

# Arrests in N.D.G. believed to solve 5 violent muggings

## Seven gun/knife holdups of women here last week

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount women may be able to breathe easier today after the arrest of two men believed to have been involved in five of seven violent purse-snatchings last week. All involved use of a knife or gun.

The pair were picked up by two police officers in N.D.G. who recognized a getaway car used at a holdup there moments earlier following the screams of another victim.

The suspects have been detained on charges from N.D.G. incidents and their photographs are to be shown to the Westmount victims for identification, police said yesterday. They are identified as two residents of N.D.G., aged 16 and 18.

"It's probably them, but we have to get evidence," said Const Jacques Blanchette.

The seven armed robberies last week on Westmount streets are the latest in a series of holdups commit-

ted with guns and knives over the past month.

"We're going to stop these guys," vowed Const Gaston Bernier, crime prevention officer at station 23, Monday. "We've got up to five people working on the case at one time."

But until the dragnet closes around the men, he said, citizens are urged not to resist.

"Never, never, never try to fight off a robber," Const Bernier warned. "You never know who you're dealing with and the risk is too great."

Last week one of the victims beat off two robbers on Olivier avenue using her umbrella but the gunman reacted by turning away and firing the weapon, he said.

In another holdup, a gunman threw a mace-like substance into the face of one victim when her purse got tangled in the seatbelt of the parked

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# Cedar experiment cuts traffic flow to just one lane

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

Cedar avenue at The Boulevard has been temporarily narrowed to one lane in an experiment to restrict traffic flow.

"We were asked by council to have a more equitable split of traffic between Cedar and The Boulevard," Fred Caluori, Westmount's director of public works, said last Thursday when the road was narrowed.

This summer's scheduled reconstruction of Cedar was postponed for at least one year because two groups of residents could not agree on proposed changes.

Residents east of Clarke avenue asked the city to either close or narrow Cedar to decrease traffic volume. Residents on Cedar west of

Clarke felt narrowing the street would make stopping dangerous or virtually impossible.

Councillor Rhoda Vineberg, whose ward borders Cedar, said the street had become dangerous because of speeding, high-volume traffic and drivers who do not respect traffic signs, including stops. She said this was a dangerous situation in a residential zone.

After several meetings, the group east of Clarke agreed to a trial with a narrowed Cedar which would have a shoulder for cars to park or stop. Now the shoulder is on the north side of Cedar. If the narrowed merge becomes permanent, the shoulder

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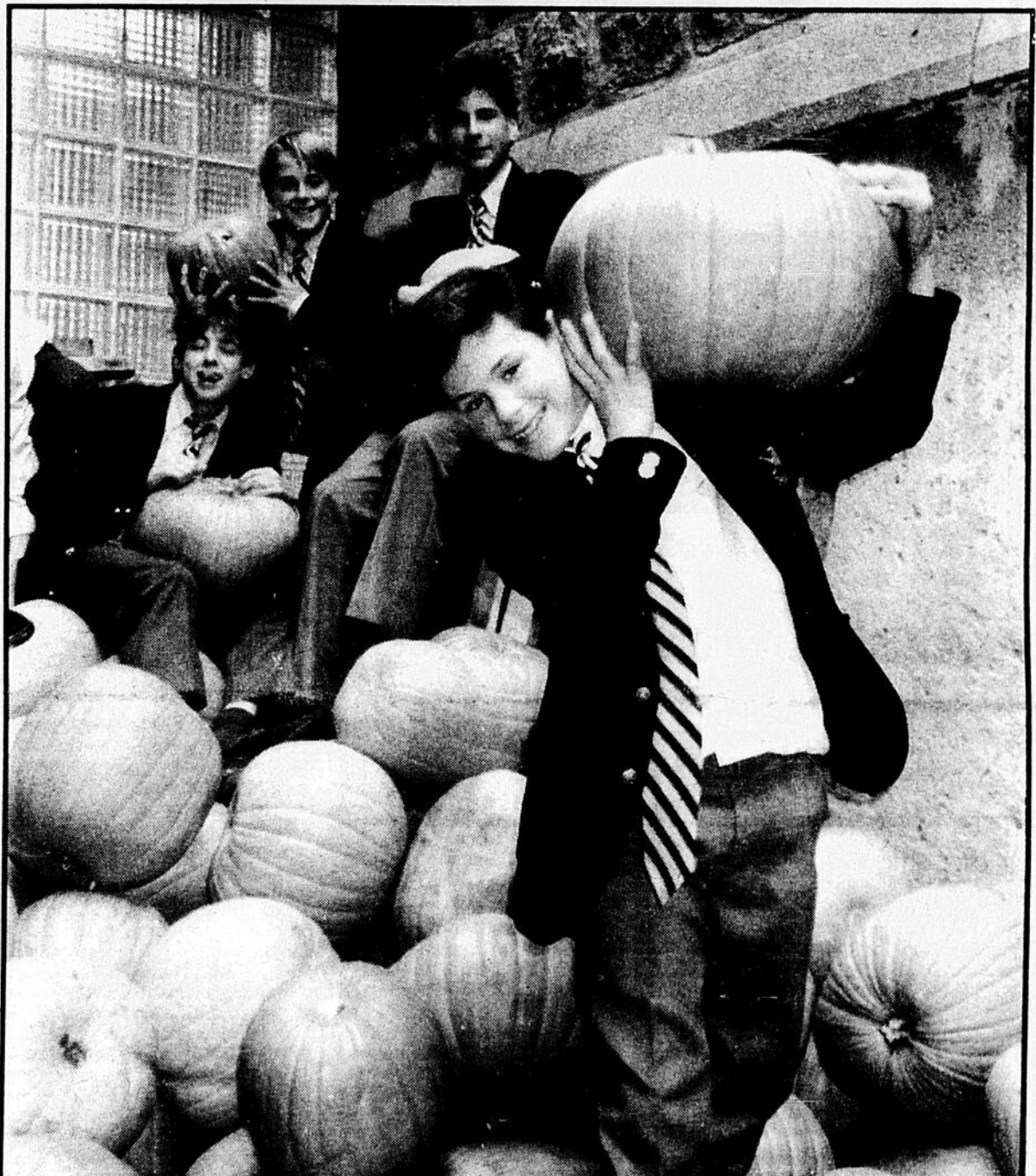
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## It's pumpkin time again!



They might not be quite worth their weight in gold, but these pumpkins nonetheless are valuable to Selwyn House students who ordered 400 as a Halloween fund-raising project. One of the heavier ones is a \$10 special held high by Westmount resident DAVID HABER. Other Grade 8 students with him are: PAUL SEMERJIAN, BEN WEARING and BRAD WHITE.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

RESURRECT your ghosts, dust off your cobwebs and tune up your eerie music.

There's only a week left to hunt up those Halloween decorations to transform your front yard and home into the spookiest, haunting-est property in Westmount.

A little ingenuity and a whole lot of ghostie spirit could win you a prize in this year's annual Halloween competition held by the city's Public Security Unit to find the best decorated houses in Westmount.

Nine public safety officers, along with Councillor Paul Fortin, will be on the prowl for Halloween homes between 5 and 8 pm while trick-or-treaters are busy ringing doorbells.

Almost anything can make you a winner if it's in the mood, part of the fun and safety-minded.

Last year's judges frowned on brown paper bags that had been cut into pumpkin faces, weighted down with sand and lighted by a candle. They were extremely dangerous and residents are urged not to use anything for decoration that could be so easily ignited or harmful to costumed youngsters.

From MUC police comes this reminder to parents to make safety the prime consideration when creating wondrous costumes. Avoid masks that obscure vision and trailing costumes that can cause falls. A list of

do's and don'ts can be found on page 26.

Police plan to provide schools with additional UNICEF reflective tape for distribution to students and more can be obtained from both police and public safety officers patrolling on Halloween night.

Not only will both forces have additional cars on the road, but Bell Canada will station four manned trucks in Westmount with yellow flashers in operation. The trucks will act as mobile safety posts equipped with first aid kits and, of course, cellular phones to call for assistance.

The Bell trucks will set up along Sherbrooke street at Greene, Clarke and Grosvenor, with a fourth on Victoria.

Public safety officers are set to have nine officers on the streets over the trick-or-treat hours including three foot patrolers to accompany children in areas known to have a high concentration of youngsters. These are the districts of Clandeboye-Hallowell, Melville-Clarke and the summit area of Victoria-Upper Belmont. Two added motor patrols will cover the central streets as well as regular patrol zones.

Officers have been conducting Halloween safety talks to children at Westmount Park School, Narnia daycare and St Léon. They are planning to visit Roslyn Monday.

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car she was sitting in on Greene avenue.

The danger presented by the recent purse-snatchings is more significant than usual since most involve weapons. The following details of last week's robberies were related by police, starting with the five incidents believed committed by the two arrested youths.

Wednesday, Oct 17, a pair of youths robbed a 40-year-old resident of Victoria avenue about 6:30 pm at Prince Albert and St Catherine as she looked for her keys in her purse while walking along the street. "Give me your purse," ordered one who produced a knife. The bag contained money and a passport. She handed it over.

Soon after, at 8 pm, a 22-year-old woman living on Claremont avenue was forced to turn over her bag at gunpoint. Two men suddenly appeared in front of her as she rounded the corner at Victoria and Somerville avenues going west. They took the bag and ran west.

**Three next day**

The next day, Thursday (Oct 18), three women were held up by a similarly described pair in separate incidents.

One was a 48-year-old resident of Hillside avenue who was spun around by the shoulders at Metcalfe and Melbourne avenues about 7:30 pm. "Hand me your purse," one ordered while the other held a revolver. She answered that she had no money. They left empty-handed.

Twenty minutes later on Olivier avenue, a 51-year-old resident of the

street was accosted as she walked past civic number 384. Two men got out of a car, she said, and pointed a gun at her. She hit the gunman with her umbrella and he turned away, firing what might have actually been a starting pistol. They disappeared in a car, possibly a beige Ford Escort.

At 8 pm, 10 minutes later, a 60-year-old Westmount woman was held up by two men at de Maisonneuve and Kitchener. They asked for the time, then for money. She handed over her cash when they showed a gun but was allowed to keep the purse. The robbers again fled in a car, this time described as a small red one.

Though details (such as the color of a getaway car) may differ, police said they are certain the same men are involved. In the heat of the turmoil, victims may see things differently.

**Two others**

Two other purse-snatchings at gunpoint also occurred last week, apparently at the hands of different robbers.

One was on Wednesday, Oct 17, when a man suddenly opened the door of a parked car outside 1232 Greene where a 26-year-old woman passenger was waiting for the driver who had gone into the Palais d'Ivoire restaurant for a moment. The man reached inside to take the bag. When the seatbelt provided an obstacle, he threw a mace-like substance into her face, took the purse and escaped in an older-model beige and brown station wagon with a woman passenger.

Friday at 11 pm, three men held up a 38-year-old nurse from LaSalle as she walked along de Maisonneuve. They spoke French as they pulled her

**Take it in or leave it out?**

**What's best for blue boxes and crime?**

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It's great to recycle, but those blue boxes may be as dangerous as a pile of junk mail on the front porch, say public safety officers.

Residents are urged to take them inside as soon as they are emptied so the boxes don't signal to burglars that no one is home. That's according to crime prevention officer Robert Hryciuk.

On the other hand, Marianne Zalzal, who is co-ordinating the recycling program in Westmount, fears

that if most of the boxes are taken in before the end of the day and only a few remain outside, they'll pinpoint empty homes even more.

As a result, residents will probably have to play it by ear for the first couple of weeks while public safety officers monitor the situation and work out a crime prevention strategy.

Ms Zalzal said it was impossible

to provide a pickup schedule since the contractor will not know until they have done the route for a few times just how long it will take.

Residents are asked to get their blue boxes outside behind the sidewalk before 8 am on Wednesdays.

Yesterday was the first day Westmount was part of the curbside recycling program organized through the intermunicipal waste management board.

Good participation of residents was noted with blue boxes visible outside a large percentage of homes.

The pickup contractor, however, obviously has a few wrinkles to work out. The truck was seen by one person who contacted THE EXAMINER driving the wrong way on one-way Grosvenor avenue and on narrow Hillside avenue the truck made its stop-and-go trip just before 9 am as parents were trying to deliver children to St Andrew's School.

**Little Westmount effect from Montreal's new plan for Villa Maria park**

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

Montreal Mayor Jean Doré's announcement last Thursday that he will study a plan to create a public park on lands surrounding Villa Maria will probably not affect Westmount, a high-level Westmount official says.

"I don't see how any land in Westmount would be impacted," Bruce St Louis, Westmount's manager of operations, said Tuesday.

Part of the proposed land for the park, the former Marguerite Bourgeoys College property, is in Westmount, west of Victoria avenue and north of Westmount avenue. Michael Fainstat, an MCM councillor for N.D.G. and chair of the city's executive committee, says one-fifth of the 24 acres of the proposed park would be in Westmount.

But part of that land is in the process of being sold to The Study, a private school now situated on The Boulevard. The school is trying to raise \$2 million by the end of this year to exercise an option to buy that land. The Study wants to raise \$4.7 million by the end of 1993.

The school hopes to move into its new home on a plot of land next to the Congregation Notre Dame mother house by next fall.

The MCM proposal is aimed at providing green space for N.D.G. and Snowdon residents, according to Mr Fainstat. However Mr St Louis said there is virtually no green space in the remaining Westmount portion of the proposed project.

The MCM plan does not call for the city to buy the property but rather to provide security and some infrastructure, such as lighting, so the property can be used by the public.

purse away and were seen running into the lane between Olivier and Clarke avenues by two residents of Clarke. The bag was recovered behind 369 Clarke with \$4 missing.

The wave of armed holdups has been reported each week recently in THE EXAMINER.

It has been raised by citizens at city council meetings and was brought up at Friday's Neighborhood Watch meeting by residents of ward 8 in the southeast section of Westmount (see separate story).

MUC Const Michel Caza, who worked at station 23 for many years and is now crime prevention officer at station 15 in N.D.G., told THE EXAMINER the suspects arrested in the N.D.G. incidents faced a number of charges.

He said the car they were driving when stopped late Monday night at Girouard and Sherbrooke streets contained a purse, a knife and a starter pistol.

One man was to appear in court yesterday with a bail hearing set for Friday. The other was sent to the L'Escale juvenile detention centre.

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**WESTMOUNT Community Calendar**

**Today, Oct 25**

**Kids' mask contest** at Westmount Library until Halloween. Pick up paper mask, decorate it and take it back for display.

**Art exhibit:** Watercolors by Jane Desjardins at Westmount Library until Nov 4. 934-4690.

**Meet the expert** evening at Greene Avenue Community Centre, 7:30 to 9 pm. Dr Harold Dion of Clinique l'Actuel will speak on *Le SIDA: ça nous concerne tous*, in French. Donations are greatly appreciated. 931-6202.

**Art exhibit:** *Les Jeux Récents*, new paintings by Westmounter Susan Hudson, at West End Gallery, 1358 Greene avenue, until Saturday. 933-4314.

**Art exhibit:** Recent acrylic paintings by Deborah Putman at Galerie Westmount, 4912 Sherbrooke street, until Saturday. 484-1488.

**Art exhibit** at Galerie Dan Delaney, 318 Victoria avenue, of recent sculptures and paintings by Hugo Wüthrich. The exhibit continues to Saturday. 484-4691.

**Seniors' swim:** At Westmount Y from 2 to 3:30 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. No charge for seniors, even if not Y members. 931-8046.

**Storymakers** aged nine to 11 meet weekly at Westmount Library to meet other young storytellers, learn about writers and writing and make their own books. They meet 4 to 5 pm until Dec 13.

**Art exhibit** at Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue. Jeannie Kamins is showing portraits on fabric and Susan Meindl, ceramics, until Saturday. 488-9558.

**Friday, Oct 26**

**Youth Dance** at the Westmount Y for those 10 to 12 years old. Call 931-8046 to see if any tickets are left. Prizes.

**Bingo Italiano:** Spaghetti supper served at 5:30 by Westmount High Home & School. \$3.50 seniors and students, \$5 general, or buy a family ticket for \$12. Cash and toy prizes. 933-2701.

**Anniversary commemoration** of Vatican II's *Nostra Aetate* and the improvement of relations between Roman Catholics and Jews at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom at 8:15 pm service. Rita Leblanc of Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, Alan Rose of Canadian Jewish Congress and Victor Goldbloom of the Council of Christians and Jews will speak. All Jews and Christians welcome.

**Saturday, Oct 27**

**Halloween party** for children of all ages at Oink! Oink!, 1361 Greene avenue, at 11 am. Dress up and enjoy the festivities. 939-2634.

**Sunday, Oct 28**

**Vernissage:** At Galerie Westmount, 4912 Sherbrooke west, for an exhibit of paintings by Lucette Rousseau. The artist will be present. The show continues until Nov 10. 484-1488.

**Art auction** at 1 pm by the Westmount auxiliary of the SPCA. Works by Canadian artists go on the block at Victoria Hall at 8 pm. Preview at 7 pm.

**Monday, Oct 29**

**Scary stories** for children three to six will be told at the children's department of the Westmount Library. Come in costume. Treats will be served. Starting at 7 pm for about half an hour. Free.

**Tuesday, Oct 30**

**4:00 Club** has stories, crafts and special guests for six- to nine-year-olds at Westmount Library children's department weekly until Dec 11. No need to register, just drop in.

**Babysaver:** A six-hour course at the Westmount Y includes CPR, choking and first aid treatment tonight and Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. \$35 members; \$45 non-members. Register at 4585 Sherbrooke street. 931-8046.

**Children of Alcoholics** meets every week at 8 pm in the basement of Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street west at Roslyn. 482-1608 or 849-8587.

**Wednesday, Oct 31**

**Story hour:** Today and every Wednesday, a 20-minute story hour for two- and three-year-olds, followed by a 20-minute storytime for children four to six years old and, after that, 20 minutes of story-telling in French. Readings begin at 10:30 am and 3 pm at Westmount Library.

**Halloween:** Bewitched children can be given stomach aches by goblins and other evil creatures. Foolish parents believe the pain is from eating too much candy. But we know better, so watch out! Fortunately, evil spells will have dissipated by Nov 1.

**COMING UP**

**Nov 1:** Meet the expert evening at Greene Avenue Community Centre, 7:30 to 9 pm. June Mace of Westmount Travel will speak on *How to plan your vacation*, in English. Donations are greatly appreciated. 931-6202.

