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## City nixes CP proposal

By WAYNE LARSEN

After extensive research and public consultation, the City of Westmount will not be granting CP Rail a permit to spray a herbicide along its right-of-way—at least not for another two years.

Instead, city council has recommended that CP find a more environmentally friendly method of eliminating weeds from the portion of its tracks that run through lower Westmount, such as steam treatment and manual removal.

"The City had to review this matter with equal affection to both parties," said city councillor Tom Thompson. "But when the facts were reviewed, the citizens were not satisfied 100 per cent. Because of that, we have no choice but to deny the permit and recommend the use of alternative methods—and in two years we'll revisit the matter."

"Citizens are concerned about the cumulative impact of chemicals on the environment, and therefore on individuals," added Thompson, chairman of the Westmount Healthy City Project's steering committee.

In applying for its permit, CP presented its proposal to spray the herbicide Roundup along its tracks at two public consultation meetings last summer.

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## Preparing for a banner year in 1999

By WAYNE LARSEN

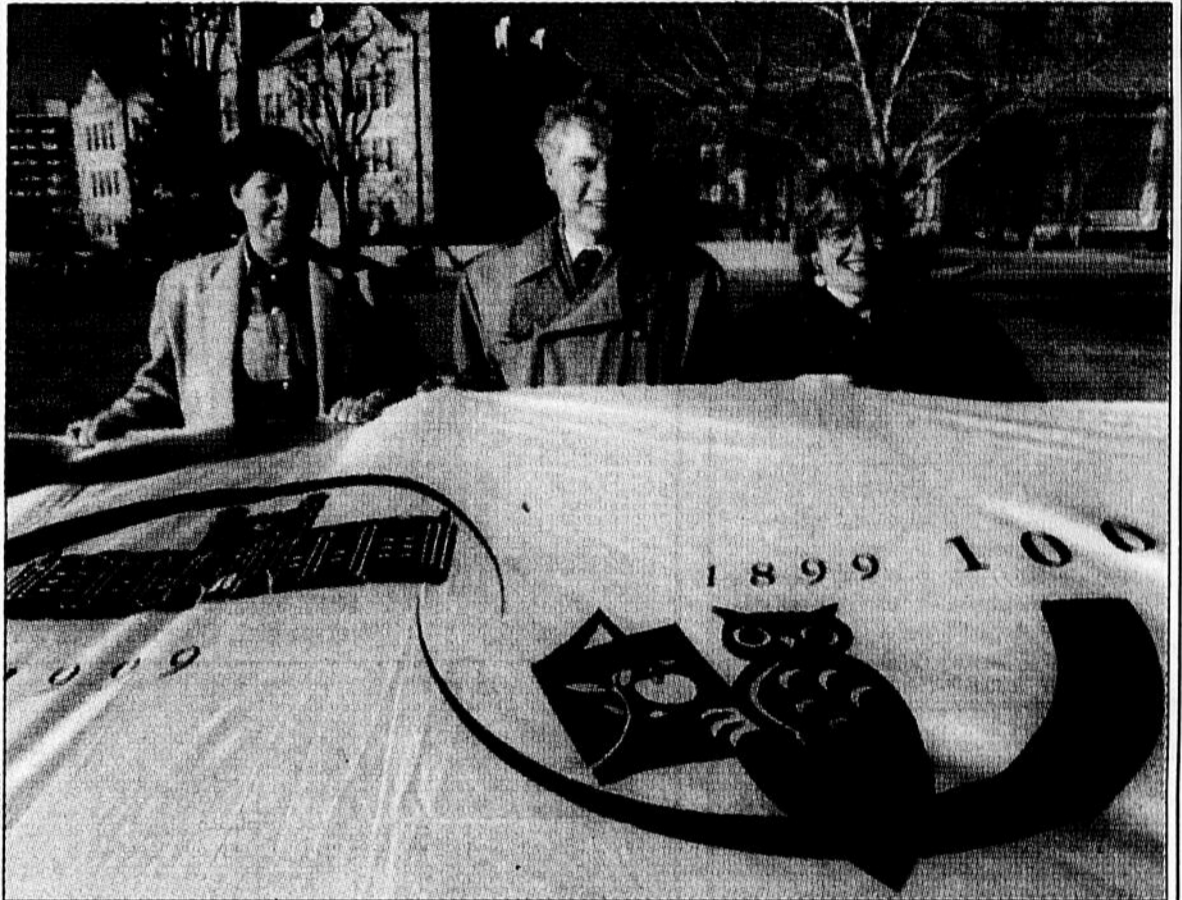
Westmount's 125th anniversary was launched in appropriate style on Monday with the ceremonial raising of the official commemorative flag in front of City Hall.

