

WESTMOUNT'S WEEK OF CRISIS

- Council votes unanimously at two meetings to reinstate and endorse director general
- Tingley grilled by citizens Thursday on why he authorized removal of mayor's notice
- Departing secretary gives inside view of destructive power struggles at city hall
- Four former aldermen call on Mayor Cutler to resign at Monday's council meeting
- Mayor says it's up to citizens to tell her whether she should resign or stay and fight
- Councillors issue statement saying only solution to impasse is for mayor to resign

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By LAUREEN SWEENEY

WESTMOUNT citizens have been called to a "town meeting" Sunday night by Mayor May Cutler in the wake of city council's reinstatement of the city's director general whom she suspended last week.

Mayor Cutler said she will use the occasion to present an "annual report by the mayor" outlining the findings of her investigation of the city administration, which she calls "inefficient, wasteful and archaic."

It will provide a forum for citizens to tell the mayor what direction they want the city to take and whether they support her mandate as a "fighting mayor" or prefer she resign in favor of one who "shuts up" and does not "rock the boat."

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm in Victoria Hall. "I will judge from the type of support I get if the citizens want me as mayor," she told THE EXAMINER Tuesday following an emotionally charged city council meeting the night before.

At press time yesterday, Westmount's eight councillors issued a joint statement calling on the mayor to resign.

Sunday's meeting stems from her suspension of director general Peter Patenaude Monday last week for "exceeding his authority" which councillors overturned unanimously after receipt of a legal letter. A vote of confidence also was included in the resolution to reinstate.

The meeting follows two crowded council sittings, last Thursday and Monday evenings, in which the mayor vowed to conduct all city council business in public during her impasse with council.

Mr Patenaude had been suspended after he removed a job vacancy notice she had posted regarding her city hall secretary (see separate story).

He returned to work Tuesday

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12-year-old's late-night jaunt stopped by PSOs

A 12-year-old Westmount boy was taken home to his family on Elm avenue Saturday after being spotted at Sherbrooke street and Lansdowne avenue at 1:45 am, public safety officers report.

Although the youth claimed to have been going to meet a friend at Claremont avenue and Sherbrooke, a phone call to his parents verified that he was not supposed to be out at that hour.

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Cost up to \$8,680,000:

Money to build nursing home on Hillside approved by Quebec

By CHARLES MAPPIN

The Quebec treasury board has approved funding for the 96-bed Hillside avenue nursing home, allowing construction of the facility to begin by autumn.

The office of Westmount MNA Richard French received word Monday that the provincial purse strings have opened wide enough to cover the estimated total cost of \$8,680,000.

Last October the treasury board turned down funding the project when it was presented as part of a package of new capital expenditures by Health Minister Thérèse Lavoie-Roux. Mr French said at the time he was confident the money would eventually be approved.

The pricetag has increased considerably from the \$4 million cost projected only two years ago. The new budgeted figure includes the land purchase from Westmount as well as construction and outfitting costs.

Quebec is paying Westmount \$370,000 for the 43,000-square-foot site on Hillside currently occupied

by the city's public security unit. The PSU, in turn, is looking for new premises.

The nursing facility will be known as St Margaret's Home. It replaces the current St Margaret's Home and

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'My position is same' says MNA French on language issue

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Westmount MNA Richard French says he has not changed his stance on Quebec's controversial sign law, Bill 178.

"My position is the same one I stated clearly in the National Assembly in December. I support the Supreme Court decision on signs: the predominance of French, but allow-

ing other languages," Mr French told THE EXAMINER Tuesday.

He said the flack he drew for a suggestion he made at Sunday's Alliance Quebec gathering at the Delta Hotel resulted from a misunderstanding on the part of both the audience and the media.

"What I said Sunday was not a change of stance on my part. I tried to put forward an idea for the Société St Jean Baptiste and Alliance Quebec to work on together, on the assumption they'll never agree on having English on signs," Mr French said.

When Alliance Quebec president Royal Orr rejected the proposal outright, Mr French said he realized it wouldn't get any further. "It was a trial balloon that didn't float."

Mr French said he was not making the proposal as his solution to the language problem, but merely as a possible starting point to get the two groups talking.

He resigned his cabinet post in December to protest Bill 178, the law that bans languages other than French from most outdoor commercial signs.

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled Dec 15 that banning languages other than French from commercial signs violated both the Canadian and Quebec charters of rights.

Mr French said he'll keep his mouth shut and won't be making any more suggestions on the language question for the time being.

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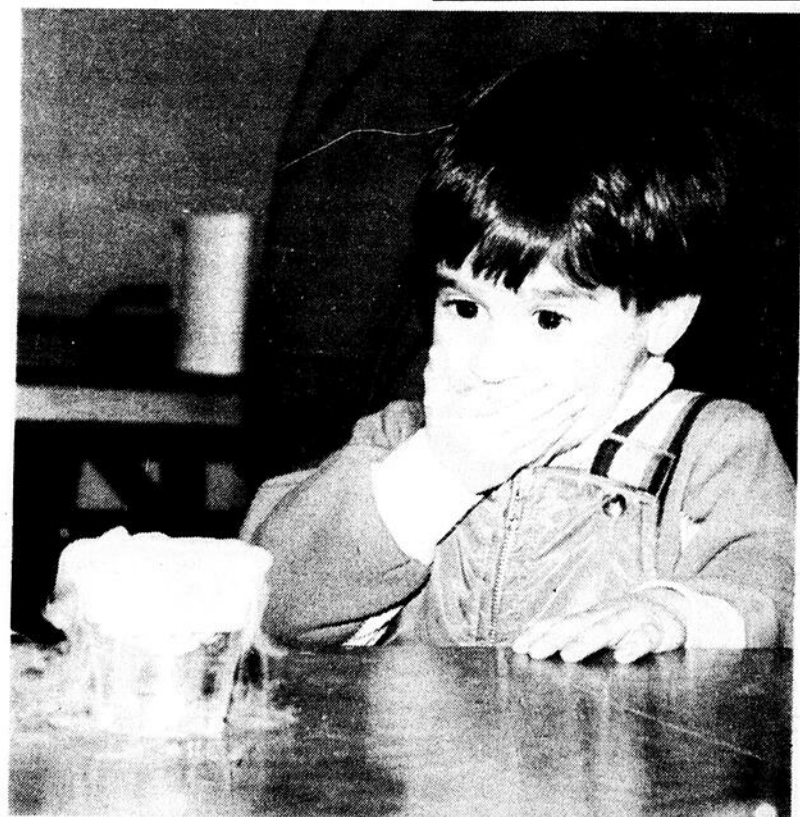
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THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE: Roslyn avenue resident Benjamin Lambert gasps as his dry ice reacts with a glass of hot water. The experiment was part of a recent meeting of Westmount's junior science club organized by the recreation department. The club meets Mondays and Thursdays. Each day there is one session for youngsters aged three to five and another for those over six.



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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 726 CONCERNING STREET TRAFFIC" was adopted by the Municipal Council of Westmount at a general sitting held at the City Hall on 6th February, 1989.

The object and purpose of the said by-law is to amend By-law 726 with the intention of:

- 1) rescinding the restriction of allowing only one Overnight Parking Permit or Extended Parking Permit per dwelling;
- 2) increasing the cost of an Overnight Parking Permit from \$10.00 per calendar year to \$20.00 per calendar year for the first vehicle registered per dwelling unit and \$50.00 per calendar year for each additional vehicle registered per dwelling unit;
- 3) rescinding the present rate of \$30.00 per month for an Extended Parking (i.e. Daytime) Permit and replacing it with the following tariffs:

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Third and subsequent motor vehicles registered per dwelling unit	\$30.00 per calendar month (or part thereof) or \$300.00 per calendar year

- to limit temporary parking authorization for visitors etc to a maximum of six (6) authorizations per vehicle per calendar year, the total duration of all such authorizations not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days in any calendar year.

Details relating to the said by-law are fully set out in By-law 1017 which is open for inspection by all persons interested at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Westmount.

GIVEN at Westmount, P.Q., this 7th day of February 1989.

Robert C. Wilkins
City Clerk



WESTMOUNT RÈGLEMENT 1017

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le "RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 726 CONCERNANT LA CIRCULATION" était adopté par le conseil municipal de la ville de Westmount, lors d'une assemblée générale tenue à l'Hôtel de ville le 6 février 1989.

L'objet et le but de ce règlement est modifier le règlement afin:

- 1) d'abroger la restriction à l'effet de n'autoriser qu'un permis de stationnement de nuit ou qu'un permis de stationnement prolongé par logement;
- 2) d'augmenter le coût d'un permis de stationnement de nuit de 10,00\$ par année civile à 20,00\$ par année civile pour le premier véhicule par logement et à 50,00\$ par année civile pour tout véhicule additionnel enregistré par unité de logement;
- 3) d'abroger le présent taux de 30,00\$ par mois pour un permis de stationnement prolongé et de remplacer ce tarif par les tarifs suivants:

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- limiter l'autorisation temporaire de stationnement pour visiteurs etc. à un maximum de six (6) par véhicule par année civile, la durée cumulative de toutes ces autorisations ne devant pas excéder trente (30) jours civils dans une année civile.

Les détails se rapportant au dit règlement sont contenus au complet dans le Règlement 1017, lequel est ouvert pour vérification par toutes les personnes intéressées, au bureau du greffier de la ville, Hôtel de ville, Westmount.

DONNÉ à Westmount, P.Q., ce 7^{ème} jour de février 1989.

Robert C. Wilkins
Greffier

Next Scheduled City Council Meeting
Monday, March 6, 8:00 pm

Date de la prochaine séance du conseil municipal
Le lundi 6 mars, 20h00

WESTMOUNT Community Calendar

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, Feb 9

☐ **Rental advice to seniors:** Discussion organized by the Contactivity Centre. An expert on rental issues, Jacques Cloutier, will give advice on specific problems at 1:30 pm in Webster Hall at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve boulevard west.

☐ **Reading:** Scots writers Brian McCabe and Dilys Rose will read at 10 am in room 506 of the Atwater campus of Dawson College.

☐ **Montreal Wildlife Society lecture:** By Dr Martin Lechowicz on "Floral forms and function" at 8 pm at Westmount Park Church.

☐ **Toddler workout:** Hour-long weekly workout for two- to five-year-olds and their parents at 2:30 pm in Victoria Hall. Free. For more information, call sports supervisor Lana Romandini at the Westmount recreation department at 935-8531, local 212.

☐ **Watercolor exhibit:** Work by Claire Wharmby at Westmount Library until Feb 19. 482-5687.

☐ **Jewelry exhibit:** Rare jewelry from Turkestan and Afghanistan at Galerie des 5 Continents until March 11.

Saturday, Feb 11

☐ **Tie-die workshop:** Continuing tomorrow with Carter Smith at Visual Arts Centre. 488-9558

Sunday, Feb 12

☐ **Public town meeting:** Called by Mayor May Cutler at 7:30 pm in Victoria Hall.

Monday, Feb 13

☐ **Westmount Municipal Association meeting:** at Victoria Hall at 8 pm.

Wednesday, Feb 15

☐ **Heartsaver CPR course:** Four-hour course in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation at the Westmount YMCA from 6 to 10 pm. Registration is at 245 Victoria avenue, suite 220. 931-8046.

☐ **Story hour:** Today and every Wednesday, a 20-minute story hour for two- and three-year-olds, followed by a 20-minute story hour for children four to six years old and, after that, 20 minutes

Unity sale gets approval of council

City council Monday approved the deed of sale of the building at 1090 Greene avenue from the Unity Boys' and Girls' Club to the Rotary Club of Westmount.

"The hope of council is the building can be used to house various organizations that will serve this community," Councillor Peter Duffield said as he introduced the motion.

Rotary is buying the building from the Unity Club with the intention of leasing it to a residents' group. The residents will then rent space to organizations such as day-care and theatre groups (see story last week).

Council's approval was required by the previous deed since the city gave Unity the land in 1949. The building was then built with Rotary funding. The new deed requires council's approval of any future sale.

Students' pay not discussed

The question of whether or not to give retroactive pay to four student workers did not make it to the committee of council agenda Monday night (see story last week).

Council was supposed to discuss the matter during its closed-door meeting prior to the public session, but other issues were more pressing, assistant director-general Marc Beaulieu said.

The matter will likely come up at council's next committee meeting planned for Feb 20, he said.

Ankle broken in fall from bus

A 34-year-old Westmount woman hurt her ankle Friday when she fell getting off a bus on Sherbrooke street at Greene avenue, police report. A nine-week-old baby in a carrying bag was not hurt.

The mishap occurred about 2:05 pm when the Elm avenue resident slipped in slush while disembarking from the MUCTC vehicle. She was transported to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital by Urgences Santé suffering a broken ankle, fire officials said.

Domestic spat injures woman

A 42-year-old woman was treated by Urgences Santé Friday night after sustaining a possible broken nose following an incident of domestic violence in an apartment at 30 Stanton street, police report.

A boyfriend was taken to the police station across the street but no charges were laid. The incident was reported at 10:38 pm. The fire department's first responder crew also attended.

of French stories. Story hours begin at 10:30 am and at 3 pm at the Westmount Library.

☐ **Co-ed basketball:** Recreational game weekly for adult residents from 8 to 10 pm at Westmount High School through the city recreation department. Call Stephen Guy at 935-8531.

COMING UP

☐ **Feb 18:** Writing workshop, *Writing for our best magazines*, at Victoria Hall from 10 am to 4:30 pm by Adrian Waller. Information and registration at 634-2020.

☐ **Feb 19:** Vocal Jazz, the first of Sunday afternoon jazz concerts for the whole family, at 3 pm at Victoria Hall. Individual or series tickets available at city hall, library and Victoria Hall. 488-8JAM.

☐ **Feb 20:** Montreal General Hospital benefit art show at Artlenders Gallery on Victoria avenue gets under way at 6 pm and continues to Feb 27. 484-4691.

☐ **Feb 20:** Junior Firefighters course for boys and girls aged 10 to 13 runs for 10 weeks from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Westmount Fire Station. Registration at Westmount schools or by calling 935-2456.

☐ **Feb 24 and 25:** Westmount Winter Carnival. Various locations.

☐ **Feb 28:** Registration at Westmount YMCA for leaders-in-training (12- to 14-year-olds) and a leader's program for teenagers to be held this summer at the Marianopolis College sports complex. Kim Weippert, 931-8046. Application forms will be available at the Y.

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Jan 31

- 8:33 am: 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 8:51 am, smoke detector in ventilation system activated by condensation;
- 9:16 am: 64 Bruce, burglar alarm accidentally activated;
- 3:33 pm: 167 Edgehill, basement smoke detector accidentally activated by cutting of cement;
- 4:43 pm: 100 Hillside, apt 304, report of strange odor from chemicals last week;
- 7:42 pm: 4300 de Maisonneuve, 9th floor, possible fire hazard, boxes near garbage chute;

Feb 1

- 7:01 am: 467 Lansdowne, flood in basement;
- 8:46 am: 462 Wood, smoke detector activated by steam from shower;
- 9:25 am: 51 Belvedere road, smoke detector accidentally activated by workmen;
- 9:53 am: 5885 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 10:03 am;
- 2:51 pm: 753 Lexington, smoke detector activated by steam from clothes dryer;

Feb 2

- 10:13 am: 111 Upper Bellevue, fire in bucket (see story);
- 3:20 pm: St Catherine and Clarke, first responder unit (see story);
- 4:05 pm: 4300 de Maisonneuve, apt 614, first responder unit;
- 8:32 pm: St Catherine and Greene, first responder unit for man having convulsions;

Feb 3

- 2:14 pm: Greene and Sherbrooke, first responder unit (see story);
- 9:31 pm: 93 Hollowell, first responder unit;
- 10:38 pm: 30 Stanton, first responder unit (see story);



WELCOME TO THE CLUB: Antique store owner **Henrietta Antony** is the first woman member of the Rotary Club of Westmount. Club president **James Griffin** officially welcomed her at the club's regular Victoria Hall meeting Wednesday last week. Mrs Antony, who runs the St Catherine store bearing her name and recently moved to Olivier avenue, says she is very pleased to be a member and looks forward to participating in the good works of the club.

PSOs chase, nab three after assault on cabbie

Two men have been charged with aggravated assault against a taxi driver early Saturday on Sherbrooke street near Victoria avenue after public safety officers chased and apprehended three persons near Prince Albert avenue.

Police identified the accused as a 24-year-old man from Point St Charles and a 19-year-old N.D.G. resident.

The third suspect was released un-

conditionally.

The victim, a 30-year-old Montreal cabbie, was treated for cuts to the head by Urgences Santé.

He had been chased from his east-bound taxi on Sherbrooke near Victoria by four male customers who were reported to have become violent when he refused to make a U-turn, police said.

The incident was reported to have started off about 2 am when four men flagged down the cabbie while standing on the north side of Sherbrooke near Victoria. They motioned for him to make a U-turn but crossed the street and entered the car after he refused.

They again ordered the cabbie to make a U-turn and he again refused.

The driver was then slapped on the head from the rear. A passenger in the front seat started sliding across to the driver's seat, causing the cabbie to grab the car keys and jump out.

As he started running east on the south side of Sherbrooke, he was pursued by the four and in front of Steinberg's was struck several times on the head and knee. A bottle also was swung in front of his face.

At that point a Public Security patrol vehicle encountered the fight and its arrival sent the four running west.

PSU backup arrived and officers took chase on foot and in cars. Security Sergeant Greg Cockerell cornered all four in a dead-end laneway at the rear of 4906 Sherbrooke but was able to detain only two.

The others escaped, one being caught by PSO Louis Léger at Prince Albert and Burton. The three were handcuffed and led to waiting MUC police cars which took them to local station 23.

Bike found

A grey Peugeot bicycle was taken to local MUC police station 23 Monday last week. It had been found at 4330 Sherbrooke street.

Feb 4

- 6:39 pm: 4699 Westmount, Roslyn School, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 6:51 pm, defective fire alarm;

Feb 5

- 7:05 am: 4505 St Catherine, Belvedere Residence, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 7:08 am, smoke detector activated by cooking;
- 1:17 pm: 4175 St Catherine, Château Westmount Square, smell of propane gas from heater, valve closed;
- 6:24 pm: Rear of 318 Kensington, for transformer burning (see story);
- 7:15 pm: 65 Forden, smell of gas from garage;

Feb 6

- 10:24 am: 400 Lansdowne, smoke scare, possibly from chimney;
- 5:10 pm: Columbia and Dorchester, strange odor.

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Westmounters who take Cedar avenue to get to work may want to find an alternative route next Wednesday morning.

The section of Cedar east of Mount Pleasant avenue will be used during the morning rush hour for the filming of a television mini-series.

The production of *L'or et le papier* is shooting a number of scenes next Wednesday and Thursday in and around the house at 3219 Cedar. Permission has been given for trucks to park on both Cedar and Mount Pleasant those two days.

The Wednesday morning closing of the street will comply with Westmount's filming guidelines, city officials said. This means the street can be closed for a maximum of five consecutive minutes. It must then be left open for 10 minutes before being closed again.

Boy robbed

A 12-year-old boy was robbed of his bus pass and \$1.25 Wednesday last week on Redfern avenue on his way home from École St-Léon, police said. The victim, a resident of St Henri, was pushed around about 3:40 pm by two older youths aged about 16.