**Nov 5:** City council meeting at 8 pm.  
**Nov 8:** Meet the expert evening at Greene Avenue Community Centre, 7:30 to 9 pm. The topic is *Préparation de fruits et légumes exotiques*, in French. Donations are greatly appreciated. 931-6202.

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## City to experiment with new lighting system for lanes

Let there be light in lower Westmount.

A lane-lighting project is expected to be unveiled for next summer after experiments this winter to find a suitable type of light, city officials revealed Tuesday.

Dimly-lit lanes in the southeast section may be used in the experiment following complaints by some residents of Bruce, Hallowell and Columbia, said Bruce St Louis, city operations manager.

Regular street lights in that area are already scheduled to be replaced and improved next summer under phase III of the city's relighting program, he told THE EXAMINER.

Mr St Louis was asked about the lighting of streets and lanes following concerns expressed by some 30 residents attending a Neighborhood Watch meeting Friday night at the Greene Avenue Community Centre.

"Citizens wanted to know what was happening about the re-lighting of streets and lanes," said Public Safety Officer Robert Hryciuk after the meeting.

"They also asked that both the

By LAUREEN SWEENEY  
 PSU and MUC increase their patrols in their area."

Ways in which residents could improve the security of their homes were explained by both PSO Hryciuk, crime prevention officer, and MUC constable Lise Bergeron.

"There are many inexpensive techniques that can be used," he said. "One is to put longer screws in doors to make them harder to push in. Another is to add lighting outside."

Residents of the southeast section,

south of Dorchester boulevard, have long complained about a lack of lighting, noting poor lighting in lanes.

In explaining the city's plans to improve lighting, Mr St Louis, who had not attended the Neighborhood Watch meeting, said lane lighting was very complicated.

"Some people like it. Some don't because they don't want their bedrooms lighted up. We're going to work on it this winter on an experimental basis." He said the southeast ward might be used for the experiments.

The Neighborhood Watch meeting was organized by Diana Scott, Margot Kyle and Sandra Conrad, block captains in ward 8.

Councillor Peter Duffield, who

represents the ward, had been informed of the meeting but was not present.

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## 17-storey fall from building kills man, 32

A 32-year-old Dorval man probably died instantly when he fell Tuesday night from one of the top floors of Château Maisonneuve where a member of the family lived, fire officials report.

He was believed to have jumped from the 17th floor, according to police who said foul play was not suspected.

Emergency workers were called to the apartment building at 4998 de Maisonneuve boulevard at 7:16 pm to find the victim across from 4943 de Maisonneuve. The man's wife was reported to have come out of the building looking for him, only to discover the identity of the victim.

## Westmounters cope with 'quake' on their own

All was quiet in Westmount about 3 am Friday after residents awoke to their beds shaking beneath them. In the aftermath of the minor earthquake little sound could be heard.

Not a call for help was logged by MUC police, fire or public safety officers for some 17 minutes. Then a siren broke the still of the night as fire trucks raced west on Sherbrooke street to the lane behind the Pascal building where a garbage container was on fire.

The burning refuse was doused with 1 1/2-inch hose and firefighters returned to the station for the remainder of the shift. It was not known what started the fire but it was not considered related to the quake. Fire officials speculate that smoker's material was likely responsible.



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## Woman injured after falling on road mesh

Westmount road construction continues to claim more victims.

A Westmount woman fell onto metal mesh in the street outside 255 Metcalfe avenue Sunday when she was forced to step into the road to avoid other construction material left on the sidewalk, public safety officers report.

The woman, who lives nearby, suffered deep cuts on the shin and forearm which were bandaged by officers. Her husband was advised to take her to hospital for a tetanus shot. The woman also tore her pants.

A similar mishap was reported in THE EXAMINER Oct 11 when another woman tripped on construction material piled on the sidewalk on Victoria avenue during road work there.

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### In praise of volunteers

IF you live long enough, everything will come round full circle. So the saying goes.

Fashion styles have come round three and four times in my lifetime, so perhaps I've lived too long. Or perhaps fashion cycles move faster than life. This year they are far ahead of thought itself, looking more appropriate for wear on the upcoming spook day.

But fashion is not what I was thinking of when the adage occurred to me last Saturday. I was a guest at the 60th anniversary celebration of Westmount Rotary and thinking, "By God, you volunteers are in style again.

For several decades — mostly since the Second World War and the entry of women into the work force — volunteerism, especially the service club and the hospital auxiliary type, was just not "in." I can remember so many college-age kids and even later-age kids, apologizing for their parents' volunteer work, as if their elders were caught in a time warp. While volunteer work was not as bad as alcoholism, it wasn't a source of pride. Fathers and mothers should be marching, confronting, fighting political battles to make the government do things, not — according to them — trying to do them themselves.

And making the government do things was what the young ones — and not so young as they reached the 30s, 40s and 50s — did. Governments were expected to get into everything from daycaring babies to nurs-

ing-the elderly. Volunteers were unprofessional, inefficient, undependable and temperamental, while professionals — i.e. those paid for the work they did — must automatically know more, get things done more economically and faster. So government expanded and expanded, until now — when it is not only coming full stop but turning around.

If the great public hasn't yet discovered the fallacy of belief in the superiority of everything being run by the paid over the volunteer, it has been blind to the evidence piling up thick and fast in recent years.

Whether it's the overthrow of statism à la Soviet where everything was indeed supposed to be done by the state, the depersonalisation of those very services that are supposed to be provided "personally," the length of time things take to wend their way through the red tape that ties up, trips and confuses, the evidence is everywhere.

And any of the public that refuses to see it will soon learn it the hard way: in their pocketbooks. There simply isn't enough money for all that bureaucracy.

So we're back to getting things done the old-fashioned way, by people getting together and helping each other, with some government help, yes, but mostly by themselves stimulating, steering, organizing and accomplishing.

Those in Rotary who have been doing volunteer work all along knew this. They knew it when they walked by Manoir Westmount which they built for the elderly, when they built the Unity Boys' Club on Greene which they have since renegotiated into the Greene Avenue Community Centre, when they now go out to provide and deliver Lifeline equipment that permits the housebound sick to call for help. They know how important their work is.

But still it must be nice for those in Rotary, for instance, to see their style come round this way again.

## We Say

### Lethal aesthetics

THE last extensive, expensive shuffling and replacing of features of Westmount Park brought, along with our criticism of the overall cost, an expression of concern.

This was with regard to the design of some fancy, massive, above-ground planters and more particularly their placement directly opposite the foreshortened roadway of de Maisonneuve boulevard at Melville avenue.

Made of heavy poured concrete, they formed an immovable barrier to any vehicle whose westbound driver might be inattentive, careless, inebriated, under the weather, a learner, sight-impaired or simply an innocent abroad.

More than a barrier, they were in our view an evil and unnecessary menace waiting to trap unwary motorists and their passengers at any time, day or night. The results, we feared and still do, could be not only serious injuries but possible fatalities and felt that both the city and the designer could be guilty of unnecessarily endangering the public.

The argument we got from one city official was that anyone driving west on de Maisonneuve should know that Westmount long since had closed that artery (to make it less of an artery) where it passed through the park and that, in any

case, any accidents there clearly would be the fault of the drivers involved.

In short, nothing was done. The design was unchanged, the planters at least not relocated to one side of the line of the street.

Other than reporting on our newspapers various accidents since, we have refrained from comment on the accumulating property damages and miscellaneous hurts occasioned by this quite unnecessary triumph of alleged aesthetics over practicality and safety.

However, last week two Laval men were taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital with injuries after crashing into the barrier. That the driver was charged with impaired driving is no mitigation for the city. It is unconscionable that this concrete menace should remain any longer, unless in some city hall mind it requires an outright fatality to correct this particular stupidity.

The one-way de Maisonneuve traffic can be mesmerizing by the fact that the resuming streetscape — pavement, traffic lights, lamp standards, other vehicles — can be seen beyond the park at Lansdowne avenue when approaching Melville.

The location calls for timber, earth and/or other energy-absorbing material, not pretty but hazardous, solid, artificial rock.

### Understanding his neighbors

LAST Saturday a *Gazette* interview with Mr Jean-Claude Rondeau, the current president of the Office de la langue française, made more than passing note that he lives in Westmount.

Which gives us a prime excuse to comment. First might be that we are left wondering if Mr Rondeau's Westmount address commends him to his job or vice versa. We simply hope that exposure to his neighbors might modify or soften his approach to his duties.

The article states that he "is not sure why the English community feels so hard-pressed."

"I have lived in Westmount for years," he said, "and I can see that anglophones can go to school, live, work and die in English. There is no service that they cannot get in English!"

How discouraging this is! Here we have, in our midst, the francophone responsible for a good deal of the application of Quebec's language law and even he professes not to understand why non-francophones, particularly those who are as Québécois by birth and pride as he, remain profoundly dissatisfied, if not bitter.

Mr Rondeau does not understand that thinking Quebecers of English and other tongues know and appreciate that the French-Canadian culture is under severe risk, that we (his neighbors) cherish the duality of the culture in which we live and

choose to remain, that fundamentally we are not discommoded by the domination of the French language of the majority, even to the exclusion of all other tongues in public places and often in private usage.

Above all, he apparently misses the whole point of non-francophone ire in Quebec as well as outside, not at Bill 101 but at Bill 178, to which no reference is made in the interview. We must presume he did not raise it.

He well may see 178 merely as an extension, a buttressing, of 101.

We see it as something entirely different. Where 101 is essentially constructive in supporting and cosseting the French language, 178 is destructive — destructive of a very fundamental right of all Canadians, all Quebecers, French-speaking and other: the freedom of expression.

It is one thing to make and administer laws to encourage French, even if other languages get short shrift.

It is quite another deliberately and unnecessarily to abrogate a fundamental, natural right, a freedom of the individual spelled out in both the Canadian and Quebec charters; what is worse, in direct contradiction of the highest court of the land.

This is what Mr Rondeau's neighbors deplore, which he seems not to understand. He will never achieve true success as president of the Office de la langue française until he does.

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



### Commission's price tag

I DON'T know whether readers are avidly waiting to learn all about the day-to-day operations of the commission on the political and constitutional future of Quebec. It would be helpful to me if I got some feedback on the topic.

Because I am a member of the board of management of the National Assembly, I am one of a half-dozen MNAs who adopted the commission's budget last week. Here's what the steering committee of the commission estimates it is going to cost.

**Operating costs (personnel):** 36 members at \$130 per diem for 60 days of hearing, \$281,000; 32 staff members excluding management, \$800,000; overtime, \$30,000; employer deductions \$70,000. Total: \$1.181 million.

**Operating costs (general):** Travel expenses for staff and experts, \$150,000; travel expenses for members, \$400,000; expense accounts of presidents and secretary, \$10,000; rental of space for hearings, meetings etc, \$30,000; postal and courier, \$10,000; rental of office equipment, \$15,000; rental of fax, telex, \$5,000; publishing notices, \$50,000; audio-visual equipment, \$3,000; editing and printing report, \$75,000; public information program, \$15,000.

Translation costs, \$940,000; television

coverage, transcribing debates, experts, management, \$4.22 million; personnel for travel arrangements, \$5,000; security arrangements, \$30,000; press conferences, \$10,000; purchase of newspapers, magazines, \$2,000; rent, \$1 million; computer programs, \$5,000.

Rental of photocopiers, typewriters and other equipment, \$20,000; stationery, \$15,000; purchase of books and documentation, \$2,000; rental of computers, \$100,000; miscellaneous, \$1,000.

**Grand total:** \$8.294 million.

As you can detect, there are several cushions in the budget estimates. For example, of the \$1 million allocated for rent, only \$100,000 has actually been leased. But the commission secretary, Mr Rousseau, a former vice-president of the National Bank, told me that they are already overcrowded in both their Montreal and Quebec City offices. He invited me to pay them a visit, which I definitely will do.

At the moment the commission staff is nine people. The budget anticipates 32. One individual, François Côté, is on loan from the National Assembly. He helps organize the activities of the steering committee, which is where most of the decisions of the commission are made. They decide whose briefs will be heard and what experts will be hired.

The steering group is made up of the two presidents, four Liberal MNAs led by the justice minister, M. Remillard, two PQ MNAs led by their house leader, M. Chevrete, and one "extra" parliamentarian, M. Claude Béland, president of Mouvement Desjardins.

More on the commission next week... unless I receive a lot of negative commentary from you.

(SIRP), which funded research into the care of people with Alzheimer's, osteoporosis and other illnesses related to aging. Recently the minister of national health and welfare, Perrin Beatty, cut that program by 20 percent.

Up to now Mr Beatty has dismissed all objections and he refuses to respond directly to the concerns that have been raised and particularly refuses to comment on why he chose to reduce the SIRP by 20 percent. In a recent letter to me he said, "Let me take this opportunity to assure you that the NHRDP is still supporting a wide variety of research."

Several weeks ago I spoke with a researcher who has been affected by these cuts. He told me that as a result of the budget reduction his work, his research projects and his research team have all been disrupted. He finds little comfort in the minister's assurances.

**our M.P.**  
David Berger  
says...



### Alzheimer research cut

MORE than 300,000 Canadians, including some 30,000 Montrealers, are afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. Coping with this disease is a major challenge for the victims, their families and society at large. Research into Alzheimer's should be a top priority of the minister of national health and welfare.

Two years ago, the federal government committed \$20 million over five years to the Seniors Independence Research Program



Forty-five Years Ago  
October 26, 1945

Claude A. Root spoke on the subject of Fraud Fashion Revue. "Until recent years, the speaker said, it was the vogue for speakers on public affairs, or anyone who wrote anything about women generally to stress the future of women... their coming role in politics, their increasing usefulness in social services, their widening horizons in business circles and also their greater success as homemakers... everything worthwhile was seen to be ahead. Those days are gone forever," Mr. Rott affirmed, "Canadian women no longer face the future," they confront the present with almost disconcerting confidence and forthrightness; in other words, no longer does 'the women pay' now she is 'out to collect.'"

Thirty-five Years Ago  
October 28, 1955

"With Hallowe'en occurring on Monday night, police chief R.A. Byford this week warned Westmount residents to protect themselves against weekend pranksters. He cautioned families to pull in their mats this evening, and to take care against other forms of practical jokes. He also asked parents to caution their children against the dangers in these jokes"... "All residents of Westmount are invited to play badminton commencing November 7th, in the Roslyn Gymnasium, at 7:00 pm."

Twenty-five Years Ago  
October 29, 1965

"If you value your door mat, you'll take it in tonight, you'll put your car in the garage, you won't put out any milk bottles until late in the evening, you won't leave a neat pile of leaves on your lawn to burn the following day, you'll turn on every light in the house, station your dog on the front lawn, cross your fingers and home. Why? Tonight is Mat Night"... "Your vote on November 8th will be more a judgment of personalities than of issues." This is the way Industries Minister C.M. 'Bud' Drury... summed up questions posed to him at an election meeting."

Ten Years Ago  
October 30, 1980

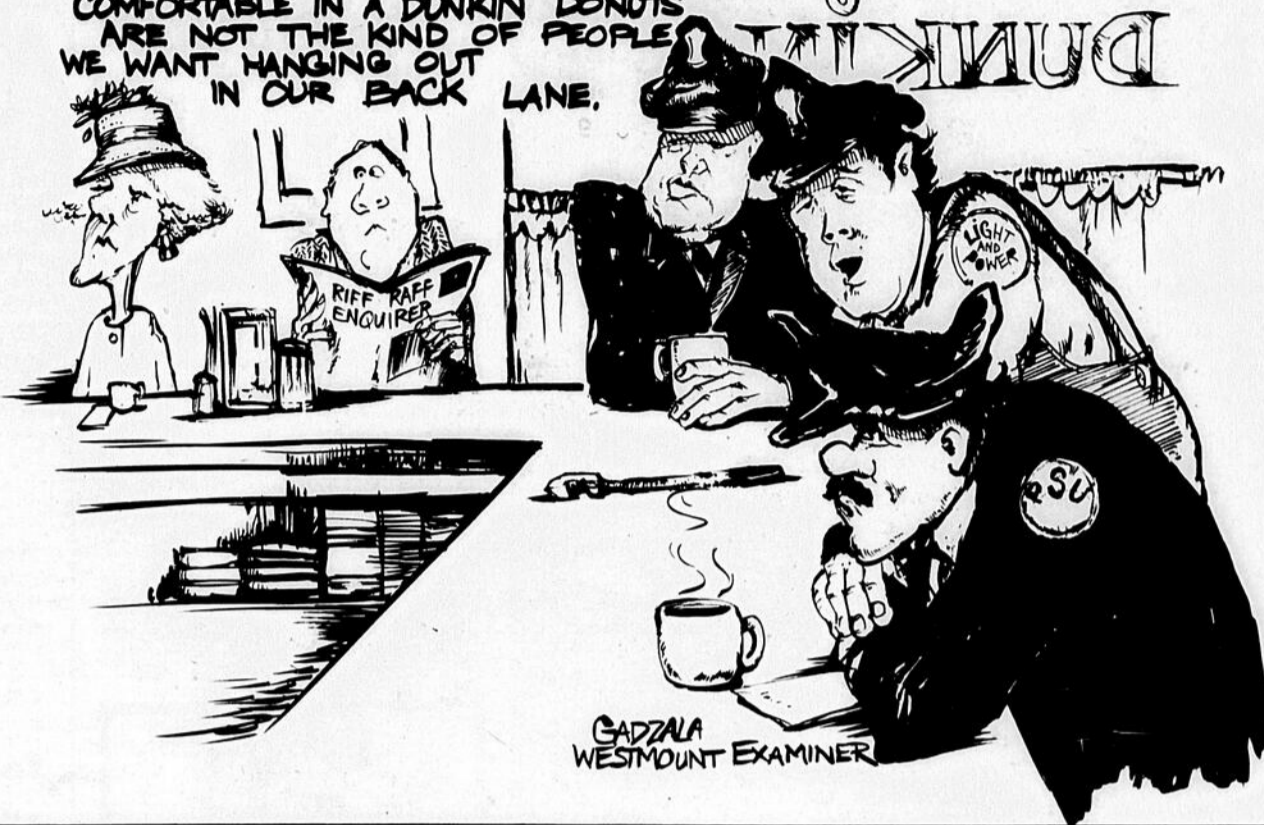
"The Vendôme and Villa Maria Métro stations will be opening next spring, rather than later next year as previously announced, Montreal Urban Community Chairman Pierre Des Marais II said last week"... "Richard French passed what promises to be his major hurdle on the road to Westmount's seat in the National Assembly Sunday evening by winning 57 percent of the vote to wrest the provincial Liberal Party nomination from Robert de Fougères. Just over 1,000 Liberal Party members, less than a quarter of those eligible, squeezed into Westmount High School on a cold and stormy night for the nomination convention, the first such open affair in Westmount."