Close to 100 people gathered to watch Mayor Peter Trent, city councillor Karin Marks and Westmount Public Library director Caroline Thibodeau raise the special white flag emblazoned with the dual logo of the City's 125th anniversary and the Westmount Public Library's centennial.

"By raising this commemorative flag, we are marking a very special year for our city," said Trent, noting the coincidental milestones. "On the occasion of this historic year for Westmount, the whole community will be invited to participate in special events and commemorative activities that will underscore our unique heritage and make-up."

After referring to a difficult year that included the ice storm and two elections, Marks looked optimistically to 1999 as a year of festivities in Westmount. "This coming year of celebrations is a wonderful opportunity to involve members of the community in the planning of many exciting activities," she said. "A group of dynamic and active Westmount citizens have come together to join with several city employees to form the Celebrations Committee.

We would especially like to thank them for their involvement." Thibodeau also spoke enthusias-



Library director Caroline Thibodeau (left), Mayor Peter Trent, and Councillor Karin Marks display the anniversary flag.

tically about the library's many centennial activities, which will kick off with opening ceremonies scheduled for Sunday, January 3. "We invite all citizens and friends of Westmount to participate fully in the library's centennial events," she said.

As it turned out, the timing was perfect as a strong gust of wind blew across the front of City Hall when Trent, Marks and Thibodeau posed with the flag, then hoisted it up the specially-installed pole.

The City of Westmount's 125th

anniversary committee includes co-chairs Trent and Marks, as well as Ann Birks, Beryl Bowser, Victor Drury, Virginia Elliott, Margot Hall, Diana Henry, Gail Johnson, Sue Khan, Judy Martin, Robert J. Vezina and Joan Winsler.

Aside from Thibodeau, the Westmount Public Library's centennial committee is comprised of Janette Bruce, Lysanne Ferron-Godin, Frances Gilsenan, Donna Lach, Ann Moffat, Wendy Wayling and Craig Wright.

A full schedule of events will be included on a special commemorative calendar which will soon be distributed to all homes throughout Westmount.

The official logo, which appears on the flag, is a combination of William Morrow's owl design for the library centennial and Bonnie Shemie's Westmount city hall design for the City's anniversary.

The new flag will remain flying on the east lawn of City Hall throughout 1999.

## Westmount absorbs entire downloading bill

By WAYNE LARSEN

If you were expecting an extra tax bill from the City of Westmount to help pay for the provincial government's downloading of \$500 million onto municipalities, forget it.

The City has managed to absorb all of its \$2.75 million tax bill from Quebec and will not be passing the expense on to citizens, a beaming Mayor Peter Trent announced on Monday.

"I am extremely happy to be able to say we have managed to cut enough costs and squeeze out enough revenues in order to eliminate the necessity for any extra tax bills this year," Trent said. "We are one of the few MUC cities to be able to absorb the entire amount of downloading."

Trent had originally announced a supplementary tax bill for this year in a letter sent out with last January's tax bills. Back then it was expected that at least part of Westmount's share of

Quebec's controversial downloading bill would be passed on to taxpayers.

