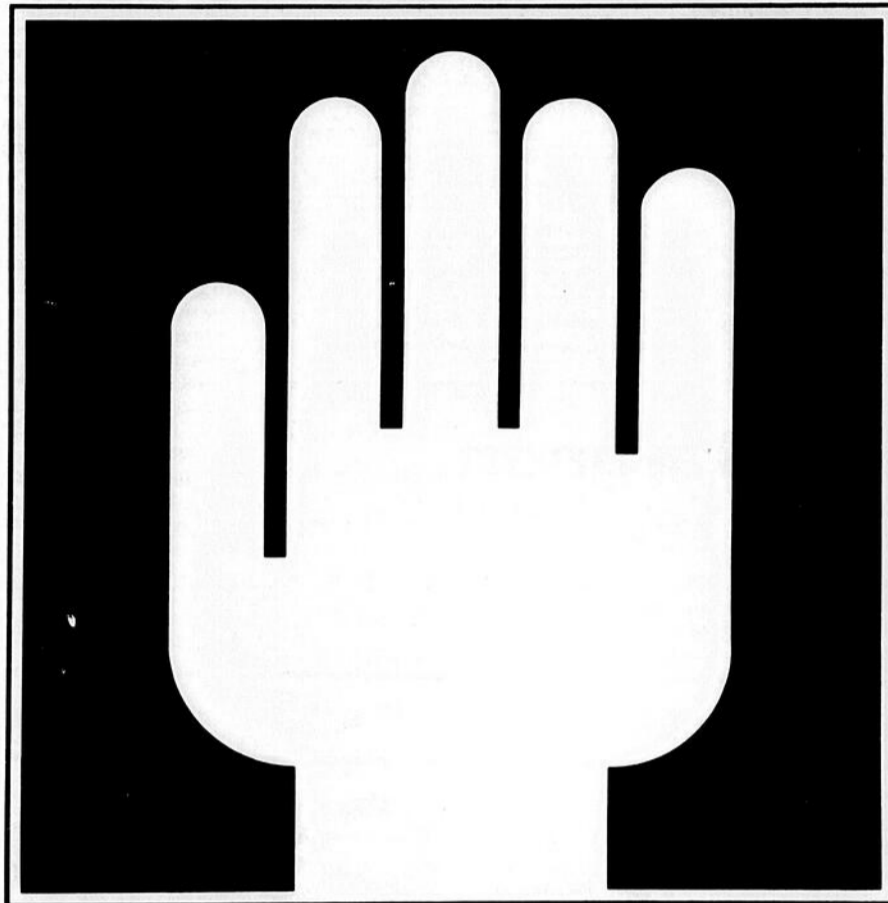
Mr Lévesque was born Aug 24, 1922 in Campbellton, Restigouche County, New Brunswick. Montreal

Mayor Jean Doré is a former assistant to the late premier.

If Montreal proceeds with the change to Dorchester but Westmount does not, the difference in names will not be precedent-setting. There are a number of examples of multi-named streets. In Town of Mount Royal, for example, that municipality continues to call a stretch of Jean Talon street by its original name of Dresden avenue, complete with a different numbering system that bears no relation to that used by Montreal.

The last change of name of a major Westmount street was the switch of Western avenue to de Maisonneuve boulevard 20 years ago.

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# New Westmount CLSC opens; offers wide health services

After years in relative obscurity, a relocated and revamped CLSC Metro Westmount branch is looking to make an impression.

Now in the heart of Westmount's commercial district on Victoria avenue, the CLSC branch believes its innovative range of health services should soon receive proper attention.

Its doors at 300 Victoria, corner of de Maisonneuve boulevard, will open to the public Saturday, between 10 am and 3 pm, as the branch celebrates its official opening.

"It's a chance to show off what we have to offer," Joan McCrimmon, the head of the Westmount branch, said Tuesday. "We expect lots of people. ... I don't know, 30,000."

By THOR VALDMANIS

"Sex, drugs and AIDS" heads a list of workshops set for the afternoon in addition to presentations on Alzheimer's disease and osteoporosis, for instance.

The new first-floor complex gives off an inviting air with its wall-to-wall carpeting, careful lighting and baby blue walls with assorted prints and shelves stuffed with health information pamphlets. Offices include a spacious group therapy room, a traditional medical examining room and a handful of individual consulting areas.

With four full-time and four part-time nurses on staff, the branch is prepared to offer a full-range of CLSC services involving post-natal

care, all aspects of family health care, programs for the aged, seminars and lifestyle counselling. In certain instances, referral services are also provided.

The Westmount branch is also embarking on two new projects: a peer counselling program for adolescents (see story last week) and a nursing health resource centre, offered in conjunction with the McGill University School of Nursing.

The CLSC Metro, with its head office at de Maisonneuve boulevard and Guy street, is part of a Quebec-wide health maintenance service funded entirely by the provincial government.

Opening two years ago, the little-known Westmount branch had rented space in the city hall annex on Stanton street, offering services basically restricted to flu and immunization clinics.

"Now we're offering different and more wide-ranging types of health maintenance programs," Mrs McCrimmon said.

Already some 300 locals have been seen at the new Westmount offices since late August and officials hope to see many more.



Joan McCrimmon, left, head of the CLSC Metro Westmount branch, and Marie Beauchamp, interim executive director of the CLSC Metro, welcome the community to their new offices.

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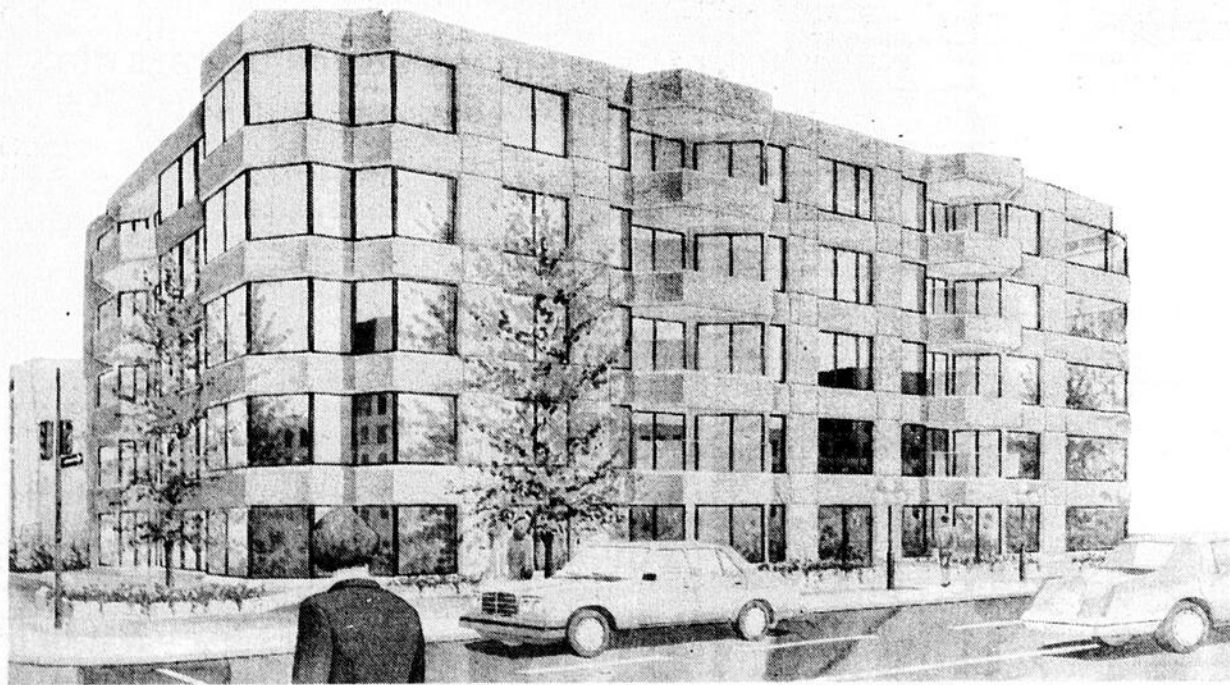
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He also advises anyone approached by a salesperson to ask for identification and cautions against allowing such persons to enter the home.

### Late-night game rankles residents

A street football game at Prince Albert and Burton avenues Sunday night brought complaints from two residents of the neighborhood, public safety officers report.

Four young men who were found throwing a ball at 11:29 pm told officers they were leaving soon. When a second complaint at 11:56 pm for the same disturbance was checked out, however, the group was seen departing, two of the men in cars.

### Cat found dead in swimming pool

An unidentified cat was found dead in a swimming pool on Claremont avenue Wednesday last week, public safety officers report.

The cat was presumed to have jumped or fallen into the water and drowned when unable to climb out. The victim was described as a black, orange and white cat without identification.

A check of Public Security Unit files did not show the cat had been reported lost, officials said.

### One fine day

A 24-year-old man paid \$412 in outstanding traffic warrants Friday noon after being investigated at Sherbrooke street and Claremont avenue, police said. He was a resident of N.D.G.

# Burglars on spree on Westmount summit

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Seven houses in the summit area were broken into at the end of last week in a new rash of upper-level burglaries reminiscent of last summer, according to police reports.

In each case police were summoned by alarm systems but found the culprits had fled. Nothing was confirmed stolen.

Houses hit between last Thursday and Sunday were located on Sunnyside, Oakland, Upper Roslyn and Upper Clarke avenues as well as Edgehill road and Summit crescent.

A resident of Oakland told police he spotted a possible suspect driving off in a large white sports car after an alarm was activated at a neighbor's house Friday.

Police called for the assistance of firefighters while checking for bur-

glars in two of the incidents so that ladders could be raised to the roof of a home on Upper Roslyn and an upstairs bedroom of one on Summit crescent. The latter turned out not to be needed when residents returned home.

Although all incidents are under investigation, police said it was possible the burglaries were related.

In most cases entry was gained by second-storey windows and patio doors.

Last Thursday night, three breaking and entering attempts were discovered when alarms were activated at nearby homes at 7:19, 7:33, 7:45.

A lone incident occurred Friday at 6:45 pm. Three others the next day were logged at 7:32 pm, 8:37 pm and 8:49 pm.

## Cops halt Victoria crackdown; panel to probe traffic remedy

While city officials continue to consider possible solutions to the traffic congestion on Victoria avenue at the Steinberg parking lot, Mayor May Cutler told THE EXAMINER Tuesday that she would be setting up a citizens' advisory committee to study the Victoria commercial area.

Meanwhile, local MUC police director Gilbert Côté confirmed this week that a second ticketing blitz of cars waiting to enter the parking lot has been called off at the request of city officials.

Although initial ticketing had been halted Oct 2, delays in resolving the problem at city hall resulted in a surprise ticketing effort Nov 6.

The sudden ticketing brought instant complaints to city hall from shoppers and store officials who were not aware ticketing was being resumed and a second request was made to police.

Subsequent assurances by city officials that the city was working actively on the traffic problem has now resulted in a second period of tolerance, Dir Côté said.

Tickets, however, will still be given to drivers caught crossing the centre yellow line from the south-bound lanes to enter the parking lot, he said.

The city is understood to be considering removal of several parking meters which would allow waiting cars to line up next to the curb rather than obstructing traffic in the street.

Former mayor Brian Gallery, accompanied by the city's director general Peter Patenaude, visited the site Oct 2 and declared the situation as requiring priority attention.

Their visit was followed up the next day by members of the city's administrative traffic committee who are understood to have recommended removal of the several meters south of the parking lot's entrance.

This solution would require a resolution of city council, which did not

hold a working session until Monday as a result of the recent municipal election.

It is expected that an interim solution will be found, such as removal of the meters, while the entire Victoria avenue area is studied by a special citizens' committee chaired by city councillor Stuart Robertson, the ward's representative, whose business office is located on Victoria.

## Quadruple feature booked by stealer

Four films from the Avenue Video outlet were stolen from a 22-year-old Laval man as he chatted with friends at Alexis Nihon Plaza Monday last week, police report. The movies were contained in a plastic bag and valued at \$430.50.

The bag was discovered missing at 6:15 pm when the man was sitting on the Métro level of the plaza with friends.

Film titles were listed as: *Crocodile Dundee*, *Evil Death II*, *Color Purple* and *Jumping Jack Flash*.

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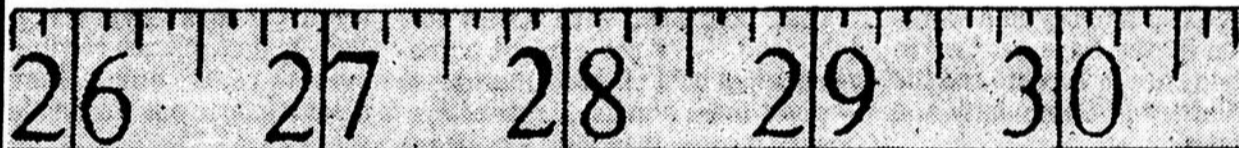
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## Deaf boy beating award may be appealed: chief

MUC police legal advisors are studying the possibility of appealing last week's court decision involving a longtime Westmount police officer, according to station 23 director Gilbert Côté.

The Superior Court judgment awarded \$14,000 in damages from the MUC to a 17-year-old deaf-mute boy who, he ruled, had been physically abused and wrongfully arrested by Constable Patrick Sheehan in an incident in St Henri in January 1985.

### Bucket lost

A bucket from a construction back hoe was found lying on the street in front of 455 Roslyn avenue Wednesday night last week, according to police reports. It was taken to the city's Corporation Yard.

The youth squad officer was not accused of any wrongdoing following an internal disciplinary hearing after the incident, Dir Côté said.

"This is why the case may be appealed," he explained.

For Cst Sheehan, he said, the case is over. "The police department's disciplinary board looked into the incident and reported that there was nothing for which Sheehan should be accused."

Dir Côté said he had spoken to the MUC legal bureau "and they said they were looking into the court decision to see if they would appeal it. They have until Dec 16."

Under the new police collective agreement, he said, in cases of major wrong-doing by policemen, the accused have to defend themselves in court actions.

## Youth faces robbery rap for Cabot Square shakedown

A 16-YEAR-OLD St Henri boy has been charged with robbery after another youth was struck in the face in Cabot Square Sunday afternoon, according to local MUC police reports.

The incident originated in Alexis Nihon Plaza about 5:50 pm when the victim was approached by a youth who allegedly threatened to hit him if he didn't hand over money.

When the victim refused the demand, he was asked for his jacket and ordered to follow the other outside where they met with a second person.

As the victim was struck in the face, two Métro police who happened to arrive on the scene at the time managed to apprehend a suspect who was then taken to local MUC police station 23.

## Cars splattered with insulation

Nineteen private cars parked in the city's Corporation Yard Tuesday last week sustained damage when sprayed by urethane insulation at the adjacent Westmount Park Towers construction site on the former POM Bakery property, according to police reports.

Damage was listed as affecting the roofs, hoods and trunks of cars.

Similar incidents were reported on two separate occasions recently (see story Nov 5).



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

Nov 9

543 Prince Albert: for Lawrence Zanowski, by Central Plumbing and Heating, install gas furnace, \$3,000;

Nov 10

119 Arlington: for S. and B. McKenna, by owner, vertical addition, \$20,000;  
317 Metcalfe: for Mr Robbins, by James MacIntyre, plumbing, \$1,500;  
694 Victoria: for Mrs R. Briscoe, by Claude Carli Inc, plumbing, \$1,200;  
4430 St Catherine: for Fairway Construction, by Bertrand Durand, plumbing, \$715,000;

Nov 12

3040 Sherbrooke: for Dawson College, by owner, extension, \$1,000,000 (see story Nov 5);  
67 Prospect: for B. Higginson, by owner, repairs, \$1,000;

Nov 13

9 de Casson: for André Villeneuve, by Plomberie Rossi, plumbing, \$1,000;  
1310 Greene: for Mr D. Schatia, by owner, landscaping, \$4,000;  
378-380 Clarke: for Louise Caouette, by owner, repairs, \$3,000;  
4700 St Catherine: for Les Tours du Parc Westmount, by Doucet et Andy Inc, gas line, \$12,500;  
64 Forden crescent: for D.J. Schatia, for owner, fireplace, \$5,000;  
91 Somerville: for M. Wertheimer, by Gaston Bouthillier & Fils Inc, plumbing, \$7,000;  
752 Upper Lansdowne: for Mr R. Gottlieb, by R.J. Leggett, plumbing, \$3,000;  
1303 Greene, fifth floor: for the Bank of Montreal, by Dialogue Communications, relocation of walls, \$52,000;

Nov 16

1 Wood: for Rhomcorp, by Thematic Ltée, plumbing, gas line, \$30,000;  
1 Wood: for Rhomcorp, by Thematic Ltée, plumbing, \$1.8 million;  
447 Prince Albert: for Mr M. Yull, by owner, extension, \$120,000;  
Westmount Square, 12th floor: for Layanthal Horwath Canada, Great Bear Building Ltd, alterations, \$86,000;  
35 Thornhill: for M. Lister, by Plomberie C.A. Boucher Inc, interior drain, \$1,000.

## Elm resident has row with worker

A dispute between a resident of Elm avenue and a workman next door made its way into the police blotter at station 23 twice last week.

According to police, the resident complained to his neighbor about the alterations being done.

He later reported to police that the antenna of his car was stolen and, again the next day, that he had been struck in the face by the worker and threatened that he would "pay for it" if any court action resulted from the theft.

The complaints were logged by police Nov 9 and 10.

## Pump rumbles cause grumbles

Two Westmount residents complained about noise generated by neighbors' thermal pumps last week, according to Public Security Unit reports.