One Year Ago  
October 26, 1989

"Former longtime Westmount resident Sandra McDougall Wilson was selected by the Montreal Council of Women to receive the third annual woman of the year award. Mrs Wilson has worked for many years on behalf of young classical musicians. Her efforts have been aimed at giving exposure to young talents so the public can come to know them"... "Now is the time for Westmounters to start 'winterizing' their dogs. Animals, just like humans, require a richer diet during the cold weather."

WESTMOUNT PROTESTER

THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO FEEL COMFORTABLE IN A DUNKIN' DONUTS ARE NOT THE KIND OF PEOPLE WE WANT HANGING OUT IN OUR BACK LANE.



You Say

Objectionable snobbism behind Donut protest

Reading the letter and article about Yvonne Klein's hasty assault against the evil Donut, I was reminded of the sketch from *Beyond the Fringe*... "I'm not saying you get a load of riff raff down the mines; I'm just saying you got a load of riff raff down my mine." Surely she blows the threat of a few deep-fried calories completely out of proportion.

First, the clientele of any Dunkin' Donuts I have frequented (and I will confess to having been in a few) seems to have perfectly reflected the neighborhood in which they sat. Even were this not true, I wonder exactly what kind of people who feel comfortable there pose such a menace to her back lane. This is the most objectionable kind of snobbism I have heard in ages.

Second, Ms Klein apparently made no inquiries at all about the conditions under which the new store would open. What neon sign? What all-night operation? My experience has led me to believe that many food chains are quite immaculate community citizens. No matter how tacky they may seem, they seem to sponsor many valuable activities and worthy causes.

Third, why should doughnuts take all the heat? Where was Ms Klein when TCBY sprang to life in the same block? It doesn't even taste like yogurt. At least a DD is undeniably the real thing.

Let's be frank. Ms Klein lives near a commercially zoned, busy street. That was her choice, as it was mine. What we both gain in convenience we both must expect to sacrifice in quiet and, to a certain extent, privacy. To me, this is a simple case of wanting your doughnut and eating it too.

For my part, I look forward to Munchkins enlivening many a boring meeting and feting the end of many a novice hockey game. Ms Klein's complaints paint Westmount with a snobbish, elitist brush which it does not deserve.

John Carsley, MD

384 Lansdowne avenue  
WESTMOUNT H3Z 2L4

What good will come from Dunkin' Donuts?

Regarding the imminent opening of Dunkin' Donuts in Westmount, I will never patronize (i.e. be a customer of) this or any other branch of said company.

What good or service will this multinational enterprise offer our community that is not already provided by far more charming, gracious local proprietors?

What also worries me is what will be next? What other kinds of enterprise will also open, to be followed by a chorus of local

disapproval and municipal government impotence.

Perhaps the City of Westmount is small fish when compared to the economies of multinational corporations, but do we have to acquiesce to being swallowed alive?

Joe Bontems

323 Victoria avenue  
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 2N1

Be careful about giving to unknown people, groups

We moved to Westmount three years ago. Twice a year since then, somebody calls me saying that they collect used clothing or toys for the mentally handicapped.

I was shocked to read an article in *La Presse* (Oct 22) stating that these people send my donations to retail outlets called Village des Valeurs (three stores plus a fourth one on the way in LaSalle). These stores are called Village Values in the U.S. and apparently are very profitable.

Please publish my letter and pass the word around. Winter is coming and I'm sure warm clothing is needed by people who can't even afford the Village des Valeurs prices.

Let's send our used clothing to such organizations as St Vincent de Paul Society.

Irene Robert

725 Upper Roslyn avenue  
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 1J2

Victoria Hall needed as new theatre facility

I agree with F. Latour ("You Say," Sept 27): 219 responses to an enquiry about cultural facilities in a city the size and like of Westmount cannot possibly be seriously considered as a criterion.

Victoria Hall, while in need of serious interior overhaul in order to make it a usable theatre space, is perfect in size and location.

Two and a half years ago the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal held a public hearing on the interest in turning West Hill High School's auditorium into a functional facility for amateur and semi-professional theatre. The response was overwhelmingly positive with all kinds of people in concurrence, yet it fell through. Aside from Place des Arts and Centaur, where fees

and union rates make them generally unaffordable, there is nothing west of St Lawrence except for various church basements, high school auditoria etc. Few have any kind of proper technical systems, let alone parking.

English amateur theatre and dance groups in this city (Montreal and environs) have no home. Nor do they benefit from provincial-federal funding arrangements as do other provinces.

Please, Westmounters, speak to those you know who are involved as audiences and performers, and learn the lack.

Elizabeth Shore

3682 The Boulevard  
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Ms van Renesse retires from 'Westmount life'

When my husband recently was asked what his wife is like, he replied, "She is a crossing of Mother Theresa and Joan of Arc." This is a nice thought.

But now I would like to give up both those qualities.

Herewith, I resign as president of the committee of Westmount Tenants Associations and all small-town Westmount politics and Westmount life. It is time to go on with life.

When the completely untruthful letter of complaint reached THE EXAMINER and was printed last week, one does not need to take this hate any longer.

My former vice-president Kyra Emo, councillor Joan Rothman and Mrs Tannenbaum from the Alexis Nihon Association did not bother to call back, after repeated messages, to straighten out this misunderstanding.

I think I have had sufficient excitement for a volunteer in this city. It is time to enjoy life again after so many years of resistance against the free enterprise of real estate investment, where everything goes the landlord's way. For Westmounters the present Régie is completely useless, and whom else can one turn to?

So thanks to those who confided in me and those who liked me. Keep smiling and plant flowers instead.

Dirkje, Christiane van Renesse  
van Duivenbode

1117 Greene avenue  
WESTMOUNT H3Z 2A1

I Say!

WHEN we have nothing to worry about we are not doing much, and not doing much may supply us with plenty of future worries.

-Chinese

## Grosvenor crash and smash



Car parts were scattered around the street by a spectacular collision at the intersection of Sherbrooke and Grosvenor Monday about 6:45 pm. The impact sent one of the two cars involved careening over the northeast sidewalk to stop on the doorstep of the Quenneville pharmacy. The Pontiac sheered off the entire front bumper of the Audi and deposited it on the sidewalk beside a smashed bench and flower pot where it became the object of curiosity of passersby. The Audi ended up on Grosvenor avenue opposite Mac's convenience store. Its driver was slightly injured and both cars were extensively damaged. Police said one had been going north, the other east when they hit in the intersection. One went through a red light. The Audi's driver, a 22-year-old Côte St Luc man, was using his father's car rather than his own "to save gas" while the father was out-of-town, explained a family member at the scene. He was ticketed for driving without proof of insurance.

## Fight over sprinkler installation:

# Plaza Tower tenants to discuss injunction try at meeting Monday

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The next step in a legal challenge by the Plaza Tower Tenants Association to sprinkler installation throughout the building will be taken up at its annual membership meeting Monday night.

Past-president Jerry Jacobs, who now serves as vice-president of the group, said last week's plan to seek a court injunction will be proposed at the meeting slated for 7:30 pm in the Atwater Library.

"The injunction is very costly and we'll go for it if there's widespread support from the membership."

Tenant rights advocate Arnold Bennett is expected to attend the Monday night meeting to discuss the Plaza situation with the group, Mr Jacobs said.

The sprinkler work, which began two weeks ago on the 16th floor, appears to be going ahead as scheduled. The group has been mounting a

two-year legal challenge to efforts by Alexis Nihon Corp, owners of the highrise, to sprinkle the 33-storey building.

Tenants fear many will not be able to pay resulting rent increases estimated between \$25 and \$50 a month.

They also challenged schedules and security for the work.

The building at 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard is one of 19 Westmount apartment buildings that would require retro-fitting with fire sprinklers under a proposed city by-law to improve fire safety in large buildings.

## These highrises may require sprinklers

FOLLOWING is a list of 19 apartment buildings which will require a sprinkler system under the city's proposed legislation, as compiled by the fire brigade. The proposed legislation affects all buildings higher than six storeys.

- **33 storeys:**  
Plaza Tower, 4000 de Maisonneuve;
- **20 storeys:**  
2 Westmount Square;  
3 Westmount Square;
- **18 storeys:**  
Château Maisonneuve, 4998 de Maisonneuve;
- **12 storeys:**  
Chequers Place, 3033 Sherbrooke;  
Royal West Apartments, 250 Clarke;  
The 4300 West, 4300 de Maisonneuve;  
The 4300 East, 4300 de Maisonneuve;
- **11 storeys:**  
Kensington Apartments, 239 Kensington;
- **10 storeys:**  
Westmount Place, 200 Kensington;  
Westmount Place, 201 Metcalfe;
- **8 storeys:**  
4470 St Catherine;  
Park Place Apartments, 4488 St Catherine;
- **7 storeys:**  
Savoy Plaza Apartments, 399 Clarke;  
Continental Apartments, 4282 Dorchester;  
Westmount Terrace, 10 Rosemount;  
Hillside House, 4400 St Catherine;  
Stanton Plaza, 30 Stanton; and,  
Westmount Estates, 4800 de Maisonneuve (maybe).

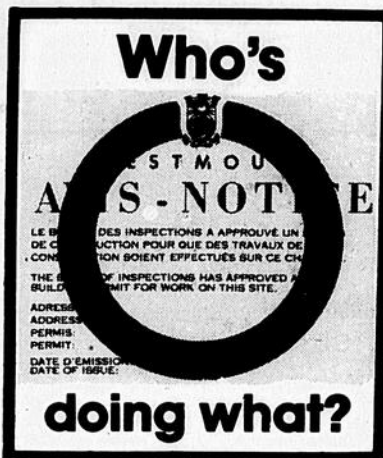
### Already sprinklered:

Apartment buildings higher than six storeys already sprinklered are: Château Westmount Square at 4175 St Catherine (22), The 200 Lansdowne (10), Westmount Park Towers at 4700 St Catherine (8) and 1 Wood.

Smaller sprinklered apartment buildings are: 285 Clarke, Le Cacherel at 295 Victoria and 4160 Sherbrooke.

Other fully sprinklered buildings are: Dawson College (Atwater campus), RCMP headquarters at 4225 Dorchester, Goodwin House Nursing Home at 366 Metcalfe, Carex Nursing Home at 4860 de Maisonneuve, Alexis Nihon office towers at 3400 and 3500 de Maisonneuve and the office tower at 1 Westmount Square.

*Editor's Note: A story in last week's issue about the installation of sprinkler systems referred to this story as being on page 12 in the same issue. It was not. We apologize for the error.*



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

### Oct 15

376 Victoria: for FCA International by self, partition of garage, \$600;  
379 Prince Albert: for Ann Cecil by La-Salle Fencing, fence, \$650;

### Oct 16

3227-33 St Antoine: for A. Splawinski by self, back elevation, \$3,000;  
1115 Greene: for S.F. Petzold by self, interior repairs, \$5,000;  
16 Thornhill: for Daniel Tingley by James Griffin, water entrance, \$750;  
25 Renfrew: for Mr Lyons by Kasman Plumbing and Heating, gas line, \$2,500;  
4695 de Maisonneuve: for Westmount Park United Church by Kasman Plumbing and Heating, new plumbing in vestibule (10 fixtures), \$6,000;  
28 Windsor: for Karen and Peter Cooke by self, side and back fence, \$2,000;  
3310 Cedar: for J. Leroy by Patrice Albert, interior alterations and deck, \$25,000;

### Oct 17

4156 St Catherine: for Art Image-Photo 1 Hour by Enseignes Victor Inc, sign, \$2,500;  
1377 Greene: for Tom Alevissatos by West Island Signs, sign, \$1,200;  
3500 de Maisonneuve (8th floor): for Alexis Nihon Plaza Quebec Inc by Vicon Construction, interior office renovation and analysis, \$45,000;

### Oct 18

62 Somerville: for Mr Thuringer by McHenry Plumbing, install five plumbing fixtures, \$3,000;

### Oct 19

4818 Sherbrooke: for Laura Secord by Plomberie Charrette, drain modified (two fixtures), \$800.

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# Officials happy with summer work in Summit Park

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

The first phase of the restoration and conservation of Summit Park in upper Westmount is complete and city officials say they are satisfied with the work so far.

"It's looking good," Councillor Rhoda Vineberg said Tuesday. "It went better than planned."

Westmount has budgeted \$380,000 to restore the park which has suffered from erosion, drainage and vegetation problems because of more than 50 years of use.

Mrs Vineberg said she hasn't received any complaints about the first phase of the three-phase project, all of which is to be completed by next year. The feedback from dogwalkers, bird watchers and environmentalists has all been good, she said. "They're all happy."

During the first phase of the work, divided into two contracts, the primary foot path was reconstructed and the four main entrances were rebuilt to limit access, said Claudette Savaria, Westmount's horticulturist.

Contract one, awarded to Nature Design, cost \$98,698 while contract two, awarded to Construction Morival, cost \$102,215, Ms Savaria said.

### Spruces stolen

The only hitch was that someone stole three spruce trees from in front of entrance three at Summit Circle and Summit crescent.

Ms Savaria and Fred Caluori, Westmount's director of public works, both said they hesitated reporting the incident because they did not want to give other people ideas about doing the same thing.

THE EXAMINER learned of the theft when a resident mentioned it to the two city officials who were giving a reporter a tour of Summit Park Thursday.

"That's awful. That's disgusting," Mrs Vineberg said when informed of the tree thefts.

The primary path was narrowed

and renovated with peat gravel. Some secondary paths were blocked by stones or shrubbery. Temporary fencing was added to protect newly planted vegetation to give it a chance to stabilize.

"If the dogs step in them (perennials) they won't get a chance to grow," Ms Savaria said.

Any new plants which die over the winter will be replaced by the contractor, Ms Savaria said.

### Stones used

Stones were also used to narrow and define paths which were crowned to improve drainage. Stones were also used to stabilize grades. Some residents, prior to the awarding of the contracts, complained bitterly of planned "stone-steps" on steeper grades. They said they did not want "artificial" steps to be added to the park.

But no one has complained of the stones once installed, Mrs Vineberg said. "They don't stand out. They're not obtrusive."

Ms Savaria said the work at Summit Park was necessary to stem the rising number of new paths being created by users. The park was in danger of being overrun by the paths, she said.

Also, the paths had to be groomed because many exposed tree roots being stepped on by park users were eroding slowly.

Mr Caluori said Westmount has approached the work at the natural park and bird sanctuary with a policy of "minimum intervention."

Phase II and Phase III of the work will start next spring and cost an estimated \$180,000. Secondary and seasonal paths will be renovated while some smaller entrances to the park will be narrowed or closed. All entrances will be narrowed so vehicles could not enter the park.

The work should be finished by the end of next summer.



FRED CALUORI, director of public works, and CLAUDETTE SAVARIA, Westmount's horticulturist, inspect new stone-steps at Summit Park.

## Holden seeks Trudeau talk to commission

Westmount MNA Richard Holden wants the commission investigating Quebec's constitutional future to invite former prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau to address it.

Mr Holden, a commission member, said Tuesday that an address by Mr Trudeau, a staunch federalist, would ensure the 35-member Bélanger-Campeau commission received a balanced view.

Mr Holden is concerned that the federalist view will not be heard by the commission. Who better than Mr Trudeau to present the federalist view, Mr Holden said.

So the MNA asked commission secretary Henri Paul Rousseau in an Oct 19 letter to invite Mr Trudeau.

## Firefighters won't take waste

Firefighters were called to the rear of the Coach House antique store on Greene avenue Friday afternoon to remove a 40-gallon drum of corrosive substance resembling paint thinner.

Owners of the place were told they would have arrange to have the material taken away by a company specializing in hazardous waste since the fire department had no means of disposing of the goods.

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By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

## Residents invited to ward meetings

The Westmount Municipal Association wants the city to adopt an all-encompassing five-year plan and is seeking the views of fellow citizens at its ward committee meetings to be held Monday night at Victoria Hall. While Westmount, like all Montreal Urban Community municipalities, has adopted a five-year plan-

ning program which deals with development, WMA president Thomas Thompson said in a telephone interview Monday the WMA would like the city to adopt a five-year plan "which would encompass all major aspects of running a municipality."

"You can't move mountains in one year," he said. "We feel planning is very important."

Among the issues the five-year plan should tackle is municipal spending, MUC taxation and Quebec-municipal taxation arrangements.

Mr Thompson is "very concerned" that very few municipalities will have resources to tackle the economic recession and said some municipalities have already gone bankrupt. Even Toronto is in trouble, he said.

Therefore, Westmount should consider a three percent reduction in the cost of administering the city, he said. Perhaps some jobs could be "reconciled," he said.

### Creative solutions

The city should also look at some "creative ways of broadening its tax base," the WMA president suggested. One way that might be considered is re-zoning certain homes from single-family dwellings to allow their conversion to duplexes or other "similar arrangements that might be acceptable to the community," Mr Thompson said.

He said perhaps its time that the city faces the demographic fact that homes built for families of eight or more are not needed as much.

"To some this might seem drastic," Mr Thompson said, "but without a discussion of possibilities we may miss opportunities to encourage reasonable growth in the community," he said.

Mr Thompson is very worried about the plight of homeowners who have been the target of tax grabs by the MUC and the provincial government.

"One overriding concern that I have is that property owners will be held hostage by MUC and Quebec municipal affairs planning... We've seen it happen in Ontario where more costs are transferred to the property owners."

At a council meeting earlier this month, Councillor Peter Trent said that Westmount real estate values were disproportionately higher to those in the MUC overall. Residential property values increased 35 percent in Westmount compared to an equivalent 30 percent in the MUC to the end of May, he said.

In the spring, the WMA joined the

city of Westmount in protesting the shifting of the school tax burden onto property owners.

Earlier this year, the Quebec government cut back its education funding and authorized school boards to levy additional taxes by raising the school tax ceiling from 25 cents to 35 cents per \$100 of property evaluations. That action followed the federal government's decision to cut about \$220 million in transfer payments to Quebec.

"Property owners in Westmount are willing to consider a reasonable expense to enjoy services they come to like and expect in this community," Mr Thompson said. "Our worry is that we will begin to pay for services outside the community through property taxes."

Mayor May Cutler and all Westmount councillors are scheduled to attend the ward committee meetings at 7:30 pm Monday in Victoria Hall. All are welcome.