Officials said the other guideline requirements have also been met. A \$25,000 deposit will be made before shooting begins. A survey of the immediate neighbors turned up less than the 10 percent needed to prevent the filming from occurring.

The Cedar house was used in 1988 for an episode of the television series *He Shoots, He Scores* and for some scenes of the movie *Laura Laur*. Westmount's guidelines limit filming on any one city block to twice during the calendar year.

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We Say

Make Westmount work

DESPITE all the words, the impasse between Westmount's mayor and her councillors remains no closer to resolution today than it did a week ago.

If anything, the fevered-pitch discussions and blunt talk have served only to polarize positions. Both sides have backed themselves into corners from which they will have trouble escaping without huge amounts of compromise and understanding.

Midst all the degeneration of the discussion into matters of personality, it has been all too easy to lose sight of what exactly needs resolving. The problems seem intractable because most personality differences are. And, to be sure, this issue is rife with personality conflicts, between and among mayor, councillors and top city administrators.

But most personnel managers would agree, we think, that personality clashes are more the product, not the cause, of problems within an organization. A winning sports team, for example, usually hums along with a minimum of clashes; it's left to the cellar-dwellers to fight among themselves.

It is unfortunate, then, that the past week's discussions have focussed more on the personalities and not on the root causes of what makes those different personalities unable to function together in a productive manner. After all, those involved in this sorry spectacle are intelligent, well-educated adults, used in all the many facets of their lives to dealing with and getting along with all manner and types of persons. Let us look for solutions, then, not in trying to change the basic nature of those involved but in the underlying problems that have brought those personalities into a clash.

Failure to do so courts provincial intervention and even trusteeship which some municipalities have suffered for less. This is to be avoided at all costs.

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THOSE underlying problems fall into two categories: the specific nature of the issue that brought this whole mess to the fore and the general idea of how our city is to be governed and run.

Let us begin with the specific issue of the mayor's secretary, for it brings into focus many of the general issues as well. Councillors may indeed be upset at Mayor Cutler for the manner in which she both approached the hiring of her new private secretary and then took the decision to suspend the director general because of his actions in thwarting her efforts. However, they have abjectly failed so far to

recognize that a single incorrect thing was done or even might have been done either by the director general or the commissioner of administration, Councillor Tingley. This is astounding.

In the first instance, council seems completely uninterested in studying the reasons why the incumbent secretary, by all accounts very competent in her work, found conditions so unbearable in her work that she was forced to look for a job elsewhere. Why did they not want to hear or learn about her view of the struggle over control of her position? Second, why does council not want to know why the director general created a job description for the position which the mayor says is at variance with council's own directives of January 1988 which acceded to the mayor's wishes for a private secretary under her own control? Third, why does council not want to know why the director general took his complaint about the mayor's notice to Councillor Tingley and not to the mayor herself? Do not any of these questions deserve a public answer? Might not those answers provide precious input into judging the worthiness of the mayor's ultimate decision?

Most importantly, we have yet to receive an adequate answer from Councillor Tingley why he felt he should directly overrule the mayor and order the notice removed. He says it was because he feared a union grievance, but is this such a huge fear that action against the notice was required right away before bringing the matter to council as a whole, particularly when the mayor had verbal approval of her action from the union leader? And if the threat of a grievance is considered so grave and the protection of employees so essential, why is he unaware and seemingly unconcerned about other personnel issues, including the apparent non-posting of other positions and, indeed, the creation and fostering of the atmosphere which led to the resignation of the mayor's competent secretary?

For a councillor or administrator to directly countermand the wishes of the mayor is a grave step, yet council as a whole thus far has chosen to ignore those actions completely and instead has given the director general reinstatement and new statement of confidence.

What does this tell us about the attitude of council and the senior city management to the mayor? It tells us they have determined the mayor, despite her clear and strong mandate for change from the people themselves, does not know what she is doing and that they do, that it is up to

Coverage of fire helped safety awareness

Sir: May I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for your excellent and thorough coverage of the fire Thursday, Jan 5 at 64 and 66 Rosemount crescent.

No doubt the article did much to renew the awareness of our citizens to the need to exercise safety and preventative measures.

W. Timmons, TPI
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Mayor can't run city all by herself

Sir: The following is submitted because I am a concerned citizen of Westmount, and not because I am my mother's son. It is not based on privileged information, as I do not possess any.

The objective of any city government must be to provide the services and leadership that its residents desire in a reasonably efficient manner. The Westmount bureaucracy is certainly not perfect, but I fear that efforts to improve it are not possible with the mayor's current style of leadership.

Regardless of the level of public support, the mayor cannot run the city single-handedly. She requires the assistance of her fellow members of council and of the city administration. It is for this reason that those roles exist. Under the current system, the council votes on all decisions and the will of the majority prevails. If the mayor, or any other city councillor, wants to achieve something, he or she must build a consensus and gather support. If the mayor had tried to

individual councillors and individual employees to determine instead what is best for the city.

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THIS brings us to the general problems which lie behind this specific incident which has blown the issue wide open. In our view, it is a problem of management — not city administrators managing the city but of city council managing the administrators and instructing them what is expected of them.

The first and most obvious element of the council/management relationship is the civil servants' respect for and obedience to the authority of both the mayor and council. Councillors have made clear from the day she was elected, in many ways both large and small, that they don't like the mayor's methods and therefore it's all right for the city's top executives to not like them and her too. Like a child playing two parents off against each other, management of the city has exploited this split among the rule-makers to make the rules themselves.

What the mayor is trying to do is to get council to see that the differences between herself and the councillors have been exploited and indeed encouraged by management to its own ends. Indeed, the management strategy has worked very well; the current crisis is ample evidence of that. As long as the rift continues, management will remain free to manage itself, instead of being managed as it should be by the mayor and her council.

We believe the mayor and her council can work together, but only if they begin with the same premise on which is built successful parenthood, that they will speak with one voice to those they are to control: the managers of the city. Instead of being ridiculed by city council, the mayor should be supported publicly in any and all positions she takes with city management. If there are disagreements with her style or actions towards management, let them be aired and settled only in the confines of council's private caucus. Similarly, if council agrees on something not to the mayor's liking, she must accept the decision. Then let council speak with one voice so the meaning is unequivocal.

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COUNCIL'S primary job to extricate itself

You Say

do so on the issue of expense control, she would have found council to be a receptive audience, as it was they and not she who made that theme central to their platforms.

Whether or not it is possible to run the city in a more efficient manner, the mayor cannot expect to make improvements by verbally attacking those who can most help her achieve what she desires. By lashing out in this irresponsible way, she has done the cause of good government in Westmount a grave disservice. Another public meeting or even an apology will not serve any useful purpose. The mayor must change her ways or her job.

Ian Aitken

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Editor's Note: The writer is the son of Councillor Sally Aitken.

Un-Westmount happenings are all regrettable

Sir: It is with great regret that we have seen in the last few days some very un-Westmount happenings in our city administration.

It is regrettable that a neophyte mayor with ideas for reform has been unable to enlist the co-operation of any of her councillors.

It is regrettable that in frustration she found it necessary to bring things to a head by suspending the director general and one of our commissioners, knowing full well that the council would reinstate them.

It is regrettable that a councillor saw fit to ignore two possible grievances but used a third one to give some semblance of legality to the director general's denial of the mayor's right to select her own private secretary.

It is regrettable that the director general

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from the current impasse is to reassert its control over the city management structure. Not the mayor. Not individual councillors. But city council as a whole, the sovereign voice of the people. They must call the shots — together.

Mayor Cutler has been accused of not being a team player, and indeed has admitted she has not. But we believe she has not been given the chance to join the team because council never made a clear and forceful statement to management that she was, indeed, not just part of the team but its leader. Which she rightly is.

It is time for council finally to welcome her to the team, acknowledge the authority of her mandate for change and for her to accept to be a part of it. That involves council making clear to management they will brook no disrespect, no undermining of her authority, no playing off of councillors against her, no petty impeding of her legitimate exercise of her duties. It involves individual councillors conveying in all possible ways to all city staff that Mayor Cutler is the leader of *their* team and showing outside the committee room that they back her. It involves reinforcing her reasonable wish for a private secretary so she can do her job efficiently and creating a meaningful council committee for executive review to see if management changes are necessary.

For her part, we believe the mayor could respond to such gestures by council by tempering her go-it-alone zeal and instead using her undisputed talent and skills to bring others — councillors, citizens and employees alike — along on the ride with her. And we believe she will, if she is given the actions to go with the nice words that demonstrate she no longer will have to scratch and claw and fuss for every little bit of progress that is to be made in pursuing the agenda the people entrusted to her.

Westmount can and should be too wonderful a place to have to endure the chaos and division of the past two weeks. It is a community of talent, energy and ideas. We have a diverse and representative council that is fully capable of harnessing it all and a dedicated staff of city employees who are capable of putting it into practice.

If we can't make Westmount work, who will?

And if Westmount can't work, what will?



Forty-five Years Ago
February 11, 1944

"Deputy Fire Chief William Burriss, popular member of the Westmount Fire Brigade, completed 30 years of service on Wednesday, and will retire on March 31. . . . Born at Stockton, Durham, England, on March 11, 1883, he came to Canada in 1894 but returned to England in 1898 and joined the Royal Navy. . . . He served in the Boer War and on retiring from the navy in 1913, returned to Canada and joined the Westmount Fire Department. On the outbreak of the Great War, he again enlisted in the navy in which he remained until 1918. After demobilization, he returned to Westmount. On July 2, 1929, he was promoted to acting lieutenant and two years later was made lieutenant."

Thirty-five Years Ago
February 12, 1954

"A woman can be a member of Parliament as well as a man, Margaret Aitken, MP, said here Wednesday — but to do it she needs patience, a sense of humor and the ability to take people in indigestible bites. The tenth Canadian woman to enter the House of Commons addressed a meeting of the St Antoine-Westmount Progressive Conservative Association last night and illustrated by her vivacious presence the fact that she has all these qualities. Not a trained speaker, she nevertheless is able to express herself freely, and to relate in an interesting manner her experiences that led up to her election. . . . and how she came to write her now-famous book, *Look Ma, I did it.*"

Twenty-five Years Ago
February 7, 1964

"Snow? Twenty-four Westmount public works department crewmen wish someone would tell the weatherman of the government's slogan: 'Why wait for spring? Do it now!' For it's going to take about seven feet of snow between now and the beginning of spring to equal Westmount's average annual snowfall of about 110 inches. As a result of the extraordinary light precipitation, 24 crewmen, nearly half of the normal staff, were recently laid off by the city. . . . Total amount spent to date on snow removal is \$49,600 compared with \$112,000 at this time last year. Total budget for work in 1964 is \$278,950."

Ten Years Ago
February 8, 1979

"Barring the success of a last-minute appeal by parents of students attending St Paul's School, the Westmount English-Catholic school will be closed at the end of the current school year. The Montreal Catholic School Commission made the closure decision at its meeting last Thursday but parents have asked to be heard at the commission's meeting next Thursday, Feb 15 and will seek to have the case reopened so commissioners can consider the parents' proposal that the school be transformed into a small, academically oriented high school."

One Year Ago
February 4, 1988

"Barbara McKnight, principal of Roslyn School since 1976, will retire on June 30. Miss McKnight made the announcement during the principal's report to the Roslyn School committee meeting on Monday evening. A 35-year veteran of the teaching profession, Miss McKnight has taught all grades in elementary and high school. . . . She says Roslyn has grown a lot since her arrival. She is particularly proud of certain programs which have been developed during her tenure. 'We've put in beefed-up programs in such areas as math and we have programs for the gifted. Challenging programs for bright kids — that's something I'm proud of!'"



OUR M.N.A.
Richard D. French
says...



OUR M.P.
David Berger
says...

The threat of debt

THE new federal cabinet is said to have been designed with fiscal restraint in mind. Let's hope so. It is more than time that we all buckled down to some very serious thinking about debt and deficit.

Despite the political currency of constitutional and language issues, the most serious threat to this country and its citizens lies elsewhere, in the steady and pitiless accumulation of financial obligations by our three levels of government. This is the sombre side of the heritage we are leaving our children.

At the end of 1987, provincial and municipal governments owed \$230 billion, while the federal government owed \$254 billion. Over the last four years, the national debt (the debt owed by the federal government) has increased by no less than 70 percent; a 70 percent increase in four years!

"Our debt situation has gotten to the point where, each year, the interest payments on the debt account for more than the entire federal deficit. We are borrowing just to pay the interest on the public debt; we are not reducing the principal at all," Allan Taylor, CEO of the Royal Bank of Canada, said recently.

According to Mr Taylor, the debt picture translates into higher interest rates, which reduce business investment, which lowers standards of living. Furthermore, very high levels of debt reduce our independence because we are borrowing abroad. In the past decade, foreign debt has quadrupled, growing much faster than the growth of the economy. Ten percent of Canada's export earnings went to pay interest on foreign debt.

Canada is one of the industrialized nations with the bleakest and most vulnerable debt situation; only Italy has more public debt as a percentage of gross domestic product than Canada.

If this is the problem that Mr Mulroney wishes to tackle then we should all support him. It is the number-one threat to the future and well-being of Canadians.

Seeking common ground

DISENFRANCHISED: A word repeated often in the past month. English-speaking Quebecers, indeed many francophones I've spoken to, feel that no political party represents them.

Betrayed by the Quebec Liberal Party, fundamentally opposed to independence espoused by the PQ, who is there to turn to? There is talk of starting a new party or running independent candidates. Neither option holds much potential of changing things.

What about the federal parties? Beyond comforting words from the prime minister and the secretary of state, chances are nil that the government will alter its course on Meech Lake. The only hope is the Liberal Party of Canada, and at that, it's slim. Historically, French-speaking and English-speaking Canadians have found common ground in the Liberal Party. This has almost been our *raison d'être*. We have been able to agree on the kind of country we wanted to build and, in particular, the relationship between English and French-speaking Canadians. We have shared a broad view of citizenship — we have believed that individuals of both language groups ought to be able to live and fulfill ourselves in all parts of Canada. And so it was that those who fought for the establishment of the French fact in Canada, not just in Quebec, found a home in the Liberal Party (and that the party served as a vehicle for their aims).

Yet, today, when many Quebecers are looking to the Liberal Party of Canada for leadership, the party remains divided. While there are those who believe we must defend the national interest, there are others who argue that we must align ourselves

You Say

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has for months blatantly demonstrated his opposition to the mayor, got involved in council politics, forcing the council to choose between himself and the citizens' elected representative.

It is regrettable that in the director general's reinstatement address, by the council, we had to hear all about his devotion and administrative qualities, when it has been demonstrated that his administration necessitates two to three times more personnel than our sister municipalities for equal if not better service.

It is regrettable that this council, most of whom were elected following a tax revolt initiated by the WMA six years ago, to replace the then-MacCallum administration, except for Brian Gallery, has seen fit during their administration to further increase our taxes and render the access to information from city hall almost impossible.

And what is most regrettable is the patience and endurance of citizens who, as usual, are paying the piper with tax bills at least one-third too high.

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to the views of the provinces and the government of Quebec, in particular. "On doit retrouver notre Québecitude," is the favorite expression of one of my colleagues.

The General Council of the Quebec wing of the Liberal Party of Canada meets in St Hyacinthe this weekend. Will our divisions once more be publicly displayed? Will they be brushed under the carpet? Or can we find a way to at least begin to regain the common ground that once prevailed in the party?

I Say!

JEALOUSY is no more than feeling alone among smiling enemies.

—Elizabeth Bowen

27 streets slated for rebuilding in eight-year program

The City of Westmount plans to spend in excess of \$10 million over the next eight years on rebuilding some of its deteriorating roads.

City engineer and public works director Fred Caluori has prepared a schedule that calls for the reconstruction of 27 streets or sections of streets between now and 1996.

"A lot of Westmount's streets were built 50 or 60 years ago in the early part of the century and are now in need of reconstruction," Mr Caluori said in explanation of why so many streets need attention at one time.

A number of tests are used to give an indication of whether a road should be rebuilt. A combination of a visual inspection and analysis of core samples of the roadway surface

and concrete base reveal its physical state. Roads with bases of macadam rather than concrete are tested for their compressive strength.

"The age of the pavement gives you a very good indication as well. By 60 years you know it's about time to replace it," Mr Caluori said.

Road deterioration is accelerated by a number of factors: routine road cuts performed by utilities such as Gaz Métropolitain and Bell Canada, heavy volume and weight of traffic and the annual freeze-thaw cycle.

Roads built on a slope are particularly vulnerable because of running water in the bedrock and the extra salt needed on hills in the winter. The salty run-off penetrates the road surface and eats into the base.

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Mr Caluori said sometimes the city can "buy time" and put off complete reconstruction for a number of years by giving a street a new surface.

"If the concrete base is still in good enough condition, we can scarify it, scrape off the asphalt and just resurface it," Mr Caluori said.

In 1978, The Boulevard was scheduled for reconstruction. Test samples revealed the concrete base still had some life in it, but the roadway was in bad shape, so it got a new surface.

Resurfacing is much quicker and cheaper, running up a tab of about \$10 per square metre. Mr Caluori said reconstruction will cost in excess of \$86 per square metre in 1989.

Westmount's tentative eight-year schedule of road reconstruction is provided below. He emphasizes that it is only tentative. Certain roads may be done sooner or later depending on their condition.

Following the name of the road and the section to be rebuilt is the date of the original construction or the last reconstruction, the date of the last resurfacing and the area in square metres. A range of dates indi-

cates different sections were done over that period.

1989

Devon avenue, throughout, 1912 and 1921, 1971, 3,025;
Olivier avenue, from St Catherine to de Maisonneuve, 1914, 1968, 1,440;

1990

Cedar avenue, throughout, 1933, 1971-72, 3,418;
Metcalfe avenue, throughout, 1910, 1960-71, 6,723;
Argyle avenue, from Côte St Antoine to Montrose, 1938, 1972-77, 2,660;
St George's Place, throughout, 1928, 1969, 480;
Victoria avenue, from Sherbrooke to St Catherine, 1924, 1978, 6,630;

1991

Rosemount crescent, throughout, 1924, 1975, 995;
Grosvenor avenue, from St Catherine to de Maisonneuve, 1930, 1972, 965;
Victoria avenue, from The Boulevard to Westmount, 1914, 1972, 3,700;

1992

De Maisonneuve boulevard, from Greene to Melville, 1913, 1972, 6,170; and from Academy to the western city limits, 1913, 1972, 4,765;
Sydenham avenue, throughout, 1910, 1972, 1,765;
Summit road, throughout, 1971, 1971, 707;

1993

Surrey Gardens, throughout, 1912, 1975, 7,940;
Lansdowne avenue, from Côte St Antoine to Sherbrooke, 1911-1935, 1975, 3,185;
Aberdeen avenue, from Montrose to Westmount, 1914, 1973, 2,200; and north from The Boulevard, 1925, 1973, 845;
Montrose avenue, from Clarke to Ramezay, 1922-23, 1968, 3,214;

1994

Rosemount avenue, throughout, 1924, 1972, 1,600;
Roslyn avenue, from de Maisonneuve to The Boulevard, 1905-31, 1971-74, 10,100;

1995

Delavigne road, throughout, 1927, 1975, 1,160;
Mount Pleasant avenue, from St Sulpice to The Boulevard, 1935-53, 1974, 3,855;
Belvedere road, from The Boulevard to Sunnyside, 1958, 1975, 2,610;

1996

Edgehill road, throughout, 1938 and 1975 (east of Lexington), 1979 (west of Lexington), 5,665;
Redfern avenue, throughout, 1915-28, 1972-78, 3,440;
Summit crescent, from Shorncliffe to the northern city limits, 1912, 1958-75, 2,112.