But throughout 1998 the City administration pulled off what Trent called a minor miracle by tightening its belt and increasing revenues in five areas: "A \$1.2 million reduction in our MUC apportionment, more than \$800,000 in permanently reduced labour costs of City personnel,

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To have an event listed, send it to: The Westmount Examiner, 210 Victoria Ave., Westmount, Que., H3Z 2M4. Fax: 484-6028. **Deadline is Monday noon.**

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## Thursday, Dec. 10

**Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom**, 4100 Sherbrooke W. invites you to sing, dance and celebrate Chanukah with Ya'acov Sassi, 7:30 p.m. Door prizes and refreshments. Co-sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University. \$7 for members of Canadian Friends or Temple, \$10 for non-members. Reservations required: 344-3417 or 935-3575.

**TGIF** at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave., Holiday hoot. Fun for children 6 to 11. \$5, includes dinner. Info: 931-6202. **Storytellers Guild** of Montreal meets at the Atwater Public Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. from 8 to 10 p.m. Listeners and tellers are welcome. \$3, \$2 for students and seniors. Info: 931-2304.

## Saturday, December 12

**Santa Claus** will be at Metro supermarket, 4840 Sherbrooke W., 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Samedi Greene**, Saturday morning activities for children at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave., features holiday crafts from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$1. Info: 931-6202. **Oink Oink**, 1343 Greene Ave., presents a yo-yo event featuring a yo-yo master demonstrating tricks, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 939-2634.

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## Friday, Dec. 11

**Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom**, 395 Elm Ave. will hold this year's Chanuka Program at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Sisterhood/Brotherhood, it will feature storytellers from different lands. Please join us for a kosher meal, dreidles and Chanukah gelt, followed by tales from Yemen, Russia, France, Canada, etc. Info: 937-3575.

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## IN BRIEF

### Parking permits available now

Westmount Public Security director Richard McEnroe has announced that the 1999 parking permits are now available. 'W' permits are also available, and both can be obtained by calling G. Lunas at 989-5225.

### 1999 budget deferred to January

The City of Westmount has delayed bringing down its 1999 budget until next month because of the delay in the MUC budget, which was caused by the recent municipal election in Montreal.

Mayor Peter Trent explained that city council felt it was prudent to hold off on its budget until the MUC budget came through. "When all the implications of the MUC budget are known, council will then adopt the 1999 budget," he said.

The City of Westmount's 1999 budget is expected to be made public at the January 11 city council meeting.

### Thief robs clothing store with steak knife

A clothing boutique at 4968 Sherbrooke was robbed last Sunday afternoon by a knife-wielding bandit who casually browsed through the store for about 10 minutes before confronting the clerk at the cash.

"Open the cash and don't move," he said as he took out what was described as a steak knife. "Stay there and give me everything."

The clerk obeyed, and the suspect grabbed an undisclosed amount of cash from the register and stuffed it into one of the store's paper bags. He then fled east on Sherbrooke Street, but not before helping himself to four pairs of pants and a black leather jacket.

Station 12 police are currently looking for a white male about 50 years old with salt and pepper hair, five feet eight inches tall and weighing 155 pounds. At the time of the hold-up he was wearing a turquoise nylon jacket, dark pants and dark sunglasses. He spoke English with a French accent.

### Clarification

In last week's article 'Westmount Church hosts Christmas opera', the line "Children under 10 are admitted free, but in order to defray expenses adults will be charged \$10, students and seniors \$8" should have read "\$10 for adults, children under 10 free."

## BOOK REVIEWS

# Booked for Christmas reading

By MARYLIN SMITH CARSLY

Remember Dick and Jane and other favourite primary books? They didn't endure a long life because children lovingly toted them around until they were dog-eared and ripped. We've come a long way, kids. There are hardcover books, activity books, musical books and manipulative books. Today books outlive childhood curiosity. Words and illustrations unlock and stir the imagination.

Choosing the proper age equivalent stories are essential in hooking the child up to a positive reading connection. Reading should reach out and draw a child into its magical world.