Mr Thompson is anxious to meet other Westmounters to get feedback on some of the WMA's ideas. He is even considering forming a list of interested Westmounters who could be consulted on certain issues before WMA meetings, sort of like an advisory group.

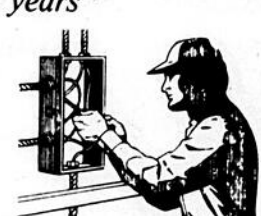

"So we welcome their comments on Monday night," Mr Thompson said.

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## Côte St Luc fire truck hits car on call here

One man was taken to hospital and another was reported slightly injured early Monday morning when their car collided at Atwater and de Maisonneuve with a fire truck from Côte St Luc that was going through a red light, police said.

The emergency vehicle had been called to Westmount at 2:30 am on an automatic mutual aid call to the Greene Avenue Community Centre, 1090 Greene avenue, and was on its way back when it turned out not to be needed, local fire officials said.

The truck was reported to have circled south off Sherbrooke street for the return trip after cancellation of the code call at 2:43 am. The call involved only an alarm problem and did not require mutual aid assistance.

Côte St Luc fire officials said the truck had its flashers in operation at the time of the accident.

It was the second mishap to befall a Côte St Luc pumper on a call to Westmount. Five years ago another truck was totalled when it hit a hydro pole while travelling down the steep hill on Côte St Luc road under slippery conditions.

The latest mishap caused more minor damage to a rear compartment of the streamlined 1989 Mack truck.

Police said the truck was going

south on Atwater when its driver claimed to have stopped at the red light and then started up again. It was hit in the rear by a westbound car whose driver claimed not to have seen it.


Public safety officers, who also reported the accident at 2:47 am, said the driver complained of chest pains from impact with the steering wheel. He was taken to the Montreal General Hospital by Urgences Santé. A passenger hit his head but was not transported.

The private car was reported to have been towed away and was described as totalled. Its driver was a Montreal man in his twenties.

The fire truck remained operational and was summoned back to 1090 Greene on another automatic call at 5:05 am for the same problem. It was cancelled en route seven minutes into the call. The truck underwent repairs this week.

### Window holed

Someone made a large hole in a window of the office building at 4040 St Catherine street overnight Tuesday-Wednesday last week, police said. The vandalism was discovered by a public safety patrol at 2:57 am and MUC police summoned. No one had entered the building. Damage was estimated at \$200.

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# Two more buildings thought to have PCB-contaminated electrical gear

Two more electrical units in Westmount are believed to be contaminated with PCBs in excess of the legal limit, city officials revealed this week.

One is a transformer in the office building at First Westmount, 4333 St Catherine street, where, ironically, offices of Donovan and Donovan, the

By **LAUREEN SWEENEY**  
city's solicitors, are located.

The other is a capacitor in the Chequers Place Apartments, 3033 Sherbrooke street, where PCBs are suspected but not yet confirmed.

The discoveries came to light in the last two weeks during a follow-

up of requests by the city in August 1989 for owners of large buildings in Westmount to have electrical switch gear tested for polychlorinated biphenyls.

Recent tests on the First Westmount transformer found its coolant fluid to contain PCBs in a concentration of 58 parts per million, slightly over the 50 ppm level designated by Environment Canada for contamination.

Testing of the capacitor at Chequers' Place has yet to take place but suspicions of light and power worker Bob Goyette are supported by Fire Inspector Barry Coates.

### Made public Tuesday

The status of the two devices was made public Tuesday by Danny Ponzo, who heads the city's electrical utility.

Until the suspicious capacitor can be confirmed to contain PCBs, it will be treated as such and has already been so labelled, Mr Ponzo said.

Fire officials say such units pose little hazard as long as they are maintained in good repair to prevent leakage and are not involved in fire situations where they can emit toxic by-products.

A list of the 43 buildings where the city had requested PCB testing in August 1989 was published in THE EXAMINER July 26, 1990. It showed that 12 had failed to comply.

Since that time, additional written responses have been received and now only six buildings remain to be heard from, said Mr Ponzo.

He said the transformer at First Westmount appeared to be of the mineral-oil type which had probably become contaminated over the years by topping up with PCB coolants.

Citizen Ramzi Ferahian has been pressing the city to follow up on building owners who failed to have their equipment tested.

### Plea for co-operation

Though city officials maintain they cannot force building owners to carry out the tests, a plea by letter sought their co-operation "on this most serious matter."

Since the fire department's inventory of PCB sites was made public in 1985, a number of PCB units have been sent away for destruction overseas.

A number of other units, not previously identified as having PCBs, have since been added to the list.

Contaminated units owned by the City of Westmount are known to be in use at the Glen power house, King George Park sub-station, Olivier sub-station, 4823 Sherbrooke and Westmount Square.

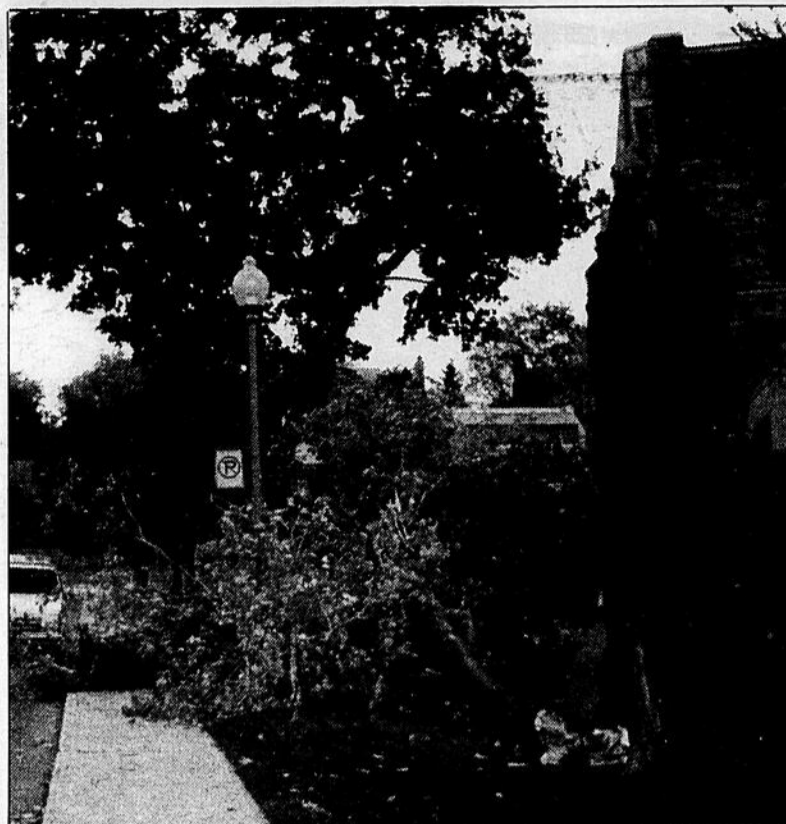
Privately owned PCB equipment has been detected at Château Maisonneuve, the Steinberg store at 4840 Sherbrooke, the Westmount Medical Building, 250 Clarke, Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, Royal Bank Data Centre, 6 Weredale Park, Place Alexis Nihon and Reader's Digest at 215 Redfern.

Though the city budgetted \$500,000 in capital expenditures during 1990 for the removal and replacement of PCB units it owns and operates, all remain in service pending a solution to the disposal problem.

### Used motor oil spills in lane

A container for used motor oil at the back of the Subaru auto centre, 4032 St Catherine street, overflowed Sunday, spilling some 15 gallons into the lane, fire officials report.

The spill was detected about 4:49 pm by PSO Bob White who called firefighters. Public works crews spread the area with sand to soak up the oil.



High winds toppled this tree in front of the St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church on Roslyn avenue last Thursday afternoon.

# High winds claim trees, lamp standard

High winds and rain late last week caused several trees and limbs to crash onto property or vehicles at several locations in Westmount, public safety officers report.

A large tree fell on Roslyn avenue last Thursday afternoon damaging shrubbery outside St Andrew's - Dominion-Douglas Church. The tree belonged to the city which sent its tree crews to cut up and remove the debris.

Another city tree toppled Friday about 11:22 am onto a car parked behind the Westmount Public Li-

brary. The grey four-door belonged to library worker Norma Barrow. Its roof and trunk were dented and scratched.

A lamp standard also blew over opposite 622 Grosvenor avenue Friday about 2:35 am. Officers said the metal base was badly rusted and eroded making it vulnerable to the heavy winds.

The same day, firefighters were called to 599 Victoria avenue when a tree limb fell onto wires thought to be electrical. Instead they turned out to be Bell Canada wires.

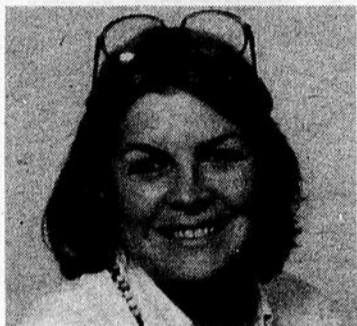


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# City honors longtime employees at Quarter Century Club banquet

Five City of Westmount employees were to be honored last night for 25 years of service to the municipality at the 47th annual banquet of its Quarter Century Club.

They are among 34 workers named to receive long-service awards for 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years. Membership to the club is granted only after a quarter-century of service and is marked with the presentation of a gold watch.

The banquet takes place each year at Victoria Hall. All honorees are invited as well as pensioners and other workers who previously attained the 25-year status. The event traditionally has been held just before Christmas but was moved up to allow pensioners who spend the winter in warmer climes to attend and to cut the possibility of bad weather hampering attendance.

Receiving gold watches this year are: Kenneth Kronen, who retired recently as city hall superintendent; Bruce Buckley, light and power worker; Michael Thomas, MUC police constable at station 23; Peter Patenaude, the city's former director general; and Jean-Pierre Robert of public works.

Since formation of the club in 1944, more than 400 have qualified for membership.

Other awards this year are as follows:

**35 years service:** André Millette.  
**30 years service:** Ronald White, purchasing director; Richard Cyrenne, electrician; and Michael Crouch, municipal court.

**20 years service:** Hermès Ste-Croix, Angelo Baruffa, Marcel Normand, Hannu Vepsa, Francesco Marrone, and George Cutler, all of public works; Federico Caluori, public works director; Rick Caluori, MUC police constable at station 23; Guy Tassé, sanitation inspector; and James Carbonneau, light and power

department.  
**15 years service:** Bruce St Louis, manager of operations; Salvatore Fama, Marcel Langlois and George Palardy, public works; as well as 11 firefighters: Lieut Serge Gagnon,

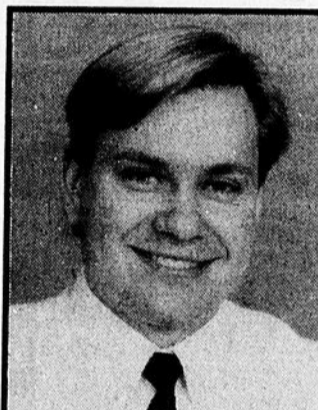
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### Oct 16

3:00 am: 4800 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
 4:57 pm: 21 Stanton, MUC police station 23, first responder unit for medical assistance to young woman in detention suffering breathing problems;  
 5:57 pm: 369 Metcalfe, exterior gas leak, entry pipe accidentally bent by backhoe during excavation work;

### Oct 17

3:09 pm: 324 Kensington, possible defective smoke detector;  
 8:23 pm: 6689 Côte St Luc, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 8:25 pm;  
 10:09 pm: Hillside and Hillside Lane, for flickering light, salamander heater in use at construction site;

### Oct 18

10:16 am: 24 Devon, burnt exterior electrical entrance;

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4:10 pm: Mount Pleasant and Montrose, water leaking from broken pipe;  
 4:56 pm: Greene and de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for man fallen on sidewalk, driven home by PSU;  
 8:39 pm: 9 Côte St Antoine, water leak caused by blocked roof drain;

### Oct 19

3:17 am: Rear of 4823 Sherbrooke, fire in garbage container (see story page 3);  
 1:00 pm: 4141 Sherbrooke, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 1:08 pm, strange odor, tarring of roof;  
 1:25 pm: Rear of 1325 Greene, service call for toxic water (see story page 7);  
 1:34 pm: Rear of 599 Victoria, tree fallen on Bell wires (see story page 10);  
 4:03 pm: Argyle and Montrose, gas leak, repair crews already on scene;  
 8:03 pm: 334 Côte St Antoine, strange odor, plastic lid burnt in dishwasher;

### Oct 20

5:07 am: 3109 St Antoine, leaking hot water heater;  
 4:37 pm: 6565 Collins, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:50 pm;  
 4:59 pm: 1200 Decarie, code 3 automatic mutual aid to St Laurent cancelled at 5:01 pm;  
 8:42 pm: 3075 Thimens, code 3 automatic mutual aid to St Laurent cancelled at 8:49 pm;

### Oct 21

12:58 am: Victoria and The Boulevard, for car accident (see story page 29);  
 12:16 pm: 441 Mount Pleasant, first responder unit for medical assistance, not required;  
 12:52 pm: 134 Arlington, burglar alarm;  
 2:52 pm: 9 Anwoth, person locked out of home;  
 4:49 pm: Rear of 4036 St Catherine, oil tank leaking (see story page 10);

### Oct 22

2:30 am: 1090 Greene, community centre, alarm ringing (see story page 8);  
 4:40 am: 6565 Collins, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:49 am;  
 5:05 am: 1090 Greene, community centre, alarm ringing (see earlier call).

## Back by mail

An office worker whose wallet was stolen from her purse Oct 11 at the Belair Travel agency on Greene avenue received it in the mail the next week, police report. It came from Canada Post indicating it may have been dropped in a letter box. It was missing the money.

## Westmounter arrested for N.D.G. theft

A 21-year-old Westmount man was arrested in N.D.G. on Monday evening last week in connection with the theft of a quantity of compact discs from a store at 5900 Sherbrooke street west, police say.

The discs were taken after the store's window was broken by a rock just before 8 pm. A wide variety of compact discs was stolen.

Police say the arrest was made when a police officer got on a bus on another matter and had his curiosity aroused by two nervous young men sitting with a large plastic bag of compact discs.

The officer made the arrest when the bus driver said he had carried the men in his bus earlier in the opposite direction and they were not carrying anything then.

The two were taken to Station 15 in N.D.G. but only was charged with theft. Total value of the damage to the store and the discs was put at \$1,000.

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## Novak wins close vote to head PSO group

Westmount public safety officers elected James Novak as the new president of the Association of Westmount Public Safety Officers Oct 16. He succeeds Michel Godon.

PSO Novak won the position in a vote of 8 to 6 over PSO Steve Manktelow, a longtime member of the union executive. Both have been with the unit since its inception 10 years ago. Of 15 who voted, one ballot was spoiled.

PSO Bob White was acclaimed as vice-president.

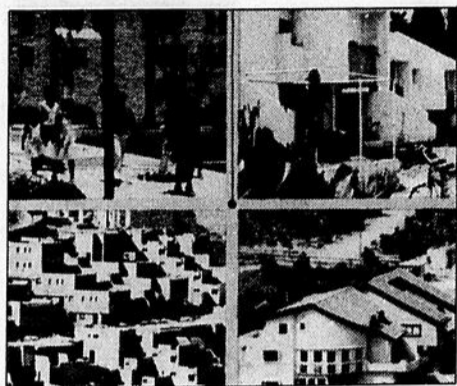
Since no candidates presented themselves for the position of secretary-treasurer, one of the officers is expected to be appointed to those duties at the next meeting of the association, according to an official press release.

Election results were announced this week by the nominating committee consisting of officers Raffaele Barba and Louis Leger.

The elections took place after the previous union executive was voted out of office a month ago in a motion of non-confidence moved by PSO Barba over reaction to manpower cuts proposed by the city as a result of integration of fire and public security departments.

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## STATION 23 LOG

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The following incidents are from the files of Montreal Urban Community police Station 23, covering Westmount:

### Sprinkler damaged

A resident of Greene avenue told police Monday, Oct 15, that someone had damaged the sprinkler system she had installed for a garden beside Stayner Park. Damage was listed at \$300.

### Paint clerk at knifepoint

A robber held up a clerk at knifepoint last Thursday at the Sherwin Williams paint store on Sherbrooke street, ordering him to lock the front door, police said. He then calmly asked that money be put in a bag.

The man was given an undisclosed amount of cash and departed with his loot. He was described as a 25-year-old black man who spoke English and wore a grey jacket with black jeans. The holdup took place about 7:40 pm.

### No charges for followers

Police intercepted two cars Sunday at 5 am at Summit Circle and Oakland after a newspaper delivery man reported they were following him around, officials said. Three men were questioned in each car and several baseball bats were found.

Everybody had to be let go without charges because no crime had been committed, explained Const Gaston Bernier. The incident is expected to be investigated further. No mention was made on an initial police report which newspaper the "victim" was delivering.

### Mountie pantless

Some people will take anything they can lay their hands on, it seems. A Mountie lost his pants to someone who broke into his personal car parked overnight Saturday-Sunday across from 4200 Dorchester boulevard, police said. They were described as riding pants worth \$80 but were believed to be the navy blue, yellow-striped attire worn with the scarlet tunic.

### Hit barrier

A Westmount woman was reported to have driven her car into a construction barrier at Montrose and Mount Pleasant avenues Wednesday, Oct 17. The 1986 Chrysler sustained up to \$500 damage. MUC police said there was not enough room for two cars at the location but did not specify if the driver had been trying to avoid another vehicle. The accident occurred about 7 pm.

### Windex leaves charge, no streaks

A shopper at Place Alexis Nihon was charged with simple assault after she allegedly threw a Windex bottle at a salesclerk manning a jewelry kiosk, Tuesday, Oct 16, police said. Cause of the argument was not documented in initial reports. It apparently erupted between the two women about 4:30 pm.

The vendor was also "shoved around" before a security guard arrested the assailant. The accused is a 43-year-old resident of Grand boulevard in N.D.G. The 47-year-old victim lives on Côte St Luc road. She is not reported to have been injured.

### Impaired driving charge laid

A Westmount man was charged with impaired driving after his car collided with one driven by a 14-year-old boy at Sherbrooke street and Rosemount avenue last Thursday, police said. No injuries were reported.

The man, who also was charged with refusing to take a breathalyser test, was identified as a 32-year-old resident of Rosemount. A police report did not specify what action, if any, had been taken against the young driver of the other car who had no permit.

The accident occurred about 1 am when the man had been driving a Mercury east along Sherbrooke and turned left into the left front corner of a 1990 Toyota travelling west.