Officers were called to take sound-level readings from outside pumps on both Forden avenue and Upper Belmont avenue Tuesday and Sunday respectively.

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# Linguistic boards 'future' goal MCSC seat winner Bélanger says

By THOR VALDMANIS

With the majority vote split between her two rivals, newcomer Marie Bélanger sauntered to a ward 3 victory in Montreal Catholic School Commission (MCSC) elections Sunday.

Mrs Bélanger, running on the Mouvement pour une école moderne et ouverte (MEMO) ticket, captured 38 percent of the vote, as incumbent Ray Doucet and late entrant Antonio Costanzo evenly split the remaining votes for commissioner in the ward spanning Westmount, N.D.G. and Montreal West. All three candidates are N.D.G. residents.

Mrs Bélanger took 1,341 votes to 1,105 for Mr Doucet and 1,080 for Mr Costanzo. Only 15 percent of those eligible voted.

"I'm happy, very happy, now that I'm in the action," Mrs Bélanger said Tuesday. The speech therapist and school consultant said she plans to promote a platform of "harmonious co-habitation of anglophone and francophone students."

While MEMO supports the eventual establishment of school boards based on language, Mrs Bélanger stressed that will remain a non-issue up until the time the provincial government decides to modify the charter protecting the confessional system.

Mrs Bélanger said she looks forward to working with the parents of Ecole St Léon, Westmount's only public Catholic school. Mrs Bélanger has already met with Yves Laroque of the St Léon school committee to discuss the selection of texts for the upcoming academic year.

Mr Doucet, editor of *The Gazette* Probe column, said Monday that his defeat came with little surprise since Mr Costanzo bit into his traditional base of support.

### 'Hung out to dry'

When the Concordia University professor decided only three weeks ago to throw his hat into the ring, Mr Doucet said he "was hung out to dry."

"When I won in 1983, the Italians made up 40 percent of my vote," Mr Doucet explained.

While admitting the MEMO platform was "diametrically opposed" to his strong Catholic orientation, Mr Costanzo defended his candidacy Tuesday.

He pointed to his many years of involvement in education and his participation on the Marymount Academy school committee.

"Why should I not run simply because Mr Doucet is running?" he asked. Had Mr Doucet been more enthusiastic he might have done better, Mr Costanzo suggested.

"All he did during the campaign was take one ad out in *The Monitor*. If he wanted the Italian vote he should have worked for it."

Mr Costanzo said he was pleased on the outcome, considering his late start, adding he would "not close

the door to the future" as far as running again.

"If I had had one more week," he added, "Madame Bélanger would not be commissioner today."

As far as Mr Doucet is concerned, this was his last bid for political office.

"The only reason I got into this was to get books and computers for the students," he said, referring to his platform pledge to increase provincial government funding. "Then it turned into a religious war and I'm not interested in that. Maybe I should be, but I'm not."

Mr Doucet is anything but bitter over his defeat.

"In a way, I'm kind of relieved," he said. "(Being) commissioner took up a lot of time. I think I've done a fairly good job and now I'll be able to go home and help my wife with the dishes."



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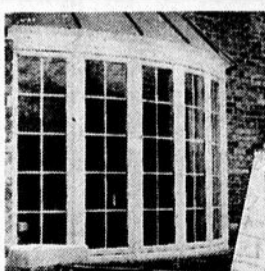
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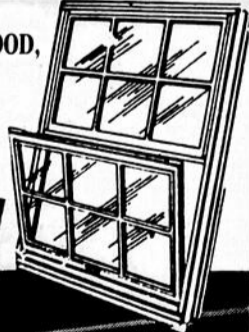
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## Man saved from fire chases away rescuers

The investigation is continuing after a fire in an apartment at 369 Clarke avenue early Sunday in which smoking was believed to have ignited a mattress, fire officials report.

The incident was discovered shortly before 4:28 am by a man and woman in the building who were reported to have seen smoke issuing from under the door of the apartment, entered and found a man lying on the floor while the mattress and a jean jacket burned.

The man, who was reported to have been revived by the couple,

then chased them out of the apartment, locked the door and fled into a rear lane.

When firefighters arrived, they had to force open the door and found the apartment empty, the jacket in the bathtub and the smouldering mattress turned over.

The mattress was carried outside and doused with water from a hydrant. Damage was estimated at \$200.

Police said firefighters were called to the same place recently for smoke generated by sausages burning unattended in a frying pan.

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# Rothman challenges Butler for PSBGM chairman's seat

Veteran Westmount school commissioner Joan Rothman is hoping to be the next chairman of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

The contest is expected to involve at least three candidates when newly elected PSBGM commissioners gather Monday evening to select a chairman for an upcoming three-year term.

Claiming it is "time for a change," Mrs Rothman revealed Tuesday that she plans to challenge the re-election

bid of Allan Butler, PSBGM chairman for the past seven years.

Also seeking the chair is Stephen Copland, commissioner for ward 7 in Cote St Luc. John Simms, the veteran ward 6 commissioner for Montreal West and Ville St Pierre and former chairman of Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards, is also said to be in the running — although it could not be confirmed yesterday.

Mr Butler, commissioner since 1972 of ward 11 covering Roxboro,

By THOR VALDMANIS

Pierrefonds and Dollard des Ormeaux, said Monday he was not aware of any challenge to his return as chairman.

"I don't know how many commissioners intend to put their names up," he said. "I don't know of anyone."

At any rate, Mr Butler added, if a competition develops it will boil down to "who the commissioners feel most comfortable with. I don't

think there are any issues."

At the moment, commissioners are paid a base annual honorarium of \$5,800, while the chairman receives \$13,250. The board is also scheduled to review its remuneration at Monday evening's meeting at the school board building on Fielding avenue.

When the secret ballots of the 15 PSBGM commissioners are counted, Mrs Rothman hopes her record will put her over the top.

Fresh from victories in both West-

mount municipal elections, as councillor in ward 7, and the school board elections, as commissioner for ward 3, Mrs Rothman said the PSBGM "needs a different approach."

The Argyle avenue resident explained that while the PSBGM was wrestling to control a mounting deficit, the "careful, cautious" approach of Mr Butler, a chartered accountant, was necessary.

And while the school board's financial position is still "somewhat tenuous," Mrs Rothman said, the PSBGM has balanced its budget and now must work on enhancing the quality of education.

"We must be perceived as offering the best education," the commissioner said, "and we must offer the best education."

Mrs Rothman believes she can offer "the educational leadership" by drawing on her experience as a commissioner since 1973 and a former school committee member at Roslyn School where, in the mid-'60s, she helped introduce the now flourishing French immersion program — the first of its kind at the PSBGM and, indeed, practically anywhere.

Stephen Copland, a commissioner for the past six years, agreed Tuesday that it is time for a change.

Mr Copland said he believes he can improve communications among commissioners, school board officials and parents. While he suggested he shared many of the same strengths as Mrs Rothman, Mr Copland feels his experience as a chartered accountant and managing partner of Levy, Pilote gives him an edge.

"One thing you have to remember, the school board is like a big business," Mr Copland said, "with a budget of \$124 million."

## Council backs move to save WHS

City council has thrown its support behind the grass-roots movement to save Westmount High School.

"The municipal council of the City of Westmount declares hereby its opposition to the closure of Westmount High School and reiterates its support for the maintenance of a public secondary school in Westmount," Councillor Sally Aitken said, as she read out the motion before council Monday evening.

In adopting the motion, council underlined the historical significance of Westmount High School in addition to the importance of maintaining a local public secondary school.

The Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal announced in September its intention to close the 73-year-old institution in June because of a dramatic and on-going slide in enrolment.

It is Westmount High's second threat of closure in three years.

"This is similar to the motion we passed supporting the school three years ago," Mrs Aitken, Westmount's commissioner of community affairs, said later.

The city's decision comes as community leaders, alumni, parents and students are rallying around the beleaguered school.

Councillor Joan Rothman, who also acts as PSBGM commissioner for Westmount, said she was delighted by the motion and would deliver it to the school board.

PSBGM commissioners take a final vote on the high school's fate Dec 16.

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# Lifting council gag law produces snappy meeting

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Election promises of citizen consultation and participation in Westmount government were swung into action at the new city council's first working session Monday night as several items were referred to citizen advisory committees.

The publicized open-ended question period became self-limiting when nine citizens had no more questions, ending the evening at 9:25 pm, one of the earliest closures of recent years.

Ramzi Ferahian, who has expressed concern at council meetings for many years on air quality in large Westmount buildings, was invited by Mayor May Cutler to head a committee on the subject, which she agreed was going to be an increasingly important item in the future.

Alan Bull, who asked whether Westmount would follow the proposal of Montreal to rename Dorchester boulevard for René Lévesque, was told the city's decision was quite simple.

"We will set up a citizen committee on street names having relevant and interested people look into the matter" (see separate story).

The mayor also told questioner Christiane van Renesse seeking a maintenance-by-law that this could be discussed by a citizen advisory committee for tenant issues (see separate story).

### Aspinall absent

The meeting, which heard Mayor Cutler read a report on the city's financial position preparatory to handing down the 1988 budget expected in mid-December, took place in the absence of Councillor Phillip Aspinall, commissioner of finance, who is out of the country. He was the only member of the new council not in attendance.

One of the three new members, Councillor Stuart Robertson, the finance alternate, found himself moving 11 of the 13 agenda items, including approval of accounts, membership in the Union of Quebec Municipalities, approval of purchases, budgetary reports and several zoning items.

There were no agenda items for Councillor Daniel Tingley, also attending his first working session. He is commissioner of parks and recreation.

Among some of the questions raised to council were:

- Request for progress on a previous

### Cutler to attend MUC budget meet

Mayor May Cutler plans to attend an all-day MUC budget meeting Saturday as well as a budget session next Wednesday, she said this week.

"I intend to spend all day Saturday just listening," she added. "You learn a lot by listening."

The MUC draft budget for 1988 was released Wednesday last week, for which Westmount's portion of shared costs is estimated by city officials to be about \$1.7 million more than in 1987, for a total of approximately one-third of the city budget.

### Door marred

A rock that was found stuck in a garage door at 694 Aberdeen avenue Monday last week was believed to have been thrown up by the wheel of a construction truck, police said. Work was being done nearby. Damage to the wooden panel of the door was estimated at \$60.

request to install a bus shelter at St Catherine and Metcalfe for which Gerald Glass was told new shelters would be delayed while the city tried to work out with the MUCTC a plan to put up shelters with no advertising on them on Westmount streets;

- A previous request for a stop sign on Argyle at Thornhill, which Councillor Paul Fortin said was under consideration for decision Dec 7;
- Why the city expected another increase in insurance rates, to which Jerry Jacobs was told about difficulties in obtaining liability insurance (see separate stories);
- Requests from John Johnston for the city to deal with the traffic congestion in the southeast section of the city around Alexis Nihon Plaza

and reconsider the traffic lights at Wood and St Catherine;

- Another question from Mr Johnston asking why such a backlog of unprocessed parking tickets had built up that the city needed to hire extra staff; he was told the city's Public Security Unit had been handing out more tickets;

- A request from Ramzi Ferahian for fire vehicles to sound their siren on arrival at calls to alert residents of large buildings that firefighters were on the scene;

- A request from Andy Dodge concerning the price of parking tickets; and,

- Thanks to the city's community services and information officer Robin MacMillan, from Christiane van Renesse for help overseeing care of an elderly Westmount resident.

### Tenant advisory panel backed by Mayor Cutler

THE push is on to form Westmount's first tenants' advisory committee.

As part of her recent election pledge to enhance tenant conditions, Mayor May Cutler has endorsed the idea of an advisory committee.

Jerry Jacobs, the president of the Plaza Tower tenants' association at 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard, said yesterday he is attempting to assemble local tenants' associations to form the committee.

For additional information, one can call Mr Jacobs at 989-9689 after 6 pm.

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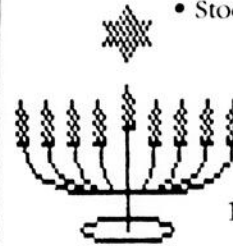


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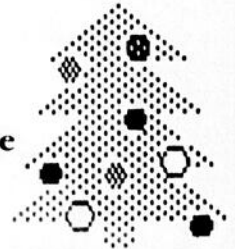
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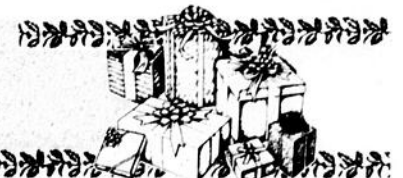
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## Christmas party for staff kids

Mayor May Cutler announced Tuesday that she wants children to visit city hall over the Christmas holiday season and is planning a special party on Saturday, Dec 12, for

the young offspring of city employees.

Santa Claus himself will be invited, she said, and children will

have the opportunity to climb up the tower to view the architectural model of the city.

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**PEACE EMISSARIES:** City of Montreal executive committee chairman Michael Fairstat, left, met recently with members of the Canadian Peace Alliance regarding the declaration of Westmount's surrounding community as a nuclear weapons free zone. Among the delegation was Westmounter Judith Berlyn, right, who is one of six Quebec delegates on the Canadian Peace Alliance. Among the groups she represents is Westmount Initiative for Peace. Also attending were Gill Gifford, from Veterans Against Nuclear Arms, next to Mr Fairstat, and Montreal councillor Michel Prescott.

## Bill to limit tax hike may delay city budget

By PETER BLACK

Westmount finance officials are still assessing the impact of legislation introduced in the National Assembly last week intended to provide relief to municipal taxpayers slapped with hefty increases in property tax assessments.

City treasurer Jean Luc Emond said yesterday it rests with city council to decide what action it should take, as the legislation is not binding on municipalities, but simply "a tool" to allow them to deal with the exceptional increases on the 1988 roll.

Mr Emond said that although the city can proceed with preparation of the 1988 budget, usually delivered in mid-December, it may have to wait until after that to determine what the tax rate will be.

While the remedial legislation, Bill 22, may be of help to Westmount taxpayers, Mr Emond said municipalities have other measures at their disposal. Although he wouldn't "go into details," Mr Emond said he has "a couple of ideas in mind."

The treasurer said he has been told by Quebec City that passage of Bill 22 may not be expected until at least Dec 14, depending on whether the

hastily prepared law is subject to amendment. Based on that timetable, Mr Emond said, it is still possible for the city to have a complete budget ready in time to send out tax bills early in the new year.

Bill 22 provides a "ceiling" on taxable assessments of 10 percent above the average, or 1.5 times the average, whichever is the higher. In Westmount, with its 40.1 percent overall evaluation increase, the latter formula would be used, so any property owner whose valuation has gone up more than 60 percent (1.5 times 40 percent) would not be taxed on the extra valuation over 60 percent.

Single-family residential house evaluations rose by an average 50 percent on the 1988 roll, with the top increase being multiplexes at 78.7 percent.

Mr Emond said one result of a cap on evaluations may be that those with evaluations under the average would have their tax break reduced to compensate for the loss of revenue at the other end of the scale.

What Bill 22 amounts to, he said, was giving municipalities the power to redistribute taxation.

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## Even landlords targeted for Cutler's committees

Mayor May Cutler told THE EXAMINER Tuesday she expects to name citizen advisory committees on a number of subjects including the MUC and taxes.

"I was elected on a platform of consultation with the citizens and that's what I intend to do," she said.

Where community groups are already in place to represent certain segments of the citizenry, she said,

these will form the basis of a committee.

Such would be the case regarding a seniors committee and the association Seniors of Westmount Action Group (SWAG0; with dogs and the Westmount Dog Owners' Association (WDOA) or with tenants and various tenant groups.

"I'd even like to set up a committee of landlords," she said, admitting they might be harder to get together than the tenants.

Problems such as parking, Mayor Cutler said, might require committees for individual streets in some cases.

Other citizen committees already named concern the Victoria avenue commercial area as well as the quality of interior environment.

A report on citizen committees, published by the International City Management Association, says "citizens serve on advisory boards because they want to improve the quality of life in their community, because they have strong feelings on local issues and because they feel

they have something of value to offer.

"As volunteer members of advisory boards," the report continues, "citizens can bring to local government a diversity of talents, an important perspective and a certain energy that may be missing from local government offices."