In addition to Devon and Olivier, the city this year will reconstruct two streets originally slated to be done in 1988.

Reconstruction of Belvedere road, from Sunnyside to Summit road, was postponed last autumn when preparatory work and replacement of a sewer took longer than expected.

When Côte St Antoine was rebuilt last autumn, the one-block section between Clarke and Argyle was left untouched to allow city council to decide how to route traffic at the intersection of Clarke, Sherbrooke and Côte St Antoine. That block will be done this year.

Resurfacing of Westmount and of Claremont avenues, between Sherbrooke and N.D.G avenue, is also planned for 1989.

To resurface these two roads, the city will use a method introduced last summer on Lexington avenue. A single truck, known as a hot scarifier, heats up the surface, scrapes off the top inch of asphalt, mixes in a rejuvenating agent and lays the mixture back down. A steam roller smooths out the road and another 1 1/2 inches of new asphalt is then added.

Urgent meeting

An Urgences Santé ambulance backed into a car on St Catherine street west of Atwater avenue Wednesday night last week, police report. Both vehicles sustained over \$500 damage.



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Real Estate

By Reg Morden

KITCHENS SELL HOUSES

Let's face it. A major impact on the decision whether or not to buy a house is made by the woman of the family. What room influences this decision more than any other? You guessed it — the kitchen. Increasing the kitchen's showability will increase the home's salability.

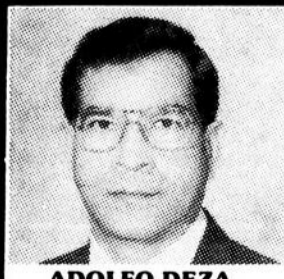
It almost never pays to remodel a kitchen in anticipation of selling. You can, however, make it bright and attractive. A good start is to paint or refinish cabinets and hang cheerful, new curtains.

For a clean-smelling refrigerator, scrub its shelves and walls with baking soda on a damp cloth or sponge. The oven and stove should be free of grime, grease and fingerprints. Clean the stove's ventilating hood, too.

Counters should look clean and expansive. Kitchen appliances take up a lot of space on counters. Remove all but a few of the most decorative pieces. Hang a plant in a corner for some life and greenery. The extra effort will pay. Kitchens count!

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HOME OF THE WEEK

Today the spotlight focuses on 361 Kensington Avenue in Westmount, a home filled with love and happiness. This is my home. On February 8th, 1964, I had the good fortune to marry Marjorie Jamieson. For the past 25 years, she has filled our home and my life with joy. Marj has been my most loyal supporter throughout these glorious years. There have been ups and downs in the course of my business career but always Marj has been there as a source of encouragement and inspiration. This is my public declaration of gratitude and an unending love. The next 25 years will even be better. Happy Anniversary dear, I love you.



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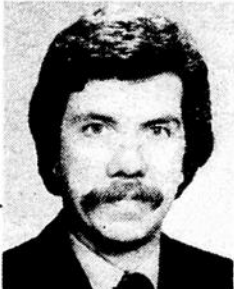
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Resident's garbage tally gives cause for recycling effort

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That's what one Westmounter discovered her family of six (and one dog) threw out in a recent week.

Belvedere Place resident Shelagh Webster provided this breakdown of her family's garbage output at Monday night's public council meeting in order to illustrate why she thinks Westmount should introduce home pickup of recyclable material.

Mrs Webster was one of three members of the Westmount Environ-

By CHARLES MAPPIN

mental Advisory Committee Team (WEACT) who asked questions relating to the environment during the public question period, thus providing a short lull in the political crossfire over the current impasse between the mayor and council.

About 75 percent of this 61¹/₂ lbs could be re-used in one form or another, Mrs Webster said, rather than being buried in a garbage dump.

"I was surprised we could throw out so much. Multiplying that by the number of homes in the city made me realize we should seriously look at door-to-door pickup of recyclable garbage as soon as possible," she said.

Mrs Webster's family refuse scorecard was preceded by a question asked of council by Strathcona avenue resident Georgina Howick on behalf of WEACT co-founder Jean Borntraeger.

"What is the current status of the implementation of a comprehensive recycling program?" Mrs Howick inquired.

Councillor Peter Duffield, public works commissioner, replied that

the city has "made a provision in the budget to move that way."

Council will consider the possibility of introducing a recycling program before going out to tender for its garbage collection contracts this summer, Mr Duffield explained.

He said he would be better able to judge the cost after seeing what bids T.M.R. receives now that it has called for tenders for the recycling program it plans to implement in June (see story Jan 19).

Mr Duffield expressed concern about the cost of operating Westmount's four recycling depots for newspaper and glass. "The people who pick up from us have raised the price considerably," he said.

Public works director Fred Caluori said Orford Recycling recently told the city it was raising its fee for

emptying the city's four depots to \$1,200 a week.

Last autumn, when Westmount had only two depots, Orford charged \$145 for two pickups per week. Mr Caluori said the city is working out a compromise with Orford, but that it now pays the company about \$700 a week depending on the number of pickups.

That translates into \$35,000 a year, or about one-third the annual cost calculated by the city for a program of residential collection of recyclable materials at every home in Westmount.

Before Monday's meeting was turned back to the political debaters, Molly Keith-Anderson of Aemy road suggested the city use less salt on the roads in the winter.

"Salt destroys not only the roads, but also cars, boots, clothes. And it goes down the sewers and pollutes the St Lawrence river as well," she said. "If you reduced the amount of salt you used by 25 percent, I'm sure there'd be no change in the city streets."

No councillor responded to these remarks.



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Beware of new 'gypsy scam' police warn local residents

POLICE are warning Westmount residents, especially senior citizens, about a "gypsy scam" which has hit the Montreal area.

The con is believed to involve a group of gypsies who appear to have been working their way east across Canada, explains Constable Michel Caza, crime prevention officer at local MUC police station 23.

The way the scam works is that two children, aged 7-14, call at the door of an apartment building asking for paper and a pencil to write a message to their grandmother who supposedly lives in the same building.

They then ask the tenant to help them write the message and go inside. Meanwhile, two women who have been lurking in the hallway enter the apartment and search it while the children occupy the resident. They usually steal jewelry or cash.

"The operation is very professionally done," Cst Caza says. "We are asking people not to let anyone inside their homes and if they experience such a situation to call 911 right away so we can try to catch the individuals."

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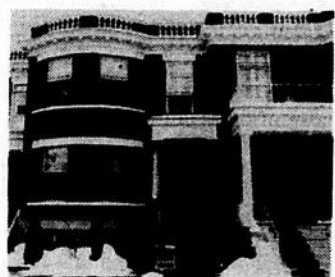
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morning after a second vote on his reinstatement was taken Monday evening. It was made necessary by the mayor's refusal to sign the resolution passed Thursday. Such a mayoral veto can only be overturned by a second vote by council.

Council's reversal of Mayor Cutler's suspension of Mr Patenaude, taken under her prerogative as mayor, brought public a long-simmering conflict concerning the direction, leadership and management of the city.

Elected to change

Mayor Cutler told an overflow audience at Monday night's city council meeting that she believed she had been elected to effect change, cut costs and fight for a Westmount that reflected its changing population.

She said she had spent the last year analyzing the city's expenses, inquiring into departments, uncovering "sloppiness" and encountering "blocks" in her investigation. "Everything I look into gives me horrors," she said.

"I've had to fight, fight, fight to get even small changes."

She said she could not continue to work with the present administration, calling it "negative," "backward" and "archaic" and likening it



Mayor May Cutler listens intently as Councillor Paul Fortin, reads the resolution to reinstate the city's director general Peter Patenaude at last Thursday evening's council meeting.

to a "military establishment."

A number of citizens took to the microphone during the question period to pledge their support for her approach and efforts, one calling her "a breath of fresh air."

Four aldermen from previous past and extolled the virtues of the past and ended their addresses calling for her to resign (see separate story). "I would have resigned if I

had not felt I was letting the people down," she replied.

Councillors each reaffirmed their desire to work with her, suggesting she adopt more of a team approach and work more closely with management (see separate story).

Mrs Cutler had reported to council at a special meeting last Thursday that the director general's removal of her job posting had "reopened a longstanding conflict over control of

Mayor's report on suspension

Following is the complete text of Mayor May Cutler's report to city council last Thursday on her reasons for suspending Director General Peter Patenaude:

The director general was suspended the mayor's secretary" (see text of prepared statement).

Her secretary, Louise Brossard, finally resigned as a result of the conflict (see separate story).

Mrs Cutler claimed as well that Councillor Daniel Tingley also had exceeded his authority, as commissioner of administration, in approving removal of the notice (see separate story).

The Sunday meeting, which she announced at Monday's council session, supersedes her earlier intention of submitting a resolution asking all council members, including herself, to resign and call a new election.

She abandoned that idea, she said, upon reading news reports in which all eight councillors rejected the plan.

ed by me as mayor for exceeding his authority.

He did so by obtaining and following directives from a councillor to remove a job posting put up by the mayor seeking a replacement for her secretary.

Both from his position as director general and from a previous position as city clerk, he must be presumed to know that an individual councillor has no authority to give such directives. This open confrontation by director general was the immediate cause of his being suspended by the mayor.

Since suspension may seem an overly dramatic response to a "job posting" removal, some background is in order.

The director general in removing the posting by the mayor reopened a longstanding conflict over control of the mayor's secretary and made her an unhappy battlefield. The dismal history goes back to the day I entered city hall as mayor.

I insisted that the mayor's secretary must be a private secretary, accountable to me only. She must receive by phone or letter the comments, requests and complaints of citizens, transmit them to the mayor for consideration and, as necessary, relay the mayor's decision back to them. Citizens assume that the mayor's secretary reflects the views of the mayor and not of any other individual, administrative or political and that only the lack of time and the fulfillment of obligations prevents the mayor from dealing directly with all citizens on all matters.

Regulations — municipal or syndical — governing employees of the city that also apply to the mayor's secretary must not be used by an administrative officer to take control of the position away from the mayor. I asked that any problems the director general might encounter with my secretary be dealt with through me. Yet repeatedly the director general interfered, making criticism and accusations directly to her. Even after an agreement by a caucus of council held over a year ago, on Jan 11, 1988 at the McGill Faculty Club that the mayor could have her own secretary under her control and the director general was so informed, this direct interference continued. When finally it stopped in recent months following insistence by me and requests from councillors, it was replaced by indirect harassment co-workers were told not to converse with her.

This led inevitably to an insupportable working atmosphere, resulting in her resignation and the need for a replacement.

The draft position specification submitted by the director general was an attempt to revive once again the question of control. It made the director general "immediate supervisor of this position" and placed it "under the authority of the director general."

For an administrative official to collaborate with an individual councillor in the drawing up of such a document is as astonishing as it is intolerable. When this was followed by the removal of my own posting of the position by the director general, a severe response was called for.

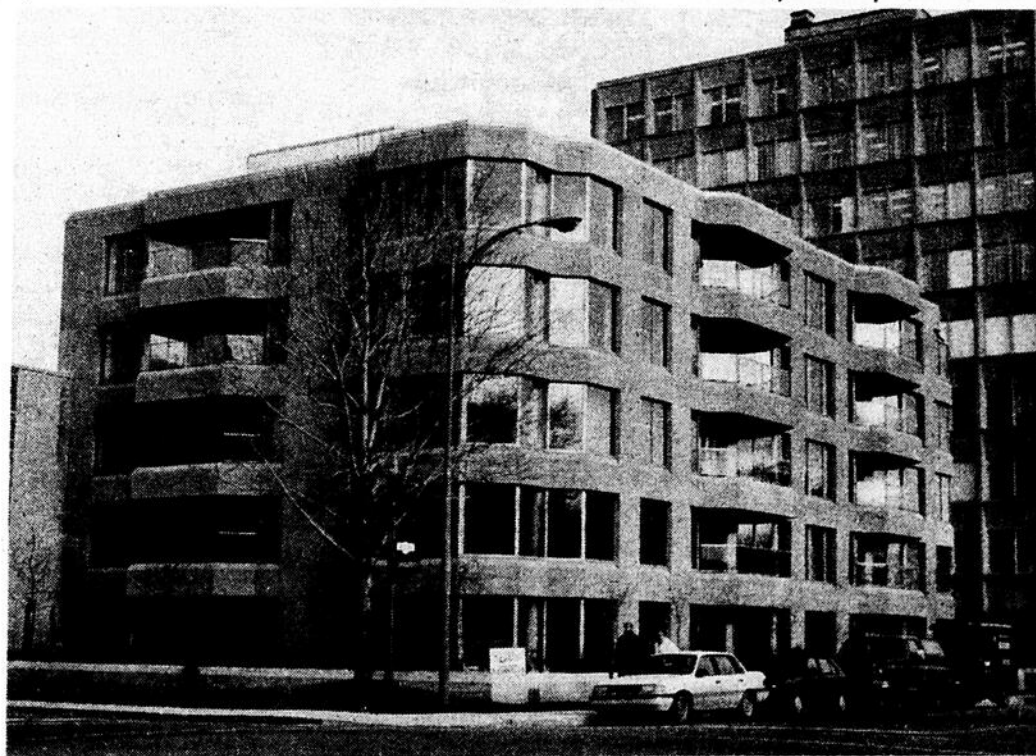
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Chronology of turmoil

FOLLOWING is a chronology of events surrounding the current turmoil at Westmount city hall:

- Friday, Jan 27:** Mayor posts notice of job vacancy for her secretary and it is removed soon after by director general;
- Saturday, Jan 28:** Mayor holds meetings at her home with councillors to discuss the matter;
- Monday, Jan 30:** Mayor uses mayoral powers to suspend director general; caucus meeting provides no solution;
- Tuesday, Jan 31:** Councillors call special public sitting for Thursday to end suspension;
- Thursday, Feb 2:** Special sitting unanimously approves resolution to this effect, adding a vote of confidence in the director general;
- Friday, Feb 3:** Mayor refuses to sign resolution, forcing it back to council by veto;
- Monday, Feb 6:** Statutory February council meeting again approves resolution unanimously, impasse continues;
- Tuesday, Feb 7:** Director general returns to work;
- Wednesday, Feb 8:** Councillors issue statement saying only solution is for the mayor to resign;
- Sunday, Feb 12:** "Town meeting" called by mayor, 7:30 pm, Victoria Hall.

Legal action threatened by director general if reinstatement not given

A hastily called city council meeting last Thursday started off with the reading of a legal letter from suspended city manager Peter Patenaude asking he be allowed to resume his job functions and receive a vote of confidence.

The letter was greeted with much applause from a group of senior city employees and retired workers standing outside the council chamber.

It was followed by a discussion on whether or not the mayor should read her report on the suspension of Mr Patenaude after receipt of such a letter "which had serious legal implications," Councillor Paul Fortin, also a lawyer, stated.

Mayor Cutler decided against the reading until Councillor Dan Tingley persisted, over her objections, in explaining his own actions in authorizing removal of the notice.

He read article 114 of the Cities and Towns Act regarding rights and duties of the director general, at which point he was stopped by the mayor for a brief legal consultation.

But Mr Tingley continued. The mayor's job vacancy notice "was defective and illegal," he said. "It failed to spell out details for qualifications and specifications."

After being informed of it by the director general, Mr Tingley said, he had "instructed" him to take it down until he could report to council.

"Because his act was an administrative act approved by me I do not know how he (Mr Patenaude) could have exceeded his authority," Mr Tingley said.

"Well, I have made a decision to read my explanation," Mayor Cutler

said (see full text). This time it was the turn of citizens to applaud as she told of a longstanding conflict concerning her secretary.

Having heard you speak to the issue, Councillor Peter Duffield told the mayor, "I am not persuaded that it is sufficient grounds to suspend an employee. It could have been resolved."

After the eight councillors approved the resolution, Mayor Cutler refused to sign it on account of the vote of confidence included in it. This caused the resolution to be returned to Monday night's regular monthly meeting of council.


It was again approved unanimously and immediately came into effect since no further mayoral veto was permitted in accordance with the Cities and Towns Act.

The resolution reads in part "that the municipal council of the City of Westmount hereby reaffirms its full confidence in, and support for, Mr Peter Patenaude in the office of director general of the city."

City councillors told the meeting they did not know the mayor was planning suspension of the city manager when they met with her the Saturday after the notice was removed.

"I felt we could work out a solution," explained Councillor Rhoda Vineberg.

Mayor Cutler then said that only after they had all met, "did I realize that this city council would not act, that things had gone from bad to worse and that only by confronting the director general with suspension would it be brought out into the open."





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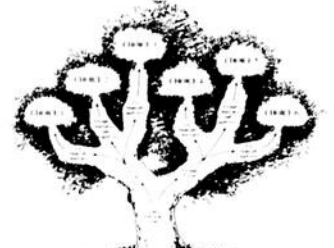
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In memo to city council:

Departing mayor's secretary tells of 'indirect harassment'

The mayor's secretary left city hall Friday for another job, imploring city council to resolve conflicts over her job and improve the working climate.

"Council should open its eyes wide, unbiased, and see reality as it is (as employees and citizens see it)," Louise Brossard wrote in a four-page *aide mémoire* presented to members of the council.

Mrs Brossard, who resigned after almost three years, was forced out of her job by "indirect harassment" and "insupportable working atmosphere," Mayor May Cutler told a special meeting of city council last Thursday (see text).

Although conflicts regarding the secretarial job are central to the mayor's controversy with city council and management, Mrs Brossard said she had not been invited, as requested, to address the council on the matter.

As a result, she gave them notes she had prepared for the anticipated meeting, outlining her reasons for departure and suggestions for improving conditions.

City council had granted the mayor the right to have her own secretary in January 1988. But continued conflicts over the position finally erupted with the mayor's posting of the job vacancy and a short-lived suspension of the director general.

"I am so very sorry that I have to leave a job I loved, and was good at," Mrs Brossard wrote to the mayor and councillors. "But after all the harassment, the disrespect for the mayor, employees and citizens, I am almost grateful (to go)."

Won't eliminate problem

Though her leaving might be seen as a victory for some, she pointed out, her departure would not eliminate the problem.

She asked council members to make the necessary corrections so that "something good, positive and constructive" would result from her departure.

"I wish you all the wisdom to right the wrong," she wrote.

Mrs Brossard said that, in leaving, she felt able to speak out. Other

employees could not.

She cited low morale, disrespect, unfairness, lack of trust and time-wasters as "frustrating" and destroying team work.

Similar problems also existed before the last election when creation of an additional layer of management (assistant directors general) compounded frustrations by slowing requests for answers and approvals.

Mrs Brossard explained that events of Jan 27 (in which the mayor's job vacancy notice was removed from notice boards by the director general and original copies disappeared from under other documents on her desk while she was at lunch) were not "exactly comforting."

One "phenomenon" among employees now, she noted, is that when they have a problem they want to see the mayor.