### Keys found

A set of keys was found last Thursday at Lansdowne avenue and Lansdowne Ridge, police said. It can be claimed at local MUC police station 23.

### Doctor's bag gone from car

A physician's bag was taken from his car on Olivier avenue last Thursday by a man who fled in a red Honda Civic reported stolen the previous week in northeast Montreal, police said. It was driven by a second person.

The theft was witnessed by a Westmount resident who followed the getaway car, recording its licence number. The car is not known to have been recovered.

The break-in took place shortly after noon south of Sherbrooke street where a man aged about 30 was spotted breaking a window of a 1986 Ford Tempo belonging to a 32-year-old Westmount doctor. He removed a physician's bag as well as a brown attaché case before making good his escape.

### Alarm sounds

Someone forced open the door of a house on Clarke avenue Friday that was already unlocked, police said. The break-in set off a burglar alarm and caused \$250 damage. Nothing was stolen and no one was on the site when police arrived.

### Thefts from cars

Two women living at the Parkview apartments, 4501 Sherbrooke street, reported thefts involving their cars last week. One tenant noticed the front grill and headlights were missing from her 1987 Dodge after it was parked outside Victoria Hall Oct 14. Another tenant discovered the radio was stolen from her 1987 Volvo left unlocked in the apartment garage Oct 15 and 16.

# Thorn in the side of the city plucks herself from the fray

Christiane van Renesse, a long-time Westmount political and tenants' rights activist has called it quits.

She is resigning as president of the Committee of Westmount Tenants Association (CWTA) and is withdrawing from Westmount politics.

"I won't open my mouth anymore," Ms van Renesse said Tuesday. "I'm not going to participate in anything now."

She also wants to move from the community.

Her actions come in the wake of a public squabble between herself and Jerry Jacobs, vice-president of the Plaza Towers Tenants' Association and a co-founder of the CWTA.

The incident began at a mid-September council meeting when two councillors, Joan Rothman and Sally Aitken, said they would like to see the CWTA resurface. THE EXAMINER reported Sept 20 that Mr Jacobs wanted to rejuvenate the group.

This infuriated Ms van Renesse who complained at the next council meeting that she was still president and Mr Jacobs was trying to usurp her authority. She also wrote a letter to THE EXAMINER.

Mr Jacobs said Tuesday he did not say a word publicly about CWTA but was just responding to queries from two councillors. He said he had to admit nothing had been happening in the group.

Ms van Renesse announced she would resign following a letter in last week's EXAMINER by Mr Jacobs in which he asked her not to get involved in the Plaza Tower sprinkler dispute and implied the CWTA had languished under her stewardship.

For Ms van Renesse this was the last straw. She wrote another letter which is published this week in which she announced her resignation from "Westmount life."

"Enough is enough," she said Tuesday. "Let somebody else fight."

Ms van Renesse has been a thorn in the side of Westmount city hall for about a decade. She was instrumen-

tal in obtaining a maintenance by-law for tenants and persevered in obtaining space for community gardens.

But Ms van Renesse's sometimes abrasive, no-nonsense, tell-it-like-it-is style did not go over well with some Westmounters. She implied Tuesday that she has never been accepted by the Westmount establishment.

In fact, despite her dogged successful efforts for a community garden, she never did get a plot. And most recently, hoses she used to take care of flower beds she planted in Stayner Park have been cut. Three sprinklers have also been stolen.

Ms van Renesse was especially bitter about not being invited to the vin d'honneur last spring which recognized five deceased Westmounters for outstanding achievements.

Ms van Renesse complained that only Westmount bigwigs were invited to the occasion while volunteers and activists were not. She was insulted.

Ms van Renesse worked to help get Mayor May Cutler elected and was her gardener until this year.

But being shunned is nothing new for Ms van Renesse. She says she has been discriminated against ever since she came to Canada in 1966 and to Westmount in 1967 because of her immigrant status and her German accent.

"They always went after me because of the war," she said referring to World War II. "Well I don't take it anymore that people still hate everything German."

Ms van Renesse is Dutch. Her mother is German.

Ms van Renesse said she will not go to city hall anymore and will concentrate on her "cultural life" for a change.

She also wants to move.

"It's very lonely here," Ms van Renesse said. "It's not a nice neighborhood for someone like me... I don't have any more friends here."

Her husband works at the United Nations in New York.

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

Mr Jacobs expressed mixed feelings when told of Ms van Renesse's intentions.

"She is a fine person and she means well," he said. "She has done a lot of good for Westmount."

Mr Jacobs is hoping someone else

will come forward to take over the leadership of the CWTA because "Westmount needs a tenants' association."

Mr Jacobs said Ms van Renesse had worked hard for the CWTA and, at the time, was the right person for

the job. But he said she had trouble working constructively in groups.

"I seem to come across very wrong," Ms van Renesse said. "Perhaps it's my straightforward personality... But I have done only my very best."

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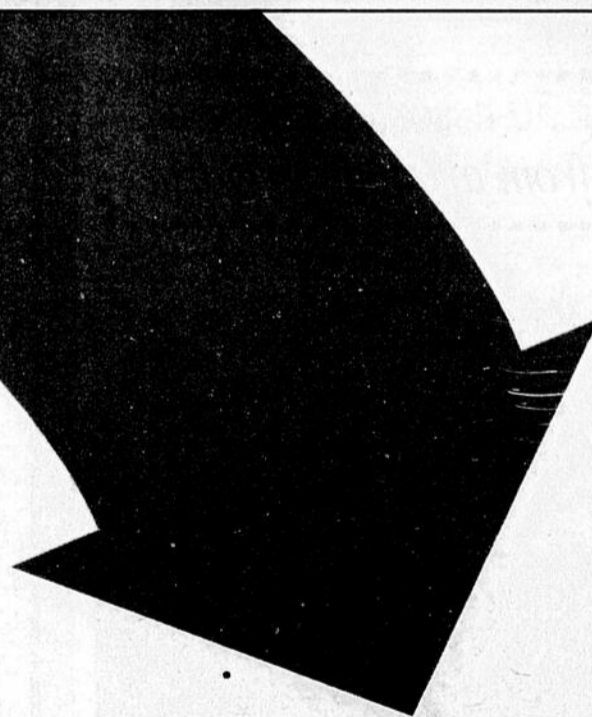
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# Rummage sales going the way of the whooping crane?

How much longer will rummage sales last?

They are hugely popular with teenagers on a limited budget, those with low incomes, immigrants who send off boxes of clothes to family back home and anyone seeking a terrific deal for an unbeatable price.

There is almost an air of desperation in the way these bargain-hunters search through piles of second-hand wear. These days, there is a similar air about the women's organizations in churches and synagogues which host the sales.

Often, the sales are dependent on a group of women who have done decades of volunteering. With few newcomers taking their place, it is difficult to maintain enthusiasm and energy required to organize these yearly and sometimes twice-yearly events.

St Matthias managed its usual fall rummage on Saturday. It, along with the spring rummage and upcoming Christmas Bazaar, are the largest fundraisers by the church's Association of Women.

Last year, their activities brought in \$16,000. With the previous year's surplus, they donated \$20,000 to charities as well as \$10,000 to the church.

If you bought a \$3 sweater at the

## At your leisure

by Alison Ramsey

beginning of the sale, or a \$5 green garbage bag 'o stuff during the last half-hour, part of your money will be on its way to St Michael's Mission (a drop-in centre for men), Auberge Madeleine (a shelter for battered women), Chez Doris (a women's drop-in centre), The Salvation Army, Tyndale-St George's (a community centre in Little Burgundy, for the needy and homeless) and Fulford House (a seniors' home for women).

The Women's Association is also considering what to help out with in the church, and are considering a wheelchair ramp.

Though they debated on whether or not to hold the rummage sale this year, its popularity — the need — settled the issue.

"The problem in most churches, any organization, is getting the volunteers," said Verne Shaw, organizer of this year's effort. "The population is growing older, less young families



After working until 11 pm the previous night, these women — the rummage sale contingent of the Association of Women — were back at it the next morning, preparing for Saturday's sale at St Matthias' Church. Pictured are PATRICIA MARCHANT, ELIZABETH ROBB, JEAN PLACE, ILA CARDEN, DORIS GREEN, DAPHNE McLAREN, ROSALIE PARSONS-BROWN, VERNE SHAW, FRANCIE MONTGOMERY and WENDY DODGE.

are going to church; we're drawing on the same good souls."

Another church which usually holds a spring and fall rummage sale, Westmount Park United Church, has cancelled its fall sale this year.

Kay Donaldson, who has organized them all for the past decade, finally said she couldn't manage it this time.

Active in the congregation for 40 years, despite having lived in N.D.G. for the past 25, Miss Donaldson said "there are no young women, and few middle-aged."

She became ill during the past two rummage sales, and will try to delegate more authority come spring.

The Christmas Bazaar is still on, organized by another member of the Ladies' Auxiliary. The auxiliary sprang up after the United Church Women disbanded about five years ago when its membership declined.

The auxiliary tries to raise more than \$1,000 each year — a rummage sale can account from \$350 to \$2,000 — which goes towards church renovations and acquisitions as well as St Columba's House, a mission in Little Burgundy.

### Used to do more

There was a time when the church women could raise much more, and were able to do such things as help Auberge Madeleine start up.

"It's purposeless to say five years ago we raised this amount of money," said Estelle Katz, president of Temple Emanu-El's Sisterhood-Brotherhood. "We have to judge by what will work this year."

"There are not a lot of young members. Every sisterhood and brotherhood is complaining about the same thing; for some reason, we end up with the same people doing all the work. They get tired of doing the work until they say, 'No more.'"

All the women interviewed tried to grapple with the question of why it is so difficult getting young people to volunteer. None complained about lack of participation; all are simply trying to understand, so they can try to change the situation.

Mrs Shaw speculated that Sunday is the only day that families, with two working parents, really have together. An hour or two on that one day can seem a lot to give, she said.

### Sociological reasons

Mrs Katz, after saying there is a bevy of sociological reasons, and the

subject is worthy of a research project, tried to sum it up. Perhaps young people have no training, no history of volunteerism, she said, or maybe they grew up with mother always being at the church and are now saying "The heck with it," deciding to direct their efforts to the home.

The Sisterhood-Brotherhood concentrates on raising money for the synagogue, and for its religious school. The temple handles fundraising for outreach programs, such as having food collections for the needy.

"We used to have a rummage sale,"

said Mrs Katz. "Then it got very, very difficult getting people to work on it. It fell by the wayside."

Perhaps the sales will disappear and, in their wake, these organizations will turn inward, with events designed to lure young families back to the churches and temples.

St Matthias is beginning, trying to reach into the community with fellowship events such as a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, a Potluck Luncheon and Christmas Carol Tea.

Once congregations are stronger, perhaps the sales that serve those mainly outside the parish will be able to resume.

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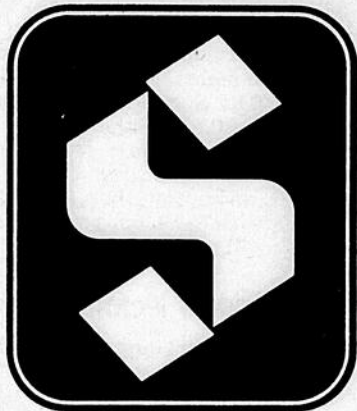
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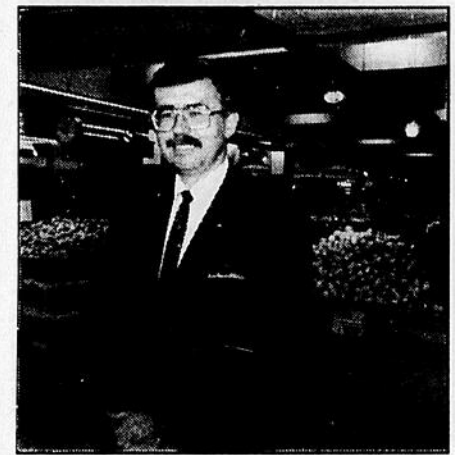
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# Geordie to perform Billy Bishop Thursday

Geordie Productions will present a performance of *Billy Bishop Goes to War* by John Gray at 8 pm Thursday, Nov 1, at Concordia University's D.B. Clarke Theatre, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west.

The show is directed by the company's artistic director, Westmounter Elsa Bolam.

The performance is sponsored by the Royal Canadian Air Force Heritage Fund, and stars Bruce Dinsmore as the First World War flying ace. Many Westmounters will remember Mr Dinsmore's portrayal of Macbeth during Repercussion Theatre's Shakespeare in the Park festival this summer. Mr Dinsmore has discovered that he is related to Billy Bishop.

Westmount resident Robert Burns plays piano and is musical director for the performance. Neil Kroetsch

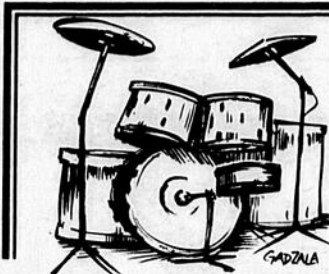
of Westmount-based Bulldog Productions will stage manage.

Following the performance, Geraldine Doucet will host An Evening at the RCAF Canteen.

The production is currently touring New Brunswick and received a standing ovation at its première for an RCAF reunion in Moncton. One veteran embraced Mr Dinsmore and exclaimed, "I met Billy Bishop in 1943. You have caught the spirit of the man."

In the spring the production will tour high schools, colleges, universities, seniors' groups, cultural centres, legions and RCAF wings. This is Geordie Theatre's 10th anniversary year.

Tickets for the benefit are \$35, \$25 of which is tax deductible. For more information call 845-9810.



## Beyond Westmount's Borders

A random sampler of things to see or do in the bigger city surrounding us

By JANET COUTTS

### Theatre around town

Foolhouse Theatre Company has found a home in the Fraser Hickson Institute, 4855 Kensington avenue in N.D.G., and will open its season tomorrow with its very own interpretation of Shirley Jackson's psychological thriller, *The Haunting*. The show runs to Nov 11, and stars Karen Angle, Jon Baggaley, Sonya Biddle, Alexander Chapman and Noam Jenkins. It is directed by Allan Patrick assisted by Michel Perron. Parental guidance is suggested. 369-2347... At John Abbott College in Ste Anne de Bellevue, the Theatre Workshop (English department) students are presenting *The Girl in the Mirror* by Bruce Jacoby, directed by faculty members Murray Napier and Christopher Lester. The play opens Tuesday and runs to Nov 3 at 8 pm, with a 1:30 pm matinee Nov 2. 457-2447.

### More theatre

The McGill department of English, drama and theatre program, presents contemporary Canadian playwright Don Hannah's *Rubber Dolly* Nov 7 to 10 and 14 to 17 in Morrice Hall Theatre, 3485 McTavish street, third floor. It dramatizes the life of two New Brunswick sisters struggling with poverty and single parenthood in Toronto. It is directed by National Theatre School graduate Paula Danckert. Seating is limited (lately performances in this space have had overflow audience sitting on the floor; reserve early). Some may find the language of the play offensive. 398-6795... A Montreal-based group called World Wide Entertainment will present Lewis John Carlino's *The Exercise* one night only at Salle Emile Legault, 613 St Croix, Ville St Laurent, on Tuesday at 8 pm. 744-7310.

### Guitar concert

The Montreal Guitar Quartet — Davis Joachim, André Roy, Marc Deschênes and Barry Crago — will play works for four guitars by Bach, Terzi, Sor, Morreno and Torroba Friday at 8 pm in a grand concert at St Joachim's Church, 2 Ste Anne street, Pointe Claire. Tickets are available at the Pointe Claire Cultural Centre, Stewart Hall, 176 Lakeshore road. General admission is \$7; students and seniors pay \$3. 630-1220.

### Thursdays at Lonergan

Lonergan College presents two lectures: Today from 4 to 5:30 pm,

Mary Dean Lee of McGill University's faculty of management will speak on *The Challenge of Nurturing Self in the Context of Work and Family Demands*. Next week, Nov 1, Ann Gertler, a UN observer for Project Ploughshares, will address the question *What Can the UN Do?* Refreshments are available between 3:30 and 4 pm before both lectures. Lonergan College is at 7302 Sherbrooke street west, corner West Broadway. 848-2280.

### Literature at Yellow Door

The Yellow Door has long been the home of folkies and other music performers. The coffee house also has a program of readings, recitations and dramatizations in which Montreal writers are introduced and their work is presented. It runs on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8 pm. On Nov 1 Joelle Hann and Brian Garrett will read. On Nov 15 it will be Paul Murray and Sonja Skarstedt, editor of the literary magazine *Synergy*. On Dec 6, Colleen Skarstedt and Anne Cimon read, and Dec 20, it's Jia Lin Peng and Steve Lehman, a John Abbott College English teacher. Admission is \$2; coffee and herbal teas are served for 50 cents. Smoking is not allowed. 398-6244.

### Pioneer feminist speaks

Betty Friedan, who changed women's attitudes about themselves with her book *The Feminine Mystique* will speak at a clinical day at Maimonides Hospital Geriatric Centre, 5795 Caldwell avenue, on Wednesday at 10 am. Her topic is *The Well-Aged Woman*. Ms Friedan herself is 69 and travels extensively, lecturing on significant social issues. The afternoon at the centre will have three simultaneous workshops. Herta Gutman, psychiatrist-in-chief at the Royal Victoria Hospital and director of the Allan Memorial Institute, will lead *Depression in Women*. *Violence in the Life Cycle of Women* will be led by Frema Engel, a specialist in the management of violence, crime and trauma. *The Professional Woman* is the subject of the workshop led by Prof Ethel Roskies of Université de Montréal's department of psychology. 483-2121 ext 258 or 279.

### Comic relief

The McGill Young Alumni are holding a comedy night at the Comedy Nest, 1459 Crescent street, on

Thursday, Nov 8 at 8 pm. Headlining is New York comic Tony Krolo. 398-3557... If you find you enjoy this and would like to see some Montreal talent, the same club has Montreal Comedy Showcase every Wednesday... Nearby at Comedyworks, 1234 Bishop, Mondays are Wide Open Mike nights, Tuesdays see the local On The Spot Players perform and Wednesdays another local group, Radio Free Vestibule, performs. Every second Wednesday, Caught in the Act, an improv group, is at Rockaway Café, 3475 St Lawrence boulevard. They'll be back Nov 14.