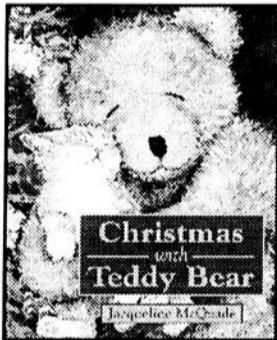
With the holiday season quickly approaching, think of books, as that ideal gift for any child. Here are some exciting book recommendations for young children.

### Christmas with Teddy Bear

Jacqueline McQuade  
Dial Books  
Distributed by McClelland & Stewart  
Ages 18 months-4 years  
\$9.99 board book

The young toddler will gain the feeling of Christmas in this board book format. Holiday moments come to life in 'Christmas with Teddy Bear' by Jacqueline McQuade.

Larger writing accompanies smaller descriptive words below, which accentuate the mood of this holiday season. Preschoolers will identify with all the traditions from writing to Santa, tree decorating and caroling with Mom and Dad.



### Wee Willie Winkie

Lucy Cousins  
Campbell Books 1997  
Distributed by McClelland and Stewart  
All ages  
\$3.50 board book

Nursery rhymes bring back childhood memories and times of sharing with our family our first recitations. Lucy Cousins's 'Wee Willie Winkie' and other nursery rhymes brings back the traditional rhyme with the whimsical illustration in a brightly coloured thick cardboard book which is bound for many encore readings. Nursery rhymes incite the child's first pleasures of reading aloud.

### Rock-A-Baby

Jan Ormerod  
Dutton  
Distributed by McClelland & Stewart  
Ages 1-4  
\$15.99 board book

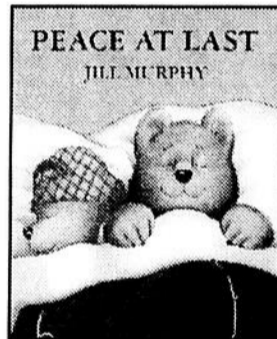
As author and illustrator, Jan Ormerod has created a marvelous oversize board book for toddlers. Rock-A-Baby draws the child into pages of activity. Paper riveted babies can be rocked back and forth as they sway, play, juggle and wiggle. Both parents and toddlers will enjoy this fun filled book and read it again and again.



### Peace At Last

Jill Murphy  
Campbell Books/MacMillan  
Distributed by McClelland & Stewart  
Ages 1-4  
\$6.95 board book

Jill Murphy's 'Peace At Last' belongs in the arms of a young child at bedtime. Poor sleepy Mr. Bear cannot get to sleep. What will he do? Slumber and peaceful dreams are what he's searching for. Read and discover how Mr. Bear finds sleep.



### Marc Brown's Favourite Finger Rhymes

Dutton children's books  
Distributed by McClelland & Stewart  
Ages 1-3  
\$11.50 board book

Who doesn't remember 'I'm a Little Teapot' or 'Whoops! Johnny'? Marc Brown joyfully illustrates eight of his best-remembered finger rhymes in this thick board book called 'Favourite Finger Rhymes'. All young children will be delighted in attempting to recite and follow the diagrams. As a best selling author and illustrator of the 'Arthur' books, we recognize another great work bound to excite young children.

### Little Train

Opal Dunn/Bettina Paterson  
Campbell Books  
Distributed by McClelland & Stewart  
Ages 1-4  
\$6.99 board book

From the 'Track-Me-Back Books' series by Opal Dunn and illustrated by Bettina Paterson, Little Train can be enjoyed with toddler participation. The little train on the front cover can be pressed out and taken on a

journey and back home again.

### Big Book of Nursery Rhymes

Lucy Cousins  
Macmillan UK  
Distributed by McClelland & Stewart  
Ages 2 & up  
\$19.99 hardcover

Filled with joy, laughter and magic, this picture book 'Big Book of Nursery Rhymes' by Lucy Cousins is a treasured collection. From 'Old King Cole' to 'Little Miss Muffet' these nursery rhyme characters dance merrily across the pages with the whimsical style of the author.