Mrs Brossard said it was evident that the mayor needed a full-time secretary who would report directly to her. This need had increased with a rise in citizen input at city hall generated by the election of Mrs Cutler.

A recent job description draft for a



Friday was the last day at city hall for Louise Brossard, right, the mayor's secretary, who received a fond farewell from Mayor May Cutler.

replacement to Mrs Brossard listed the position as "an executive assistant in the director general's office supervised by the director general."

This led to Mayor Cutler posting her own notice after consultation

with union officials since the position is a white-collar one.

Other staff in the director general's office include an assistant to the director general and a full-time director general's secretary. Each of the two assistant directors general also has a private secretary.

Mrs Brossard, as the mayor's secretary, also carried out work (as needed) for other council members. She acted as the mayor's liaison with citizens, other cities and outside groups (including the MUC and suburban mayors). She fulfilled a public relations role, gathering information for citizens and carrying out ombudsman-type duties.

Her parting *aide mémoire* thanked the mayor and all members of city council, saying she had "really appreciated working with you all."

WMA board to meet Monday

The Westmount Municipal Association will hold its monthly public board meeting Monday night in Victoria Hall.

Besides the WMA's regular review of city council activities, council's current internal dispute is bound to be a hot issue, especially as the meeting falls only one day after the town meeting called for Sunday by Mayor May Cutler to discuss the issue.

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At Thursday's council meeting:

Citizens query Tingley on his role in removal of notice

City Councillor Daniel Tingley came under fire last Thursday for approving removal by the city's director general of a job vacancy posting by the mayor at city hall the previous Friday.

Mr Tingley told more than 50 local residents crowded into the council chamber that he believed the notice to be defective.

As such, he said, it exposed the city to a possible union grievance, despite verbal toleration obtained by the mayor from the union president. "In my own view I had no choice and authorized its removal."

Mayor May Cutler stated in a report on the matter that "an individual councillor has no authority to give such directives."

Mr Tingley's actions dominated the question period at the special sitting of the city council held to reverse the suspension of director general Peter Patenaude by Mayor May Cutler for his actions.

Although the mayor read a letter at the meeting saying she was relieving Mr Tingley of his commissioner-ship of administration, Mr Tingley, a lawyer, told the assembly he doubted she could legally do so.

No subsequent notice concerning the status of his commissioner-ship was tabled at the following city council meeting Monday night.

"Does he believe as a commissioner he has the right to veto an action of the mayor?" asked citizen Arthur Yelon, 4700 de Maisonneuve boulevard.

"I did it in the interests of the city," Mr Tingley replied.

Norma Udy, 4454 de Maisonneuve, then asked, "since it was Friday, why could you not wait till Monday (when a council caucus was scheduled)?" She also wanted to know if he had

been aware of a verbal agreement with the "union head."

Once the notice was up, Coun Tingley said, any employee could file a grievance.

A woman living on Côte St Antoine road referred to reports from the union president which "implied" there were other cases that did not follow the labor contract.

"I didn't know," replied Coun Tingley.

"But the director general knows," interjected Mayor Cutler.

"Why didn't you know about them?" the questioner persisted of Mr Tingley to much applause from the audience. "Why were they not brought to your attention?"

"The director general knows," continued the mayor, "because I have a letter in which these were pointed out to him."

Jean Durcak, of 422 Metcalfe avenue, asked if an inquiry or meeting could take place to help resolve what he called a power struggle.

Mayor Cutler said she was always in favor of meetings.

Former city alderman Peter Trent, 49 Rosemount avenue, questioned Mayor Cutler on why she had suspended the director general for removal of the notice without the approval of council, which she knew by law she must receive to make it stick. "What did you hope to accomplish? Why go through this charade?"

Mayor Cutler said she had suffered through "1 1/4 years of this (issue with the director general). It was open confrontation."

"Surely the cause was not major insurrection?" asked Mr Trent.

"If you can believe that the only cause of the First World War was the shot at Sarajevo," the mayor answered.

Mayor's statement on alternatives

Following is the complete text of Mayor May Cutler's statement at the close of Thursday's city council meeting:

The decision of the council to lift the suspension comes as no surprise.

As a result it is apparent that the extreme incompatibility brought to light by this incident makes it impossible for the mayor and the director general to co-operate in the day-to-day care for the City of Westmount or even for the mayor to work with the present council.

I present therefore the only possible alternatives I see to resolve this situation:

1) The simplest, most obvious solution would be for me to resign as mayor and retire from municipal politics in this city. That I would be willing to do immediately if I felt it was the will of the majority of our citizens. To the contrary, the positions I have taken, the efforts I have made and the plans I have outlined seem to have drawn even larger citizen support. To simply abandon my post without further ado would be to

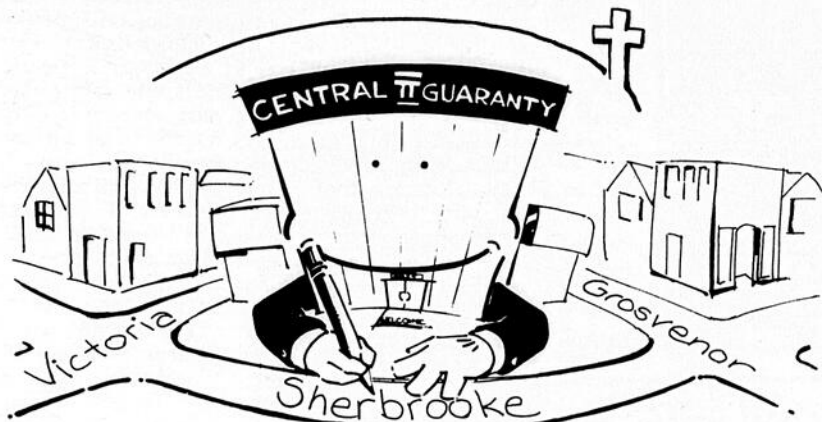
betray their trust.

2) The second solution would be for me to resign, to run again and test the collective will. Again, if I were not given a new mandate, things would be simply resolved. But if I were to be re-elected, the situation would remain precisely at the present impasse.

3) The third solution — and the one I feel would best resolve present difficulties — would be for me as mayor and all members of the present council to resign and allow the citizens to choose a new mayor and councillors from among us and others. This would make possible a more harmonious mayor-council relationship to oversee the administration of the city.

I will be presenting this option in the form of a resolution at the next open council sitting scheduled for Monday, Feb 6. In the meantime, I will attend no caucuses or committee meetings of council so that all discussion and decisions of council can be conducted in public view of the citizens.

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WHO should resign?
In the present impasse I suggested we all resign — all eight councillors and me as mayor. Then we go back to the electorate and run again along with any other candidates who present themselves. This would create a more workable mayor-council combination.

True, it would cost a bit of money, but very little when divided up among all the elections that have never taken place over 100 years through 30 acclaimed mayors and uncountable acclaimed councillors, including most of our present eight. They said no. One was quoted as saying: "Just because she wants to

jump off the bridge, we're not going to join her." Interesting that he should be so sure it would be suicide for him to go back to the electorate.

I still offer to resign if I have any indication that the majority of the citizens of Westmount would like me to. This is not the attitude of the council members. As one expressed it openly: "I was elected for four years and I will stay no matter what." No matter what the citizens think? Well, the citizens count with me. Their opinion counts with me and that's why I would like them to express it now — during the next few days and on Sunday evening, 7:30, at Victoria Hall.

The fact is that I came close to resigning several times during the past year. Is it only a year and a quarter? The frustration and fights have left me worn, just as the interference with my secretary forced her to leave. The attempt to control a new secretary, even to the pulling down by the director general of my notice seeking one, forced me to act decisively.

I didn't resign in those most depressing moments when I wondered, Who needs this? because I felt that even though I became a candidate only to protest the way the city was run, I owed it to those who had worked so hard to elect me, who hoped for so much from me, to stay on and fight.

There have been a few small victories: the budget, notably. It has stopped increasing at rates of seven and eight percent for the first time in years. I am still trying to stop the purchase of a new computer system to cost \$350,000. We already have a computer system that's a Cadillac when all we need is a Chev. And now there is an attempt to get a Rolls Royce. The fight to get \$100,000 for recycling into the budget was a close one, with an in-camera, in-committee-of-council vote of five to four, but the amount was reduced to \$50,000. Wouldn't you like to know who voted which way?

That's precisely the problem. Nobody knows what goes on in committee of council meetings when everything is decided. When the council comes out for the public meeting, there is the façade of unanimity so the citizens cannot judge any individual councillor. Nobody knows the proposals dismissed, the suggestions brushed away like flies, or who voted how on any resolution. What were the fights like? How I wish I had a tape recording of them so that

Council statement calls on mayor to resign

Following is the text of a statement issued yesterday by Westmount's city councillors:

The mayor, having slandered both the administration and other members of council at the Westmount council meeting last Monday, has called on her supporters to inform her next Sunday evening whether or not she should resign.

We believe the mayor has no alternative but to resign. She has removed herself from city hall and directed that her mail be sent to her at her home. She has repeatedly asserted that she will no longer work with the council or the city administration.

If the mayor is determined to turn the city administration upside down, she might consider forming a party to present itself to the electorate at the next general municipal election in 1991. In the meantime, she should resign her office and allow a duly elected council to carry on the city's business.

We urge all concerned citizens of Westmount to make their views known to the mayor on this issue. If you agree with us that she should resign, write and tell her so.

**Sally Aitken, Phillip Aspinall, Peter Duffield, Stuart Robertson
Joan Rothman, Daniel Tingley, Rhoda Vineberg**

(Councillor Paul Fortin could not be reached before press time for his endorsement of this statement.)

you could all listen and judge. The only peaceful gatherings were when I shut up, offered no new evidence of waste, inefficiency and sloppiness, embarrassed no one with questions or challenges.

I could have lived out my four years, happily attending functions, and waited for another term to bring in a slate to change the city. Only trouble was that I would probably be voted out of office as my predecessor was, on whom all the failings of the last council and administration were blamed. So I'd never get a chance to show how a city could be run with employees whose views were sought and listened to and citizens whose help I have so often sought and always received.

The council members claim they all think and act as individuals and hate being lumped together. But how can they not be, when they hide behind a screen that lets no individualism through? Where is individual thought and responsibility when in all the furor over my suspension of the director general, not a single one has disassociated himself or herself from the council member who took it upon himself to countermand an action of the mayor?

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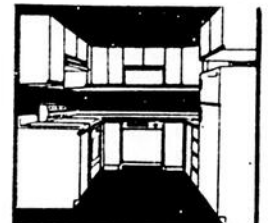
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At Monday's city council meeting:

'Ball is in your court,' councillors tell mayor

Westmount's eight city councillors voiced support to Mayor May Cutler at Monday night's city council meeting but threw the challenge to her to play by their rules and make the system work.

"The ball is in your court," said Councillor Stuart Robertson, who was the first of the eight the mayor polled for their opinions on what they want her to do.

Coun Robertson said he did not view the impasse between the mayor and councillors as a "constitutional crisis," as the mayor has described it, but rather as a personality conflict. "We've offered to help you achieve some of your things (goals). You can certainly work within the system."

His sentiments were echoed by his colleagues throughout the meeting.

One resident of Roslyn avenue during question period dismissed the councillors' "pious platitudes."

Another said the problem was not with the mayor but with the city's affairs. "She's not even allowed to select her own secretary."

Yesterday, based on Mayor Cutler's expression of views concerning the city administration at the council meeting, councillors drafted a statement calling on her to resign.

Yesterday also, Coun Robertson called THE EXAMINER to express concern for Sunday night's meeting called by the mayor, saying it might not reflect an accurate measurement of the feelings of Westmounters.

A summary of each individual statement follows in speaking order: **Stuart Robertson:** Disagreed the mayor had been stymied and suggested she change her methodology;

Paul Fortin: "You have succeeded in crystalizing the situation. We knew you were unhappy. You've been deeply hurt, we've all witnessed that. We all called it the way we saw it. The former mayor (Brian Gallery) lost a lot of votes (in committee meetings), you know."

Saying he heard her on the radio "quite fired up," he believed this was not the best way "to handle your council... so we will have to strike a *modus operandi*. We like you."

He said he knew her "main beef" was with the city administration "and how it runs." He then suggested she organize a committee to review it.

'Not a clique'

Sally Aitken: "I'm committed to working with you and with council for the best of the city." She saw council as a group that came together from varied backgrounds, "not a clique." She objected to being branded "old guard" or "establishment."

Rhoda Vineberg: The previous speakers "have put into words feelings we all share."

Joan Rothman: Looks at council in a participatory way. Members had shared many dreams, were on a common wavelength. Resents having the six members from the previous council being lumped together as a monolith that has "stopped the mayor." Council members were bound to have disagreements. Always thought "that May and I were not that far apart."

"I am ready to listen so we move forward... to do the best we can... I want to do that with you (May)."

Daniel Tingley: "Please, May, let our administration do its work to let us do our work. If you can I'll be in your corner."

Phillip Aspinall: Regrets the adverse publicity which has "far exceeded the issues at stake (and) casts us in a light we don't like to see ourselves."

Peter Duffield: "I think anyone who has listened to me over the years knows how much I support how the city operates." Never felt he lost a vote because when the majority has been heard he feels the right decision has been taken. Had hoped the mayor would feel the same way.

Mayor's reply

After listening to the councillors, Mayor Cutler replied: "Well I guess I'm the one who has the problem." If the city wants a mayor that can shut up, stop investigating and accept the majority view "then you don't need me for that."

Regarding Councillor Fortin's call for a review of the administration, this gives her "little hope." A recent evaluation of the city's three top managers made by each other "came out well... and this gives me little hope."

Says she does not like the way the city runs from the top down. A city employee of 29 years service told her the other day, "that I was the first person who had ever asked his opinion." Believes the city could be run very simply.

Problems within the council "are not easily resolved by saying let's love each other and try again. I was anxious to see if there was some way we could work together."

'Shocking' remarks

Councillor Tingley said he disassociated himself from the mayor's "unsupportive and unsubstantiated comments" regarding the city staff.

"Shocking," added Councillor Vineberg.

Mayor Cutler in an emotional voice then told the meeting about a financial analysis of the city's budgets back three years she had prepared "at great trouble" to find out how much the costs of running the city had increased. When she had presented this analysis to the director general for his comments and then to councillors, she said, "I might as well have poured a glass of water."

Saying she would have resigned many times if she had not felt she was letting people down, she then announced that she would hold a town meeting on Sunday.

"I invite you all." Someone from the back of the room near where city employees and retirees stood called out "Resign!"

Immediately a citizen rose, turned around and said, "Shame! Shame!"

Councillors then provided many reasons why they opposed a town meeting, saying it was not the best way of solving the problem.

Mayor Cutler replied that she needed to know if she had the support of the citizens. "My only loyalty is to the citizens."

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Four former aldermen tell mayor to resign

Four former Westmount city councillors from two previous councils paraded before the microphone at Monday night's city council meeting calling on Mayor May Cutler to resign.

They were John Shingler and Peter Trent, who did not seek re-election in 1987 but actively campaigned against Mrs Cutler during the last election, and André Gervais and Alwyn Lloyd who had served in the controversial council of the late Donald MacCallum.

Also in attendance among the city officials from days gone by was former general manager Norman Dawe, who retired some eight years ago after many years of running the city in the top administrative position.

Although the council sitting was, in fact, the statutory February meet-

ing, all were there for one issue only: the impasse between mayor and council.

The city hall meeting attracted so many citizens, city officials and former and current employees that standing-room-only meant choosing a step on the stairs to the tower to catch a glimpse into the council chamber.

It probably also provided the best view of the three-hour session.

The four former aldermen, who were among some 20 citizens speaking during question period, all painted pictures of how well the mayors and councillors from their eras interacted and related with the general managers.

To longtime council attenders who recalled citizen opposition at the end of the MacCallum council (some of it from present council members) the



An overflow crowd turned out to Monday night's council meeting in city hall. Frank Reiss, of Roslyn avenue, was first of some 20 residents who spoke during the question period.

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presence of aldermen Gervais and Lloyd, now calling for the current mayor's resignation, served to bring back many memories.

Many speakers

Among those speaking were, in chronological order:

Frank Reiss, 308 Roslyn avenue, told Mayor May Cutler: "Your councillors forget that a vast majority elected you and your style. I feel it's incumbent on your council to support you."

Neil McKenty, 66 Somerville avenue, told her the problem was that she had not been able to develop a consensus within the council. "That's quite right," she agreed.

Jean Durcak, 422 Metcalfe avenue, said the mayor represents the views of the silent majority who feel frustrated when dealing with the city.

John Lehnert, 117 Lewis avenue, asked if council's affirmation of the director general was an endorsement that the city was "efficiently and economically run." Peter Duffield replied that it was ridiculous to assume that an administration couldn't improve.

Rolland Benard, 722 Victoria avenue, who as chairman of the Westmount Finance Action Committee has hammered away at city spending, challenged the concept that council should let the administration run the city. "We know what they're doing."

Councillors supported

Catherine Spielman, 490 Lansdowne avenue, questioned the mayor on what could be achieved by having a town meeting. She voiced confidence in the councillors.

Christiane van Renesse, 1117 Greene avenue, said she would like the mayor to stay on and suggested councillors to "open up their ears."

André Gervais, 427 Mount Stephen avenue, told the meeting he had served six years on the MacCallum council. He told Mayor Cutler it was obvious she couldn't get along with eight people. "I request you resign as mayor."

John Shingler, 25 Burton avenue, told Mayor Cutler that as mayor, she represented all citizens, not only those who voted for her. "You are sent to govern the city (with eight city councillors). You are not sent to quarrel."

He said she owed the city manager "a very deep and profound apology." He concluded by saying that in choosing the mayor, in his opinion, the electorate did not exercise prudent judgment "and you were elected." He said, "Maybe, madam mayor, you should resign."

Mayor Cutler at this point requested to ask a question of Professor

Shingler, asking why he thought Mayor Brian Gallery had not won the election against her, noting "he was a good team player." Mr Shingler said that former mayor Gallery had "alienated a substantial body of people. You formed a successful coalition."

Alwyn Lloyd, 586 Lansdowne avenue, told the meeting he had spent eight years as finance commissioner. He had never seen such a turnout at a council meeting, indicating "deep concern." He said former general manager Dawe had had a unique way of "indoctrinating" council members to their roles and helping them strike a delicate balance with the administration. "We learned the give and take."

He said Mayor Cutler had one choice, to resign.

Bill Weintraub, 433 Wood avenue, called for a mass resignation of council.

'Breath of fresh air'

Mary Lamb, 16 Braeside Place, told the mayor she was a breath of fresh air. "I'm just sorry some people have spoken so rudely to you in a condescending way." She said she was insulted "when Mr Shingler said I voted stupidly."

Steven Joo, 3 Bellevue avenue, told Her Worship: "We did not elect you to be a yes man" but because "we the taxpayers got fed up" with empire-building. He said he felt the councillors, like his (Mrs Vineberg) "are morally obliged to work with the mayor."

Peter Margo, 8 Severn avenue, said the issue was one of reform and of "major issues, responsibility and honesty." The problem was not to do with the mayor, "but with the city's affairs. She's not even able to select her own secretary. If you people are not even charitable enough to let the mayor have her own private secretary then all the pious statements we've heard are meaningless."