### Sparklers' lecture tonight

The Sparklers of Concordia University is an association of senior students, who occasionally have activities open to everyone. Prof Stephen Hlophe of Concordia's department of anthropology will speak at 7 pm tonight under their aegis in room 762, Hall building, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west. His topic is *Right Brain Visualization, Theory and Technique: Seeing through mind and heart*. 848-7422 or 933-2831.

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## Curran play being produced on West Island

Members of the West Island amateur theatre group Iona Players ventured to Montreal recently to see Westmounter Colleen Curran's *Miss Balmoral of the Bayview*, which is playing weekends at Csarda restaurant in Montreal.

They liked the play so much they will produce it for two performances only, at 8 pm, Monday and Tuesday, Nov 5 and 6, at St Columba-by-the-Lake Church auditorium, Vincennes avenue at Belmont street, in the Valois section of Pointe Claire.

Westmounters who have not been able to attend the downtown production, which is continuing, may wish to see it in Pointe Claire. Ms Curran will attend the Nov 5 presentation. Tickets are available at the door prior to the performance.

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# Centaur Theatre dips into Fugard well for seventh time

By JANET COUTTS

If there is one thing that Centaur Theatre does extraordinarily well, it is Athol Fugard plays.

This evening, *My Children! My Africa!*, Mr Fugard's latest play, opens at Centaur, directed by artistic director and Westmounter, Maurice Podbrey.

"This is the seventh Fugard play we have done at Centaur and the fourth one I have directed," says Mr Podbrey. "And I acted in two of them."

About the current play, Mr Podbrey says, "This is one of the milestones in the history of theatre. It gives us a window on South Africa and the current situation there.

"It also gives us a window on ourselves; the issues here go to the heart of all our lives.

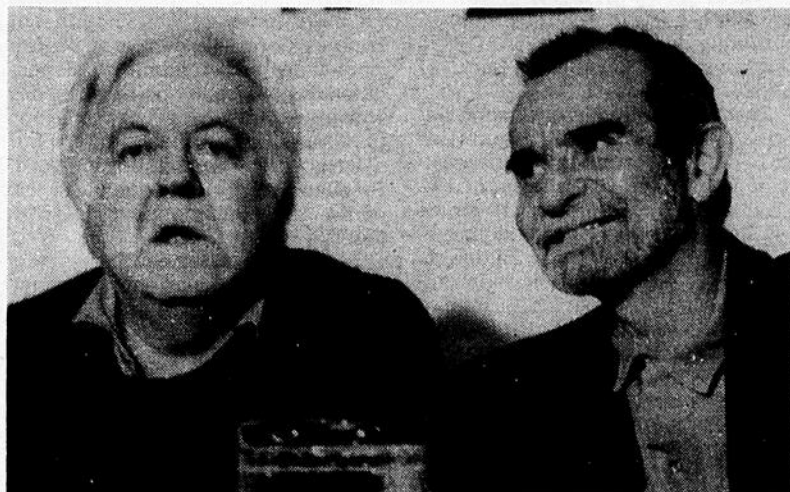
"It is a sort of stations of the cross."

Mr Fugard says that when he wrote the play, Nelson Mandela was still incarcerated, and did not realize it would be so timely. "At its core is a debate about an issue central to the unfolding drama of South Africa. Can we pull off a miracle and reach a peaceful solution instead of the violence that has for so long been predicted?"

Mr Podbrey came to Canada from South Africa, although the two men did not know each other there. Mr Podbrey saw two Fugard plays in England, and remembers meeting Mr Fugard briefly on a street in London.

Mr Fugard has forgotten this meeting, but he remembers hearing that there was a South African in "of all places, Montreal" who had started a theatre. He later met Mr Podbrey's brother, a prominent South African publisher. Still later, he

## New play opens this evening



MAURICE PODBREY, left, and playwright ATHOL FUGARD at a press conference at the Centaur Theatre Oct 12.

heard that the South African with the theatre was producing his plays.

At that time, the South African government had taken Mr Fugard's passport, and it was not until 11 years ago that the two had what Mr Fugard describes as "our backslapping meeting" at Centaur.

Things have changed since then. "It is a sign of the times that we are getting sponsorship," says Mr Podbrey. "Once people were not willing to support publicly the plays of Fugard."

When the play ends its month-long run at Centaur, it will tour to the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton, Theatre Calgary, the Grand Theatre in London, Ont., and the Manitoba Theatre Centre.

"When I knew we would be doing this play, I sent 12 letters to Canadian theatres," says Mr Podbrey. "I got 11

nearly immediate responses, all wanting the play. We so far will be touring only to four because of schedule conflicts and so on, but it may not end with these four."

Mr Fugard says he never puts the villains on stage: "It's too easy to judge them.

"What about a play about de Klerk?" he muses. "I don't know if they would be interesting dramatic material. They are monolithic in their goodness."

### Obsessed with story

Mr Fugard explains how *My Children! My Africa!* came about. "As always I started to write the play not because something needs to be said but because I became obsessed with a certain story.

"In this case it was a two-inch newspaper story about the necklacing (killing by putting a burning tyre around the neck) of a teacher who kept his school open in defiance of a boycott. He was called a government supporter.

"The story held me because of its near anonymity, tucked away in the back pages of the newspaper. That man became a potent symbol of tragedy. Four years later, in 1985, mysteriously that story said 'The moment has come.' I sat down and wrote the play."

Mr Fugard says of Mr Podbrey: "Firstly, Maurice laughs at life in the way I do. Our relationship is more mysterious than just being countrymen. He has an instinctive feel for my plays."

But Mr Podbrey does not discount the importance of being a South African. "It's like belonging to a secret

brotherhood, whenever two South Africans meet anywhere in the world. For sure it helps me direct Athol's plays."

At press time, Mr Fugard had not confirmed his presence in Montreal

for opening night, though he promised, when he was in town a few weeks ago "to be useful to Maurice and the actors briefly," that he would make every attempt to return to Montreal for the occasion.

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## Ecumenical gathering marks reconciliation of Catholics, Jews

This year is the 25th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's *Nostrae Aetate*, in which the Roman Catholic church deplored "all hatreds, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism levelled at any time or from any source against the Jews." This event caused a vast improve-

## New music series starts at St A-D-D

St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church will present a new series of pre-service music beginning Sunday at 10:30 am.

The presentation will consist of music for recorders and harpsichord. Caroline Bartle and Branwen Harper-Lee will be the featured soloists, performing music by Hook and Pusch.

Both girls are students at Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield and study recorder with Theodora Stathopoulos. They have also been soloists in the Lakeshore Chamber Society's gifted student concert series.

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ment in Catholic-Jewish relations.

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke street, will mark this anniversary on Friday at 8:15 services in co-operation with Canadian Centre for Ecumenism.

*Nostrae Aetate* will be the subject of a sermon by Rita Leblanc, associate director of the centre, and of a response by Alan Rose, executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress. Remarks will also be made by Dr Victor Goldbloom, president of the Council of Christians and Jews.

*Nostrae Aetate* underlined the common spiritual heritage of the Christian and Jewish faiths. The document removed many of the blocks that kept Jews and Catholics from developing a dialogue.

Did Vatican II go far enough? Is there more room to grow, or is *Nostrae Aetate* the current limit to mutual understanding? Careful consideration will praise its changes, and also look for new directions where brotherhood may flourish. That will be the task of the evening.

Rabbi Leigh Lerner, the temple's senior rabbi, arranged the anniversary commemoration and invites Jews and Christians to join in worship at the temple this Friday evening.

## L'ACAT-Canada à la rencontre internationale à Bâle, en Suisse

L'ACAT Canada (Action des chrétiens pour l'abolition de la torture) participera à la rencontre organisée par la FIACAT, la Fédération internationale des ACAT, les 26, 27 et 28 octobre à l'Université de Bâle, en Suisse.

En effet, son fondateur, l'abbé Gabriel Villemure, curé de la paroisse St-Léon de Westmount, son président actuel, Gérard Gauthier de l'Eglise unie, le Rév David Oliver de l'Eglise anglicane, vice président, et le Rév Thierry Delay de l'Eglise réformée, se joindront aux représentants de 10 autres pays d'Europe et des E.-U. à ce rassemblement exceptionnel.

Autour du thème *Torturés, tortionnaires et Espérance chrétienne*, et après la conférence d'ouverture de Me Guy Aurenche, président de la FIACAT, sur "La réflexion théologique au coeur de la construction d'un monde sans torture," des travaux préparatoires entrepris depuis plusieurs mois seront tour à tour présentés par JÇrgen Moltmann, professeur de théologie à l'Université de TÇbingen, Mme Elisabeth Behr-Sigel, théologienne orthodoxe, Mme France Quéré, the "logienne protestante, le père Jacques Sommet, jésuite, et M. H. Falcke, pasteur à Erfurt. Ils seront suivis de réflexions et d'échanges avec les participants.

Des ateliers d'information sur la réalité tortionnaire et les stratégies d'action pour l'abolition de la torture sont également prévus dans les travaux de groupes. Tout comme des expositions, une soirée artistique et une célébration finale à la Cathédrale de Bâle.

Précisons que la FIACAT a le statut consultatif auprès des Nations Unies et du Conseil de l'Europe. Elle rassemble quelque 25'000 hommes et femmes, chrétiens de toutes confessions et de toutes tendances indépendamment des partis politiques, des gouvernements, des organisations partisans. Ils viennent aujourd'hui d'Europe et d'Amérique du Nord. Prochainement d'Afrique aussi, espère-t-on, où déjà naissent des groupes.

Leur action qui ne double pas celle d'Amnistie internationale, trouve son inspiration dans l'article 5 de la Déclaration Universelle des Droits de l'Homme stipulant que "nul ne sera soumis à la torture ni à des peines ou traitements cruels, inhumains ou dégradants."

Alerter l'opinion publique sur la scandaleuse réalité de la torture et des exécutions capitales, dénoncer les situations précises en faisant pression sur les gouvernements responsables, aider les victimes de la torture et leurs familles, être vigilant dans son propre pays et entreprendre des actions d'éducation aux droits de l'homme, telles sont en résumé les activités des ACAT, basées essentiellement sur la foi de leurs membres et soutenues par la prière.

L'ACAT-Canada qui a vu le jour en 1984, compte 440 membres, surtout du Québec. En fait, beaucoup plus puisqu'on dénombre parmi eux plusieurs communautés apostoliques et contemplatives. Sa côté de ses efforts d'information et de sensibilisation auprès du grand public et du milieu scolaire en particulier, par des ap-

pels, conférences, témoignages, projections, elle a lancé la lutte pour condamner les conditions inhumaines dans lesquelles vivent les travailleurs haïtiens en République Dominicaine, lutte qu'a endossée la FIACAT.

Elle a participé aussi à la campagne nationale contre le rétablissement de la peine de mort et à celle de l'adoption d'une convention internationale contre les disparitions forcées. Pétitions et lettres collectives ont accompagné ces campagnes comme celles menées en faveur des victimes de la torture. Aux responsables de celle-ci, la Commission des interventions n'a cessé de faire parvenir de son côté de nombreuses lettres, en moyenne 150 par année.

À la suggestion de la FIACAT, les paroissiens de St-Léon de Westmount sont invités, à l'instar de toutes les communautés chrétiennes, à faire du dimanche 28 octobre, une journée de prière, de jeûne et d'information dans le but d'aider à abolir la torture à travers le monde.

Le secretariat de l'ACAT Canada est situé au 336, avenue Clarke, 933-2978.

## Students tell of visits to Polish camps

Four students will speak at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom on Sunday at 2 pm about their experiences and impressions after visiting the preserved sites of concentration camps in Poland during last spring's March for the Living.

The students are Ayelet Cohen, Stephanie Raby, Ron Wald and Marc Altman, and they will show slides to illustrate their talk. Coffee will be served. There is no admission charge. For information call 937-3575.

## Ecumenical choir festival moving and uplifting

Westmount Seventh Day Adventist Church held a choir festival last Saturday, Oct 13. One of the invited choirs was from St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, and they performed first.

Their rousing anthem ended on a soaring note by Jodie Tait and earned the spontaneous response of an enthusiastic "Amen" from the audience.

Others involved were the Canadi-

an Friends Inter-Denominational Choir, Raymond Rickard from Union United Church and three choirs from the host church.

The festival ended with the massed choirs singing *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*.

The afternoon of praise was described by participants as moving and uplifting, with a creative sense of sharing.

## Dinner marks anniversary of Israel textile college

The Montreal Chapter of the Canadian Committee for Shenkar College of Textile Technology and Fashion in Israel will celebrate the college's 20th anniversary with a dinner this evening.

Shenkar is the only university in the world that grants degrees in the five disciplines of textile chemistry, textile technology, textile design, fashion design and industrial management. Its research and development department works in such fields as space clothing, fireproof garments, soundproof wallcoverings and clothing for the disabled.

The Canadian chapters publicize the college and raise funds to update equipment and for student travel and study grants.

Tonight's dinner is chaired by

## Christmas bazaar at Children's Nov 1

The Auxiliary of the Montreal Children's Hospital is holding its Christmas bazaar Thursday, Nov 1, from 9 am to 3 pm.

The sale will be at three locations in the hospital: at the front entrance, in the Ross Lounge and in the second-floor B wing.

Handmade articles, gifts, stocking stuffers, books, and baked goods will be for sale.

Westmounter Lila Gottheil and Kathy Bailey and many other Westmounters are involved in the group.

Canadian president Joshua I. Ronn will introduce the guest speaker, Prof David Samuel, Viscount Samuel of Mount Carmel and Texteth, president of Shenkar College and research fellow at McMaster University. For information call 731-7781.

## Negev group square dance on Saturday

The Young Associates group of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev will sponsor a fall harvest square dance on Saturday at 8 pm at the Armory of the Canadian Grenadier Guards, 4171 Esplanade avenue, corner Rachel.

There will be a display of modern square dancing followed by general participation. A late evening kosher buffet will be served, including coffee and soft drinks. There will be a cash bar throughout the evening.

Admission is \$45 (part tax-deductible) and proceeds go to assist Russian olim in post-doctoral studies in the desert hydrology unit at the university's desert research institute. For more information call 937-8927.

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**Local SPCA seed blossoms into big art auction**

By JANET COUTTS

When Westmounter Beverley Auerbach, who is on the board of directors of the SPCA, started the Westmount Volunteers of the SPCA four years ago with three people, she could hardly foresee how it would grow.

There are now 100 volunteers in the group, and they are planning their first art auction to take place at Victoria Hall Sunday, with a preview at 7 pm. The auction, which should take about two hours, will start at 8 pm.

In previous years, the group has held a bazaar to help raise funds for the SPCA, but this year Ms Auerbach's husband Michael put his foot

down. "Never again!" he said to the disruption caused in his home by having people drop off donations, the loss of living space, the work involved in preparing donated goods for sale, pricing, carrying them to the bazaar space and disposing of the leftovers.

"We decided an art auction would be more challenging and more prestigious, involving head rather than physical labor," says Ms Auerbach.

"It looks like a gala event, and our auctioneer, Tom Masterman from Fraser Bros, is impressed by the amount and calibre of work we will

have for sale."

Everyone is invited to attend the auction, and 1,500 personal invitations have been sent out. "It would be fun to see the work, even if you didn't buy anything," says Ms Auerbach, who stresses that this is truly a community event.

"We have had lots of assistance from neighborhood art galleries in the form of donations, background on the work and the artists, advice and encouragement.

"We have a good price range, with work worth \$125 to \$15,000. Some pieces have reserve prices — we're not going to sell a \$2,000 painting for \$200 — but most reserves are quite low."

The painting with the highest market value in the auction is a "potent" work by Montreal artist Jean McEwen.

The auction comprises 89 lots, including seven sculptures.

A number of other famous artists, including Westmounters Catherine Bates, Ghitta Caiserman-Roth and Ann McCall, will be represented in the auction.

Other household names include

Armand Vaillancourt, Prudence Howard, Louis Muhlstock, and Henri Masson.

Other Westmounters represented in the auction include Margot Adair, Ruth Crabtree, Hannah Franklin, Ann-Marie Gilmore, Sarah Valerie Gersovitz, Mary Martha Guy, Lynda Schneider-Granatstein, Susan Hudson, Dawn McKay-Strathy, Barbara Palka-Bickstein, Sara Peck-Colby, Gael Plant-Krasny and Eva Prager.

**Hospital  
dinner dance  
on Nov 2**

The Auxiliary of Montreal General Hospital is holding its annual dinner dance on Friday, Nov 2.

The bar opens at 7:30 pm, with dinner served at 8:30 pm, in the ballroom of Château Champlain.

The event is black tie. Dancing will be to music by Mat Raider. Tickets are \$125 each and are available at 932-9966 or 487-5885.

When the auction was announced, members of the public were invited to become patrons and 200 responded. "I am happy to say that most of the patrons were Westmounters. It shows that we have an animal-aware community," says Ms Auerbach.

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### Delivering groceries on the Main

As a former member of THE EXAMINER's editorial staff, starting under the paper's founder, Hugh E. McCormick, I am always interested in the paper. You have asked for readers' early reminiscences:

I enclose a picture taken in the early '20s of my grandfather's (Robert S. Lavers) temperance grocery store which was located on the east side of the Main street (St Lawrence boulevard) near the corner of Prince Arthur. As you can see, in winter groceries were delivered by horse and sled. The horse and sled were kept in a yard at the back, which was entered by a lane from St Dominique street.

In my early teens I lived for some time with my maternal grandparents and often helped out in the store. I remember delivering very small orders to the ladies in St Margaret's Home just around the corner, perhaps a half-dozen chocolate biscuits. My first paying job was lighting fires on the sabbath for some of the many Jewish families in the area.

As I went to Strathearn School I believe David Lewis was one of my schoolmates. I went to Sunday school at Sherbrooke Methodist Church; the church later became Greek Orthodox and, sadly, was almost destroyed by fire a few years ago. My grandmother, appropriately enough for the wife of a temperance grocer, was an active member of the WCTU (Women's Christian Temperance Union).

Family legend has it that when Mrs Steinberg, the matriarch of the clan, first came to Montreal, she sold flowers in the doorway of my grandfather's store. Whether true or not, this made a bond between me and Mr



Robert S. Lavers' temperance grocery store on the Main in the early 1920s.

Sam Steinberg. In the winter of 1952 when I helped organize the first-ever continuous 24-hour Red Cross blood donor clinic (held at the Hussars' Armory on Côte des Neiges) Steinberg's willingly supplied the refreshments for the donors and Mr Sam himself dropped in to watch the proceedings.