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## Glass smash

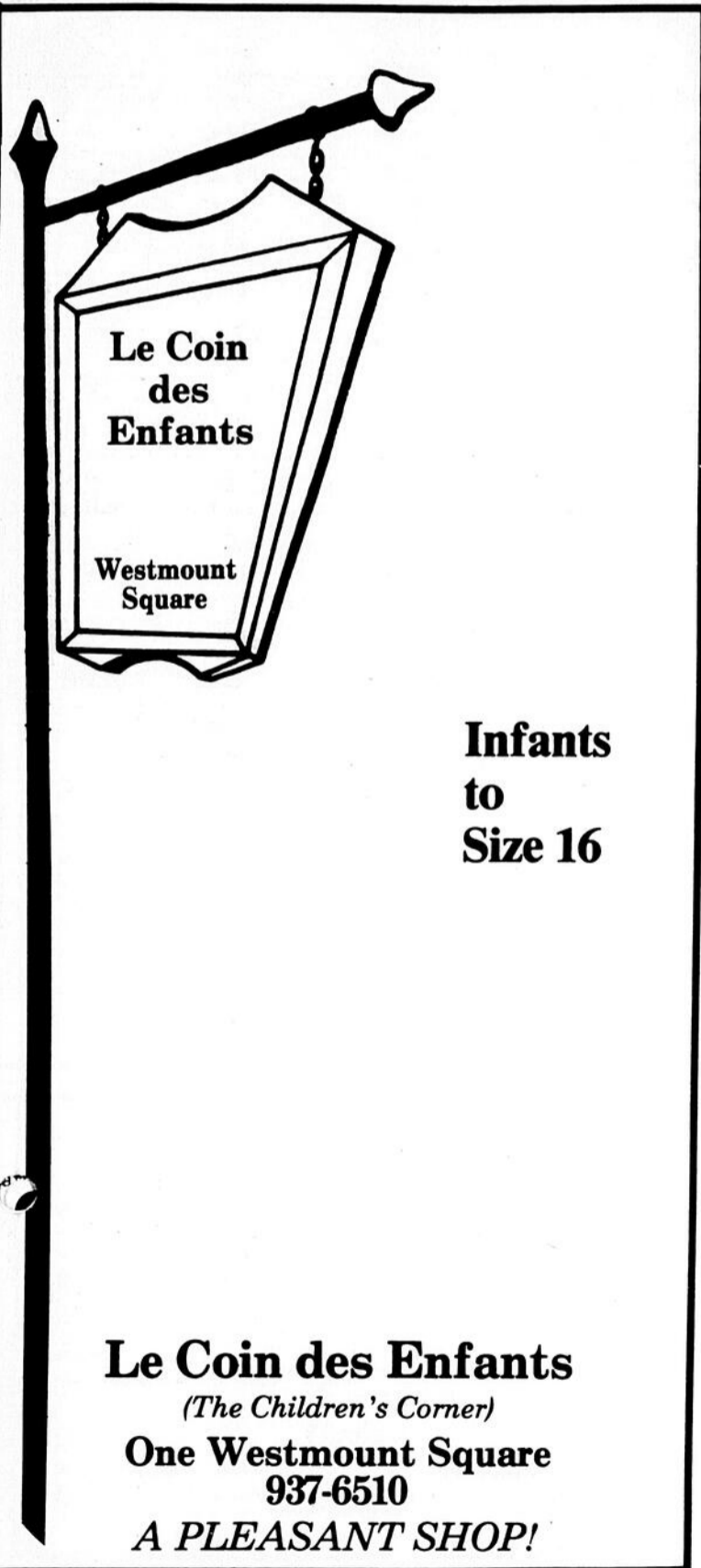
A large plate glass door was shattered Sunday night at the entrance of the apartment building at 400 Lansdowne avenue, police report. Dam-

age was estimated at \$1,000. It was found at 8 pm by the building's superintendent who heard a loud noise and went to investigate.

## Door left open for purse theft

A purse was stolen from a house on Victoria avenue north of The Boulevard overnight Monday-Tuesday last week, police report. No signs of forced entry were found and a rear door was believed to have been left unlocked.

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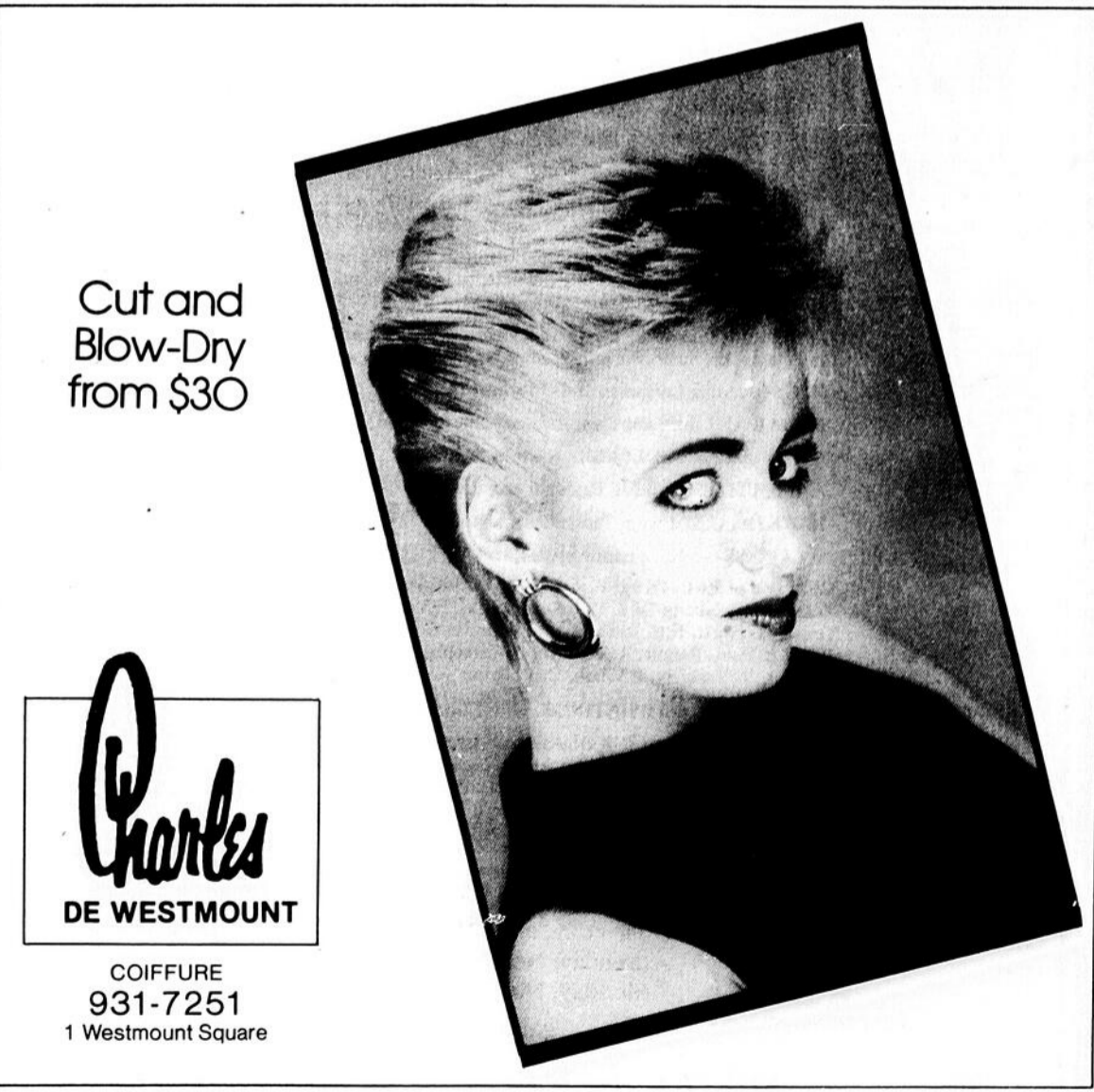
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## Company plans O. Henry production for spring

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Artistic director Ann Page held a preliminary meeting to discuss plans with interested Westmounters last week at Victoria Hall. The local company's first presentation will be based on the short stories of O. Henry and should be staged in March.

"This is an exciting project requiring a large cast to play a wonderful variety of New Yorkers at the turn of the century," according to Westmount recreation director Bob Aiken.

"A wide array of technical help is also required — it is a challenging project."

Any resident 16 years and over can get involved by contacting Bob Aiken at 935-8531.



**AN EYE FOR GEMS:** The Montreal Gem and Mineral Club held its 28th annual Gem and Mineral Show last weekend at the RMR armory on St Catherine street. Anne Morissette, a visitor to the show, moved in for a closer look at a specimen being examined by Jacques Brodman, a gemologist.

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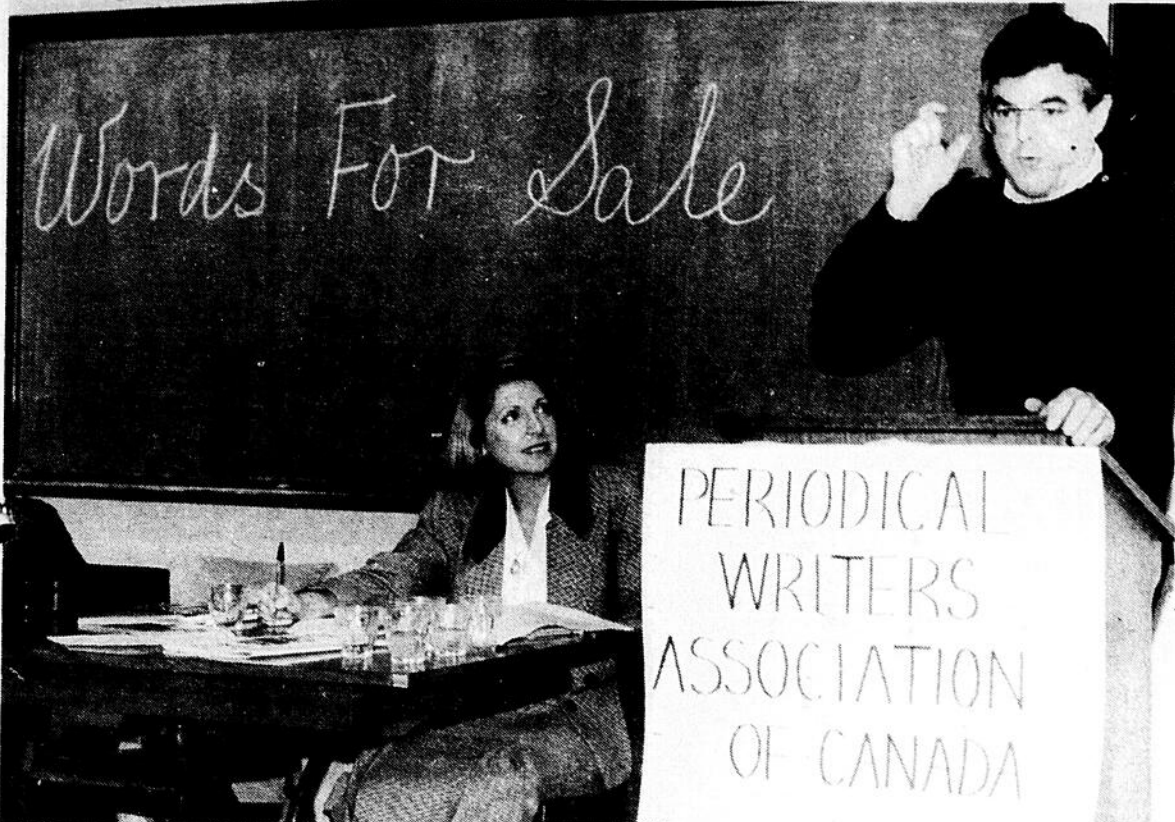
**Date: Wednesday, November 25 at 7 pm**

Place: Victoria Hall  
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### Agenda

1. Notice of Meeting
2. Minutes of the 1986-87 Annual Meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. President's Report
5. Nominating Committee Report
6. Elections
7. Constitutional Amendments

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Betty Palik, president of PWAC in Montreal, looks on as Jamie Brown, film producer, lectures the conference on how to submit a screenplay.

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## Seminar boosts spirits of lonely, low-paid freelancers

By DAFNA KASTNER

"How does one break into freelance writing?" The U.S. market, editor's requirements, and writing for TV and screen were some of the topics covered last Saturday, during a six-hour seminar held at the Atwater Library by the Periodical Writers Association of Canada.

Nine speakers, including Barry Lazar, executive producer at CBC radio; Chris Dodd from *Writer's Digest*; film producer Jamie Brown; and Westmount freelance writer Malcolm MacLean addressed a full house of over 100 professional and aspiring writers about the pros, cons and possibilities in different aspects of the writing profession.

PWAC, founded in 1976, is the only existing Canadian association of freelance writers, which offers support, protection and information to individuals in an extremely isolated profession. Ironically, assembling some 350 of these "loners" in Canada, PWAC helps define rules and eliminate conflicts that writers and editors occasionally encounter, through regular newsletters and workshops. It also presents creative opportunities for its members by linking writers nationwide so they can exchange ideas and even share workloads.

"Just yesterday I received an assignment from another member who was overloaded," said seminar chair Betty Palik, who is president of PWAC in Montreal. Ms Palik, who lives in Westmount with her husband and three children, began writing as a stringer for *The Montreal Star*, worked on staff at *The Gazette* and *Time* magazine, and now finds freelancing an ideal way to combine career and motherhood since the hours are flexible and one can work at home.

"I could never see myself just stopping work for 15 years while I raise my children. Also you have to stay in the business. It changes," Ms Palik says. As far as income goes, freelancing pays some of her bills but wouldn't be enough to live on.

This might explain why 70 percent of freelancers are women. "The best definition of a freelancer is someone with a typewriter and a working mate," says Rosa Harris-Adler, journalist and speaker at the seminar.

Judy Rogers, another Westmount freelancer and membership chair of PWAC, agrees that most periodical writers make a very meager living.

**Like Ms Palik, she took up freelanc**

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ing when she had children, but since they've grown older, she's gone back to corporate writing which pays better but is also more time-consuming.

Freelance writing, however, does have lucrative possibilities, Malcolm MacLean, a public affairs writer also from Westmount and PWAC member, explained. He notes that Lee Iacocca's speechwriter makes \$6,000 U.S. per speech.

Mr MacLean supports two households on his earnings, with a wide variety of clients ranging from business to politicians. "The workload is tremendous. I've worked at least 60 hours this week and I enjoy the pace, but I don't know what I'll be doing two years from now. ... I've also recently become involved in municipi-

pal politics. Strictly grass roots," says Mr MacLean who, eight years ago, was writing former prime minister Trudeau's election speeches in Ottawa. Mr MacLean finds a support network like PWAC to be a tremendous benefit for freelance writers who work alone. "Someday I may want to enter those other markets, besides the one I'm in right now, and here's a place I can learn about it."

### 'Eternal question'

A popular speaker was novelist, screenwriter and film producer Jamie Brown who, in his overview of the film industry in Canada, began by asking "the eternal question:

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**Coward in concert**

Peter Pringle will be bringing his show *Noel Coward: A Portrait* to the Centaur Theatre for a three-week run beginning Tuesday and lasting until Dec 13. This one-man show premiered during the summer at the Charlottetown Festival. It is also the first time that the Coward estate has granted permission for such a performance. In the first act we see Noel Coward as the elegant debonair sophisticate at the age of 39 just before the Second World War. The second act shows him at 73 in retirement at his home in Jamaica. Mr Pringle will be singing 12 of Coward's songs. Tickets are on sale at the Centaur box office or at Ticketron counters.

**Students do Euripides**

The theatre department of Marianopolis College will be presenting *The Bacchae* by Euripides tonight until Saturday, 8:30 pm, at the college, 3880 Côte des Neiges road. The play is being directed by Victor Garaway. Admission is free.

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**Women want to dance**

Tangente Danse Actuelle and Espace Go are organizing a festival of dance titled "Sa Geste" which will present the choreographies and performances of women. It will involve 12 choreographers and 35 dancers in five different programs  
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**Morse merely playing**

Barry Morse will be presenting a one-man show titled *Merely Players* Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, in the D.B. Clarke Theatre of Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west. This is a fund-raising event for Performing Arts

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Why can't Canadians make films like Australians?" With the recent dismantling of the tax shelter, the plight of Telefilm, and the threat free trade would pose in making Canada just another location for Americans, Mr Brown said, no one is certain exactly where Canadian film is headed.

"We live in a country that has a limited marketplace, and if we want to make films of relevance to the country, it has to be in a capacity that has artificial stimulus from the government," Mr Brown says. He became a journalist at 12 by replacing a sportswriter at his hometown newspaper, *The Brantford Expositor*. He advises potential screenwriters to avoid the "big bucks syndrome," and, rather than trying to write high budget Hollywood epics, to set smaller casts in simpler contemporary stories, and to write what they really care about with passion.

Maxine Ruvinsky, a Westmounter with a background in newspapers, attended the all-day seminar and found that the mix of professionals and generally interested public made it difficult for the speaker to gauge the speech.

"Of course it would be better for each individual if they were talking over a cup of coffee, but the good speakers managed to bridge that gap perfectly."

Ms Ruvinsky came to see if she could pick up a few tips on breaking into the magazine market, and she has taken seriously some advice on writing queries.

"I think these things are excellent. It's hard to fool a Montreal audience and almost impossible to intimidate them, so the question-answer period was a good idea." Ms Ruvinsky admits she has chosen a difficult profession, which has no government pension, health plan, or security as such, "but it's great if you can swing it — if you're prepared to put in that work, the world's your oyster. Stories are everywhere; right under your feet." (She then proceeded to ask if I'd be available for an interview.)

'Closet desire'

Chris Campbell, a student at McGill with a "closet desire to become an editor," saw the PWAC posters on campus, and attended hoping to overcome her fear of putting words on paper.

"I came to see if I could get more of a handle on the American market," Mark Medicoff said. He originally studied marketing at Concordia, but decided to chuck business to become a freelancer for daily and monthly journals.