John Johnston, 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard, said it should be noted that the mayor is clearly CEO (chief executive officer) of the municipality and not in exactly the same position as a councillor. "There is nothing that authorizes anyone to take down a notice put up by a CEO except the CEO or someone authorized by him (her)." He then said he was "sick and tired of this. I'm thinking I'm listening to children. Do behave like adults."

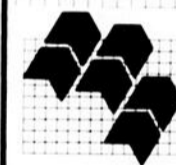
'One citizen happy'

Anne McLaren, 462 Wood, said she was a newcomer to Westmount and found city staff she dealt with at rink and library to be courteous and prompt. "There is one citizen happy with the services here."

Peter Trent, 49 Rosemount avenue, who retired as alderman with the last election, recalled writing a letter to THE EXAMINER regarding the candidacy of Mrs Cutler. "I didn't believe anyone could rise out of nowhere and present herself as mayor." He said she was elected on an anti-Brian Gallery vote rather than a pro-May Cutler vote. He acknowledged it was true that the mayor was CEO but asked what purpose it had served "to kick out" the director general "on a trivial issue." To improve an operation "you don't start chopping heads at the top. You don't do that." He then asked that she resign.

Donald Ross, 498 Elm avenue, president of the Westmount Municipal Association, said the citizens' group would not be interested in chairing the Sunday meeting as had been suggested by the mayor. He said he did not know what would be achieved by such a meeting.

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In a story last week, Ms Wharmby's name was spelled incorrectly. THE EXAMINER regrets the error.

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New play at Centaur:

A mature David Fennario returns with *The Murder of Susan Parr*

David Fennario was Centaur Theatre's first playwright-in-residence. When he was hired, he had never seen a play. His subsequent work with Centaur saw him write *On the Job*, *Nothing to Lose* and *Balconville*, which established him as a driving force in Canadian theatre. These three were followed by the less successful *Toronto* and later, *Moving*.

Mr Fennario, a Chalmers Award winner, cut his ties with Centaur and went back to his community of Point St Charles where he formed a writers' group and developed *Joe Beef: A History of Point St Charles* and *Neill Cream*.

Moving was produced in 1983, so Mr Fennario has been away for some time. Curiosity about *The Murder of Susan Parr* abounded, however, as Mr Fennario had been talking about the play for several years.

This is a story that intertwines the lives of Bryan Cleary, a drunken but good-hearted Irish cop (Tim Butler), his love affair with Leona (Jeannie Walker) and his assignment to find the missing Susan Parr (Julie Miller), daughter of his old friend Sandra (Ali Giron). Susan had been with a friend of her childhood (Teddy-Lee Dillon), who has been found murdered after he visited a social worker (Michael Rudder), who is also a friend of Sandra Parr. Cleary's superior (Stan Coles) is convinced Cleary can find Susan, though he has to convince a vice squad cop (Michel Perron) who is interested in the case.

This play lacks the rollicking laughter of Mr Fennario's earlier pieces and gone also is the constant use of the nervous-making F-word. But neither does this play bludgeon us with Mr Fennario's socialist beliefs as did *Neill Cream*.

There is some excellent acting in this production and when the cast lifts itself into the correct tempo, there are laughs as well as insights.

Particularly good is Tim Butler as the cop, whose charming grin makes people forget his drunken excesses, and explains why Leona wants him. Also excellent is Michael Rudder, who has the line that gets the biggest laugh and which is Mr Fennario's writing at its best. He disposes of the crisis in health care with: "Nobody ends up at the Dougie (the Douglas Hospital) anymore. The Dougie's full."

Julie Miller, who plays Susan Parr nearly invisibly, but with a beautiful, tragic voice, may be remembered by Westmounters as the person who brought *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to Westmount Park last summer. This short appearance makes us want to see more of her.

Ali Giron is delightful as the worried mother who pretty much takes life as it comes.

Michel Perron exudes evil as the corrupt cop.

Director Simon Malbogot received most of his training directing Mr Fennario's plays and he has somewhat too loose a rein on this



Susan's mother hands over computer print-outs that corrupt police desperately need to the cop she's known all her life. Tom Butler and Ali Giron play Bryan Cleary and Sandra Parr in *The Murder of Susan Parr* at Centaur Theatre.

production.

The set by Andrew Lue Shue encompasses it all, like the play itself. The police station, the community centre, the downtown room where Susan Parr is hiding, the Parrs' apartment, the railroad tracks, Cleary's apartment, the doorway of the tavern where he drinks, and all the spaces in between.

The script covers adultery, self-imposed blindness ("After you've been playing bingo for five years, wouldn't he have expected you to have won something by now?"), substance abuse, Montreal Irish institutions, social services cutbacks, rela-

tions between the French and the Irish working class, single parenthood, police corruption, gentrification and everything in between.

All in all, an exciting evening of theatre, but it's not, regrettably, *Balconville*. It does, however, make you look forward to Mr Fennario's next play.

The Murder of Susan Parr by David Fennario starring Tom Butler, Julie Miller, Ali Giron, Stan Coles, Michael Rudder, Jeannie Walker, Teddy-Lee Dillon and Michel Perron is at Centaur Theatre, 453 St François-Xavier street, until March 19. Box office: 288-3161. — Janet Coutts

Sundays at the Hall it's jazz time for all

The aim of Jazz Westmount Sunday afternoon concerts at Victoria Hall is to be a family affair.

Both time and ticket price are geared to family participation. The first five concerts are scheduled for Sundays Feb 19, March 5 and 19, April 2 and 16, all at 3 pm.

These concerts are expected to last about 1 1/2 hours. The last event on the schedule is a Big Band Swing Dance on April 23 at 8 pm. Doors will open an hour earlier and instructors will be on hand to help participants brush up on their dance steps.

The first presentation, Vocal Jazz, features a trio of vocalists: Johnny Scott, Ernie Nelson and Densil Pinnock. Johnny Scott, originally from

Buffalo, N. Y., has been playing tenor sax and singing in various Montreal clubs and cabarets for almost 30 years. For the last three years, teamed with Geoff Lapp on piano, he has performed on a regular basis at Biddles.

Ernie Nelson has been in Montreal since 1974. When he first arrived here, he formed a band with Charles Ellison. He has also worked with guitarist Sonny Greenwich and is the featured vocalist on Mr Greenwich's recording *Sun Song*.

At 22, Densil Pinnock is the youngest member of the trio. He transferred to the jazz studies program at McGill from York University, Toronto. He is currently in second year, studying voice and piano. He has performed with Charles Ellison's Brass Choir at the Montreal International Jazz Festival.

The performance on Feb 19 marks their debut as a trio. They have never before appeared together in a concert setting. The vocalists will perform their interpretations of standards, backed up by a rhythm section featuring Fred Henke on piano, Skip Bey on bass and Wali Muhammad on drums.

General admission is \$5 for individual events, \$3 for seniors and students. A series subscription is \$25, or \$15 for seniors and students. Advance tickets are available from Westmount City Hall, the Westmount Library and Victoria Hall. Individual tickets and subscriptions will be on sale at the door prior to each event. For further information call 488-8JAM.

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In the neighborhood

by Kathleen Hugessen

Sam Edelstein — barber

There is something remarkable about anyone or anything that remains virtually unchanged over 50 long years — specially in the middle of a bustling metropolis.

Sam Edelstein, 70, looks around the Universal Barber Shop at 4970 Sherbrooke street and says, "Not much has changed... just the chairs. They're about 15 years old."

They are a trio of standard barber-shop chairs covered in plumply-stuffed and splitting fawn vinyl. A fourth chair, resplendent in red leather and steel filigree, sits in state of disrepair back in the room. The leather, polished by innumerable bottoms and heads, remains intact, not succumbing to pressure as has the upstart vinyl.

"That one's 80 or 90 years old," Mr Edelstein says. "A real antique."

The barber shop has been in the same location for "a long time." Mr Edelstein has worked here for more than 50 years and says the shop was there well before he arrived.

Mr Edelstein was born in Poland, in a city near Lublin. He immigrated to Canada with his mother in 1935.

"I was 14 or 15. I had a sister here and a sister in the States and they wanted us to come," he says.

Started working

He arrived in Montreal and never left. He says he studied at night school to learn the language. Then, in the fall of 1938, he started working at the Universal Barber Shop.

"In the beginning I worked," he says. "My boss died and we kept the shop for his wife. Then she didn't want it, so I bought it from her 11 years ago."

He estimates the barber shop handles about 150 people each week, and not just from Westmount. People from N.D.G. and T.M.R. come over for a cut.

"I seen people come and go. I was doing boys — now they're coming in with their children and their grandchildren."

He says he does a few women. "They wouldn't go anywhere else. I give them what they want and they like it. Only a cut, not a wash and set. I don't do that."

A young man, John Harriman, has come in for a "military" hair cut.

"My grandfather knows this guy," he says. But his grandfather no longer has his hair cut here. "Nah. He gets his girlfriend to do it."

Mr Edelstein starts to ply the clippers. "Military" seems to be the old "short-top-and-sides." Mr Harriman asks him about Poland.

Mr Edelstein has never been back. "No, not to Poland. I wouldn't want to go. I've got bad memories of Poland," he says. "I got out just in time not to be in the army... Hitler was just starting, you could see the situation wasn't so good. Yeah. It was no picnic in this time."

Small differences

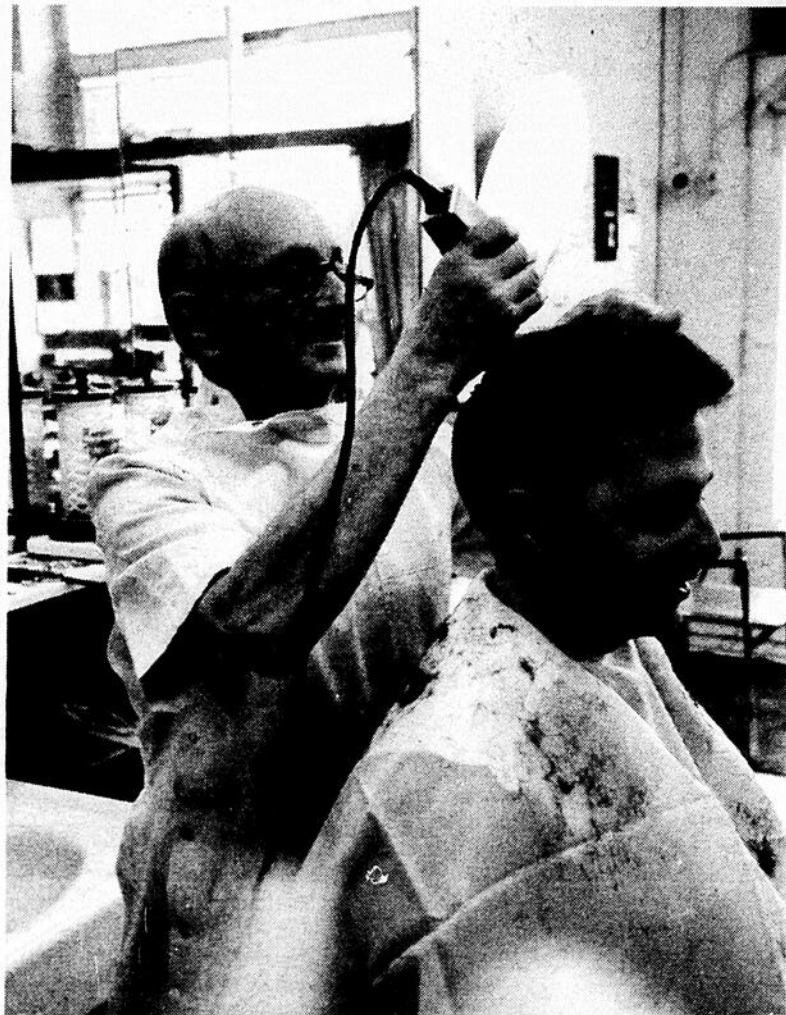
Things have not remained entirely unchanged in the last 50 years at the Universal Barber Shop. When he started, a haircut was 50 cents. A shave cost you another 25 cents. Now they are \$8 and \$7 respectively.

"We do less shaves now," he says. "People have good blades. And it's expensive, a shave in a store."

There's a shoeshine stand in the back of the store, but the shop no longer offers shins. The shoeshiner died about 12 years ago and, although Mr Edelstein tried to find a replacement, he was never able to. "There's less demand for shoeshines now," he says. "I asked a few fellows but everyone wants a big job."

So the shoeshine stand just stands. It looks like something out of a movie. With reason.

Mr Edelstein stops clipping, opens a small drawer stuffed with jumbled



Sam Edelstein gives John Harriman a trim.

oddments and, after rummaging for a few minutes, retrieves a yellowing newspaper clipping. It is a Ted Blackman column from *The Gazette*, Nov 16, 1979. It announces that the film *Atlantic City, U.S.A.* will be filming at, among other Montreal locations, Sam Edelstein's barber-shop.

"Westmount wouldn't let them block the street," Mr Edelstein says, "so they shot just a little bit and left. But they borrowed my shoeshine stand and I saw it in the film."

Watchman

At the front of the store is "the watchman." Mr Edelstein says there has always been a watchman selling and repairing watches in the barber-shop. The present watchman has

been at the job for eight or nine years. Mr Edelstein says the watches used to stay out overnight but now they get put away.

"In the older days it was only the Westmount Police and they walked the streets, checked the doors at night," he says. "Now they don't. The store has been broken into twice at night, three and four years ago."

So the watches are kept out of harm's way.

Mr Edelstein and his wife Sarah live in Ville St Laurent. He says he doesn't drive to work. "It's too much trouble parking. And it's very easy with the Métro and bus, very easy."

His days off are Wednesday and Sunday. "We're two in the shop," he says. "Angelo and me. He's been here about 30 years. He comes in Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. So we're

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both in here weekends. I like that."

He has two sons, Robert, about 45; Melvin, about 42; and a daughter, Linda, about 39, who works as a nurse in San Francisco.

Robert runs a pharmacy in Dorval. Mr Edelstein says he sometimes goes out there on Wednesday afternoons. "I hang around there, do a little bit of delivery if he needs it. He has a delivery man, but sometimes he's busy."

In the summer, Mr Edelstein and his wife go "once in a while to Plattsburg."

They also take a longer summer vacation — "We go to Ogonquit in Maine for a week or two" — but the

shop doesn't close.

"If I'm not here, Angelo is," he says.

He says he's not thinking of retiring. "Well, you know," he says, "if I can still do my job and I feel not bad, so, I continue."

Mr Harriman asks him about the barber business in the days of hippies, flower power and, of course, long hair.

"In the '60s, when long hair came, we suffered for a little while," he says. "They came in, but not as often. It was hard for a while. But it came back."

And Sam Edelstein was there when it did.



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The expertise of its counsellors and the generosity of the public have allowed the centre to improve the

quality of its services. At first only shelter and support services were given; now there is counselling for children and adolescents and a follow-up program for former residents.

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Club to hold Valentine's party

The Montreal International Club will hold a St Valentine's party and dance Tuesday, Feb 14, at the 306 Wing, RCAFA, 4450 Sherbrooke street west.

The party will be at 8 pm and the general public is invited to attend. Admission is \$3. Light refreshments will be served.



GUEST LECTURER: The Sacred Heart School of Montreal held its annual City House Foundation Lecture on Jan 18. Guest speaker, Westmount resident **David Lank**, chair of the board of the McCord Museum, spoke on "The America that vanished." Among the students who heard Mr Lank lecture were Westmount residents, from left, **Sunita Nayar, Sia Georgaklis and Gillian Roper.**
Photo by OWEN EGAN

'Beating baldness' lecture topic of specialist Dr Ralph Wilkinson

Why do some people lose their hair as they grow older and others don't? Why is it that a serious accident or infection can cause one's hair to fall out suddenly? What are the latest surgical and medical techniques for helping patients overcome what many view as a major obstacle to success in life?

These are but some of the questions to be answered by a leading McGill University specialist, Westmounter Dr Ralph Wilkinson, in the upcoming "From the Bench to the

Bedside" public lecture scheduled for Valentine's Day, Feb 14, in room 232 of the Leacock building (downtown McGill campus) at 8 pm.

In his talk, titled "Beating baldness," Dr Wilkinson will review the many causes of hair loss, describe instances of congenital baldness that have put Quebec "on the hair pathology map" and discuss the effectiveness of various remedies for baldness that have been developed thanks to medical research — or in some cases, marketing chicanery.

"Millions of dollars are spent on hair grooming aids by North Americans every year, so it's obvious that concern about hair loss is not a trivial issue," comments Dr Wilkinson. He points out that while some individuals "think nothing of pouring upwards of \$15,000 into landscaping their front lawn," others worry about the moral aspects of squandering similarly vast sums on their personal appearance.

Using sophisticated technology ranging from transplantation to scalp removal, modern medicine has greatly reduced the risks of surgery. Understanding the options available and how well they work can help patients make responsible decisions, adds Dr Wilkinson.

Professor of medicine and chief of the division of dermatology at McGill, Dr Wilkinson is former president of the Canadian Dermatological Association and a member of many distinguished associations

and professional societies. He also acts as a consultant for the Royal Victoria Hospital's Hair Clinic, established in 1987 and directed by Dr Maria Rozenfeld.

The public lecture series "From the Bench to the Bedside" is sponsored by the McGill faculty of medicine. Everyone interested is urged to attend. Designed to provide the public with information about the latest findings in the area of clinical research, the lectures are accompanied by slides and followed by a question period. This year's series will offer two more lectures.

On March 14, at 8 pm, Dr M. Levy will speak on "High blood pressure: easy questions and hard answers."

The topic on April 18 at 8 pm will be "Dying to be thin: two eating disorders — anorexia and bulimia nervosa." The speaker will be Dr P. Leichner.

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From 1867 until the late 1960s, divorce between consenting parties required a private Act of Parliament. In addition to the stigma and, in many cases, scandal, many private details were required and were listed in the act. Mr McDougall will discuss some of the more unusual and interesting stories gleaned from divorce files.

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An interesting argument is being waged among American gerontologists and their government number-watchers. Are projections that estimate the numbers of elderly people living 50 years from now too low?

Edward Schneider, dean of gerontology at the University of Southern California, says that the figures are indeed too low — that a woman born in the year 2040 might expect to live nearly 92 years (instead of 82, as projected by government) and that men as well could gain 10 years.

If Dr Schneider and his colleagues are on track, the American population over 65 could jump to 87 million by 2040 — 20 million more than the government's estimate and three times the current level.

These are U.S. debates, but I can't see any reason why Canadian trends wouldn't be in line. According to Dr Schneider, the government doesn't give sufficient weight to recent improvements in medicine that are enabling people to live longer. And what I find so significant is Dr Schneider's feeling that the nation should be aware of the possibility of a large elderly population.

"One of the problems we have right now is that nobody assumed the possibility of how many people would be over 85 in 1988," he says. "That's one of the reasons we have problems with social security and medicare."

I'd say these are important points to think about as we "watch-dog" our own social programs and proposed tax reforms. Indications are that these changes will hit people on

fixed and limited income the hardest, as sales taxes have a tendency to do.