— Tracy S. Ludington

*Editor's note: Mr Ludington is a former editor of THE EXAMINER. He lives now on Chester avenue in N.D.G. We are on the lookout for submissions by seniors on any topic or experience, past and present. Maximum length is three typed, double-spaced pages. Please include full name and phone number for verification. Send to THE EXAMINER, Sen-*

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# Joan Rothman to be honored at luncheon

Joan Rothman, Westmount city councillor and incumbent commissioner for the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, has been named Woman of the Year by the Montreal Council of Women.

The honor was announced by Kay Aksich, chair of the committee organizing the council's annual Woman of the Year luncheon to be held Wednesday, Nov 7, at noon in the Grand Ballroom of the Château Champlain.

Friends of Mrs Rothman and all members of the public are invited to attend the event. For information and ticket reservations, please call Marjorie Roche, 482-5041.

### COMING EVENTS ÉVÉNEMENTS

Notices for this column should be sent in writing to: Coming Events, 155 Hillside Avenue, Westmount H3Z 2Y8. Text should be accompanied by payment of \$7.00 for maximum of 50 words. Only announcements of specific events sponsored by non-profit groups permitted in this column.

#### Golden Harvest Sale

Auxiliary of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Friday October 26th, 10-3 pm. Griffith Lounge of the hospital, 2055 Northcliffe Ave, NDG. Sandwich lunch will be available. There will be home-baking, knitting, handicrafts, antiques, etc. Everyone welcome. Donations appreciated. Edna 932-0038. Maureen 366-5589.

#### Annual Tea & Bazaar

October 27th, 2-4:30 pm. First Baptist Church, 6215 Cote St Luc road, Montreal. Free parking. Buses 66, 103 at door. Home baking, homemade jams, handknits & gifts, jewellery, various miscellaneous. Tea served with delicious sandwiches.

#### Annual Giant Bazaar

Na'mat will be having their Annual Giant Bazaar on Sunday, October 28th at the Place Bonaventure, Le Viaduc 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Big discounts on family fashions, shoes, giftware, toys, jewellery, yard goods, handicrafts and much more. Free Admission. There will be a raffle drawing at 4:00 pm for cash prizes. For information call 484-0252.

#### Craft Fair

Twenty artisans present handcrafted gift items, needlework, woodcraft, designer pillows, Christmas decorations, wreaths, teddy bears, baking and more! Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4, 10 to 3:30 both days. Centennial Academy, 3641 Avenue Prud'homme, corner Côte St. Antoine.

#### Snowflake Sale

Auxiliary of the Catherine Booth Hospital Centre & Montclair Residence is holding its annual Snowflake Sale. Thursday November 1st, 10-2:30 pm, Hospital Auditorium, 4375 Montclair Ave, NDG. Handicrafts, home-baking, gifts, antiques, knitted & sewn goods, books, plants, flowers. Hot luncheon 11:30-1 pm. Everyone welcome.

#### 100th Anniversary

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Tisserands Quebec Weavers Annual Sale of fine handwovens will take place Saturday 27th October, 10-6 pm and Sunday 28th October, 10-4 pm at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke West, Westmount.

#### Barbershop Chorus

The Montreal Mountain City Chorus is hosting an open-house for men of all ages who are interested in joining our barbershop chorus. Come & be entertained, no obligation, bring your friends. Wednesday October 24th, 7:30 pm, 13 Finchley Road, corner Queen Mary. Call 481-9427.

#### New and Nearly New Sale

New & Nearly New Sale to be held on Tuesday October 30th, 1990 from 10 am to 2:30 pm at the Tifereth-Beth-David Synagogue at 6519 Baily Road, Côte St. Luc. Direction transportation: 161 bus line to Alpine Avenue.

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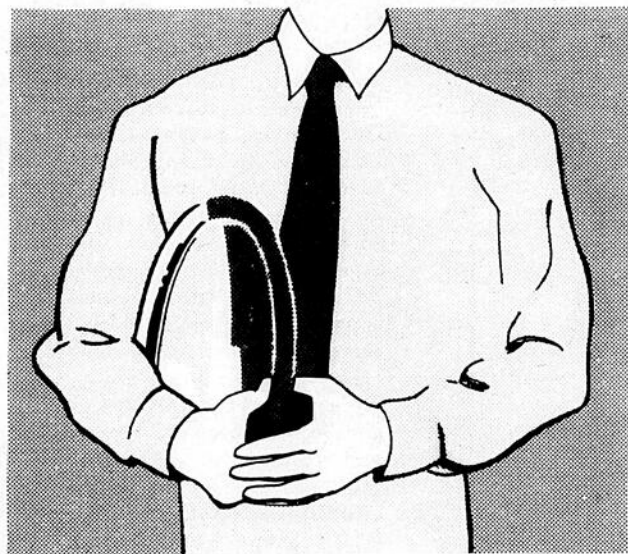


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## Alba Taylor 'Tapestries' on display

Paintings and sculptures by the late Westmount artist Alba Taylor will be on display at John Schreiber's Solominium, 1875 René Lévesque boulevard west, Friday through Sunday.

The gallery is open on Friday for the vernissage from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Saturday and Sunday it is open from

2 to 6 pm.

Ms Taylor was born in Rome in 1931. Her father was a Polish diplomat and her childhood was spent in Portugal, Japan, China, South Africa and England. In 1948 her family came to Canada.

She studied fine arts and social work at McGill University in the

1950s, and married Charles Taylor in 1956. His academic career took them to Paris, Vienna, London, Oxford, Princeton and Jerusalem.

Ms Taylor received her master's degree from Concordia in 1977.

She followed the teaching of Benedictine John Main. Her career was interrupted by leukemia, but she spent the summer before her death drawing "Tapestries." These are dense, detailed drawings of forest and undergrowth.

She described these works as poems about growth and growing, death and the passing of time.

## Rousseau exhibit opens at Galerie

There will be a vernissage at 1 pm on Sunday at Galerie Westmount, 4912 Sherbrooke street, for an exhibition of paintings by Lucette Rousseau.

Ms Rousseau is a Montreal native who uses warm, bold colors in her naive style paintings.

Ms Rousseau studied art at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in the '60s. She has exhibited in San Francisco, Montreal, Houston, Boston, Miami and Westmount.

The artist will be present at the vernissage. The exhibition will continue until Nov 10. For information call 484-1488.

## Book sale aids N.D.G. seniors

The N.D.G. Senior Citizens' Council will hold a fundraising book sale Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm at Dewey Hall in Rosedale United Church, 6870 Terrebonne avenue, corner of Mariette in N.D.G.

Proceeds will help fund home support services to enable needy seniors to remain independent.

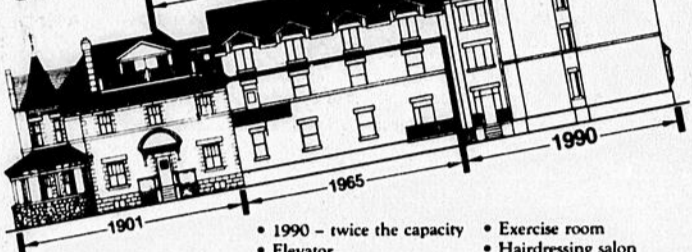
Refreshments will be available.

## P.E.I. premier guest of honor



Prince Edward Island Premier JOSEPH GHIZ, third from left, came from Charlottetown at the request of Westmounter GRAHAM COVINGTON, second from left, to address Monday's fund-raiser attended by a number of Westmounters and other members of the Liberal Party. The event was organized at the Ritz Carlton by Mr Covington for *De Novo* magazine, a public policy journal, of which he is Quebec director. Shown at the event are BARBARA COVINGTON, standing beside her son, and JAY GOULD, son of the late Westmount municipal court judge George Gould. Mr Covington was recently named by Westmount MP David Berger as the riding's commissioner for the 1991 census.

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## Two Rotarians honored at anniversary banquet

Two Rotarians received the highest honor the service club can bestow upon its members at the Westmount Rotary Club's 60th anniversary banquet held at the Mount Stephen Club Saturday night.

Frank Carlin and Doug Whiting were the 21st and 22nd Westmount Rotarians to be awarded Paul Harris Fellowships "in recognition of their outstanding service in the spirit of Rotary." Paul Harris founded Rotary.

Mr Carlin was president of the Westmount Rotary Club in 1952-53. He was instrumental in organizing the club's annual fundraising winter carnivals and was involved with the Unity Boys' and Girls' Club. In 1950 Rotary built the Greene avenue club for \$180,000 and donated \$15,000 annually for its operation.

Mr Whiting was president of the



**NICK TROISI, Rotary district governor, spoke at the Rotary Club of Westmount's regular luncheon meeting Wednesday last week.**

club in 1983-84 and is a past-chairman of the board of the Manoir Westmount seniors' residence. In the late 1970s, the club played a leading role in fundraising, planning, building and administering the Sherbrooke street residence.

Mr Whiting was also primarily responsible for the Westmount's Lifeline supplement in last week's EXAMINER.

Rotary district governor Nicholas Troisi was the guest of honor at the banquet. He spoke of the Rotary Club's achievements. Mr Troisi was also the guest speaker at the Westmount Rotary Club's regular luncheon meeting Wednesday last week at Victoria Hall.

### Loud music leads to charge

A Westmount resident is to be summoned to court after numerous noise complaints were received by the Public Security Unit Friday about loud music at an apartment at 19 Stayner street, public safety officers said.

Organizers of a party at Victoria Hall Saturday night also were cautioned when noise was found to be "excessive" about 10:30 pm. Three parties were held simultaneously in the municipal building, according to city officials, who said they had not been informed of any problems.

## Store recycling used books to libraries, hospitals

Oink! Oink!, 1361 Greene avenue, has launched a book recycling project to aid local school libraries and hospitals.

Store owner Jane Segal invites Westmounters to bring any used children's books in good condition to a bin she has set up at the store. She will then see they are distributed to new users in schools and hospitals.

The books should be in good condition, meaning unmarked and with all pages intact. Material suitable for children from newborn to age 12 will be accepted.

Ms Segal said she was inspired to launch the project after seeing the need at schools and hospitals and because she feels so strongly about the role of books in children's lives.

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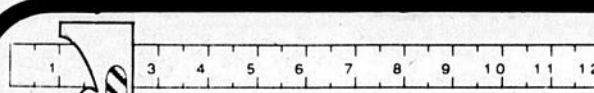
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## Your weekend project: Change clocks and batteries

THIS is the weekend to regain that hour of sleep you lost last spring. And when you turn the clock back to standard time Saturday night or Sunday morning (2 am is the official switch), take the time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors, too. It may let you sleep just a little more soundly.

The timely reminder comes from Westmount fire officials in conjunction with a campaign endorsed by the Association of Canadian Fire Marshalls and Fire Commissioners as well as the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs. Replacing your smoke detector batteries when you change your clocks sets up a regular schedule that's easy to remember, they say. Remember the theme: *On October 28 make a change that could save lives.*

## Students show good reflexes in fire department drills

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Cold rainy weather delayed the surprise fire drills in Westmount schools for Fire Prevention Week but it didn't dampen the children's ability to escape their "burning" buildings.

"We're fairly sure if there was to be a fire in a school, at least everyone would be evacuated," said Fire Lieutenant Barry Coates.

All 24 exit drills carried out in educational institutions by firefighters were in line with last year and many of evacuation times even bettered the rule of thumb used by firemen of one minute per storey.

Most schools had already practiced on their own this fall, he said. "They want to look good when we do it."

Westmount requires schools to hold a minimum of three fire drills in the fall and three in the spring in accordance with the National Fire Code of Canada. The Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal requires its schools to conduct one a month, he said, "that's why they're so good."

Only two institutions remained to be tested by firefighters by today. They were Dominion-Douglas Nursery and KIDS Day Care.

Following are the results for educational institutions as reported by fire officials. They list number of storeys in parentheses followed by

the number of persons evacuated. Exit times are shown in minutes and seconds compared with last year's times in parentheses:

- St Paul (3), 1:10 (3:00);
- Westmount High (3), 4:70 (4:00) (3:00);
- Dawson (Atwater) (5), 5:00, 5:30 (6:00);
- Dawson (Selby) (4), 2:00, 5:00 (4:00);
- Dawson (Daycare) (2), 30, 1:40 (N/A);
- St Andrew's (2), 2:05, 1:30 (1:15);
- Youth Horizons (4), 70, 3:30 (3:30);
- St Léon (3), 6:10, 2:45 (4:00);
- Westmount Park (4), 6:50, 2:30 (2:30);
- YMCA (3), 1:50, 4:00 (4:00);
- Visual Arts (3), 1:00, 1:00 (3:00);
- Roslyn (3), 7:60, 1:30 (1:50);
- ECS (2), 3:75, 1:00 (2:30);
- Ste Marcelline (3), 5:00, 2:45 (1:00);
- Rainbow (Advent church) (1), 21, 0:45 (0:45);
- Rainbow (Westmount Park church) (2), 62, 2:00 (N/A);
- Selwyn House (main bldg) (3), 5:00, 2:40 (1:40);
- Selwyn House (Macauley) (1), 2:00, 1:20 (1:20);
- Terre des Enfants (2), 66, 1:45 (3:40);
- Shaar school (3), 2:50, 1:30, (1:10);
- The Study (3), 2:00, 2:00 (1:45);
- Westmount Learning Centre (Kells) (3), 2:00, 1:56 (2:55);
- St George's elementary (2), 2:25, 1:10 (1:07);
- Miss Vicky's (1), 25, 1:00 (N/A).

## St George's Place work resumes as garage fixed

Work on St George's Place has resumed following the completion of repairs to a resident's garage wall believed to have been damaged by a contractor's backhoe.

Breaking a longstanding policy, Westmount agreed last month to pay \$10,350 to repair Billy and Arnold Yearow's Prince Albert avenue garage wall and will let the city's insurer deal with the matter.

Previously, the policy was that residents whose homes were believed to have been damaged by city contractors would have to pay for the repairs and then seek damages from the city which would in

turn seek damages from the contractor.

But the Yearows refused to pay to fix the garage wall damaged July 31, while a contractor, G. Giuliani Inc, was doing road and sidewalk reconstruction work on St George's Place.

Because the garage wall was in danger of collapsing, road work had to be halted until the garage wall was fixed.

Two weeks ago the wall was finally fixed and work resumed. Fred Caluori, Westmount's director of public works, said reconstruction of St George's Place should be finished by early November.



Cedar avenue has been narrowed to one lane at the junction of The Boulevard.

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would be on the south side.

Bruce St Louis, Westmount's manager of operations, said the experiment will last at least until December. Traffic studies should start within three weeks followed by further studies in mid-November.

New signs, painted lines on the pavement and the occasional posting of a Montreal Urban Community police traffic officer will make the

transition from two lanes to one as safe as possible.

"It can't be more dangerous than before," Mr St Louis said.

The city has only received one complaint so far, from a Boulevard resident who objects to the increased traffic that might result from the experiment and/or permanent change.

"People on The Boulevard are not crazy about the idea," Mrs Vineberg admitted.

She pointed out that The Study, a private school on The Boulevard, would probably move within one

year to its proposed new site at the top of Claremont avenue.

Sidewalks and roads on Cedar between Clarke and the eastern city limits were scheduled to be reconstructed this year at a cost of close to \$340,000, including new lighting. The project is part of a \$10 million, eight-year program, which started last year, to rebuild 27 streets in Westmount.

"We didn't want (Cedar) to be reconstructed and find we had to modify the entrance," Mr St Louis said.

## PSOs to call police to enforce local by-laws

Public safety officers will be directed to call MUC police in future if contractors refuse to identify themselves or stop work when Westmount by-laws are contravened, officials said Monday.

Public security operations chief Richard McEnroe said Monday the

new policy would be implemented in wake of unsuccessful efforts Sunday to stop work on a cement wall and steps at 47 Holton avenue. A verbal warning went unheeded at 9 am and a written stop-work notice was issued at 12:10 pm. Workers refused to identify themselves.

Asked why police were not called to assist, Chief McEnroe said it had not previously been the city's policy to call MUC to enforce adherence to the by-law.

## Firefighters seeking items for flea market

Westmount firefighters are looking for household items and good used clothing they can sell at a flea market to raise funds for the Special Olympics for handicapped children (West Island branch).

Organizer Richard Hearn hopes Westmounters will donate a wide range of articles as they did last year which helped the event to earn \$2,000.

Items can be dropped off at the Westmount firehall, 19 Stanton street, or at the Wheel Club, 3373 Cavendish boulevard (south of Sherbrooke street) where the sale takes place Saturday and Sunday, Nov 10 and 11, between 9 am and 10 pm.

Arrangements can be made to have items picked up by contacting the fire department at 935-2456.

## Lots of garbage left outside office building

Complaints concerning numerous garbage bags behind 4141 Sherbrooke street at Greene avenue were reported on two occasions last week, public safety officers said.

It was not known if any of the garbage from the office building came from its medical centre, they added.

Some 75 garbage bags were counted alongside the lane Wednesday night at 11:14. On Sunday night, another 15 bags were found along with a pile of construction debris.

The matter was to be referred to the city's inspection services. Westmount by-laws require that garbage be put out only on collection days.

## Bark ends training for puppy

You can't keep your dog tied up outside if it starts to bark.

That's what one resident of Redfern avenue learned Wednesday afternoon last week when annoyed neighbors called public safety officers.

The German shepherd puppy been tied in the back yard so it would learn to be alone, the owner explained. He agreed to suspend the training.

## Atwater Market pumpkin sale aids UNICEF

On Saturday from 11 am to 6 pm, the Atwater and Jean Talon markets invite children and their parents to celebrate a UNICEF Halloween with them.

At the Atwater Market, children can watch the witch Cruella de Ville turn pumpkins into Jack O'Lanterns.

A giant pumpkin will give out candy and Cruella will show her good side by giving out surprise gifts and her wonderful Jack O'Lanterns.

At Jean Talon Market, the giant pumpkin will distribute candy. Part of the proceeds of sales of pumpkins Saturday will go to UNICEF. UNICEF collection boxes will be displayed at both markets for contributions from visitors.

Atwater Market is at 138 Atwater avenue, south of Notre Dame street. Jean Talon Market is at 7075 Casgrain avenue, south of Jean Talon street.

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- Avoid loose, flowing outfits and choose fabrics that are non-flammable;
- Wear make-up instead of a mask for better visibility;
- Take a flashlight;
- Make Halloween a family outing and never trick or treat alone;

- Plan routes ahead, do not criss-cross the street and stay away from dark areas;
- Do not enter homes or cars of strangers;
- Wait until returning home to eat loot so an older person can check it over;
- Be familiar with the Block Parent sign and seek help, if needed, where one is posted; and,
- Respect property taking care not to cause damage; understand Halloween is not a licence to vandalize.