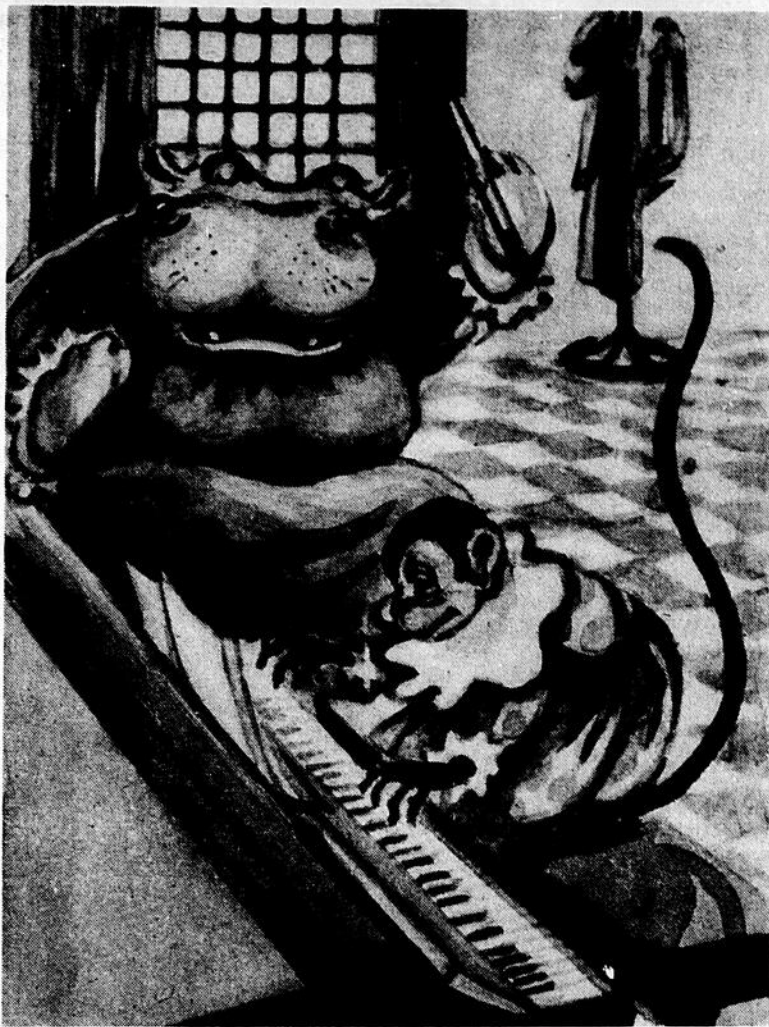
Among the varied group of professionals and novices was a housewife who wanted to return to journalism after a 20-year absence in raising her children; a writer who had never sold and wanted to learn how to market his work; an unemployed salesman; a real estate agent who wanted to get into public relations; a Concordia student who wanted to learn about writing screenplays . . .

Several people seemed discouraged by the statistics and expressed reservations about depending on writing for a living. PWAC did a study on how much freelancers earn, and the result was a disappointing \$8-10,000 per annum, though some can actually make \$60,000 or more if they know how to recycle their work and resell it to radio and other markets.

Although most agreed that freelance writing is a thankless profession with many lonely hours, and not the glamorous life it's cracked up to be, the count of keen faces at the end of the day proved that the rewards must far outweigh the disappointments.

Dafna Kastner is a Westmount freelance journalist and script-writer.

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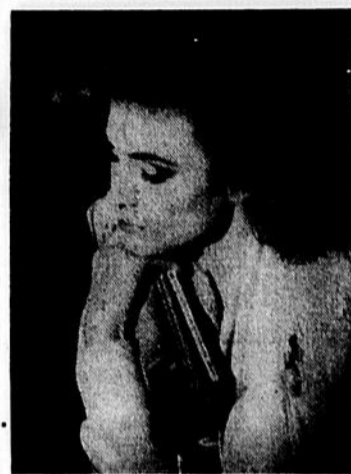
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# Disappointing lack of slime in Hoy's exposé of Mulroney

Toronto Sun columnist Claire Hoy has saved the research staffs of the federal Liberals and NDP hours of leafing through press clippings, by producing a book which could just as properly be titled *Opposition Campaign Manual - 1989*.

Mr Hoy's *Friends in High Places, Politics and Patronage in the Mulroney Government* is a handy checklist of the political sins of the prime minister, his cronies and his government in their struggle to control their rampant bad judgment,

outright stupidity and propensity to tread the moral low road.

But, be warned. The juiciest parts of the book were sliced out before its publication by platoons of lawyers specializing in anti-defamation suits. The alleged incident at a Desmarais wedding, for example, is nowhere to be found; nor the part about Mila Mulroney berating a CBC reporter over the phone for half an hour.

Without these well-publicized dollops of slime, Mr Hoy's book is little

more than an assembly of incidents gleaned from news clippings, comments on events by fellow journalists, infrequent observations from sources close to the prime minister, and a rehash of familiar biographical material.

This is not to say the book does not pack a wallop in its cataloguing of the breathtaking excesses of Mulroney et al before and after they came to power in September 1984.

A personal favorite is how Mr Mulroney in the middle of the night

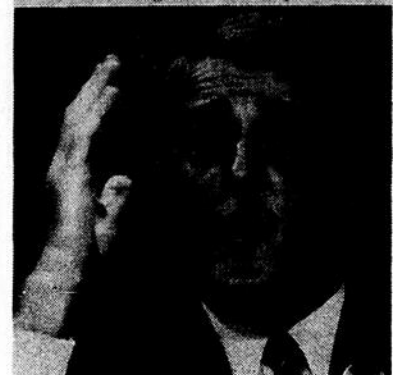
sent his Iron Ore Company of Canada pilot 400 miles back into town from a fishing camp where he and his buddies were staying, to fetch his precious Crispy Crunch chocolate bars. Another is his baldfaced denials that he was the one who set up the financial arrangement to entice Claude Wagner into the Tory tent.

Mr Hoy debunks the "barefoot boy from Baie Comeau" mythology (he was actually raised in a comfortable middle-class family), his career as a labor lawyer (invariably in the employ of the big bosses such as Paul Desmarais during a series of *La Presse* strikes), and various other exaggerations from the PM which leave the impression of a self-made self-made man.

Surprisingly, Mr Hoy rarely intrudes into the ceaseless barrage of political blunders and abuses he

## CLAIRE HOY FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

Politics and Patronage in the Mulroney Government



chronicles to cast his own stones. In fact, for a tract written by the man probably most despised by the Tory government, Mr Hoy tactfully conceals his well-known disgust for all things Mulroney. Whatever muck is to be thrown, Mr Hoy leaves to someone else, generally people with their own axes to grind. Out of the author's own pen, though, we get this limp assessment:

"He's an odd man, our prime minister. He certainly accomplished far more in business and politics than most people ever dream of. And while one must admire these accomplishments, there is a quality about the man which most Canadians find disconcerting, an uneasiness one gets when dealing with the slick-talking proprietor of a cut-rate used-car lot."

With this type of cliché-soaked observation, one must conclude the book has that disconcerting quality of being written by someone who would frequent a cut-rate used-car lot.

Westmount, another mythological setting for the life of Brian, is duly honored by the prime-minister-to-be for its role on his way to the top. The book quotes Mr Mulroney: "You know Westmount," he told a reporter who asked where he was living. "Well, right on top of the (expletive deleted) hill, that's where."

### 'Good buddy' Gallery

As for Mr Mulroney's "old buddy" Brian Gallery, whose connections with the PM run long and deep in Tory humus, he rates only a thin paragraph nearly lost amid the account of the horde of other Tory snouts at the trough through the benevolence of the PM.

It notes that, "wouldn't you know it," Mr Gallery was elected acting chairman of CN while he was away on vacation. Mr Hoy missed the one about Mr Gallery and a bunch of his Tory pals hopping aboard the acting chairman's plush private railway car for a trip to Ottawa last March for the PM's birthday bash.

Mr Gallery is but one of many Westmounters who rate a mention among the lucky ones in the chapter titled "Brian Didn't Say No Either."

The chapter on Mila dubbed "Imelda II" quotes a "long-time family friend" saying of her, "I wouldn't want her for my wife. I couldn't afford her." As the title suggests, Mrs Mulroney's spending habits are the focus of the chapter, and while some of her excesses may be, well, excessively excessive, such as the re-re-redecorating of 24 Sussex, they probably rate as no worse than those of any other family with bucks to spread around. So, she's supposed to save?

There are few surprises in the chapter on Mila, her *parvenue* tendencies having been logged elsewhere; and, although she gets roughed up a bit by Mr Hoy's sources, she still comes off as an attractive, feisty, likable woman and mother. However, her gee-whiz belief that many working mothers plop their babies down in a crib at the office, just like her, is a bit much.

The fact that this book is disappointing because it does not drip fresh slime is perhaps a telling commentary on how utterly inured

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# Distrust of PM blamed for government plunge

By PETER BLACK

Claire Hoy is surely the exception to Brian Mulroney's habitual query (according to another author): "Tell me, what are the boys saying?"

What Mr Hoy has to say in his controversial *Friends in High Places, Politics and Patronage in the Mulroney Government*, the PM probably doesn't want to hear, although, not to the extent that his communications chief Bruce Phillips would be restrained from trying to obtain a transcript of an interview the author gave to a Toronto radio station recently. Paranoia is a sub-theme to haplessness and low morals in the Mulroney saga, Mr Hoy contends.

The *Toronto Sun* columnist scarcely conceals his intense loathing for the former Westmounter. In an interview last week with THE EXAMINER, Mr Hoy said his book chronicles "an extraordinary story" of the Mulroney government's fall from the highest all-time Gallup poll rating and most massive parliamentary majority. The chances of the ruling party's raft skirting the political waterfall in the election "are bleak," Mr Hoy feels.

The blame for the terrible mess the Tories find themselves in is laid squarely at the Gucci-shod feet of the prime minister by Mr Hoy. "He sets the tone, he's the guy who raised the expectations" for the behavior of the Tory government. Mr Hoy clearly doubts the PM has the strength of character to inspire and discipline his troops.

**'Gets a buzz'**

He says the Mulroneys "get a buzz on the trappings" of power, which "tells you a lot about their attitudes." The prime minister's recent snubbing of a meeting of disgruntled CN workers in his old riding of Central Nova to attend a black-tie fundraiser of the 500 Club (chaired by Westmount ex-mayor Brian Gallery) "really hurt him" electorally. "What does that tell you about the guy?"

"There's a gut distrust" of the prime minister, Mr Hoy asserts, largely because he's "been on at least two sides of every issue." He cites the free trade issue as typical. "In 1982 (when Mr Mulroney was running for the PC leadership) it was our damnation. Now it's our salvation."

Mr Hoy likens the prime minister to the Robert Redford character in the film *The Candidate*, the "picture perfect" candidate swept to victory through media manipulation and image-making. With the vote in the bag, the candidate confronts his campaign manager in the midst of the celebration, asking, "Yeah, well, now what do we do?"

Mr Hoy dismissed the government line that it does the big things right and the little ones wrong. The buoyant state of the Canadian economy is more attributable to the U.S. tax-cutting and defence spending orgy

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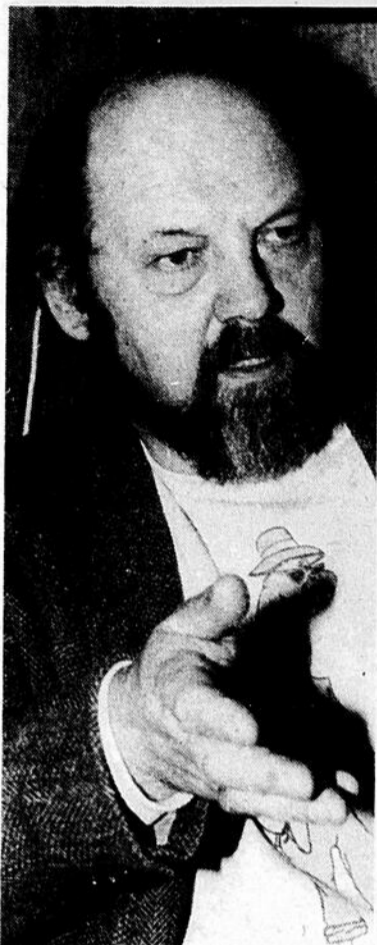
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Canadians have become to the sleazy reputation of Mr Mulroney and his government.

Had we not all followed from the beginning the mind-boggling odyssey of our own accident-prone Homer and his fellow travellers as they struggle to find the oars on the ship of state, we would probably find the exploits documented by Mr Hoy truly appalling — as indeed, they are.

Alas, except for the odd new gossip tidbit, *Friends in High Places*, we've read it all before. This book isn't likely to change anyone's opinion, pro or con, about the Mulroney Conservatives. It may, however, change one's opinion about believing the lurid promotional hype preceding the launch of so-called political exposés.

— Peter Black



Claire Hoy

than any economic policies of the Canadian government, Mr Hoy says.

Mr Hoy traces his antipathy towards Mr Mulroney to his 1976 losing leadership bid. The author's encounter with the future PM left an impression that stuck. "There was something about him then that didn't appeal to me — he was sort of too friendly."

**Omen of duplicity**

His refusal following that convention, won by Joe Clark, to divulge his campaign's spending and contribution figures after accusing other candidates of not disclosing theirs, was an early indication of Mr Mulroney's duplicity, Mr Hoy said.

The author, incidentally, "absolutely" stands behind the well-publicized account of an alleged incident at a wedding several years ago carried across Canada in a story promoting the book. While crediting the prime minister for crawling out of "a vat of martinis" he allegedly fell into after his 1976 loss, Mr Hoy insists the drinking incident did take place according to witnesses, but was expunged from the book because to do otherwise would have delayed indefinitely the book's publication and may have provoked tawdry courtroom confrontations.

With that anecdote and a few others trimmed from the book, Mr Hoy says he has "370 pages that stand up to scrutiny."

Those 370 pages have made Mr Hoy an even more detested journalistic untouchable in the eyes of Tories throughout the land — one of those being his publisher at *The Toronto Sun*, Paul Godfrey, a noted Tory heading a notably Tory paper. Informed of developments at Pierre Peladeau's proposed English daily, Mr Hoy wonders aloud whether they need an Ottawa columnist. "My publisher's none too pleased with me," Mr Hoy notes, taking down the number of the new daily's editor.

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## Contactivity holds annual meeting Monday

The annual general meeting of Contactivity Centre Inc is planned for Monday at 7:30 pm at the organization's headquarters in Westmount Park Church.

Scheduled guest speaker is Dr William Talley, counsellor of education at McGill University.

Contactivity offers and operates the Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre, Tele-Check, workshops and lectures, information and referral services, volunteer outreach, and rent-a-service. It is also associated with the Seniors of Westmount Action Group.

For more information call 932-3433.

Help the community by giving generously to Centraide.



**ST MATTHIAS' FAIR:** Organizers are putting the finishing touches on preparations for the St Matthias' Christmas Fair which will be held Saturday, 11 am to 3 pm, at the church, 12 Church Hill. Involved in this year's fair are, seated from left, Millie Conradi, Frances Eakin and Pat Marchant. Standing from left are Sue Whittall, choir member Michael Prastalo with choir albums which will be for sale, Francie Montgomery, Caroline Phaneuf, one of the Girl Guides who will be providing free babysitting, and Beverley Burpee, convener. The fair will include home baking, jams and jellies, frozen foods, attic treasures, a baby table, crafts and other items. Proceeds go to various charities.

## Jerusalem history at St James meet

Westmounter Prof Donna Runnalls, dean of religious studies at McGill University, is to address the St James Literary Society Tuesday.

Prof Runnalls is to give an illustrated talk on "Jerusalem: City of Peace, Site of War."

The Society meets in the Faculty Club of McGill University, 3450

McTavish street, starting at 7:45 pm.

The St James Literary Society is a non-profit organization founded in 1898 for the exchange of ideas on subjects of current political, social and literary significance.

For more information call Allan Raymond, director of public relations, at 489-8741.

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### BAZAAR

Saturday, Nov 21, at Wesley United Church Hall, 5964 N.D.G. avenue (corner Royal avenue) from 1 pm to 4 pm. Food centre, Christmas decorations, cards and wrappings, plants, knitting, handicraft, hand-sewn articles, collectables, children's corner, nearly new items, home baking and books. Tea room. Everyone welcome.

### BAZAAR

St Bartholomew's Church, 12030 Pasteur street (corner de Salaberry) Saturday, Nov 21, 11 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be served.

### EXHIBITION/SALE

Art, Etc, a group of 20 artists from Montreal West, is holding its second annual exhibition/sale with thematic groups-of-three presentations. Friday, Nov 20, noon to 10 pm, Saturday, Nov 21, 10 am to 5 pm, Montreal West Town Hall, 50 Westminister (near train station).

### BAKE SALE

Ladies' committee branch 14 RMR bake sale and bazaar, 4625 St Catherine street west, Saturday, Nov 21, 1 pm to 4 pm.

### NEARLY NEW SALE

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Elsie Mitchell gives a shoulder up to her granddaughter, Emily, to fill one of several birdfeeders in her backyard. Many types of birdfeeders will be for sale at this weekend's bird fair at Westmount High School.

White milo seed at \$12.50 for 50 pounds is popular with small finches and ground feeding birds like juncos.

**Niger seed expensive**

Tiny black niger seed, an imported thistle seed, is so expensive at \$1.95 a pound you need a special tubular feeder with very small holes to dispense it. A small flock of goldfinches found mine in jig time and won't leave till they empty the whole tube, but that takes three or four days.

To see the latest in bird feeders, plan to visit the third annual Great Bird Fair. It will be held this Saturday and Sunday at Westmount High School, 4350 St Catherine street west, from 11 am to 5 pm. It's sponsored by the Province of Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds.

You'll be able to look over all types of bird feeders, from wooden squirrel resistant hopper types made by Dorval Boy Scouts to bowls with 10 feeding ports topped by large plastic domes. And small ones to fit on your window with suction cups. Prices, of course, vary. The most reasonable is probably the kits you put together yourself, packaged by the Scouts and priced around five dollars.

A variety of ducks, including the colorful wood duck, splashing around in their own watery preserve, right in the gym, should appeal to the young and young at heart. They're from the St Lawrence Valley Eco Museum.

Then you can compare the size of a little saw-whet owl and a great horned owl as well as getting a close look at a red-tailed hawk. These are birds from the Macdonald Raptor

Centre that can't be released back into the wild.

You'll also be able to see displays, slide shows and films about nature.