Our own Canadian specialists are proud of the fact that the provision of supplements to old age security has virtually eliminated poverty among seniors. The same groups are making clear connections between poverty and health, with the research indicating that people with inadequate income die five to nine years sooner and suffer more illness and disability than wealthier Canadians, in spite of the availability of medical services.

I have a strong feeling that the numbers of seniors in Canada 50 years from now will depend a great deal on our efforts as seniors to stay out of the red. Do you think we have the clout to influence this federal government?

I'm delighted to hear that Westmount's own Chloe Price will be on CFTV (that's Channel 9) to talk about seniors and tennis. Last summer, Chloe and I tried to get a special program for 50-plus at the Westmount courts, but we weren't successful. I hope Chloe will manage to swing it this year, with the help of Westmount's recreation staff.

The TV program should be interesting, as it will feature several well-known people over 50 who love the game. Among them will be Ethel and Jack Ingram of Westmount. Taping of the show takes place on Feb 14, so watch for it or an announcement during the following week.

Federalists meeting for a better world

A bilingual panel presentation promoting policies for a better world will highlight the February meeting of the Montreal branch of the World Federalists of Canada.

Panel moderator will be Jean-Guy Vaillancourt, professor of sociology at l'Université de Montréal. He will speak on "Social ecology and the Brundtland report."

Dr John P. Humphrey, authority on human rights, will speak on "Linking the development of international law to world federalist goals"; Tara Shee, a social science student from John Abbott College, will present "A viewpoint from the younger generation"; and Ross Smyth, international world federalist officer, will discuss "The communication challenge facing peace activists."

Audience involvement will be encouraged.

The meeting will take place in

room 762 of Concordia University's Hall building, Tuesday, Feb 16, at 7:30 pm.

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Rental expert speaks today to local seniors

Senior citizens with rental problems or questions are invited today to a discussion on the subject organized by the Contactivity Centre.

An expert on rental issues, Jacques Cloutier, will be on hand to give seniors advice on specific problems relating to their apartments, their landlords, their leases or the rental board.

The meeting takes place at 1:30 pm today in Webster Hall at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve boulevard west.

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Arts Club holds sketch auction

The annual St Valentine's sketch auction will be held at the atelier of the Arts Club, 1410 Guy street, suite 15, Saturday, Feb 11 from 3:30 to 6 pm.
 The auction is the club's only fundraising event of the year. There will be contributions by Umberto Bruni, Marcel Fecteau, Armand Tatossian and by members of the Arts Club.
 Viewing will be at 3:30 pm and the auction will begin at 4:30 pm. The works are in various media: oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, charcoal,

pencil etc. It is an opportunity to get an original work at bargain prices.
 The auctioneers are Helmut Gerth, president of the Arts Club and well-known watercolorist and Jules Souillard, member of the council of the Arts Club.
 The proceeds of the sale from the St Valentine's sketch auction will go to the 76-year-old Arts Club, a non-profit organization.

Diabetes group holds meeting

The Montreal branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association extends an invitation to an information meeting in English, Wednesday, Feb 15, 7:30 pm at Montreal General Hospital's sixth-floor amphitheatre.
 Anyone wishing to learn more about diabetes is welcome to attend this free meeting. Caroline Kennedy and Andrea Jones will be speaking on "Foot and skin care."
 For more information, call Betty at 481-0639.

Help sought

Compeer Montreal, a non-profit organization working in mental health, is in urgent need of new volunteers of all ages. The group matches volunteers one-on-one with persons experiencing mental health problems to help them readjust to life in the community. Anyone with even as little as an hour a week to spare is asked to call 488-0004 for more information.

Former resident and artist Norma Escaravage dies at 65

Funeral services were held Jan 24 for former longtime Westmount resident, artist, storeowner and political activist Norma Meagher-Martin, known to many here as Norma Escaravage, who died at her home in St Lambert on Jan 21, 1989. She was 65.
 Born and brought up in Westmount, Norma Catherine Meagher was the daughter of George Meagher and Irene Erly. Her father, a well-known Canadian artist, was also a world champion figure skater who co-founded the Minto Skating Club of Ottawa and was involved in the founding of the National Gallery of Canada.



Norma Meagher-Martin

Norma Meagher attended St Paul's Academy in Westmount and began a professional painting career in 1959. She studied under Betty Baldwin, attended the École des Beaux Arts de Québec and also was a student of Arthur Lismer at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.
 Her art became known throughout Quebec and is included in many private collections. It reflected her great sensitivity and creativity as well as her warmth and love for everyone and everything around her.
 She operated a quaint antique store on Victoria avenue, Norma's Ark. It soon became a social gathering point in Westmount for many years. "Real" clients rarely made it through the maze of friends, drop-ins and admirers.
 She also was active in the community in many ways, living her commitment to this country which she loved so much. Long before it was popular or trendy, she had the foresight to educate her children in

French and prided herself on her daily use of French in Quebec.
 She was the wife of John Martin and the mother of Victor, Ronald, Marc, Irene and David. She also is survived by 14 grandchildren as well as lifelong friend Norman Grant.
 The funeral was held from St Lambert Parish Church, with interment in Mount Royal Cemetery.

'S' group offers activities for singles

The "S" Group of professional and cultural singles continues its weekly Sunday evening meetings this month at the Ramada Inn, 6445 Decarie boulevard.
 This Sunday, Feb 12, Hershey Dvoskin will give a lecture on current events and issues, followed by a discussion and expression of different viewpoints on matters of concern here and around the world.
 On Feb 19, animator and personal counsellor Evelyn Sacks will speak on "Unmarried in today's world — social change." She will discuss social issues and changes in our world today and how to live and enjoy the '90s.
 On Feb 26, Sam Slutsky will speak about and demonstrate "The theory and practice of some of the movements of tai chi ch'uan."
 The meetings all begin at 7:30 pm. For information call Allan Raymond, 489-8741.

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Good Shepherd seeks volunteers

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African violet group to meet

Next Tuesday, Feb 14, may be a day for red roses, but it also will be an evening of African violets. The African Violet Society of Greater Montreal will meet that evening at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the hall of Wesley United Church, 5964 N.D.G. avenue, corner Royal avenue. Denis Croteau will give a lecture

on hybridizing and Louise Johnson will discuss culture of episcias. There will be a sales table and refreshments. For further information call 630-1689 or 626-1109.

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Latest at the LIBRARY

The following titles are new at the Westmount Public Library:

English non-fiction

Christopher Andersen, *Young Kate*; Kitty Carlisle, *Kitty*; Robert Cecil, *A divided life*; Doan, *Escape from Viet Nam*; Brian Hall, *Stealing from a deep place*; Anthony Holden, *Charles*; Francis Jennings, *Empire of fortune*; Charles Leocha, *Ski Europe: winter, 1989*; Men at sea; Herbert Mitgang, *Dangerous dossiers*; Jeffrey Simpson, *Spoils of power*; Denis Smith, *Diplomacy of fear*; Patricia Westheimer, *The executive style book*.

French non-fiction

Pierre Anctil, *Le rendez-vous manqué*; Noël Broelic, *Chateaux et manoirs de Normandie*; Allen Gottheil, *Les Juifs progressistes au Québec*; Jean Hamburger, *Monsieur Littré*.

English fiction

V.C. Andrews, *Fallen hearts*; Evelyn Anthony, *The house of Vandekar*; Rita Mae Brown, *Bingo*; Eileen Dewhurst, *The sleeper*; Ellen Gilchrist, *The Anna papers*; John Hawkes, *Wistler-jacket*; Yasunari Kawabata, *Palm-of-the-hand stories*; Anne Melville, *Grace Hardie*; Edward Phillips, *Hope springs eternal*; Julian Rathbone, *The crystal contract*; Chris Scott, *Jack*.

French fiction

Genviève Amyot, *Petites fins du monde*; Evelyn Bernard, *La vatronne*; Patrick Deville, *Longue vue*; Yasunari Kawabata, *Chronique d'Asakua*; Annette Motley, *Le pavillon des parfums verts*.

Children's books

English: Mary Blakeslee, *Edy the with a Y*; Joy Kogawa, *Naomi's road*; James Stevenson, *No need for Monty*; Cynthia Voigt, *Sons from afar*.

French: Heather Amery, *Dans le château fort*; Véronique Chêneau, *Ma cousine est une chipie*; Alain Grée, *Charlotte la tortue*; Jack Long, *À la poursuite du trésor*.

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Flower-power scalpers nabbed

Two men were charged Saturday night with offering to sell tickets to a hockey game without having a permit, police said. They were arrested at 5:35 pm on the southwest corner of Atwater avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard.

They were identified as a 25-year-old man from Rivière des Prairies and a 35-year-old Montreal resident.

Tickets to Saturday's Canadiens-Rangers game at the Forum were in

high demand due to the return of former Montreal star Guy Lafleur.

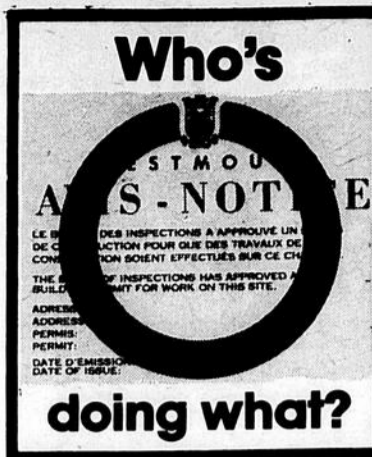
Wallet stolen

A wallet containing \$20 and personal papers was stolen from a purse in an office at the Visual Arts Centre on Victoria avenue Wednesday afternoon last week, police report. The wallet belonged to a 31-year-old Montreal woman.

Diner's purse taken from bag

A purse was stolen from a shopping bag placed under a table at Murray's restaurant, 5003 Sherbrooke street, Tuesday last week, police said. It contained \$15 and personal papers. Total amount of the theft was \$50.

The purse disappeared between 6 and 6:30 pm while the victim, a 42-year-old resident of Sherbrooke street, was sitting at the table with her daughter and friends.



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

Jan 30

625 Belmont: for Mr Richards by Christie Plumbing, plumbing, five fixtures, \$1,500;
87 Arlington: for R. Pound by Plomberie T.M. Briggs, plumbing, nine fixtures, \$2,000;
22 Renfrew: for Lorna Goldstein by self, landscaping, new wooden fence and retaining wall, \$6,000;

Jan 31

Place Alexis Nihon: for Chic Alors by self, renovations, \$15,000;

Feb 1

31 Renfrew: for Leonard Litwin by Le Groupe Centco, plumbing, five fixtures, \$2,800;
562 Victoria: for H. Ozolins by Plomberie De Ruisseau, plumbing, five fixtures, \$700;
4150 Sherbrooke: for Madikap by DRR Services Inc, gas conversion, one fixture, \$15,000;
456 Mount Stephen: for Andy Adelson by Multi-Form Kitchens, kitchen alterations, \$38,000;

Feb 2

3 Westmount Square, No 1310: for 161181 Canada Inc by self, dividing wall and Gyproc ceiling, \$20,000;

Feb 3

440 Mount Stephen: for Les Immeubles Stephen by self, alterations, \$3,000;
321 Victoria: for Mr Dery by Pierre Samuel, interior repairs, \$11,000;
50 Windsor: for P. Davey by self, renovations, \$500;
124-26 Irvine: for Dolores Luber by Plomberie T.S., plumbing, seven fixtures, \$6,300;
4313 Montrose: for A. Brosseau by self, addition and swimming pool, \$90,000.

Man to hospital after fight at Hillside armory

A fight which broke out between two men Saturday evening in the armory mess at 3 Hillside lane ended up sending one to hospital, MUC police report. Investigation of the incident was turned over to military police.

The fight took place about 7 pm. One man was reported to have pushed another toward the mess door, grabbing him by the hair and banging his head against a metal bar.

The victim, a 24-year-old resident of Cartierville, fled along St Catherine street to the RCMP headquarters at Greene avenue where assistance was called.

Police said they found the man covered with blood, bleeding from the nose and from a two-inch cut in the back of the head.

He was transported to Reddy Memorial Hospital by Urgences Santé while police went to the armory to look for the assailant. He was described as a man aged about 25.

A police incident report did not mention if the victim and suspect were soldiers.

Animal hospital has cashectomy

Cash was discovered missing from an animal hospital on Victoria avenue Monday last week after a receptionist left an unknown man nearby, police said. The theft, listed as \$150, occurred between 7:40 and 7:45 pm.

The suspect was described as a man wearing a long, dark coat and black pants. He was aged about 24.

Lights out

Two chandeliers and \$60 cash were stolen from an apartment broken into at 4656 Sherbrooke street Wednesday last week, according to police. The light fixtures were valued at \$90. No signs of forced entry were found. The theft took place between 8 am and 7:30 pm.

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Two women lose wallets to thieves in fruit store

Wallets were reported stolen from two women shopping within 20 minutes of each other Saturday afternoon at Mont Carmel fruit store, 4826 Sherbrooke street, police said. A third theft was reported Sunday.

Police said it was not known if the incidents were related.

In the first case, about 3:30 pm, two suspects disappeared running east with a wallet containing about \$40. They were described as a black man and a black woman.

At 3:50 pm, a black man wearing a dark coat was seen lifting a wallet from the purse of a Dorval resident. He was chased by the victim, who flagged down a taxi and followed a bus the man was seen boarding. The bus was stopped at Sherbrooke street and Atwater avenue, but the driver said the man had already disembarked at Greene avenue.

Police searched the area and found no one. The wallet later was recovered just east of the store at Clem-

ent's market. The victim was a 44-year-old resident of Arlington avenue. The previous victim lived in Dorval and was 47 years of age.

Details of a third theft were not immediately known at local MUC police station 23 since they had been recorded by phone at headquarters.

Gun gives away police stakeout

A police stakeout was uncovered Wednesday afternoon last week when a city parking inspector spotted a shotgun lying exposed on the front seat of a taxi parked on Dorchester boulevard, public safety officers said.

The inspector's suspicions were aroused when he initially noticed that the car's licence plate did not correspond to that required for a taxi. He then discovered the gun in plain view beside a man and police were called to check out the vehicle.

Door-to-door solicitors stopped

Door-to-door solicitors were stopped on three occasions last week in Westmount when they could not produce permits from the city, public safety officers report.

One was seen Monday night, Jan 30, at 471 Strathcona avenue claiming to be a volunteer for Fraternité Marguerite Bourgeoys. Others were soliciting contributions in the name of the Greenpeace organization the next night at 79 Arlington avenue and again Wednesday night at 690 Aberdeen avenue.

Car horn protests being left in cold

A car horn was disconnected Saturday at 1:27 am when it was heard sounding outside 29 Winchester avenue, public safety officers said.

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The events for the season of Lent are well under way at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church.

The Wednesday morning breakfasts will continue next week, Feb 15, at 7:30 am in the hall following a meditation led by Drew Webster in the chapel.

"One in the Spirit" is the unifying theme of a series of special Christian education opportunities during this Lenten season. Three Wednesday evening sessions — on Feb 15, March 1 and March 15 — will be devoted to

looking at some books related to the theme.

On two Sundays, Feb 19 and March 12, there will be lunchtime meetings. The culminating event will be a "Quiet Day" at the church on Wednesday of Holy Week, March 22. This observance will continue into the evening hours so that those who are not free to attend in the daytime may participate.

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McGill, library communities mourn sudden death of Wendy Patrick

The McGill University and Quebec library communities were saddened this week by the sudden death Saturday of lifelong Westmount resident Wendy Elizabeth Patrick.

Ms Patrick died at the Montreal General Hospital of a massive brain hemorrhage. She was 43.

As a student and as a librarian, Ms Patrick had been associated with McGill University for over 25 years. Lately she was head librarian of the Nursing/Social Work Library and last June attained the rank at McGill of senior librarian.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the McGill University Chapel and the McGill flag was flown at half-mast in her honor.

Wendy Patrick was born in Westmount, eldest of four daughters of Dr John W. Patrick, an obstetrician and gynecologist now living in Montreal, and Anne Thom, now Mrs Charles H. Loucks and residing in Warton, Ontario.

Along with friend Anne Tucker, she is survived by her three sisters: Barbara, a teacher living near Brockville, Ont., married to Michael Rousseau and mother of three boys; Nancy, a former librarian at McGill, married to John Kellett, also the mother of three sons and living in Toronto; and Susan, also a librarian now living in Toronto, a member of

the Ontario Film Review Board and married to Ian Lindsay.

All the girls attended Roslyn School, Westmount High and McGill. The McGill connection ran deep in Wendy Patrick's family, being the alma mater of her grandfather, both parents, her sisters and other family members.

She is remembered by her family as an extraordinary person, a loyal friend who left an imprint on the lives of everyone who knew her. They will especially remember her sense of humor. She had the gift of making everyone who knew her feel special, from children to octogenarians, and she will be missed.

She earned a BA from McGill in 1966 and a master of library science in 1970. She had begun her professional involvement with McGill with a summer position at the McLennan Library in 1969 and joined the full-time staff in 1970 as assistant reference librarian in the medical library. She later worked in the Botany/Genetics Library before joining the Nursing/Social Work Library in 1982.

Conceived of project

In her work she recognized that a serious information gap existed in our health system and conceived of a



Wendy Patrick in 1962 photo

project to explore and develop the concept of an information service for nurses, patients and their families. She was in the midst of a sabbatical leave to research this project and had hoped to establish a demonstration model, titled Prêt-à-Porter, at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

As part of this project, she worked with the Westmount Public Library, the Westmount CLSC and the Montreal General Hospital community health department in recent months to develop bibliographies on various medical subjects so patients could use the Westmount Library to learn about medical matters.

Her death was described Monday by Westmount's head librarian Rosemary Lydon as "a real blow to the library."

Ms Patrick was a member of many professional library associations and served on numerous professional committees. She had made a number of presentations and lectures on library work and had published numerous book reviews, articles and library handbooks and manuals.

On McGill Senate

Besides working at McGill, she served the university on the Board of Governors and Senate, was active in the Alumnae Society, Faculty Club, the McGill Development Program and other committees.

In the wider community, she was a member of the board of directors of Youth Horizons Foundation, the nursing health resources centre committee of the Westmount CLSC and the patient learning steering committee of Royal Victoria Hospital.

She also was editor of the Quebec Library Association's *Bulletin*. An editorial she wrote for the current issue was read at her funeral. It concluded: "(Librarians) are, in fact, in the wisdom business. But just as nurses don't confer health on people, neither do librarians confer wisdom. We help people by giving them tools, all sorts of tools for all sorts of people. Libraries are an integral part of the alchemy that combines information and ideas with people to spark new thinking. Wisdom, you might say, is the better part of information."

Sephardic meeting set for Feb 19

The annual meeting of the Communauté Sépharade du Québec will be held Sunday, Feb 19, at 7 pm in Grover Hall at the Jewish Community Centre, 5480 Westbury avenue.

The meeting will hear reports from the president and financial officers and awards will be given. A 60-minute film by Haim Shiran, *Homage to David Hassine*, will be presented.

All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Projet de Carême 1989 à St-Léon

Selon une tradition établie depuis le Carême 1983, nous répondons à l'appel et à une priorité qui nous vient de Choluteca au Honduras.