### Spotted Yellow Frogs

Dial Books  
Distributed by McClelland & Stewart  
Ages 3 and up  
\$14.50 hardcover

Pure fun happens every time your toddler lifts and peeks into 'Spotted Yellow Frogs'. Matthew Van Fleet created eye-pleasing visuals of varying animal shapes and colours. Each discovery is another step toward reading as children begin to associate pictures and words.



### Elliot Fry's Good-bye

Larry Dane Brimmer/Eugenie Fernandes  
Boyd's Mills Press  
Distributed by McClelland & Stewart  
Ages 4-8  
\$10.99 picture book

Running away from home was Elliot's way to get even with his family for making him clean his room for his visiting uncle. He never gets too far as he's not allowed to ever cross the street.

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Editor's note: Watch for part two of this book review of various children's books for Christmas by Hampstead School teacher Marilyn Smith Carsley next week.

## Fire calls



From the fire hall

### Saturday, Nov. 21

**5:09 a.m.** 4300 de Maisonneuve: Defective smoke detector in 2nd floor hallway in east wing.

**11:16 a.m.** 4 De Casson: New carbon monoxide alarm activated. Took readings but found nothing. Advised owner to have serviceman return to make adjustments to the alarm system.

**4:05 p.m.** 1381 Greene: Water leak from defective washing machine in apartment. Nobody was home, so fire department removed door and cleaned up water with vacuum.

**6:23 p.m.** 4695 Westmount: Smoke in living room caused by problem with fire-

place. Log was too large and the fireplace door could not be closed securely. Advised owner to use smaller logs.

### Sunday, Nov. 22

**1:10 a.m.** 4625 Ste. Catherine: Report of military vehicle leaking gas outside Royal Montreal Regiment armory. Stood by while military police made arrangements to have vehicle removed to St. Hubert base for servicing.

**12:19 p.m.** 4269 Ste. Catherine: False alarm called in by alarm company dispatcher in error.

### Monday, Nov. 23

**10:19 a.m.** Front of 23 Springfield: Exterior gas leak caused by construction crew breaking gas entry line. Closed off gas line and Gaz Metropolitan attended to repairs.

**3:19 p.m.** Area of 375 Kitchener: Report of fire in area. Found a burnt piece of paper in the bushes. All in order.

**10:57 p.m.** 4435 Sherbrooke: Requested to remove burning log in fireplace.

Extinguished log and advised owner not to use artificial logs.

### Tuesday, Nov. 24

**9:53 a.m.** 82 Belvedere: Water leak caused by broken water main. Montreal Water Works had arrived to begin repairing the system.

### Wednesday, Nov. 25

**12:27 p.m.** 4441 Ste. Catherine: Garbage can on fire. Extinguished with 1 3/4 inch handline. Public Security had several children in custody. MUC police arrived to speak to the children.

**12:46 p.m.** 4350 Ste. Catherine: Bomb scare at Westmount High School. MUC police on scene. Stood by as vice-principal evacuated school. Turned out to be a false alarm.

**12:52 p.m.** 687 Roslyn: Report of smoke at St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church. Found a haze and odour on ground floor room, caused by short circuit in relay box. Advised to turn off power and have electrician attend to repairs.

**1:15 p.m.** 1500 Atwater: Smell of roofing tar in Alexis Nihon Plaza. Traced source to nearby building having roof tarred and odour was entering the Plaza through intake system.

**1:28 p.m.** 4138 Dorchester: High carbon monoxide level suspected. Took readings with gas meter but found nothing. Advised occupant to install carbon monoxide detector.

**6:49 p.m.** 151 Hillside: Defective alarm.

**8:28 p.m.** 4500 de Maisonneuve: Smoke in hallway due to burnt food left on stove. Ventilated the area.

### Thursday, Nov. 26

**2:10 p.m.** 4291 Sherbrooke: Smoke detector set off by cooking.

### Friday, Nov. 27

**10:27 a.m.** 4090 Ste. Catherine: Report of strange odour caused by company cleaning machines with strong cleaner. Ventilated area by opening windows and doors.

**10:52 p.m.** 1238 Greene: Smell of burning caused by burnt element on hot water tank. Turned off power and advised owner to have plumber attend.