If you're looking for gift ideas, there will be bird art, books, calendars and Christmas cards.

A special activity corner has been planned for children. Kids who bring bird pictures can make them into badges. There will also be some surprises and, who knows, perhaps a clown.

Provincial environment minister Clifford Lincoln will attend the fair on Sunday. On Saturday night, author Lyn Hancock will tell the story of her tour of America in search of birds, modelled on Roger Tory Peterson's book of the '50s, *Looking for Wild America*.

The lecture will cost \$3. Did I tell you admission to the Great Bird Fair is free?

Plan to make it a family visit.

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By **ELSIE MITCHELL**

which way is up and eat swinging upside down; and more level-headed juncos that only peck away with both feet on the ground.

Now's the time to start putting out feed. The simplest way is to scatter sunflower seed on the ground. These seeds are a favorite with most birds from the large-billed cardinal and evening grosbeak to the tiny chickadee.

But even 50 pounds of sunflower seed (that you can buy on special this week at \$15.49 from J.E. Mondou, 90 Jean Talon east) won't last long if every squirrel in the neighborhood finds them, too.

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## Medical ethics in future topic

Prof Margaret Somerville, director of the McGill centre for medicine, ethics and law, is to address the Women's Club of Canada Monday on the topic "Making new rules for a 21st-century society: the role of medicine, ethics and law."

Meeting is at the Citadel, 2085 Drummond street. Coffee is served at 1:15 pm with the meeting starting at 2 pm.

## Allan Raymond to address group

Allan Raymond, noted Montreal historian and a director of the Westmount Historical Society, is to address the Montreal Jewish Historical Society Thursday next week at the Snowdon YM-YWHA, 5500 Westbury avenue.

Mr Raymond is to give an audiovisual talk on "Reminiscences of Early Jewish Montreal: Fact or Fiction."

For more information call Mr Raymond at 489-8741.

## Health care forum topic

The N.D.G. Senior Citizens' Council is hosting an open forum on "The Health Care System: How well is it serving seniors? The meeting is set for 10:30 am Tuesday at Rosedale United Church, 6870 Terreboune avenue.

Scheduled speakers are Nicholas Regush, a medical journalist, and Dr David Woodsworth, a Montreal gerontologist.

For more information call 487-1311.



**CARDS BY KIDS, FOR KIDS:** A local seasonal tradition has been the Montreal Children's Hospital's Christmas card design contest. This year the competition drew over 950 entries from throughout the province. Four winners were selected from those submitted, including the above done by Christofer Trudeau of Willingdon School. The cards are available at 50 cents each from the hospital on Tupper street.

## Giant Steps to hold sale

The Giant Steps program of the Canadian Institute for Neuro-Integrative Development, which is based in Westmount Park School, is holding a bazaar Sunday at Victoria Hall

from 11 am to 5 pm.

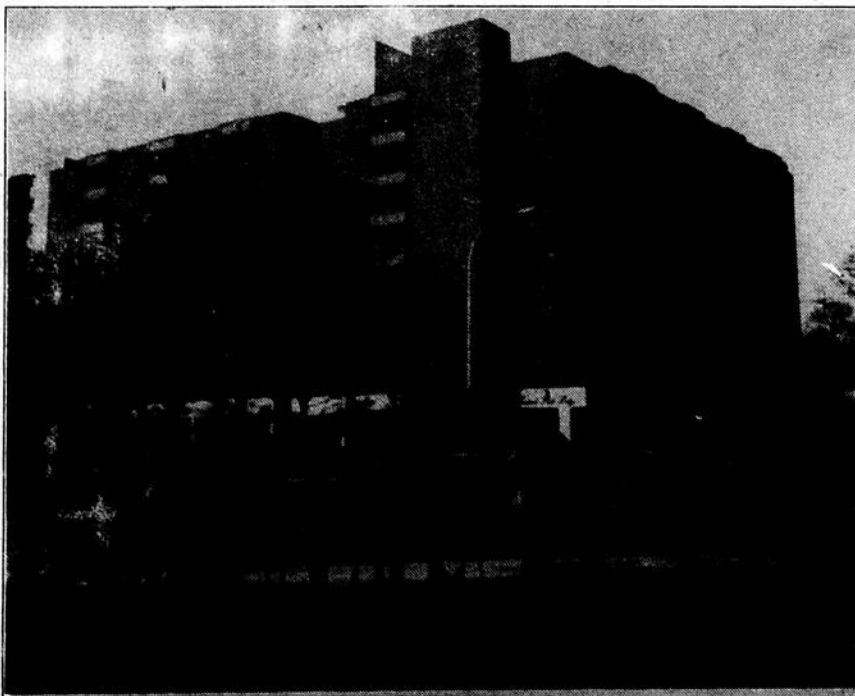
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# The Best Age with DOROTHY SIROTA



We used to talk about the 50-plus crowd when referring to sports and seniors, but look again, now. The scene these days takes in a whole lot of 60 pluses and, yes, 70 pluses too.

It seems that more and more, older men and women have discovered, or rediscovered, the exhilaration of the ski slopes, and are travelling north during the winter months rather than chasing the sun southward. The ski industry has become very aware of this population, and many resorts and hills offer substantial discounts to attract us.

When you stop to think about it, having a little "pied-à-terre" in the Laurentians can be a lovely way to approach the winter. The trip from Montreal is so easy, either by bus or by car. The roads are good and travel time is short. Of course, you don't need a place of your own to go to, for the mountains abound with chalets, pensions, and hotels.

And whether you go up for the weekend, or for a day or two during the week, you get the best of both worlds, city and country living, and it needn't break your pocketbook either. I hear that many people who go up just for the day, driving home after a stimulating afternoon on the slopes, have forgotten what it is to complain about winter. They're just too busy watching ski conditions, and deciding what hill they'll try next.

I talked with some very knowledgeable ski specialists. One was Guy Thibodeau, CFCF's ski reporter, who said that you see more and more older skiers out on the hills. And he thinks it's understandable, for it's a sport that's not competitive, is stimulating both physically and emotionally, and makes for

terrific sociability. Age stops being a barrier out there, as young and old compare notes about their runs. "The older people can really teach our young yahoos how to behave," he said. "They are much more polite in line-ups. They select the hills that are at their level, and they don't try to prove anything. They're there to have a good time, and they do!"

Charlie Turner of the Mont Gabriel Ski Patrol is most concerned about the safety aspects of the sport, and he is very encouraging. "We don't worry about the older skiers," he said. "They're a very small percentage of the accidents we deal with."

Louis Dufour of Mont St Sauveur is also very enthusiastic. He said that any senior who comes out is bound to love it, that most areas will give good reductions for skiers over 59, and that there are more and more suitable hills to choose from. The trick seems to be to select an area where you feel comfortable, which is easily accessible, and where grooming and maintenance of hills are well done. Mr Dufour mentioned that if you like to walk, you might consider taking a lift up Mont Gabriel. There are lovely paths up there, and the view is spectacular.

Some special spots for seniors? My informants mention Mont Olympia, Mont Gabriel and, of course, St Sauveur. The Chantecler at Ste Adèle is good, and has a very nice hotel. And it's good to note that Gray Rocks at St Jovite is not crowded on the weekends as they cater to week-long package trips. Their hills are fantastic — well groomed, with excellent lifts.

Everyone agrees that equipment is important. You just can't pick up

your 40-year-old skis and go off. It's a better idea to rent equipment for the day if you want to try out downhill skiing. Today's equipment is much lighter, more efficient, and a lot safer, they say. It's also a good idea to take a few lessons. If you've been away from skiing for a long time, the lessons will be very helpful. And even if you've been doing cross-country, the downhill lessons will help you make the transition.

Now, moving away from the Laurentians, I see that some wonderful winter programs which include skiing have been organized by Elderhostel Canada. (For people 60 and over and their spouses.) These are offered at Banff, Alberta, and just outside of Vancouver, B.C. For details of these and many other interesting educational adventures, check the Elderhostel catalog for programs through June 1988 at the Westmount Library.

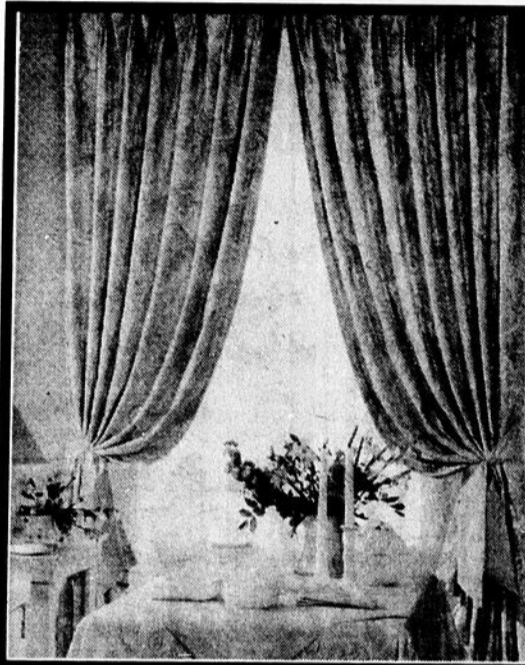
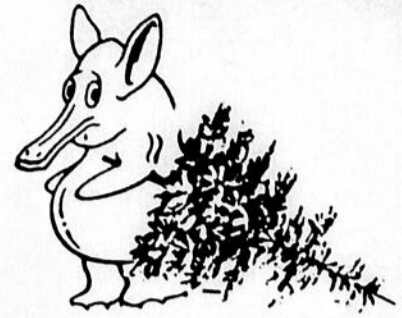
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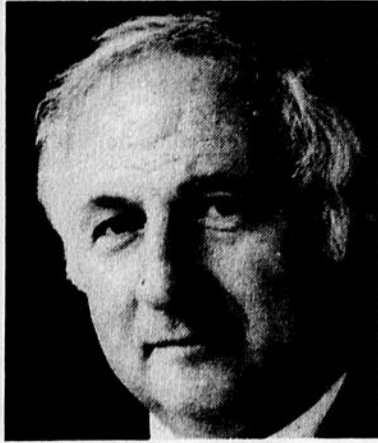
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## Aspects of menopause focus of seminar at Jewish General

The Jewish General Hospital, department of obstetrics and gynecology, is offering a seminar titled "Understanding Menopause — Myths and Realities."

This program will be held on Sunday from 9:30 am until 4:30 pm and will take place at the hospital's Block Amphitheatre, 3577 Côte St Catherine road. The fee is \$60 which includes lunch and some informational material.

The focus of this seminar is the medical, psychological, social and nutritional aspects of menopause,

with the aim of helping participants to better understand this normal but often overwhelming time in their lives.

Scheduled speakers are Dr Morrie Gelfand, a Westmounter, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Jewish General; Dr Barbara Sherwin, psychologist; and Betty Anne Greenhalgh, dietician.

Pre-registration is required as there is a limited enrollment. For information and registration, call Sonia Oberman, co-ordinator, at 342-2625.



**WHAT A DOLL:** To raise money for the SPCA, Doris Wynn, left, raffled off a doll she bought at a St Matthias' rummage sale and for which she hand-stitched the clothes. Winner of the doll was John Chisnall, right. Beverley Auerbach is the founder of the Westmount chapter of the SPCA. Ms Wynn raised \$128 with the raffle.

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**SHELPER SUPPORTERS:** A presentation to community leaders about Auberge Shalom, a Jewish shelter for battered women and their dependent children, was held recently at the Westmount home of Roberta and Mayer Lawee. Among the guests were, from left, Bina Ellen, Marilyn Rosenbloom, Florence Pedvis, and Esther Landsman, all Westmount residents.

## Récital de la Ste-Cécile à St-Léon

Depuis quatre ans, on fête la patronne des musiciens à la paroisse St-Léon. Il y aura récital de la Ste-Cécile samedi et dimanche et les musiciens apporteront leur collaboration aux célébrations de la Fête du Christ-Roi qui suivra le récital.

En voici le programme:  
Chorale et quatuor vocal de St-Léon de Westmount: Marjorie Tanaka, direction; Marie Plante, soprano; Chantal Rioux, alto; Denis Bourdreault, ténor; Gilbert Patenaude, baryton. Instrumentistes invités: Sonia Giudice, hautboïste; samedi, Tara-Louise Perrault, violoniste; dimanche, Antoine Lefebvre, âgé de 9 ans, violon. A l'orgue: Lucienne l'Heureux-Arel.

Au programme seront les oeuvres de Telemann, Bach, Händel, Mozart, Alexandre Cellier, Mendelssohn, Fauré, Anton Heiller, ainsi qu'une avant-première d'une sonate pour violon et orgue récemment écrite par le compositeur Michel Perrault et exécutée par sa fille Tara.

Samedi, le 21 novembre 1987 à 17h30, Eglise St-Léon de Westmount, 4311, bd de Maisonneuve ouest (5 rues à l'ouest d'Atwater). Le même programme sera répété dimanche le 22 novembre à 11h00.

## Wrong name

In a story on the annual Contactivity-Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre bazaar last week, the organizer was incorrectly identified. In fact, the bazaar co-ordinator was Sandra Valdmanis. THE EXAMINER regrets the error.

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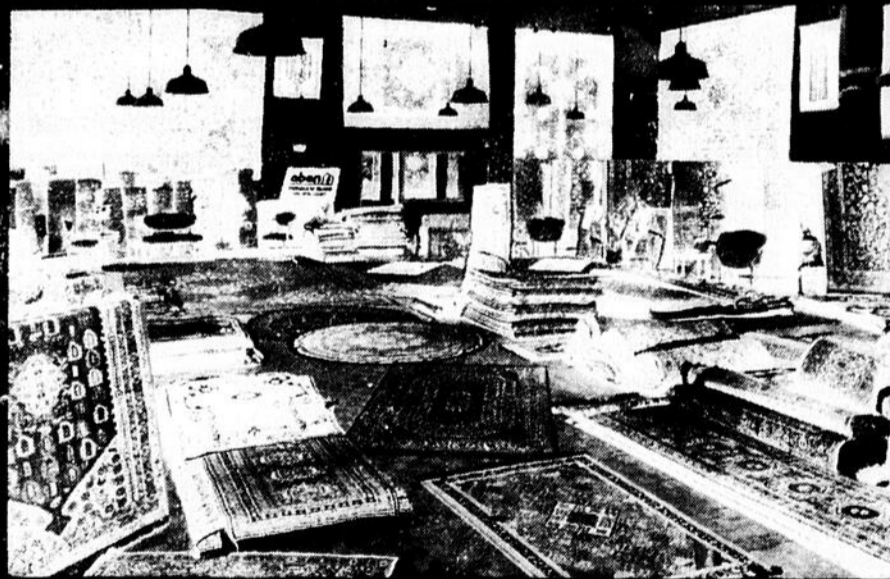
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Ses premiers professeurs ont été Denyse Gadbois et Eric Goldberg. Elle a ensuite étudié à l'Ecole du Musée des Beaux Arts où elle a bénéficié de l'enseignement d'Arthur Lismer du Groupe des Sept, William

Armstrong, Dennis Lukas et d'autres.

Dom Guy-Marie Oury, moine bénédictin de l'Abbaye de Solesmes, est né à Tours. Il appartient à une famille d'architectes et d'artistes. L'un de ses grands oncles était peintre bien connu par ses représentations de la vie campagnarde à la manière de Millet.

Le Père Oury a reçu sa formation de peintre de sa grand-mère qui était aussi artiste peintre. Il excelle comme aquarelliste. Il est diplômé de l'université d'Angers, France et membre du Comité d'éditeurs de la revue "Historical Reflections" de l'université de Waterloo, Ontario.

C'est un savant et auteur de 30 livres sur la spiritualité, l'histoire du monarchisme liturgique et il est spécialiste des origines de la Nouvelle France (Canada) au cours du 17e et 18e siècles. Il y a une exposition permanente de ses oeuvres à une galerie de Solesmes, France depuis 1979.



Westmount women are playing a major role in the Ascension of Our Lord parish building campaign. Among those participating are, from left, Janet Macklem, Mary Maxwell, Dodi Wickham and Patricia Barrett, the general secretary.

## Ascension campaign mobilizes army of dedicated volunteers

The half million dollar Ascension building campaign has swung into action with a small army of volunteers.

Ascension of Our Lord parish, serving the English Catholic community of Westmount, recently announced this ambitious program.

"The contribution of the women of the parish cannot be overstated," William J. Brown, the general chairman, said.

"The ladies have come forward to assume responsibilities at all levels," Mr Brown said. "From organizational activities to area chairmen and vice-chairmen of committees and canvassing, they're in the forefront of the total organization."

Over 600 families or individuals have been identified as active members or potential supporters of the parish. Additionally, a number of commercial establishments located in Westmount will be contacted.

Heading an administrative group, composed largely of women, Mary Maxwell has prepared lists of potential donors with addresses and telephone numbers.

"We have checked every possible source to determine correct names and addresses," Mrs Maxwell said. "Apartments are the most difficult and the source of more moves than in single dwelling homes. It's a much bigger task than we anticipated but, thanks to my associates, the initial tasks have been completed and the campaign is under way."

According to the chairman, the results to date are encouraging.

"We want this project completed before Christmas," Mr Brown said, "and we're urging the canvassers to complete their calls by the end of November."

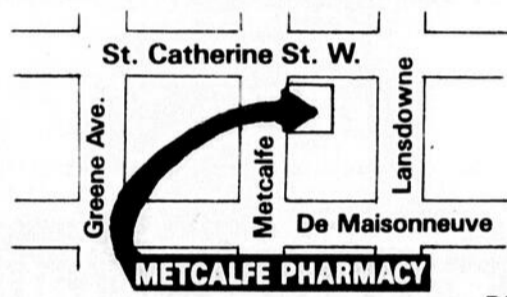
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# Ascension's Renew program sparks greater sense of church community

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

An old-time sense of community is finding its way back into worship at the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord. Many of those attending mass on Sundays are seeing people they know well enough to exchange a friendly greeting or a few thoughts on the service.