À l'automne et de nouveau en janvier, le curé de la paroisse Cathédrale de Choluteca, Guy Plante, p.m.é. qui nous a visité en 1986, nous demandait d'appuyer leur projet de construction d'une église-centre communautaire pour les Barrios du secteur Los Mangos, voisins des Barrios Unidos où nous avons participé à la construction du Centre communautaire San Pablo (1983), bourses d'études pour les jeunes du secondaire (1984), finition intérieure et aménagement Église San Pablo (1985), aide aux jeunes enfants et construction de classes (1986), coopérative de grains de semences (1987).

Ces Barrios font tous partie de la paroisse Cathédrale qui compte 70000 habitants; comme pour les Barrios Unidos, on veut séparer le territoire pour que la population s'entraide et se donne de meilleurs services.

Le secteur Los Mangos comprend cinq barrios. Le 22 janvier 1988, un comité a été formé pour la construction de l'église; les activités pastorales engagent un grand nombre de personnes et cette population demande depuis longtemps un lieu pour la prière et leur liturgie et un lieu de rassemblement pour répondre à leurs besoins communautaires.

Mgr Corriveau a acheté un terrain le 22 janvier (voir historique, article du premier dimanche de l'Avent, se-

mainier du 12 février prochain). La participation de cette population pauvre mais dynamique est assurée. Ils verseront plus de la moitié du coût de leur église. Les plans sont à l'étude.

"L'assurance de votre appui," nous écrit l'abbé Plante, "a été pour eux comme un bâton de dynamite." Ce projet est extrêmement important. Après deux années de sécheresse et cette année de pluies diluviennes, de nombreuses participations ont été fantastiques.

Mais quand il s'agit de développer la foi, il n'y a pas des autres organismes pour aider qu'une communauté soeur; elle seule peut comprendre qu'il n'y a pas d'évolution possible s'il n'y a pas un lieu digne pour célébrer sa foi et la faire grandir. Ces lieux de rencontres et de culte sont indispensables pour former de véritables communautés d'entraide et d'engagement, pour leur croissance humaine et chrétienne.

Pour l'église Ste-Famille du secteur Los Mangos nous est confié les matériaux de base: "viente mil adobes" qui coûteront 32000 lempiras, il faudra 20000 briques à .80 — ce qui fait un objectif de \$16000.

Vous pouvez déposer votre aumône du Carême, le fruit de votre jeûne, dans une enveloppe au nom de Comité Choluteca, bien indiquer votre nom et adresse. Vous pouvez libeller votre chèque à l'ordre du Comité Choluteca, un reçu officiel pour fins d'impôts vous sera remis à la fin de l'année.

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You Say

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Majority of voters would re-elect mayor

A copy of the following letter of Feb 3 has been sent to THE EXAMINER and to Mayor May Cutler:

Daniel Tingley, Councillor
City of Westmount City Council

Dear Mr Tingley: As one of your constituents, I would like to inform you that I support the mayor's position in the current controversy.

If, as is reported in this morning's Gazette, she calls for the resignation of the council, to be followed by elections, I hope you will agree to this.

I think the vast majority of the electorate would welcome, with enthusiasm, an election fought on the issue of reform vs laissez faire. And I for one would hope that the mayor would agree to lead the Reform Party.

William Weintraub

433 Wood avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 3J4

Mayor is disregarding city's legal commitments

Sir: I am writing to express some of my concerns arising out of the recent suspension of the director general, Peter Patenaude.

Firstly, I find it surprising that someone be suspended for removing a notice which was contrary to the collective agreement reached between the city and the white collar workers' union, particularly after he did so with the approval of Councillor Tingley, the commissioner of administration. It hardly seems appropriate to suspend someone from their livelihood without pay for refusing to contravene an agreement the city was obliged to respect. It is certainly inappropriate if that person has had an impeccable record of 23 years of service with the city.

I am also concerned that our mayor is disregarding the city's legal commitments. Mr Tingley advised her that the notice she posted was in violation of the collective agreement. Not only was she prepared to ignore this advice, she was prepared to fire anyone (including Mr Tingley) trying to frustrate her purposes.

Mayor Cutler may suggest she was justified because she received the verbal approval of the union local president. I doubt Mr Crouch would have given his consent if he had known it would lead to Mr Patenaude's dismissal and cause widespread discontent among the city's white-collar workers. I am also certain that Mr Crouch did not have the union's authority to bend the rules to suit Mayor Cutler's purposes.

Our mayor has deliberately violated a binding contract with the union, thereby inviting grievances against the city, she has exposed the city to threat of legal action by Mr Patenaude and she has exacerbated a serious rift between herself and the rest of the council.

Thomas S. Gillespie

48 Aberdeen avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 3A4

Past week in Westmount 'a devastating experience'

Sir: The past week has been a devastating experience for many of us who have lived and grown up in Westmount. Many of us have been used to order and decorum in our lives. We have experienced many changes and should never dwell solely in the past. Things are very different and it is important to forge ahead as long as we have learned from the mistakes of others.

The City of Westmount over many years has been an example for many municipalities as to how well a group of concerned citizens can interact and direct a management team to provide the facilities and atmosphere that we are proud to call home.

I will not dwell on the history that created external changes that led to the necessity of more centralized services within a large metropolitan area.

Times have changed. The public at large are now better informed on many issues and know that by law they have access to much more information as well as more of an opportunity to participate directly in the decision-making process.

Management and labor styles have changed and it takes a skilled and patient individual who is also a good listener to be able to motivate all concerned. Too many people fail to realize that real communication goes in both directions.

Management within the public service is quite different. Often those familiar with the private sector experience difficulty when thrust into situations when they are called upon to lead without ever really having had an opportunity to observe and to learn of the different styles necessary to get the most out of everybody concerned.

This past weekend I started to read Lee Iacocca's autobiography and I wish to quote a section from it for what it is worth:

"Once, at a private dinner party with Vince Lombardi, the legendary football coach and a friend of mine, I asked him about his formula for success. I wanted to know exactly what made a winning team. What he told me that evening applies as much to the business world as it does to sports.

"You have to start by teaching the fundamentals. A player has got to know the basics of the game and how to play his position. Next you've got to keep him in line. That's discipline. The men have to play as a team, not as a bunch of individuals. There's no room for prima donnas. But there have been a lot of coaches with good ball clubs who know their fundamentals and have plenty of discipline and still don't win the game. Then you come to the third ingredient; if you're going to play together as a team, you've got to care for one another. Each player has to be thinking about the next guy and saying to himself, *if I don't block that man, Paul is going to get his legs broken. I have to do my job well in order that he can do his.*"

A lot of verbiage has come forth in the past week and I feel that if I were an employee of the City of Westmount I would be very demoralized. As a taxpayer I am disappointed for the waste of creative energy that has been lost. There is no need to prolong a discussion on this topic. At this stage it is not important as to who is right or wrong, but to put the issue behind us and try to learn something so that everyone will be well served.

The council was elected in November 1987 having been given clear concerns by the citizenry and more recently by various pressure groups. To a degree the new budget is a starting response to the taxpayers' plight. Elections cost money and time is lost for tasks that must be done now. A lot can be accomplished when there is goodwill and a willingness to solve the differences with face-to-face discussions without the creation of media hoopla.

Please live up to your responsibilities.

Donald F. Ross
President

Westmount Municipal Association
498 Elm avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 3J1

Cut out nonsense and get on with job

Sir: At Monday night's meeting of council, I wish I had developed the idea that the storm swirling around city hall is as amusing as an episode of *Yes, Prime Minister*.

Entertaining it most certainly is, enabling most of us, I suppose, to experience once again and in a couple of hours a variety of opinions and sentiments, as if we were spectators at a tragi-comedy in which the players are determined, above all, to ensure that our feelings of anger and disappointment are tempered by the sheer bathos and pathos of this bizarre affair.

No matter how frustrated and irritated the mayor was, her decision to suspend the director general without pay was a very serious mistake. Quite apart from the fact that in these situations there are certain steps which have to be followed — and which in this case were completely ignored — her action has grievously aggravated the problem rather than solved it, and any sort of workable compromise appears to be as far away as ever.

As for the rest of the events leading up to Black Monday, I do not know whether to laugh or to cry (at times I thought one handkerchief would not be enough, and at one moment I imagined President Cutler giving the "V for Victory" sign as the helicopter on the lawn outside prepared to fly

her off to Westmount Park, Brazil or some other receptive Cloud-Cuckoo-Land) because so much of what has happened has been downright childish or, even worse, inexcusably silly.

Regardless of custom or tradition, if the mayor wishes to have and to choose her own secretary who does not report to the director general, why should she or he not be able to do so? (If this in some way is contrary to the collective agreement, then negotiate the point with the union. Contrary to what most people believe, many unions are not as unreasonable or inflexible as they think.)

Similarly, if the mayor puts up a notice, even if this should be "bad form," no one has any right to take it down except the mayor or someone acting on behalf of the mayor, and, after consulting an expert on municipal law, I challenge the city's legal counsel to give a contrary opinion. (The statement that it had to be removed because it did not conform to the usual notice was, in the circumstances, disingenuous to say the least. At that time it did not offend the union but the director general, and to authorize its withdrawal was decidedly provocative. Besides, even if a union member were to object later, that point could have been discussed. Moreover, what harm would have been done if it had been left in place? To me it is of greater concern that no one seems to be concerned that the rules governing the posting of vacant positions are not being observed by anyone.)

What worries me most is that the parties to this dispute have adopted rigid attitudes which in some measure reflect the rigidity of city hall itself. Is everything (and everyone) to be cast in stone and never altered, minds never changed or never open to change in the first place?

Or is this, along with the really serious problems which affect us all, which I should like to see reviewed and examined thoroughly. For all our sakes, cut out the nonsense and get on with the job you were each elected or appointed to do. It seems that we waste too much rhetoric and excessive time on a couple of issues while the forest behind us is burning.

John Johnston

4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 1J9

All city spending needs close examination

Sir: I would like to follow up on remarks made on budget night by Rolland Benard, Rod Guthrie and Peter Margo, all of the Westmount Finance Action Committee to which I also belong.

Everyone in the council chamber presumably was pleased with the 1989 budget and the fact that for once taxes will stay stable or possibly even dip slightly for a majority of homeowners.

This represents a big step forward and was the result of hard work by the council and the administration. Having said this, the taxpayers of Westmount must still wrap their minds around certain unavoidable facts related to the way our city is run.

The most important single fact is that the amount of money spent is not directly related to the benefits conferred upon the taxpayers. The effective use of taxpayer money has to be decided on a case-by-case basis. Many examples could be cited to illustrate this principle. Here are a few:

1. When the city sells land at slightly less than market value to a non-profit corporation for building housing for low- and middle-income seniors, each dollar of such subsidy contributes to the solution of a pressing problem in our community.
2. When the city spends money to have snow carted away rather than cast on lawns where salty slush destroys grass, a definite benefit is conferred on property owners.
3. When the city enlarges the library and connects it visually with the greenhouse, at least two generations of library users will find an enhanced environment.
4. When the city enacts a by-law requiring a building permit to replace an existing window in an existing home and gets an inspector to enforce such by-law, it is madness.
5. When the city spends four times as much as Côte St Luc, a comparable community, on its Public Security Unit, we have a very serious problem indeed.
6. When the city has too large a staff in

the director general's office, the taxpayers do not benefit.

In each instance, two questions must be asked: Is the expenditure of real benefit? Can we afford it? Asking these questions does not cast aspersions on the civil service or the unionized employees. What it does is to set goals and priorities. That cannot be done by the administration but only by the council and the mayor.

Let us hope that the 1989 budget will be followed by a continued process of leadership and decision-making. The WFAC doesn't see how this process can be implemented without a hiring freeze. Only then can necessary economies be achieved without anyone having to be dismissed and sent into a nine percent unemployment labor market.

John H. Lehnert

117 Lewis avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 2K7

System makes it easier to pay 'unjust' fine

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

Mayor May Cutler
City of Westmount

Dear Mme Mayor,

I am writing to you about a most distressing matter: Yesterday, Jan 31, between 1 and 4 pm, I was parked outside 416 Clarke avenue. When I returned to my car, it was ticketed for allegedly blocking the private driveway at that address. I was definitely not blocking the driveway; not even a quarter of an inch of my car was extended beyond the edge of the driveway. My friend, Mrs Marilyn Golfman, 1 Anwoth road, Westmount, was with me at this time and she will attest to the fact that I was definitely not in any way blocking the driveway.

My first reaction to this injustice was to proceed to the Westmount courthouse with my witness and attempt to have the ticket rescinded. I have been advised by your finance department, however, that I must wait for a summons, appear in court and then return (probably several times) for an eventual trial. All of this seems to be ridiculous and unfair for a \$10 ticket, in addition to costing the Westmount taxpayers unnecessary expense. As I am often out of town, it is quite likely that the summons would arrive during my absence and either my trial would take place in absentia or I would be subject to arrest for ignoring a summons.

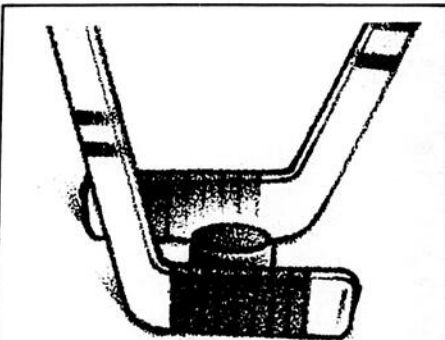
For all of these reasons, I have very regretfully and reluctantly decided to pay the ticket, with the full knowledge that I am fully innocent and have been dealt with in a grossly unjust manner. I also realize that I am aiding and abetting the perpetration of a disgraceful scam. I seriously question the integrity of the city employee who issued this ticket.

I myself have witnessed, as recently as two months ago, a flagrant injustice which took place on Greene avenue in Westmount. At that time, I was parking my car and watched one of Westmount's employees ticket the car in front of me for parking beyond the expiry of the meter. There was still 30 minutes left on that meter!

Does justice exist in the city of Westmount? I eagerly await your reply.

Sharon Flam

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'Cosmetics' demo thought to be thieves' advance work

Two young women who said they represented a cosmetics company were reported to police Wednesday last week after they visited apartments at 5010 Sherbrooke street, officials said.

The visit was classified by station

Man charged after Métro heist

A 31-year-old man was charged with robbing a MUCTC worker of \$2 in Atwater Métro station Monday last week, police report. He also was charged in a later incident with disturbing the peace while drunk.

The accused was arrested at 1:23 am in a bar on Guy street where he was alleged to have been yelling and making noise.

It was then that a link was made with the Métro robbery at 12:40 am when the worker had been asked for 25 cents and pushed around. He had produced a \$2 bill and the robber fled.

The man was sent downtown to police headquarters. He was described as having a previous dossier.

23 police as being for information purposes only since no crime had been committed. Police said the women had looked around the apartments and asked personal questions while allegedly demonstrating makeup products.

Contrary to other media reports, police said, there was no relation between this incident and a robbery in St Henri involving three women.

Neither is it believed to be related to a gypsy scam preying on elderly persons (see separate story).

Workman's fire summons firemen

Firefighters were called to 111 Upper Bellevue avenue last Thursday to check out a fire that had been lit in a bucket by a workman to warm his hands, fire officials report. The fire already had been extinguished by covering it with snow.

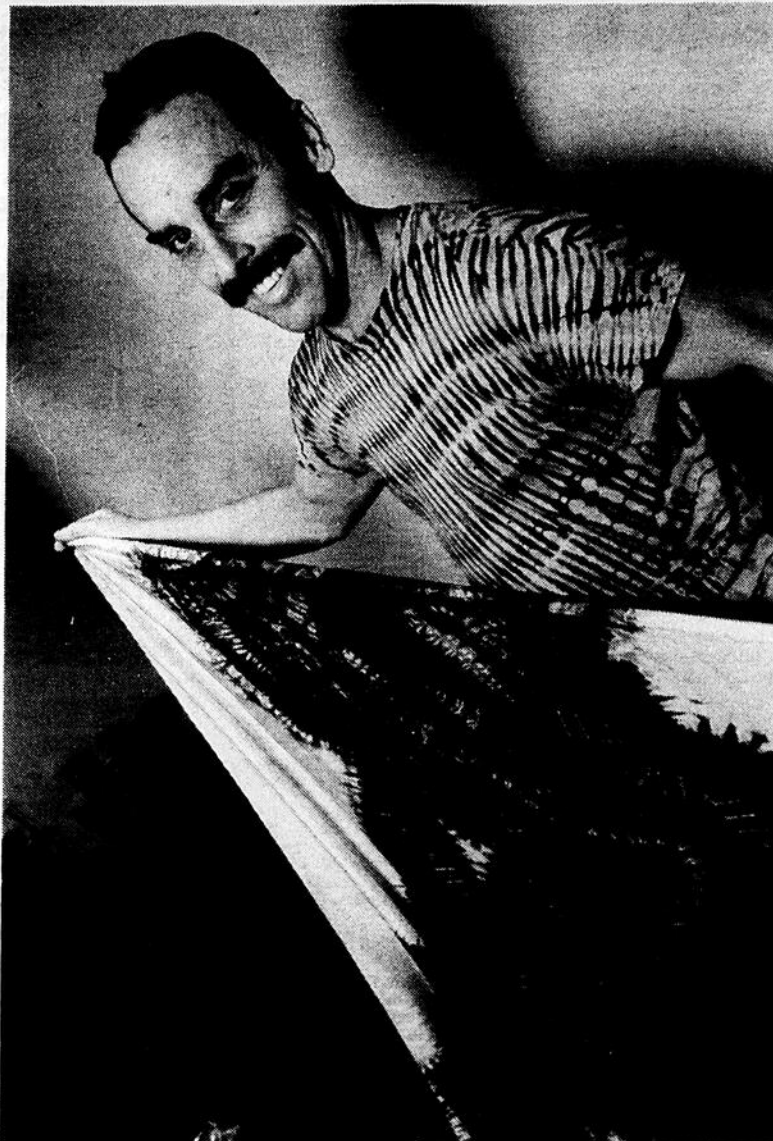
It was noticed by public safety officers while dealing with a construction container connected with work at 60 Summit Circle which blocked the north side of Upper Bellevue avenue.

Thieves enter

An apartment at 400 Lansdowne avenue was broken into Friday but it was not immediately known what, if anything, was taken, police said. Residents returned home at 9:30 pm to find the sliding door to a third-storey balcony wide open. A bedroom had been searched.

Skis deracked

A pair of skis valued at \$650 disappeared from a car ski rack Friday evening outside 32 Burton avenue, according to police reports. The red and black Dynamic skis had been left unattended between 6 and 7 pm on a blue 1986 Buick. They belonged to a resident of the street.



CALIFORNIAN'S COLORFUL CLOTHS: A vernissage is to be held at 8 o'clock this evening at the Centre des Arts Visuel, 350 Victoria avenue of an exhibition called "Fibres to adorn, body and wall." It features the work of Madeleine Dansereau and Californian Carter Smith, a tie-dye artist who creates colorful works using the shibori hand pleated fold dye method. The exhibition will continue at the centre until March 11.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

Purse grabbed on Prince Albert

Three young men grabbed the purse from a Westmount woman as she walked south on Prince Albert avenue Friday at 7:40 pm, police said. The bag contained a wallet with \$25 and personal papers.

The purse snatching occurred on

the southeast corner of Somerville avenue. The woman, a 49-year-old resident of de Maisonneuve boulevard, was not reported hurt.

The trio were described as two black men and a white man, aged 17-20.