## Put police station on list of Halloween stops

COME as cowboys and spacegirls or even cops and robbers. Halloween night is open house for trick-or-treaters at MUC police station 23 next Wednesday, Oct 31.

"Come and talk to police," invites Const Gaston Bernier, "and get some candy, too."

There will be plenty of sweet stuff starting at 4 pm and going on until 8 or 9 o'clock at night.

The station will be decorated with drawings made by students from elementary public schools in Westmount depicting Halloween safety tips. Prizes will be drawn later at random from among all the children who submitted the drawings through their schools. The poster contest has been promoted by youth squad officers as part of a Halloween safety campaign.

Candies, as well as safety-tip loot bags from the Jean Coutu pharmacy chain, will be given out throughout Halloween night by officers on patrol.

## Help save the children by giving to UNICEF

Westmount residents are again being asked to put aside their pennies and dimes (and even loonies) for this year's UNICEF Halloween campaign.

Local merchants will display the traditional orange and black UNICEF boxes on their counters and tricker-or-treaters are expected to carry them door-to-door along with

their own loot bags.

Anyone who does not receive a box through his or her school can pick one up at Public Security Unit headquarters, 15 Stanton street, where a limited number will be available.

Every \$10 given to the United Nations Children's Fund can provide vaccines for 30 children, according to information from the Quebec UNICEF Committee. Every \$15 buys vitamin A for 450 children while \$20 pays for rehydration salts for 100 youngsters.

A pump to provide drinking water for an entire village in some countries can be provided by UNICEF for \$295.

Parents are urged to promote the idea of children helping other children during the annual trick-or-treat trek.

Last year, children at 342 schools in the Montreal area collected \$179,500 from their Halloween activities. This year, it is hoped that 500,000 young people will solicit for UNICEF.

## Pranksters beware on Mat Night

Additional public security patrols are scheduled to hit the road for Mat Night, next Tuesday, Oct 30.

That's the evening before Halloween when pranksters have been known to carry out the occasional shinnanegan.

"We had hardly any incidents last year and hope to keep everything quiet this time," said PSO Robert Hryciuk who is organizing the Public Security Unit's Halloween safety campaign.

Plans call for six patrollers to be on duty throughout the evening instead of the regular compliment of three or four, he said.

## Halloween party

This Saturday Oink! Oink!, 1361 Greene avenue, is holding a Halloween party for children of all ages. Children are asked to dress up and enjoy the festivities. For information call 939-2634.



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# Local student uses art to aid the environment

By most standards, Daniel Svatek is a typical kid. He goes to school, like other 14-year-olds, watches television, plays street hockey. On top of all that, like a lot of kids these days, he's concerned about the environment.

But while some people don't do much more than pay lip service to the idea of a cleaner world, the former St George's School student recently put his artistic talent to good use by contributing a painting that's been used on a series of Christmas cards designed to raise the public's awareness of environmental issues.

The cards, sponsored by Allons Vert, a non-profit environmental group allied with Environment Canada and the Green Coalition, have been available for sale to the public

By **BUZZ BOURDON**

since mid-September, according to project director Lorisa Schouela. The cards are printed on 100 percent recycled paper and are sold in packs of eight. Eighty thousand have been printed.

Daniel, who's in Grade 9 at MIND, a downtown alternative public school, did the painting as a class assignment. It shows a group of penguins looking up through a hole in some clouds to a sky full of bright stars. It's titled "Hole in the ozone."

"I wanted to create a nice piece of art that shows there's no protection up there. The penguins, and the world in general, are exposed to the outside world."

Most kids these days know more

about the environment than people think, Daniel says. "Our age group is pretty much sensitive, (unlike) some adults who don't really want to do anything. We're brought up environmentally-minded. We know more than those from the past. For example, in geography class we now learn about environmental issues instead of just about land forms."

That's an attitude Ms Schouela counts on. "Allons Vert was formed in January 1990 in response to our children's growing concern about the future of our planet. Our goal was to give young people a venue for expressing their feelings about the world around them."

"Students in 20 Montreal-area schools were asked to submit posters dealing with an environmental issue of their choice. The art was exhibited in various locales and eight drawings were selected for the cards and 13 others for a future calendar."

Ms Schouela says the public's response to the cards has been very good. "A lot of schools, such as The Study and St George's, have ordered them as fund-raisers. Westmount High will order them soon."

Kathy Svatek, Daniel's mother, said the whole family is proud of her son's contribution to environmental education. "He's always been extremely interested in nature and environmentally concerned. We tend to be like that in the family but he's very nature conscious. He's a vegetarian by choice, not a mainstream kind of kid but he follows his own thing."

Daniel thinks Canadians need to find out a lot more about environmental issues. "We have to try and educate people better and give them a clear idea of what's happening to the planet. We have to offer more things people can do, better recycling projects. We have to ban all CFC products permanently, instead of cutting them little by little. We have to cut down on energy use and garbage."



Daniel Svatek's painting "Hole in the ozone" has been printed on 80,000 greeting cards.

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Local booksellers taking part are Wilfrid M. De Freitas, Westmount Phoenix on Victoria avenue and Diamond Bookstore on Sherbrooke at Grey.


Admission is \$3 a day or \$5 for both days. For information call 848-0690 or 523-0182.

## AIDS, vacations are experts' topics


This evening's Meet the Expert presentation at 7:30 pm at Greene Avenue Community Centre, 1090 Greene avenue, is *Le SIDA: ça nous concerne tous*. The presentation is in French.

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## Recital tonight marks birthday of U de M victim

Westmount pianist Hope Tetrault will perform a recital this evening at the Université de Montréal to raise money for the Anne-Marie Edward Scholarship Fund.

The fund has been established in memory of Anne-Marie Edward, the youngest victim of the École Polytechnique massacre last December.

Today would have been her 22nd birthday and the recital has been organized by her parents, Jim and Suzanne Edward, as a celebration of her multi-faceted life and to help add to the fund, the proceeds of which will help young women studying at engineering faculties anywhere in

Canada.

The fund was started after the massacre by employees of Monsanto Canada, where Mr Edward works. The Edwards' only remaining child, son Jimmy, is a Westmount resident.

Ms Tetrault, a talented pianist who often performs for worthy causes, will present a program of sonatas by Mozart, Schubert and Beethoven as well as works by Chopin. She is a student of Westmounter Rose Goldblatt.

The recital begins at 8 pm at the U de M faculty of music, 200 Vincent d'Indy. Price of admission is a contribution to the fund.

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# Austrian students in Westmount for exchange at WHS

Most people take maple syrup for granted at breakfast time, but not Ute Andorfer. Where she comes from, it's something that you don't often see, so she plans on bringing back lots for the folks to enjoy back home.

It's one of the souvenirs Ms Andorfer will be bringing back to Austria next week when she returns home from a three-week school exchange visit hosted by Westmount High School. Her group, made up of 19 girls and six boys chaperoned by two teachers, arrived in Montreal almost two weeks ago.

The students, who have each been staying with a Westmount High student, attend their hosts' classes. They come from Perchtoldsdorf, a largely residential suburb of 18,000 bordering Vienna, the capital. It is known for its wine-growing.

Helmuth Pohl, one of the chaperones, teaches English and German back in Perchtoldsdorf. He says the tour was arranged by the Montreal-based Austrian trade delegate and Westmount High School principal Dick Meades.

"We've been doing some sightsee-

ing in Montreal, the Olympic Tower and so on," Herr Pohl says. "Another big activity will be a four-day trip to Toronto, Niagara Falls and Ottawa. Another thing we plan to do is a day trip to Quebec City."

Herr Pohl says that one of the things that fascinates his students, who all speak fluent English as well as their native German, is Montreal's complex of underground shopping malls.

Uschi Holcik, 17, agrees. She's already bought two sweatshirts and plans to buy a baseball cap.

Leonie Preimesberger, 16, and Sophie Meingassner, 16, say they're both impressed with the friendliness of the people they've met. They say that Montreal teenagers are more open and polite compared to teenagers back in Austria.

Armin Zikeli, 16, thinks Montreal is a very interesting city. "You have some beautiful skyscrapers here whereas in Vienna we have ugly skyscrapers."

Julie Brenner, 16, says she's impressed with Canada's size. "Austria is so much smaller, and Canada is so large."

Since their arrival, the Austrians have been doing much the same as their Westmount hosts: shopping,

By BUZZ BOURDON

bowling, going to the movies. They're not missing much schoolwork back home because there has been a one-week school holiday in Austria. So far, there haven't been any parties although there might be some next week.

But not everything has impressed the Austrians.

Chaperone Christine Felsberger, who teaches English and Latin back

home, says she's surprised at the waste she's found here. "I'm very shocked at the large waste of plastic cups here. Back home, we're more conscious of environmental protection."

And Herr Pohl says he's surprised there don't seem to be any pedestrian malls. "In European cities, there'd be pedestrian areas with flowers to walk around in. (But) Montreal is very clean and tidy. Some Westmount neighborhoods might lead

you to think you're in England."

Erene Anthony, vice-principal of Westmount High, says she's very happy the Austrian students are here, especially since the reciprocal part of the exchange is being planned for next year when 15 Westmount High students will go to Austria.

"We're very happy they've been able to share this experience with us. The students seem to be enjoying themselves. This is the type of experience they'll value all their lives."

## Local Rovers planning dinner for the Hillarys

A dinner for Sir Edmund and Lady Hillary is being held at Victoria Hall on Monday, Nov 12. The evening is in aid of the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation of Canada and its work in Nepal.

Tickets are \$45 per person and are available at 488-4660 or 937-9958.

The dinner is a Rover service project. Last March, Westmount Rovers Rona Phillips and Jimmy Edwards and their leader Iain Mackinnon and Rover Alain Robitaille from Laval met a group of British Venturer Scouts in Nepal and went to the site of the Tengboche Monastery to work at clearing the ruins of the school and monastery, which had burned down.

Earlier, they had met Sir Edmund Hillary, conquerer of Mount Everest, who helped plan the trip.

## Motorist hurt in wee-hour crash

A motorist was injured early Sunday when his van was struck by a car running through a red light on The Boulevard at Victoria Avenue, police report. The victim, a doctor, struck his head and left knee on impact but stated he would seek treatment on his own if necessary.

The accident occurred about 12:35 am as the van was starting south after a red light. It was struck by a westbound Mustang whose 17-year-old driver claimed not to have noticed the westbound light was red since it was hidden by a pickup truck he was passing.

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## Non-residents allowed to play Senior hockey by paying \$100

Non-Westmount residents will be allowed to play Senior A and B hockey this year if they pay an extra \$100, recreation officials said Friday.

At least 15 of the 75 players registered will pay the fee on top of the regular \$60 levy charged Westmounters with valid recreation permits.

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

Previously non-Westmounters were not allowed to play in Senior A hockey. But the department of recreation and culture admitted last March that up to 30 percent of the players were "illegals." Officials said they had no way of verifying

claims of Westmount residency and, besides, without the "illegals," there would not have been enough players to form a competitive league.

This year the department verified all applications and discovered 15 non-residents. But instead of not allowing them to play, they will be charged the cost of renting the ice at \$114 an hour. Robert Aiken, recreation and culture director, said if that cost is divided between two teams, it comes to \$3.80 per player or \$98.20 for the 26-game season.

"We make a \$1.20," he joked. Mr Aiken said last March that the city has no business subsidizing players who don't pay taxes in Westmount. One taxpayer, Paul Glassman, complained of lax enforcement of recreation rules to city council last March.

The recreation department is not opening up the league to new players but only using this policy as a "stop gap" measure in anticipation of a new permanent policy to come after a recreation study is completed, recreation officials said.

Mr Aiken anticipates a recommendation for a user-pay system by which Westmounters will pay for the recreation services they use. Perhaps non-Westmounters would be allowed to pay an additional fee to participate, he added.

## Massachusetts hockey team planning visit

Westmount's department of recreation and culture is gearing up for the visit of the mighty Middlesex Islanders from Massachusetts who will be playing a series of exhibition games here Nov 23, 24 and 25.

The exchange program is to promote sports between Canada and the U.S. said Mike Deegan, a Westmount sports supervisor.

The Islanders will play exhibition games against Westmount and local A teams. The Middlesex team and their popular organizer, Sal Grasso, are scheduled to visit the Montreal Forum and possibly see a Canadiens hockey game against either the Los Angeles Kings or the Winnipeg Jets during their visit.

## HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey leagues as of Monday, October 22, 1990:

GP W L T F A Pts

### NOVICE (final)

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| Dragons   | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 2 |
| Canadiens | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| Bears     | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| Guards    | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 |

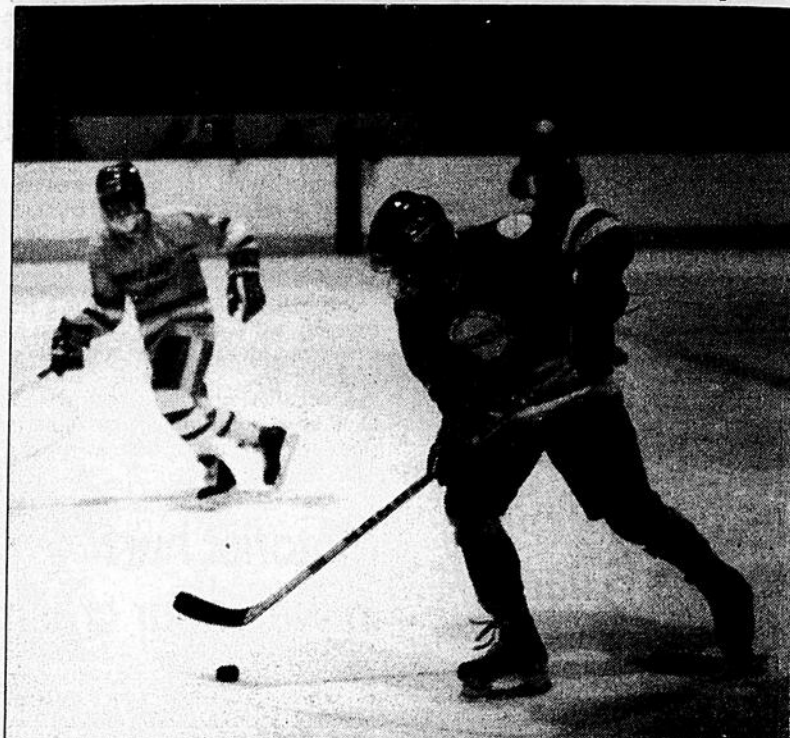
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| Canucks   | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 2 |
| Penguins  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 0 |
| Nordiques | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 |

### PEEWEE (final)

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| Canadiens | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Seals     | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0 |
| Scouts    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capitals  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## SWAT squad raids ice for charity



The Senior Westmount All Star Team beat the Kirkland oldtimers 3-2 in hockey action at the Westmount arena last Thursday night. The SWATs are preparing for their second annual charitable tournament to be held Nov 30 to Dec 2 to raise money for two local children hospitals. They raised \$8,766 last year and hope to raise \$10,000 this year.

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# Westmount Wings holding their own in inter-city hockey

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

The Westmount Wings inter-city hockey teams are holding their own against this year's tougher competition, a recreation and culture official said Friday.

"We seem to be very competitive," Westmount sports supervisor Mike Deegan said. "We should make the playoffs at all three levels."

This is the first season the city has iced all-Westmount inter-city hockey squads. Previously Westmounters wanting to play inter-city tried out for regional squads, the Westluka Saints, composed of players from several municipalities.

But this year Westmount joined the Westlake A League, composed mostly of West Island teams, and iced squads in the atom (players born in 1979-80), peewee (born in 77-78) and bantam (born in 75-76) divisions.

The Atoms, in their first and only game so far, defeated Pierrefonds 3-

1. Marc Brownlee led the Wings with a two goal performance.

The Peewees, although winless in three games, were competitive in all their outings. They tied Vaudreuil 2-2 and lost two close games to Pierrefonds 2-1 and Dollard des Ormeaux 5-4.

### Respectable start

The Bantams Wings are off to a respectable start with a win, tie and a loss. Dylan Smith led the Bantams with a two-goal performance in their first-game win against Pierrefonds 4-3. The team tied Ville St Laurent 1-1 before being blown out of the West Island with a 8-1 trashing at the hands of Dollard des Ormeaux.

"We must adjust to playing on the road," Mr Deegan understated.

But help is on the way. The bantam squad is about to be bolstered by the return of Tim Fleizer, an all-star centre and left-winger, to the Westmount hockey scene. He has just returned after three weeks of trying out for the elite Lac St Louis AAA Lions, a regional team made up of several zones.

Lac St Louis coaches were reportedly very impressed with Fleizer, one of the youngest players to try out for the team, and said they "wanted to see him next year," Mr Deegan said.

The six-foot one-inch, 205-pound 15-year-old is described as a hardnosed forward, sort of like Cam Neely of the Boston Bruins or Rick Tochetti of the Philadelphia Flyers.

"He's a banger who could put the puck in the net," Mr Deegan said.

## WHS serving spaghetti

Westmount High Home and School is hosting a family evening with a spaghetti dinner on Friday at 5:30 pm. Dinner is \$3.50 for seniors and students, \$5 for everyone else, or \$12 for a family.

Beginning at 6 pm there will be Bingo games for the entire family with prizes of cash and toys.

Local seniors will be escorted home by members of the committee. For information call 933-2701.

## PSO helps out

A public safety officer stood watch for some 30 minutes over a high-tension wire that fell onto the sidewalk at 5100 Côte St Antoine road, just over the border into N.D.G., Monday last week.

He kept pedestrians away from the live wire until MUC police and Hydro-Québec personnel arrived to take over.

## Fire brigade picks winners of contest

The names of eight Westmount school children who participated in the fire brigade's Fire Prevention Week home safety quiz were drawn Tuesday at random as prize winners. One was picked from each of the elementary schools involved.

Prizes will be presented Monday at 3 pm at the fire station, 19 Stanton street. Winners and their families

are invited to attend.

Following are those chosen as announced by fire officials: Stéphanie Awad, Ecole Internationale; Isabelle Boileau, Villa Ste Marcelline; Michelle Burstein, St George's; Ver-mie Clarke, Roslyn; Bana Hamzé, The Study; Ryan Hendy, Selwyn House; Kevin Levy, Westmount Park, and Katie Robertson, Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's.

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