A special, faith-sharing experience called Renew is helping the English Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Montreal to build new relationships within their congregations. The aim of the three-year program is to see the effect in the communities of family, neighborhood and beyond, in ever-widening circles.

Father Richard Griffin, pastor at Ascension of Our Lord, says, "This is an ongoing process and each season has its own theme. But it is really just to bring people to a deeper awareness of their faith in Christ and the consequences of that faith with regards to the community."

Sister Marie Azzarello of the Congregation of Notre Dame, executive director of Renew, says the diocese decided to adopt the plan in June of last year. Since then, a great deal of planning and preparation has taken place, with numerous workshops aimed at informing organizers on all levels in all the parishes. The first part of the Renew program began in October this year.

At Ascension of Our Lord, a four-member core group was formed. Janet Macklem is head of the core group and parish co-ordinator. Father Griffin is spiritual advisor.

Allan Barrett organizes take-home material. Mr Barrett prepares notes which are printed in the pew bulletin. These generally offer thoughts on the scriptures used at mass or suggest additional readings. Mrs Macklem says, "It's a very short thing that makes the mass more meaningful after you've got home."

## Faith-sharing groups

Elizabeth Pilley, the fourth core group member, is in charge of small faith-sharing groups. These groups of about 10 people meet once a week at a mutually convenient time in the group leader's home. They are given a focus which is illustrated by readings from the scriptures. They then reflect on those readings and discuss them. Each member has a handbook which gives focus, readings and starter questions.

Father Griffin says, "I don't think we've ever got to any of those starter



Father Richard Griffin

questions. Everyone has something to say long before you get to them."

The handbooks also contain prayer and action response suggestions for each week. Mrs Macklem describes action response as "... not a group action. It's more that we ask the question of ourselves and think about what we are going to do this week for the community. It may not be the greater community, it may be just your own family, but hopefully that will reach out into the community."

Father Griffin says the goal is to

have people begin with the closer communities and then reach out to other communities in a number of areas — social justice, ecumenism — to see those areas in the light of the Gospel.

Both he and Mrs Macklem agree the small faith-sharing groups are the most important element in Renew. "There's a very close feeling with those people because you're sharing their problems and worries," says Mrs Macklem. "You become a very special group of people."

## 'Going swimmingly'

Alphonsine Howlett is one of the small-group leaders. "It's going very swimmingly!" she says. "It's been very encouraging, I've learned a great deal from it."

She says that hers is a very "disparate group," coming from different backgrounds and with different levels of knowledge of the Bible. She says it has been really exciting to see the group rediscover the Old Testament and, from it, learn more about the teachings of Christ.

Sister Marie Azzarello says the response to Renew has been very good throughout the diocese. She says there are 39 parish teams, all with several faith-sharing groups. Ascension of Our Lord has nine such groups. "I would hope there will be some joint, large-group activities among the parishes, perhaps in the next season," she says.

Renew takes place in five, six-week periods or "seasons." The first of these, "The Lord's Call," ends on Sunday. The next season, "Our Response to the Lord's Call," will take place in Lent, from Feb 14 to March 20.

The remaining three seasons will repeat the pattern: fall, Lent, fall. Renew will end in November 1989. Missing a season or a week is not a problem, says Mrs Macklem. "Anybody can join at any time."

For further information about Renew, Janet Macklem can be reached at 933-8202.

## Family fun day at Shaar Sunday

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**Councillors are challenged  
to lace up for Skate-a-thon**

THE annual Skate-a-thon organized by the Westmount district of Boy Scouts of Canada takes place Saturday at the Westmount arena starting at 2:30 pm and finishing at 7:30 pm.

"Although this is a Scouting activity, we encourage the support and participation of the whole community," says Daniel Herlinger, organizer.

City Councillor Sally Aitken urged her colleagues to support the annual event and said she hoped someone from city council would be skating.

Proceeds from the Skate-a-thon are shared among the Westmount Scout council, Scout groups, the Montreal Children's Hospital and St Justine's.

Last year's event raised over \$8,600, of which 50 percent is to be turned over to the two hospitals through the Telethon of Stars Dec 5 and 6.

**Driver checks bus, ignores car**

The driver of a car which collided with a bus and a car Monday last

week on Sherbrooke street west of Grosvenor avenue drove away after checking that no damage had occurred to the bus, police report.

The other car, however, was left with more than \$500 damage which was caused when the hit-and-run car ricocheted off the bus about 5:40 pm. The victim provided police with a licence plate number.

**Party ingredients  
taken from diner**

Ten cases of beer and a box of assorted meats were stolen early Monday from a storeroom broken into at the rear of a restaurant on St Catherine street, police report. The theft was listed at \$500.

The missing meat included ham, pork, chicken and beef. The burglary occurred between 12:01 am and 8:30 am.

Extend your reach. When you put a liner classified ad in THE EXAMINER, you can put the same ad in the Town of Mount Royal Weekly Post for just half price. To place an ad, call 931-7511.

**Grab radio**

An \$800 MEI car radio was stolen from a green 1985 Audi parked overnight Nov 8-9 in front of 331 Clarke avenue, police report. The thief gained entry by removing the lock on the passenger door, causing \$200 damage. The car belonged to a woman from Kitchener, Ont.

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the Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, Cité du Havre, from today until Feb 14. ... The paintings of Adolfo Nadal from the Dominican Republic are at the Galerie Oxfam, 165 St Paul street east, until Nov 29. ... Sculptures by Gidon Graetz currently are at the Galerie Samuel Lallouz, 1620 Sherbrooke street west. ... "The Silk Road Chinese Paintings and Calligraphy" is the title of an exhibition of the works of 36 artists from Xinjiang province in China and it is at the China Arts and Crafts Gallery, 982 Clark street, until Dec 12. ... The paintings of Mary Martin will be at The Blue Armoire, 264 Knowlton road in Knowlton, from Saturday to Nov 29. ... The paintings of Lise Paradis will be at the Verdun Cultural Centre, 5955 Bannantyne avenue, from Wednesday until Dec 13. ... The fantastic paintings of Toller Cranston will be at the Shayne Gallery, 5471 Royalmount avenue, from today until Dec 12.

**Bits'n'pieces**

Adrienne Clarkson will speak on "Canada: The Possible Vision" Sunday, 4 pm, at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte St Catherine road. Admission is free. ... Canadian Cultural Programmes will present Laval des Rapides Liberal MP and former Quebec finance minister Ray and Garneau speaking on "Free Trade and Its Impact on Canada" Monday, 7:30 pm, in the Salle des Saules in the Guy Favreau Complex, 200 Dorchester boulevard west. Admission is free. ... Dr A.J. Kirshner will give a lecture on improving your sight without glasses tonight, 8 o'clock, at 5700 Westbury avenue. Instructions, eye exercises and relaxation techniques will be given. ... The annual bake and craft sale of the Jardin d'Enfants Créatif Hampton will take place Monday, 9 am to 2 pm, at the N.D.G. Y, 4335 Hampton avenue. ... Dr Brendan Cavanaugh will speak on "How to Be Sexual and Safe" Sunday, 7:30 pm, in the Leacock Building of McGill University. ... Antiques freaks already know that the Montreal Winter Antique Show is happening at Place Bonaventure from today to Sunday.

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## Volunteer bureau holds Give-a-thon

To celebrate its 50th anniversary, the Volunteer Bureau of Montreal is organizing a Give-a-thon on Dec 10 from noon to 9 pm at St James the Apostle Church, 1439 St Catherine street at Bishop street.

The public is invited to show its generosity during the holiday season in making donations — in the form of money, toys or non-perishable food-stuffs — which will go directly to needy families in the Montreal area.

Coffee and cookies will be served. Special events will take place throughout the day. Tax receipts will be available for cash donations of \$10 or more.



## Lavalin's Lamarre at family biz meet

The Canadian Association of Family Enterprise hosts Lavalin Ltd president Bernard Lamarre at the group's meeting Tuesday at 7:30 pm at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Mr Lamarre is to speak on growth by acquisition and international family business held privately. Admission for members is \$20 for members, or \$30 for non-members. For more information call 871-1706.

## Help available for troubled kids

Parents of children, aged five to 17 years, having social, emotional, behavioral difficulties are invited to inquire about a free, confidential counselling service.

SHAD (Self Help Against Depression) is a non-profit, charitable organization, offering assistance to people suffering from psycho-social problems.

SHADES (Self Help Against Depression Extended Service) is an outreach project aimed at supporting parents and guiding young people over the rough spots both at school and at home.

For further information write to SHAD Inc, PO Box 307, Côte St Luc Station, Montreal H4V 2Y5, or call 684-9896.

## Tel-Aide seeks good listeners

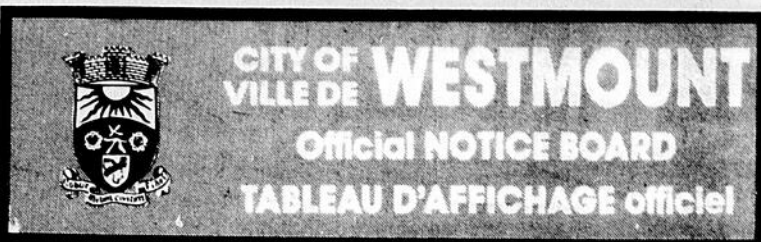
Tel-Aide, Montreal's 24-hour listening centre for people in distress, needs volunteers to answer their phones so they can continue to respond to the over 150 calls a day they receive.

Many Westmounters have been and are volunteers for the centre, which offers 30 hours of training for those interested in contributing to the effort.

For information, call 935-1105.

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Advertisement for Unicef Canada featuring a photo of a child and the text: 'Become a UNICEF Volunteer. IT'S A CHANCE TO GROW. For both of you.' Includes the phone number 1-800-268-6364.



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Looking into expenditures for 1988, the following items are noteworthy:

• As a result of last week's M.U.C. draft budget and the cost-sharing formula (using valuations as a base) associated with the 1988 budget, it is estimated that Westmount would have to contribute \$1.7 million more to the M.U.C. than in 1987. This represents an increase of 13.7% and makes up roughly one-third of the City's budget.

• The liability insurance crises have affected all North American enterprises and governments at all levels. Insurance costs for our municipality have taken dramatic leaps since 1985 when the cost was approximately \$70,000. This rose to \$194,400 in 1986 and to \$370,000 in 1987. Additional funds may have to be allocated for insurance coverage in 1988.

• Council will review the alternatives available to finance, by borrowing and/or appropriating from surplus, funds to finance capital projects that have been undertaken since 1982, for a value of \$4.7 million.

A thorough review of the 1988 Operating and Capital Budgets will take place over the next few weeks. During the course of this review, we will examine the Quebec Legislation, of the proposed Bill 82, in order to determine the best course of action to take in determining an appropriate method of taxation, that would be beneficial to our citizens.

At this time, it would be anticipated that some of the 1987 surplus will be used to reduce the 1988 tax burden.

The capital expenditure program for the three-year period 1988 to 1990 is currently under review. These capital expenditures will be financed out of operating revenues, revenues derived from cadastral operations, the working fund and the loan by-laws fund.

In closing, I would like to emphasize that all budget estimates are subject to detailed review and approval before their adoption. The 1988 Budget will be formally presented at the Council meeting of December 14th, 1987.

May E. Cutler  
Mayor  
City of Westmount

### COMMENTAIRES DU MAIRE SUR LA SITUATION FINANCIÈRE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT À LA SÉANCE DU CONSEIL DU 16 NOVEMBRE 1987

Le but de mon compte rendu de ce soir est de renseigner les citoyens de Westmount sur la situation financière de cette municipalité, particulièrement en ce qui a trait aux exercices 1986, 1987 et à l'exercice budgétaire de 1988.

Cette présentation servira à exposer les résultats financiers selon les états vérifiés pour l'exercice 1986 et vous fournira aussi quelques indications préliminaires sur les résultats financiers pour l'année courante (1987) et sur les tendances générales du budget de 1988 et du programme de dépenses d'immobilisations.

#### I. POINTS SAILLANTS DES RÉSULTATS FINANCIERS DE L'EXERCICE 1986

Les états financiers pour l'exercice qui s'est terminé le 31 décembre 1986 ont été déposés devant le Conseil par le trésorier de la Ville comme l'exigent les dispositions de la Loi sur les cités et villes. Ces états, vérifiés par les vérificateurs de la Ville, Thorne Ernst & Whinney, ont été émis "sans réserve" le 20 mars 1987.

Les points saillants des résultats de l'exercice 1986 avec certaines explications relatives aux principaux écarts entre les résultats réels et le budget ont fait l'objet d'un exposé détaillé du Commissaire aux Finances le 6 avril 1987. Néanmoins, je résume ces points saillants comme suit:

Le montant total des revenus de la Ville pour l'année s'est élevé à 37 438 400 et celui des dépenses à 34 913 400\$, laissant un excédent de 2 525 000\$.

Je donne ci-après un bref aperçu des éléments de cet excédent. Nos revenus imprévus proviennent des sources suivantes:

- le versement d'un montant de 780 000\$ par le gouvernement provincial au titre de la tempête de verglas de 1983 et de l'expropriation foncière de 1965 relative à la construction de l'autoroute Ville-Marie;
- un niveau anormalement élevé de demandes de permis de construction a produit des revenus additionnels de 176 000\$;
- les droits de mutation sur la vente de l'édifice Westmount Square ont produit des revenus de 305 000\$;
- les contraventions de stationnement ont rapporté 154 000\$ de plus que les prévisions inscrites au budget; et

• d'autres contributions importantes aux revenus sont attribuables à la remise à plus tard d'une émission obligatoire d'emprunt, à une diminution du coût d'entretien de la chaussée et des trottoirs, au recours à la sous-traitance pour les services d'éboueurs, à la réduction des dépenses relatives aux parcs, aux arbres, à la Bibliothèque et à notre programme de dépenses d'immobilisations.

Il ne faut pas oublier qu'un montant de 967 000\$ a été imputé à notre excédent pour réduire le taux au mille et équilibrer le budget de 1986. Les facteurs ci-haut mentionnés réunis ont permis de terminer l'exercice financier avec un excédent de 2 525 000\$.

Passant à la position de notre bilan, je signale que nous disposions d'un montant de 7 361 560\$ en instruments bancaires à court terme, composé de \$4,8 millions du fonds d'exploitation, de \$0,9 million du fonds d'amortissement spécial et de \$1,6 millions du fonds de roulement.

Le montant de nos comptes à recouvrer au chapitre des services municipaux et d'électricité s'est élevé à \$3,7 millions par rapport à des comptes créditeurs de \$4,8 millions.

Les dépenses d'immobilisations pour 1986 se sont élevées à 2 055 211\$ et ont été financées comme suite:

• Règlements d'emprunt	1 028 623\$
• Fonds d'exploitation	214 100\$
• Fonds de roulement	567 581\$
• Fonds de réserve - parc et terrains de jeu	244 907\$

Compte tenu de tous ces éléments, on peut affirmer que la Ville était et demeure en bonne situation financière comme l'indiquent le niveau des placements de trésorerie et à court terme, la situation des comptes à recouvrer et tous les rapports appropriés entre nos engagements à long terme et l'évaluation, nos revenus et par habitant.

Le Conseil a l'intention de voir à ce que la Ville de Westmount conserve sa bonne situation financière et la notation d'obligation AA, soit la plus élevée qui n'est attribuée qu'à trois autres municipalités du Québec (V.M.R., Beaconsfield et, depuis 1987, Montréal).

#### II. PRÉVISIONS 1987

A partir des résultats du troisième trimestre et de nos prévisions de revenus et de dépenses d'ici la fin de l'année, nous pouvons nous attendre à terminer l'exercice financier 1987 avec un excédent supérieur à 1 600 000\$.

Je résume brièvement les raisons sous-tendant ces attentes.

Nous prévoyons que la taxe foncière produira des revenus supérieurs de 400 000\$ aux prévisions budgétaires, essentiellement en raison d'une diminution du nombre d'appels en contestation de taxes et de constructions nouvelles devenues imposables en 1987.

Le revenu produit par les terrains de stationnement et par le coût recouvrable de services rendus apportera 146 000\$ de plus au trésor de la Ville.

Des revenus additionnels de 310 000\$ proviendront des droits de mutation sur les ventes immobilières, cet écart favorable pouvant être attribué en partie au phénomène rare de la vente d'une maison d'appartements et de deux complexes commerciaux.

Un effort intensif de rattrapage du dossier des sommations et mandats émis pour contraventions impayées rapportera des revenus additionnels de 155 000\$ et de 170 000\$ en raison du nombre plus élevé de contraventions émises en 1987.

L'intérêt sur les dépôts bancaires et les taxes en souffrance produira probablement 190 000\$, essentiellement du fait que les taux d'intérêt resteront à des niveaux plus élevés que ceux prévus pour les sept derniers mois de l'année.

Nous prévoyons également toucher des revenus supplémentaires d'au moins 250 000\$ de l'exploitation du service de l'Énergie électrique en raison d'une légère augmentation du volume de consommation.

La remise à une date ultérieure d'une émission obligatoire d'emprunt au chapitre du service de la dette, d'abord prévue en 1987, réduira cette année le coût du service de la dette d'environ 400 000\$.