Median hit

A tractor trailer truck hit the median on St Catherine street Wednesday last week while turning west off southbound Lansdowne avenue, police report. The truck bore New Hampshire licence plates. More than \$500 damage resulted to both the left rear corner of the vehicle and the median. The accident occurred at 9:40 pm.

Wallet pinched

A Westmount woman had her wallet stolen Monday last week while shopping at the Steinberg store at Sherbrooke street and Victoria avenue, police said. It was later recovered on the street nearby, minus \$90 in cash. The theft occurred about 11:30 am. The victim was a 55-year-old woman living on de Maisonneuve boulevard.

Writing seminar set for Feb 18

A few places remain open for the one-day seminar titled "Writing for Magazines" scheduled for Victoria Hall on Saturday, Feb 18, by writer Adrian Waller.

Mr Waller is the author of eight published books and more than 400 articles in such magazines as *Reader's Digest*, *Equinox* and *Maclean's*.

His writing seminars are based on two of his recent books, the eighth edition of *The Canadian Writer's Market and Writing! An informal, anecdotal guide to the secrets of crafting and selling non-fiction*.

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MONEY...

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the Good Shepherd residence. If construction begins in the autumn, the doors are expected to open in late 1990 or early 1991.

The nursing home building will be integrated with a neighboring senior citizens' residence. Construction of that project is set to begin by April 15. The six-storey building will be located on Hillside between St Margaret's Home and the Hillside municipal housing project.

Both projects are being designed by the architectural firm of Tétrault, Parent, Languedoc et Associés. Although they are being paid for by different branches of the government and will be run separately, the projects are being integrated because of the limited amount of land available.

The residence will form part of Westmount's municipal housing project, with the city covering 10 percent of its operating deficit. The other 90 percent will be covered by the provincial and federal governments.

Carex ready

Meanwhile, excavation for the private Château Westmount nursing home on Victoria avenue at de Maisonneuve boulevard is scheduled to begin within a month or six weeks.

"We just have to choose between the two contractors that have bid for the work," Carex official Guy Dupras told THE EXAMINER Monday. Carex is a builder and manager of several nursing and senior citizens' homes in the Montreal area.

Mr Dupras said the decision will be made within a week and then construction of the private facility will begin. The work is expected to take about 10 months to complete and the doors will open in early 1990, he said.

Carex has decided to go ahead with the project despite not yet receiving a nursing home operating permit from the government. Mr Dupras said Château Westmount will open as a light-care facility if the nursing home permit still has not been given when construction is complete.



THE MAGIC OF MOORE: Sculptor Susan Stromberg-Stein, a resident of Severn avenue, recently visited Henry Moore's Studio at the Henry Moore Foundation in Much Hadham, England. The walls of this famous studio are lined with glass cases which contain nearly all the maquettes (small preliminary models) of his life's works. Ms Stromberg-Stein was given a private tour of the studio by Moore's chief assistant, well-known English sculptor Malcolm Woodward.

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Westmount's recreation department is pulling out all the stops to make this year's winter carnival bigger and better than ever before.

Mark Friday, Feb 24, and Saturday, Feb 25, on your calendar for a weekend chock-full of indoor and outdoor activities for the whole family.

This year, the annual two-day event includes snow-sculpture competitions, sleigh rides, a bonfire, outdoor volleyball, coronation of the carnival king and queen, a beans and weiners supper, skating races, a puck shooting contest and more.

Here's the tentative schedule:

Friday, Feb 24:

6-7:30 pm: Beans and weiners supper in Victoria Hall.

Pedestrian hit by turning car

A 53-year-old woman was hit by a car Friday while crossing Grosvenor avenue on the north side of The Boulevard, police report.

The victim, a Montreal resident, was taken to St Mary's Hospital suffering facial cuts attributed to her eyeglasses which broke when she fell. She also sustained a possible broken leg.

The accident was reported at 3:37 pm when a westbound car turned north, hitting the pedestrian with the side of the car and causing her to fall. Police said the driver reported being unable to see clearly due to blinding sun.

The 59-year-old Montreal man was driving a 1988 Chevrolet. No tickets were issued.

6:45 pm: Crowning of the carnival king and queen in Victoria Hall. The royal couple will attend all carnival activities. Nominations are now being taken at the recreation office. Nominees must be between 10 and 16 years old. Voting will take place the week of Feb 13.

7-10 pm: Sleigh rides in the cannon area at the north end of Westmount Park.

8-10 pm: Videos and hot chocolate for youngsters and wine and cheese for adults in Victoria Hall.

8-10 pm: A bonfire in Westmount Park.

Saturday, Feb 25:

9 am-1 pm: Novice and atom level hockey games in the arena.

10 am-noon: On-the-spot snow sculpture competition on the empty lot between the Royal Montreal Regiment armory and the arena. The sculptures will be judged at noon.

10 am-4 pm: More sleigh rides in the cannon area of Westmount Park.

Noon-1 pm: Outdoor volleyball games on the junior tennis courts for all ages.

1 pm: "East of Metcalfe" vs "West of Metcalfe" adult broomball game in the arena.

1:30-3 pm: Skating races for youngsters in the arena including obstacle courses and relay races.

3 pm: Costume parade on ice in the arena.

Oh dear, what . . .

A man was freed from a bathroom in a home on Shorncliffe avenue Sunday night after the key broke off inside the lock, public safety officers said. Officers pried off a portion of the door frame to open the lock.

3:45 pm: Puck-shooting contest in the arena.

4:30 pm: Family and general skating in the arena.

Sculpture contest

Westmounters can also participate in the residential snow sculpture competition by creating a frozen work of art in front of their homes. Those wishing to take part should leave their names and addresses at the recreation office by Wednesday, Feb 22. Judging will take place on Friday, Feb 24, and a trophy will be awarded to the winner.

Tickets at \$2 per person are required for the indoor events at Victoria Hall Friday night. These are available at the recreation office or from any of the sports supervisors.

Sign-up sheets for the volleyball and broomball games have been posted in the arena lobby.

Anyone available to volunteer their time to help organize or run any of the activities or anyone willing to be a team captain is asked to call Peter Wallace at 935-8531, local 320.

For more information on any of the events and for an official carnival program, drop by the recreation office in the arena.



CENTENNIAL ACADEMY CELEBRATES RENOVATIONS: Centennial Academy on Prud'homme avenue in Montreal last Wednesday evening celebrated the completion of phase III of a four-year program to renovate and expand the school facilities. A large group of friends of the school assembled to tour the improved academic premises and see plans for next year's construction of a full-size gymnasium. Among those on hand were, from left: Westmounter Lynn Goth, capital campaign chairman, headmaster Barry Stevens and William Sewell, chairman of the board. A ceremony honored staff members who have served the school for 10 years or more, including Mrs Laura Adams and Miss Walburg Heck who have both taught at the school since its birth 19 years ago. The construction program is the product of the school's rapid growth from the original 60 students to the current enrolment of 500 in high school and CEGEP. Mr Goth urged the school's supporters to join in the effort to raise the necessary funds to complete the four-year program next year.

Transformer burns

Several houses were plunged into darkness Sunday evening when a transformer on a pole at the rear of 318 Kensington avenue caught fire,

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Black History Month being observed at WHS

By LESLEY ISAACS

The month of February is observed as Black History Month in Canada and the United States. At Westmount High School, black history is taught by Garvin Jeffers to students of all races.

"The goal of this course is to make students aware of the contributions and history of blacks to civilizations of the past," says Mr Jeffers. "We discuss contemporary events that touch on the lives of black people in North America."

Black History Month has been marked at WHS for the last eight years with exhibitions and guest speakers. This year, an exhibit of black culture is planned for the WHS foyer with the help of Grade 11 students Sharon Collins, Heather McPhearson and Nicola Williams.

"We are hoping to have Ester Degan, owner of the Amrad Art Gallery on Sherbrooke street who, though an Israeli, is perhaps the foremost authority on African art in North America," says Mr Jeffers.



Today more blacks are overcoming career barriers of the past and achieving greatness despite the obstacles. Blacks also are taking an active interest in their history and their future.

Carolyn Goulbourne says she will gladly participate in any activities that involve black people and it is clear that the students at Westmount High School are excited about Black History Month.

Black History Month stresses the positive contributions of blacks since the dawn of time and recognizes their work and sacrifices, showing how they have progressed in this century.

Wallet pinched

A student at St Paul's Centre on Côte St Antoine road lost her wallet and \$258 Wednesday last week when she hung her purse on the back of a chair, police report. The wallet disappeared between 11 am and noon. The victim was a 33-year-old Montreal resident.

Heartsaver course at Y

Another life-saving course in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be held at the Westmount YMCA next week.

The four-hour Heartsaver course will be given Wednesday, Feb 15, from 6 to 10 pm.

Registration is at the Y offices, 245 Victoria avenue, suite 220. For more information, call 931-8046.



DOGGY DO DEMO KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN: The Westmount Dog Owners' Association on Wednesday morning last week kicked off an education campaign for school children. Three persons from the association performed a skit in which a Polite Child, Barbara Dimiti, teaches an Ignorant Dog Owner, WDOA president Beryl Parker, all about stooping and scooping. Following the skit, children came and took turns trying for themselves with plastic bags and realistic (but not real) doggy droppings. The kids in room 30 were keen to try after initial "Ughs!" and "Yuchs!" and quickly became proficient. Rounding out the trio was Renata Holy. The three reported excellent response to their presentation from the classes visited.

Pulled knife on WHS principal, student charged by police

A 16-YEAR-OLD St Laurent boy was taken to L'Escale, the juvenile detention centre, last Thursday after pulling a knife on the principal at Westmount High School, police said.

The boy is to appear in juvenile court charged with armed aggression.

The incident occurred about 5 pm after the youth had been escorted out of the building by the principal. Police officials said they did not know what had led up to the expulsion.

While both were at the front entrance, the boy suddenly confronted the principal with a knife before heading off and boarding a bus.

MUC Police succeeded in stopping the bus at St Catherine street and Metcalfe avenue and the boy was arrested and taken to local station 23.

Economics seminar set at LCC Friday

Lower Canada College will host an educational economics seminar tomorrow. More than 10 Montreal high schools will participate.

The seminar format will invite participation by teacher-student teams. It will combine professional development with curriculum enrichment for students of economics.

The content of the seminar will be issue-oriented, presenting ideas and sources that reflect alternative viewpoints of the topics under review.

Presenters include Professor Yarma Kelebay from McGill University, William Brooks from LCC, and Dr George Ayittey, a national fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University.

Special luncheon speaker will be Paul Martin Jr, Liberal MP for La-Salle-Ville Emard. He will share with participants his vision of Canada's economic future.

Skaters' removal goes unnoticed

Thanks, but no thanks. Public safety officers reported chasing hockey players off the rink in King George Park Friday at 12:43 am, only to have the complainant call back to say he was unhappy no action had been taken.

Officers said they returned to the rink at 12:58 am to check out the second call but found all in order and no sign that the youths had returned.

Cat to SPCA

A stray cat was taken to the SPCA Saturday night from 10 Weredale Park following complaints from the building superintendent, public safety officers report. It was described only as gray and white.

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Novice Dragons suffer burnout when Bears end hibernation

By WARREN VALDMANIS

At 8:17 of the second period Bears centre Daniel Gardner scored to spark the offensive explosion that led to a 5-2 comeback victory over the Dragons last Saturday in Westmount's novice hockey league.

The Dragons had opened the game with a fiery first period. Forwards such as Oliver Bowser and Andrew Rose began rush upon rush at steadfast Bear netminder Jason Crelinston.

The Bear defence was unable to stop the Dragon advances, and with 5:15 remaining in the period, the Dragon efforts bore fruit. Crelinston was finally beaten with a quick shot from the slot courtesy of Michael Durcak, the leading Dragon forward.

The Dragons followed up with many more close shots, but at the buzzer the score remained 1-0 Dragons.

After a lacklustre first period, the Bears clearly were determined to mend their ways in the second. The Bear defence, led by the outstanding play of Pat Bennett, began shutting down Dragon forwards and Crelinston had an easier time of it.

Finally Nicholas Yanow and the Bear forwards were able to make their presence felt and Dragon goalie Greg Stutman soon found himself having to make sprawling saves to keep his net empty.

At 8:17, the Bears got on the board. It was forward Michael Taylor leading the rush and he got a pass off to Gardner just in time for Gardner to

sink it behind Stutman to tie the score at one.

The Bears continued to pressure the Dragons and only minutes later Nick Yanow fed defenceman Bennett with a pass to the point that Bennett proceeded to convert with a good wrist shot, making the score 2-1 Bears before the period ended.

The onslaught carried over into the third period and before a minute had elapsed the score was 4-2 Bears on goals by Justin McManus and

Yanow. The Dragons, who had opened the game with such defensive force, were now left stupefied at the hands of an extraordinary comeback. They seemed unable to mount a serious attack and the Bears were content to let the minutes slip away.

At 3:48 Dragon forward Justin West scored an outstanding individual effort, but the sound of his celebration was soon stifled as winger Joshua Beitel salted the victory with another goal for the Bears. The game ended with the score Bears 5, Dragons 2.

It's hard to believe that we are already into the month of February. Only three months left until our re-opening in the month of May.

After almost four years of planning, consultation and, more recently, construction, the Westmount community will finally be able to enjoy a modern YMCA facility.

The project is advancing well — as planned. We are currently within the \$3.9-million budget and on time as per our construction schedule. The actual building will be finished at the end of March, allowing the staff five weeks to prepare the site with equipment for opening.

A huge sneak preview will take place on Saturday, May 6. Mark this date in your calendar as it promises to be a super time with cocktails, great food and dancing. Tickets will soon go on sale — watch THE EXAMINER for more information.

The pool — the most exciting feature of our new facility — looks wonderful. For all you swimming enthusiasts, it will be a 25-metre, five-lane pool, which enables us to

expand our program base for all age groups. This past week, the tiles have been placed on the pool deck, allowing us a much clearer picture of how this facility will eventually look. Natural sunlight is another feature providing an open and airy atmosphere — very different from our old pool.

Recently we commissioned an in-depth marketing survey of 375 Westmount residents to assist us in programming the new Y as per the community needs. Fifteen-minute interviews were conducted in all areas of Westmount, in proportion to local demographics, by the Melinda Head Marketing Company.

Your response was overwhelming. Clearly Westmounters are awaiting our re-opening and have given us some very clear indications concerning programs, schedules and price structures. We would like to thank everyone who took part and would also like to apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Day camp registration

Looking to the future — summer in particular — registration for day camp begins on Feb 13 at our office, 245 Victoria avenue, suite 220.

Junior camp (ages six to eight) and senior camp (nine to 12) will be held at Marianopolis for a fee of \$175 per two-week session. This includes bus transportation from the Westmount YMCA to Marianopolis in the morning and a return trip to the Y in the afternoon.

The program for six- to eight-year-olds will include swimming lessons, science activities, drama and music, nature and the environment and lots of fun.

The nine- to 12-year-old program will give the children the option of one interest group in the morning from activities such as basketball, tennis, soccer, drama or French or English.

Registration for our preschool camp also starts on Feb 13. We have half days or full days of activities for three- to five-year-olds. Half-day hours are 9 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm. Full days are 9 am to 4 pm.

The fee for camp is \$80 for half days for two weeks and \$160 for full days for two weeks.

This summer the Westmount YMCA will be expanding its leader corps by starting a program for 12- and 13-year-olds. Applications for this program will be available at the end of February.

YMCA to train teen leaders this summer

The Westmount YMCA has designed a leaders-in-training and a leader's program for teenagers to be held this summer at the Marianopolis College sports complex.

The leaders-in-training program is for those age 12 and 13 while the leader's program is for young adults age 14 to 17. Both programs will be offered in two sessions of four weeks each, the first from June 26 to July 21 and the second from July 24 to Aug 18.

The program will provide an opportunity for teens to develop leadership skills, personal growth and a chance to meet new friends.

It will include morning sessions on child development, program planning, group dynamics, public speaking, teaching techniques, hands-on experience with children and much more.

For more information, call Kim Weippert, youth-teen co-ordinator at the Westmount YMCA at 931-8046. Application forms will be available at the end of February.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey leagues as of Tuesday Feb 7:

	G	S	GP	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
NOVICE									
Guards	22	18	12	4	2	59	37	26	
Bears	22	19	11	7	1	59	39	23	
Dragons	22	19	8	8	3	54	52	19	
Canadiens	22	18	2	14	2	23	63	6	
ATOM									
Penguins	22	18	15	3	0	112	62	30	
Nordiques	22	18	7	9	2	61	75	16	
Canadiens	22	17	6	8	3	73	78	15	
Canucks	22	19	5	13	1	52	83	11	
PEEWEE									
Canadiens	21	13	11	2	0	58	23	22	
Seals	21	17	6	8	3	76	68	15	
Capitals	21	15	3	9	3	58	100	9	
ALL STAR									
Novice	-	20	15	3	2	151	62	32	
Atom	-	23	16	6	1	108	73	33	
Peeewee	-	12	5	5	2	45	42	12	
S.W.A.T.	-	12	3	8	1	45	65	7	

SENIOR B

Fathers	25	19	13	2	4	74	40	30
Hawks	25	18	11	3	4	69	56	26
Devils	25	17	9	5	3	71	53	21
Aces	25	19	4	12	3	63	92	11
Oilers	25	17	3	11	3	69	76	9
Flyers	25	17	3	11	3	50	79	9

SENIOR A

Wanderers	28	22	18	3	1	98	26	37
Stars	28	23	12	10	1	87	79	25
Flames	28	20	11	7	2	76	59	25
Bruins	28	21	6	14	1	21	103	13
Sabres	28	22	4	17	1	54	120	9

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Pre-game activities with former Canadiens star Jean Béliveau begin at 1 pm. The atom teams face off at 1:30 pm and the peewee match is scheduled to start at 3 pm.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend. The doors open at 12:45 pm. The public is asked to use the players' entrance on Atwater avenue, just south of de Maisonneuve boulevard.

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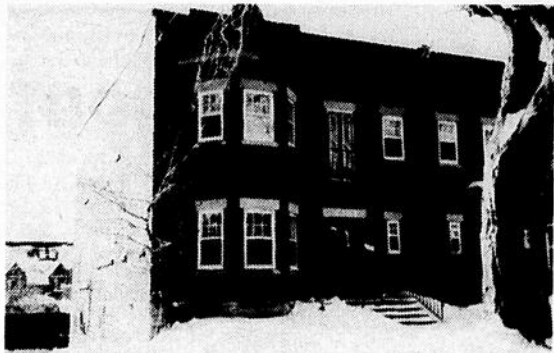
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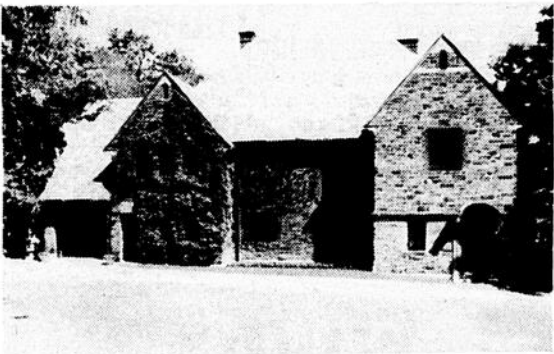
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