Au chapitre des activités municipales et de l'exploitation du service de l'Énergie électrique, nous prévoyons que les dépenses seront maintenues à un niveau inférieur aux prévisions budgétaires jusqu'à la fin de l'exercice 1987.

#### III. BUDGET DE 1988

En ce qui concerne le prochain exercice fiscal 1988, les directives municipales relatives au budget d'exploitation prévoient des augmentations des revenus et des dépenses conformes aux objectifs et aux politiques arrêtés par le Conseil. Le niveau de qualité élevé des services assurés par la Ville doit être maintenu à un coût minimal et, en même temps, les taxes foncières doivent s'inscrire dans des normes acceptables.

Vous êtes sans doute au courant de l'augmentation des évaluations foncières sur le territoire de la C.U.M. qui a été entourée de beaucoup de publicité; cette augmentation, en fait, a eu un impact considérable sur la Ville de Westmount.

Dans l'ensemble, sur le territoire de la C.U.M., les évaluations ont augmenté de 27,2%; cependant, ce pourcentage d'augmentation s'établit à 40,1% dans le cas de Westmount, ce qui signifie automatiquement que nos contribuables devront porter une part plus importante des frais d'exploitation de la C.U.M. en 1988.

Le gouvernement provincial prépare en ce moment le projet de loi 82 qui aura pour effet, si une municipalité en décide ainsi, de plafonner les évaluations imposables et, dans le cas des factures de taxes, certaines catégories imposables sélectionnées. Il est encore trop tôt pour apprécier les effets de cette loi sur le contribuable foncier moyen mais on peut espérer qu'elle allégera le fardeau des propriétaires qui ont subi des augmentations d'évaluation sensibles par rapport à celles de l'an dernier.

Les augmentations d'évaluation foncière "MOYENNES" dans Westmount s'établissent comme suite:

Logements unifamiliaux	50,0%
Logements bifamiliaux	40,8%
Triplexes	66,1%
Multiplexes	78,7%
Condominiums	48,1%
Appartements	21,9%
Propriétés commerciales	22,7%
Lots vacants	5,1%

Les points suivants méritent d'être signalés au niveau des dépenses pour 1988:

• La préparation du budget préliminaire de la C.U.M. la semaine dernière et la formule de partage des coûts (basée sur les évaluations) liée au budget de l'exercice 1988, signifient que Westmount devra en 1988 contribuer \$1,7 millions de plus à la C.U.M. qu'en 1987. Ceci représente une augmentation de 13,7% et correspond grosso modo à un tiers du budget de la Ville.

• La crise dans le domaine de l'assurance responsabilité civile a frappé toutes les entreprises et tous les gouvernements d'Amérique du Nord de tous les niveaux en 1987. Le coût des assurances de notre municipalité monte en flèche depuis 1985 alors qu'il se chiffrait à environ 70 000\$, pour grimper à 194 400\$ en 1986 et à 370 000\$ en 1987. Il faudra peut-être prévoir des sommes additionnelles au chapitre de la couverture d'assurance en 1988.

• Le Conseil étudiera les possibilités disponibles pour assurer, au moyen d'emprunts et (ou) d'imputations à l'excédent, le financement des projets d'immobilisations, d'une valeur de \$4,7 millions, entrepris depuis 1982.

Les budgets d'exploitation et d'immobilisations de 1988 feront l'objet d'un examen poussé au cours des prochaines semaines. Dans le cadre

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# 'Toy workshops' let parents test playthings before buying

"Children's toy workshops" are the Tupperware parties of today's generation of young parents.

The product may be different, but the principle is the same: let the buyers and users get a firsthand look at products in a comfortable, home-like setting, before they make a commitment to purchase.

One of the local companies in the trade, Genius 2, operated by Debbie Gitelman, brings its wares to The Priory, 3120 The Boulevard, Wednesday as part of the private elementary school's annual fund-raising fair — another aspect of the try-before-you-

buy marketing strategy.

Ms Gitelman, a physiotherapist and herself an expectant mother, started the business last summer after leaving a position at Royal Victoria Hospital, where she had interned in pediatrics.

Toys, books, games and materials have been selected by Ms Gitelman to correspond with the various stages of child development: infant, toddler, junior pre-school, senior pre-school and school-age.

The goal of the company, as described in its creatively presented catalogue, is to "help parents create

an environment through which their children can achieve a healthy play atmosphere."

Genius 2 "has searched the market for toys with the best educational play value that also met our rigid child safety standards," Ms Gitelman says. And, she says, prices are guaranteed lower than store-bought items.

The toys, besides being entertaining and educational, "teach and promote interpersonal skills," Ms Gitelman explains. Books especially are selected for their contribution to



Debbie Gitelman displays some of the educational toys offered by Genius 2.

child's confidence and self-esteem.

Parents who wish to host a workshop in their home are visited by a professional educational consultant who will describe and demonstrate the educational value of toys, books and games. The consultant is also

there to take orders and collect money. Purchases are usually delivered a week later.

Some 12 consultants already working for Genius 2 in the MUC are trained at a seminar dealing with the administrative aspect of the at-home toy peddling business as well as the joys and benefits of the goods offered.

The Priory fund-raiser is from 2 pm to 4 pm, and besides the Genius 2 offerings, crafts and baked goods made by parents and teachers will be on sale.

For more information on Genius 2 call Ms Gitelman at 488-0047.

## Car mangled in theft attempt

Attempts to steal a car parked Sunday between 12:01 am and noon at the Summit lookout proved unsuccessful, police report.

The grey 1980 Toyota had been broken into by forcing a lock on the driver's door and attempts had been made to start it by jumping ignition wires. In addition, the plastic covering on the steering column was broken open, causing an undetermined amount of damage.

The car belonged to a resident of Upper Bellevue avenue.

## Lamp toppled

A City of Westmount lamp pole was knocked over Wednesday last week at 2 Summit Circle by a load of bricks that fell off a forklift, according to police reports. No amount of damage was listed. The mishap occurred about 9:20 am as work was taking place on private property.

## Gunman 'wins' \$1,600 in Loto

A lone gunman held up two workers at a Loto-Québec kiosk in Alexis Nihon Plaza Tuesday last week and made off with \$1,600, police report.

The holdup occurred about 4:16 pm when a man approached one of the women, showed her a revolver in his belt and gave her 15 seconds to put money into a brown paper bag he carried. She complied and the man walked off, leaving the two sales clerks in a state of shock.

The robber was described as a white man aged about 30 having dark hair and wearing dark pants and a dark jacket.

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### McGill adult ed holds session

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information and guidance from academic advisors about courses or programs in accounting, business administration, management, education, engineering, professional development, languages, translation and courses in cultural enrichment.

Courses start in January. Refreshments will be served. For further information, call 398-6200.

### Unity Preschool holds info night

An information night for parents on kindergarten and elementary school options will be held at the Unity Boys' and Girls' Club at 1090 Greene avenue on Wednesday at 7:30 pm. The event is being sponsored by the Jardin d'Enfants Unity-Westmount Preschool.

Representatives from more than eight schools will be present. A welcome is extended to all. For more information call 931-6202.

### Pocket picked

A wallet containing \$70 was reported stolen from a jacket pocket Sunday morning in St Matthias' Church, police report. The jacket had been left on a chair between 10 am and noon. The victim was identified as a 24-year-old Westmount man who was working in the church.



**KELLS GETS COMPUTERS:** Celebrating the recent arrival of 12 new computers with graphic capabilities are, from left to right, Paul Robyn and Denis Fortin, computer teachers for the respective English and French sectors, Dr Michael Hogben, computer consultant for the school, and Irene Woods, principal of Kells Academy. The new computers will increase to 20 the number of computers available to the student population. The computers will be used to augment the existing computer programming, word processing and essay writing programs for the high school sectors. The placement of the computers in each of the elementary classrooms will enhance and enlarge the language arts and mathematics programs.

## Nemiroff offers advice on avoiding burnout

"I felt like my soul was dying." That is how one welfare worker described her experience with professional burnout. Her remark may seem extreme, but burnout can be just that devastating.

Many regard burnout simply as a faddish expression among today's high-pressured, high-salaried business executives. Not so, according to the health experts. Nor is burnout the exclusive problem of the business world. In fact, burnout is most prevalent among those in the helping professions. Any individual whose work involves a great deal of contact with people can be a candidate for burnout. From medical interns to advertising executives, bank tellers to mothers of small children, all may succumb to its effects after years of providing service to others.

How can one recognize burnout? As the name suggests, it is a total consumption of energy. Burnout is characterized by a sense of helplessness and hopelessness. It leaves its sufferers physically, emotionally and mentally exhausted.

Burnout is not the result of an individual incident. It is a progressive loss of energy and purpose, often brought about by chronic day-to-day stress.

Strangely enough, people who have tremendous energy, who are dedicated and willing to give of themselves, are the most likely to suffer from burnout. They generally give, and give well, until there is nothing left inside.

Where can you go for help? Many large corporations do have facilities for employees suffering from burnout. Among them are the Royal Bank and Alcan.

However, for those without access to this kind of help at work, the downtown women's Y will be holding a seminar called "How to get fired up instead of burnt out" tomorrow.

The guest lecturer will be Westmount resident and director of the New School of Dawson College, Greta Nemiroff. Popular throughout Canada and the United States, Ms Nemiroff's workshop shows that there is a definite symptomology and cycle of burnout.

Workshop participants will learn how to identify burnout's stages and, most importantly, how to introduce changes into personal and professional life to combat the effects of burnout. Participants will share issues and brainstorm with each other, and receive feedback in how to deal with burnout.

This workshop and lecture should prove beneficial to anyone involved in volunteer work, helping professionals as well as women in the home. It is also geared toward women considering a career change or who find themselves in jobs that are no longer stimulating.

For more information contact the women's Y at 866-9941.

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## Project students form group against closure

By SEAN BAPTISTE

Hello and welcome to another edition of the WHS news. Last week was an inactive one because of the professional schooldays. Due to this temporary setback, we are sorry to inform you that very little has taken place since our last issue was printed.

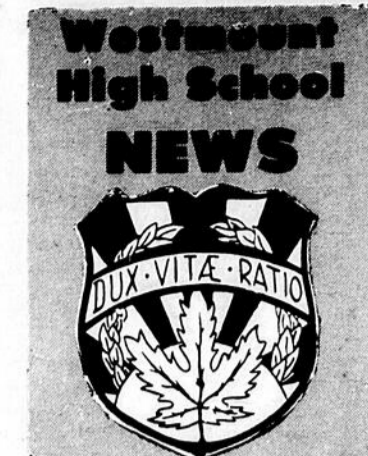
However, there were a couple of interesting events which have occurred, such as a homeroom volleyball game. Each team was to be composed of students volunteering to represent their class to make up a full team. That team was to play against another team of the same

grade in the gym at 12:30 pm on Nov 11.

Last Friday the first meeting of a group called SACS was to be held in room 101. SACS stands for Students Against the Closure of the School. The group is mostly made up of project school students and is inviting the other students of WHS to join in this cause.

When our last column was written there was an error concerning the date of the WHS Open House. The actual date of this event is Wednesday.

And, finally, I'd like to express



public congratulations to my editorial partner Paul Rother for being accepted as one of the CLSC peer counsellors. Paul is a very active person who recognizes the needs of most people. He and the others who were chosen are very people-oriented teenagers, and most of the people who know them would agree they were well chosen to represent our school.

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**DARK AND STORMY:** Rugby and native rum had the Montreal Irish tumbling all over Bermuda during a 10-day tour last week. Led by veteran Westmount coach Sydney Sandford, the Irish beat the Bermuda national side 13-12 before a crowd of some 1,000 and finished their fast-paced 30th anniversary tour with three wins and two losses.

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### Hit-run victim receives ticket

The victim of a hit-and-run accident Tuesday last week ended up being ticketed for illegal parking at de Maisonneuve boulevard and Elm avenue, according to police reports.

The car, a white 1987 Volkswagen, sustained more than \$500 damage after being found about 8:45 am bearing traces of yellow paint.

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## WESTMOUNT Community Calendar

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sive Conservative Association, Victoria Hall; meeting, 7 pm; speech by Senator Michel Cogger, 8 pm ←

□ **Information night:** For parents, on kindergarten and elementary school options with representatives from eight schools present, Unity Boys' and Girls' Club, 1090 Greene avenue, 7:30 pm ☺

□ **Open house:** A presentation of student activities, Westmount High School, 4350 St Catherine street west, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm ☺

**COMING UP**

□ **Nov 26:** Exhibition and sale of drawings, prints, paintings, enamels, St-Léon's church hall, 310 Clarke avenue; vernissage 7 pm; exhibition continues Nov 27, 11 am - 6 pm, and Nov 28, 10 am - 1 pm ☺

□ **Dec 2:** Annual general meeting, Prospect-Belvedere Services Corporation, Belvedere House, 4505 St Catherine street west, 8 pm ☺

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# You Say

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tunity to drive the point home has been wrested from us by events.

On the subject of dogs, further, and again by way of example, had we not been so dilatory with our pen we would very much have liked to make the following proposal, that Westmount take a leaf from the book of Paris, that fabled city, and institute a squad based on the one known there as Trottoir net, a gang of assiduous chaps on motorcycle (*caninettes* they're called, if memory serves) who patrol the pavements, ever on the qui vive for canine deposits, which it is their mission in life to snatch up and cart away. A nice touch would have been to have Mr Gallery, on Sundays and bank holidays, say, marshal the squadron while mounted on a Yamaha reserved for the mayoral seat — thereby making it plain that here was a man capable of catering to humanity's needs and at the same time confounding those critics given to wondering aloud whether the mayor in fact had any real role to play in public life. But again, history has closed the door on our intentions.

We hope that, if only to provide some

degree of compensation, we shall not prove so laggard to this next member of the ultra-privileged fewest newly in office. Some of our Dorset forebears were wont to aphorize, "Cast not a clout till May is out" — but we expect that concern for present issues will get the upper hand on respect for ancestors long dead.

Edward M'Neville Walter

PO Box 701  
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### OUR M.P.

Hon. Donald J. Johnston  
says...

### Refuge gets results

LAST WEEK I was honored as the *président d'honneur* at a banquet marking the first

anniversary of La Maison Jeun'Aide. More than 250 attended, among them current residents and graduates of La Maison. I doubt that many readers of THE EXAMINER know of this institution and there is no reason why they should.

Founded in 1986 in St Henri by the enterprising and community-oriented Guibert Biard, La Maison Jeun'Aide is a therapeutic refuge for young drug abusers and alcoholics between the ages of 18 and 30. It can hold up to 22 residents and it provides day therapy facilities as well. Residents stay for as long as four months.

In its first year La Maison has proved itself to be efficient and effective. At the banquet two graduates offered personal testimony. One was a young woman now cured of teenage alcoholism who works full-time at La Maison.

The budget per individual is a fraction of the cost in our major public institutions offering similar therapy. At my request a number of Westmounters contributed to the first year budget of La Maison. I shall be forwarding reports to them on the operation. They will be gratified by the results to which they generously contributed. Their

monies have been well spent. Anyone wishing more information on La Maison Jeun'Aide should contact my constituency office at 937-9351.

### OUR MNA...

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very spotty record and from the lack of objectivity of its ownership.

The second, by the reputable CROP firm, asked a question never before asked ("Which political party do you feel closest to?"). The newspaper used the data as if it were comparable to data gathered in response to the usual question ("For which party would you vote if the election were held today?"). The radio stations made a two-sentence headline out of this "news," and soon the second result was "confirming the first."

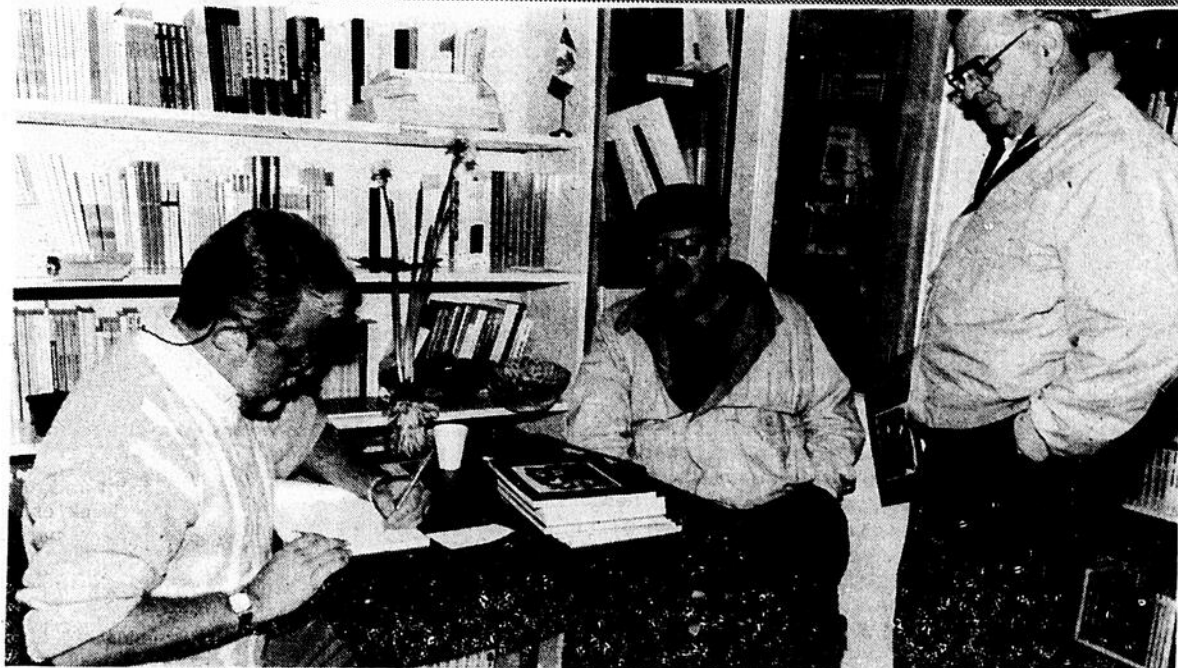
It is a long way to the next election, but if the deep thinkers in the PQ are making strategic decisions on the basis of this kind of information, they are in for a surprise.

Pierre-Marc Johnson deserved better.

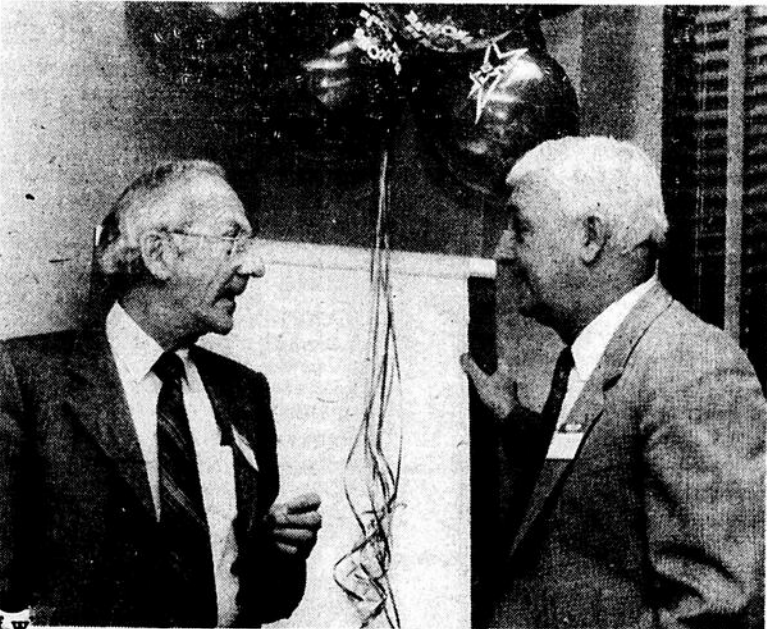
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SIGNING BOOKS: At the Double Hook bookshop Saturday afternoon Terry Mosher, a.k.a. Aislin, signed copies of his new book of cartoons titled *Old Whores*. Dropping in for a couple of books were Bob Gander, right, and James Fleming.



IN NEW OFFICES: The Ville Marie Social Services Centre, formerly on St Catherine street in Westmount, has taken up residence in its new office on the 10th floor of 2155 Guy street. At the open house Tuesday evening were John Walker, right, director-general of VMSSC, and Gilles Lafrance, an advisor with the Association of Social Service Centres of Quebec.

### Mercedes stripped of mink, valuables

A \$6,000 mink coat was among items reported stolen from a car parked overnight across from 4800 de Maisonneuve boulevard, police said. The car was also stripped of its radio, a camera and a briefcase for a total theft of \$7,100.

The blue 1981 Mercedes was broken into through a rear vent window and sustained over \$1,700 damage in the incident. It belonged to a resident of the apartment block.

### Dutiful driver reports mishap

The driver of a car that struck a parked vehicle Monday last week in front of 1094 Greene avenue left the scene when she was unable to locate either the victim or a piece of paper, police said.

She was reported to have called police from home to report the incident, which caused less than \$500 damage to each car.

### Winter sign-up for Y on Sunday

The Westmount YMCA is starting open registration on Sunday, Nov 22, for the winter session. Registration continues until Dec 30. The winter session classes begin January 11.

Find out where your classes will be located and the times by dropping by the Y. Classes fill up rapidly, so people are advised to act quickly. Phone the Y for more information at 931-8046.

### Clock radio raises concern; firemen rise to occasion

FIREFIGHTERS rushed to answer an alarm Sunday evening at 60 Bruce avenue only to find it came from a clock radio, fire officials report. The ringing was called in to the local fire department at 7:39 pm.

A police report of the incident stated that the alarm had been heard by a neighbor and firefighters had to force open a window on the second storey, causing \$50 damage.

A similar clock alarm summoned firemen to an apartment on Victoria avenue three weeks ago.

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de cet examen, nous étudierons le projet de loi 82 que se propose d'adopter Québec, afin d'établir la meilleure façon de déterminer une méthode appropriée d'imposition qui soit avantageuse pour nos citoyens.

Nous pouvons à l'heure actuelle prévoir nous servir d'une partie de l'excédent de 1987 pour réduire le fardeau fiscal en 1988.

Le programme des dépenses d'immobilisations pour la période de trois ans de 1988 à 1990 est maintenant à l'étude. Ces dépenses d'immobilisations seront financées à même les revenus d'exploitation, le fonds des opérations cadastrales, le fonds de roulement et le fonds des règlements d'emprunt.

En terminant, je désire souligner que toutes les prévisions budgétaires sont soumises à un examen détaillé et doivent être approuvées avant d'être adoptées. La présentation officielle du budget de l'exercice 1988 aura lieu le 14 décembre 1987.

May E. Cutler  
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Ville de Westmount

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**Nordiques chill Penguins 6-5;  
 Canucks, Canadiens in stand-off**

If Saturday's hockey games in the atom league are any indication, the drive for first place will be an exciting one this year.

The Penguins and Nordiques played at 9 am and the Canucks took on the Canadiens in the 10 am slot.

The first period in the Penguins-Nordiques game saw Nordiques goalie Richard Valdmanis and his counterpart Charlotte Davet defend their nets effectively.

Just 10 seconds into the next period, however, the game took on a new look when Tom Bell broke the ice for the Nordiques.

Teammate Rickey Mezey soon followed with his own goal, leaving Penguins defence in the dark.

One minute later, the Penguins caught the bug as Parker Mitchell

**By MARK SHANNON**  
 capitalized, and then scored again a few minutes later.

Joubin Movafegh put the Nordiques up by one going into the third period.

Andrew Miller, Parker Mitchell and Jonathan Albright each netted the puck for the Penguins, but this was not enough to put them by the Nordiques, whose offensive combination of Tom Bell and Rickey Mezey scored another three goals in the third for a final score of 6-5.

In the following game, John Brownstein opened the scoring for the Canucks off a Chris Teryazos set-up.

Jonathan Brady returned fire at 5:26. This would be the last goal scored for 20 minutes as both teams

struggled for position. Moments into the third, Chris Teryazos had his turn as he scored an unassisted goal. It looked as if the Canucks might contain the Canadiens, but at 3:46 Louis Pearson and Jamie McConnell got the puck to Jonathan Brady, who scored his second of the morning.

The minutes would dwindle away leaving both teams satisfied with a 2-2 tie.

**HOCKEY SCORES**

**NOVICE**  
 Bears 6, Guards 1  
 Canadiens 5, Dragons 2

**ATOM**  
 Canucks 2, Canadiens 2  
 Nordiques 6, Penguins 5

**PEEWEE I**  
 Seals 5, Scouts 3  
 Canadiens 5, Capitals 2

**SENIOR B**  
 Devils 3, Flyers 2  
 Oilers 7, Aces 4  
 Oilers 5, Devils 5  
 Fathers 6, Flyers 3

**SENIOR A**  
 Flames 6, Bruins 3  
 Stars 10, Sabres 1  
 Bruins 5, Stars 2  
 Wanderers 9, Sabres 3

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**PEEWEE ALL STAR**  
 La Salle 8, Westmount 2

**SENIOR OLD TIMERS**  
 Kirkland 9, Westmount 5

**COMPETITIVE OLD TIMERS**  
 Visitors 8, Westmount 5

**Westmount  
 YMCA  
 News**



**Hope Korytko**  
 Executive director

We're coming to the end of the fall session and the Y is offering a host of activities planned for the whole family. On Dec 5 at 10 am, the youth gymnastic participants will get the opportunity to show their families and friends all the skills they've acquired throughout the session. These promising youth athletes are looking forward to seeing you all there.

On Dec 6, the Y will be holding another professional dance show. The show begins at 8 pm and costs \$4 per person. What a great way to spend a Sunday evening.

Another full day of activities will be held on Dec 12 - our celebration of 75 years in the community. The pre-school graduation ceremonies will start off the day at 9:30 am. Come out and cheer our young graduating class of 1987. From noon until 2 pm, the closing ceremonies of the building will commence, followed by a light lunch for all. To conclude this day, the dance department will present its student dance show from 2 pm until 4 pm. The entire day is open and free to the public. Come by and be part of history.

Registration of classes for the winter session begins on Sunday. They will be located in seven different sites around the Westmount area. In response to the demand of many mothers, our pre-school creative program for three-year-olds called *On Their Own* has been added to the schedule. Children have the opportunity to participate in such activities

as music, art, stories, quiet games and special events. Register early before classes fill up.

As our current pool will be closed, the aquatics program will not be offered during 1988. Remember, however, that both the downtown Y on Drummond and the N.D.G. Y on Hampton do offer excellent courses for adults and children.

Once again the Y is offering a pre-school instructors' course for adults who enjoy working with pre-school children in a gym setting. For more information, phone Lisa at the Y.

The holiday season will soon be upon us and, although it may be a month away, the Y is offering a Christmas camp for three- to five-year-olds and six- to 12-year-olds. The camp runs from Dec 21 to 23 and from Dec 28 to 30. This is a great way for your children to spend their time in a fun-filled environment.

**Unattaché case**

A brown attaché case containing personal papers was lost in Westmount Park Saturday noon, according to police reports. It belonged to a resident of Pointe Claire.

**HOCKEY STANDINGS**

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey leagues as of Tuesday Nov 17:

	G	S	G	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
<b>NOVICE</b>										
Bears	15	3	2	0	1	14	7	5		
Canadiens	15	3	1	1	1	9	8	3		
Dragons	15	3	0	1	2	8	11	2		
Guards	15	3	0	1	2	5	10	2		
<b>ATOM</b>										
Nordiques	15	3	3	0	0	14	9	6		
Canucks	15	3	1	1	1	7	7	3		
Canadiens	15	3	0	1	2	11	13	2		
Penguins	15	3	0	2	1	13	16	1		
<b>PEEWEE</b>										
Canadiens	17	4	3	1	0	20	11	6		
Seals	17	4	3	1	0	13	13	6		
Scouts	17	4	1	3	0	14	21	2		
Capitals	17	4	1	3	0	11	18	2		
<b>ALL STAR</b>										
Novice	-	2	2	0	0	7	4			
Atom	-	1	0	1	0	3	0			
PeeWee	-	3	0	2	1	5	12	1		
<b>EXHIBITION</b>										
Competitive	-	4	1	2	1	22	21	3		
Old Timers	-	2	0	1	1	11	15	1		
<b>SENIOR B</b>										
Fathers	28	4	4	0	0	25	10	8		
Aces	28	4	2	2	0	14	12	4		
Oilers	28	4	1	2	1	18	23	3		
Devils	28	4	1	2	1	14	20	3		
Flyers	28	4	1	3	0	11	17	2		
<b>SENIOR A</b>										
Wanderers	28	6	6	0	0	27	7	12		
Flames	28	6	3	2	1	18	15	7		
Stars	28	7	3	4	0	28	18	6		
Bruins	28	6	2	4	0	13	26	4		
Sabres	28	7	1	5	1	19	45	3		

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# Auctioneer légor de Saint Hippolyte builds 'institution' on authenticity

Légor de Saint Hippolyte may have one of the most intimidatingly aristocratic names one may happen to come across, but it is a moniker in stark contrast to certainly the most engaging and charismatic auctioneer now operating in Montreal.

For all the charm, flair and self-deprecating humor with which Mr Saint Hippolyte has delighted his customers since he set up shop three years ago in an abandoned neo-classical bank building at 4521 St Lawrence boulevard, the genius behind Hôtel des Encans is feeling somewhat unrecognized by a lucrative potential clientèle — the art-loving citizens of Westmount.

While scrupulously avoiding any criticism of the traditional Big Three of Montreal estate auction houses — Fraser's, Empire and Pinney's, all located in an industrial park enclave on either side of the Decarie Expressway in the Jean Talon area — Mr Saint Hippolyte claims his auctions offer special advantages to those wishing to unload pieces of art cluttering up the salon, or those wishing to acquire authenticated treasures.

For the seller, Mr Saint Hippolyte, to use his expression, "narrows the target," meaning each catalogue auction features only a select number of treasure groupings which attract interested, serious buyers for those lots, thereby ensuring "the right price" is secured for the object offered.

This is not just some over-hyped marketing ploy, the boyishly blonde, chain-smoking son of Russian stock explains in his darkened office on the erstwhile bank's mezzanine, cluttered with a Miró print here, a Harry Marinsky bronze head there.

His method, that of *commissaire-priseur*, dating back to 1670 and the reign of Louis XIV, is based on the notion that an auction house stands behind the authenticity of each item on the block.

### Apprenticed in Paris

Mr Saint Hippolyte apprenticed as an antique dealer in the central auction exchange in Paris, the Hôtel de Drouot. He also earned his credentials in the authentication of historic documents.

It is the accent on authentication which distinguishes his *maison* from others throughout the world, Mr Saint Hippolyte says. Purchasers of works are given a 10-year guarantee against fraud or forgery, with the Hôtel des Encans picking up the tab in the case of a proven bogus work. He shows, by contrast, the emphatic disclaimers in catalogues of other auctioneers, including Sotheby's and Christie's. He says his is the only house where a buyer is guaranteed to get what he paid for.

To do this, Hôtel des Encans relies on edited experts in the field, most of whom can be found in the Montreal area itself.

### Receptionist hurt by waiting patient

A 22-year-old Westmount man has been charged with assaulting a receptionist at the Reddy Memorial Hospital Tuesday last week after he allegedly was asked to leave a restricted area, police report.

The victim, a 25-year-old Montreal woman, sustained a scratch on the left leg where she had been kicked as well as a red blotch on the face and neck. A white uniform jacket that she was wearing also was torn.

Police said they had been called to the hospital at 6:15 pm when the incident occurred and a suspect was taken to local MUC station 23. The man had been at the hospital for a doctor's appointment.

By PETER BLACK

"I built this company to be an institution, not just a business," Mr Saint Hippolyte declares.

The effectiveness of his method is demonstrated by the prices he has earned for lots — many of which are better than can be had in Europe or New York. Buyers, confident of the Hôtel's reputation for authenticity, will bid on items sight unseen. Out-of-town buyers, in fact, account for about 30 percent of the Hôtel's revenues.

Mr Saint Hippolyte discovered Montreal on an exploratory mission in 1981, seeking a safe haven from what he thought was creeping communism in France. In that year, newly elected French president François Mitterand had appointed two communists to his cabinet.

### Bought 'monument'

Having some family in Montreal eased the transition to an unfamiliar terrain. He shortly went out shopping for a location for his auction house and, to his astonishment, was able to purchase the bank building, "a monument" he calls it, for a ridiculously low price.

While he obviously relishes the magnificence of his location ("right in the centre of Montreal, on The Main"), Mr Saint Hippolyte deplors the "compartmentalization" of Montreal, which seems to be drawn along rigid neighborhood lines. "For a European, it's hard to believe."

While his catalogue sales of art and treasures, and his regular Tuesday night auction of *cochonnerie* (articles of minimal art value, the bric-a-brac from estates) is a roaring success among those who had heard of the Hôtel des Encans, he has not

cracked into the Westmount estate market to his satisfaction.

The majority of the lots he sells (some 20,000 a year since 1983) come from families who are scaling down their living quarters from a large house to usually an apartment, or from the estate of an art or antique collector.

Mr Saint Hippolyte says there may be a language barrier between the Hôtel and Westmount clients, although his weekly auctions attract a mix of anglo and franco, both equally tickled by the auctioneer's witty bilingual banter. Or, more probably, it's the lack of familiarity with his business due to the dominance of the traditional Montreal auction houses.

### Westmounter helps

One Westmounter helping Mr Saint Hippolyte improve his recognition in the area is Lana Harper, who runs her own antique business, Lyons and Harper, specializing in English antiques circa 1790-1830, especially porcelain. Ms Harper works closely with Mr Saint Hippolyte in the preparation and promotion of Hôtel des Encans, translating lot descriptions, for example, for the catalogue auctions.

The next catalogue auction takes place Tuesday at 7:30 pm and features 18th century antiques, tribal art, Egyptian and Greek antiques, prints by such artists as by Miró, Toulouse-Lautrec and Rouault, and a rare 15th century illuminated manuscript.

Mr Saint Hippolyte regularly is assisted in the fine antique auctions by former Liberal cabinet minister and art expert Serge Joyal. For more information on Hôtel des Encans call 849-2505.



Légor de Saint Hippolyte, auctioneer, and Lana Harper, Westmount antique dealer, at the Hôtel des Encans. Next catalogue auction is Tuesday.

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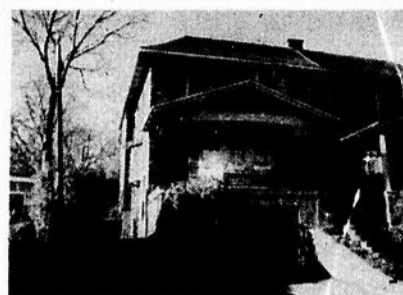
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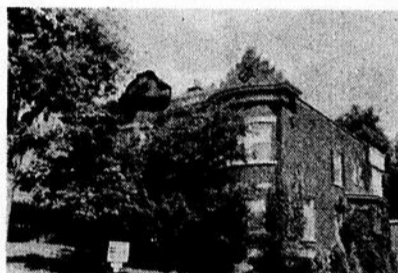
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