### Saturday, Nov. 28

**12:21 a.m.** 19 Staynor: Water leak due to defective toilet. Turned off water and advised owner to have plumber attend.

**11:01 p.m.** 4120 Ste. Catherine: Defective alarm.

### Monday, Nov. 30

**2:31 p.m.** 4913 Sherbrooke: Fire alarm set off by alarm company employees working on system.

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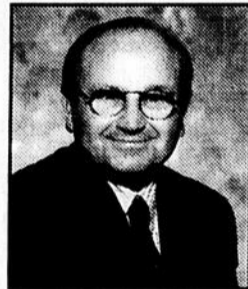
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- 4117/9 Northcliffe - Duplex
- +19 Applewood - Det. Res.
- 28/30 Roxton - Mtl W-Duplex
- 6111 DeBoise #4D Condo
- 3460 Simpson #407 Condo
- 621 Belmont - (Sept.) S/D
- Chelsea Pl. - large family home
- \*60 St-Sulpice - Det. Res.
- \*Grosvenor - Near Sherbrooke (Lower Duplex)
- \*Cote St-Antoine - Large Res
- \*Chateau West. Sq - 15 fl. Condo
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J'aimerais aussi remercier mon associé **Reg Morden** qui a travaillé inlassablement toute l'année, toujours le sourire au lèvres, et a contribué à notre nombre record de ventes de maisons. C'est la troisième année que nous travaillons ensemble et nous sommes ravis des résultats.

Et pour finir, je tiens à dire un gros merci à **Jean-Luc** et aux **enfants** pour leur grande patience et de leur compréhension. Maman parle souvent au téléphone, fait visiter beaucoup de maisons, et rentre parfois si tard le soir que toute la petite famille dort depuis bien longtemps, mais je profite de chaque minute avec vous et vous me rendez très heureuse.

**À tous, un joyeux Noël et une super année 1999**

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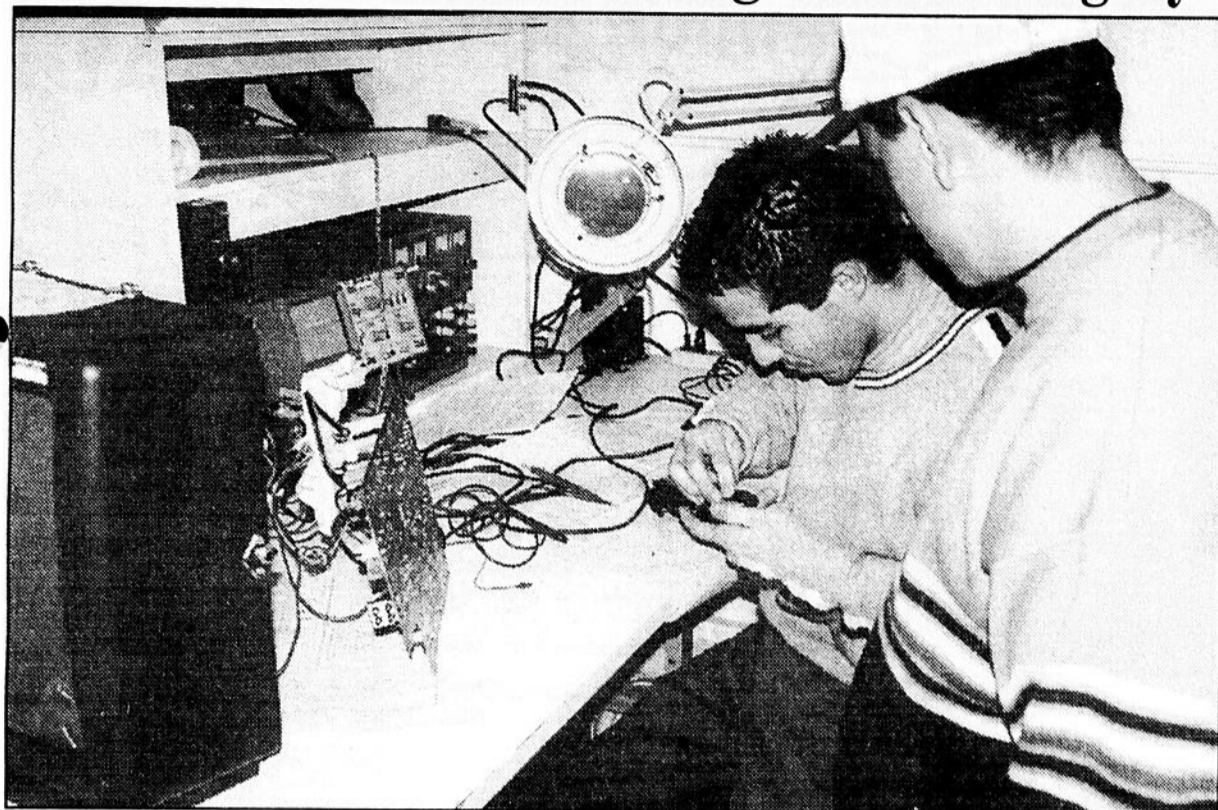
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# Students learning tricks of many trades at Commission Scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys



Two students from Centre St-Louis work on electric household appliances as part of one of the technical courses.

Many people may not realize there are effective educational options after high school other than CEGEP and university. Commission Scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys offers a variety of programs for adults looking to learn a new trade, or high school graduates not ready to continue in the traditional education system.

The organization held an open house November 24 to familiarize people with its career programs.

The commission consists of several centres where various training takes place. For instance, people learning at the Émile-Legeault centre become skilled in trades such as wood-working, auto mechanics and beauty treatments, like manicures, electrolysis and waxing.

"We don't just show you how to use a key, but how to make one also," said Gerald Tremblay, director of Émile-Legeault. He said some students already working in a theoretical field may want to learn the technical side of their profession.

For example, a person who is a writer for audio-visual productions may want to learn how to install and repair audio-visual equipment.

Tremblay said people who enroll in the institution's courses come from different educational and professional backgrounds. However, students must be over 16 years of age.

Secretarial, administrative, interior decorating, refrigeration, tourism, metallurgical and electrical programs are among the other vocational trades taught. While some of the courses are offered only in French, others are available in English as well.

Tremblay explained that a high percentage of the students are placed in jobs upon graduating and end up making good salaries. While training, all students do an internship of a minimum of three weeks. Employers often call the commission to recruit students for their companies when jobs become open.

The centre also has a service to help graduates who have difficulty finding work or who want to improve their resumes.

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Permission to do so would mean amending a City bylaw preventing the use of pesticides within city limits between June 15 and September 1. As of January 1, pesticides will be banned altogether—except under extraordinary circumstances.

CP vegetation management specialist Paul Dorion argued that the buildup of weeds along the gravel ballast could not only weaken the railbed but also impede track inspections, both of which could

possibly cause a derailment. The use of Roundup was put forth by CP as a safe way of ridding the ballast of potentially dangerous vegetation.

This was met with overwhelming opposition from Westmount residents and local environmental organizations who were not convinced that Roundup is nearly as safe as CP's claim. "The citizens and representatives of the community groups were not satisfied with the information that was presented, but we are very appreciative of the efforts CP

made," said Thompson. "While in very controlled circumstances everything seemed to be fine, when you go from there to the actual application there could be some slippage and that raises great doubt."

"We're delighted with the City's decision," said Don Wedge, chair of the Westmount Healthy City Project's environmental committee. "It was the approach we recommended and we feel that CP has the resources to find a better way to do it."

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reductions in capital spending, an increased profit from our Light and Power operations, and an unexpected increase in transfer duties."

The \$2.75 million represents 5.7 per cent of the City's annual budget.

Trent was quick to praise Director General Bruce St. Louis and Assistant Director General Fred Caluori. "The real hard slogging is up to the administration," he said. "This is a really tremendous achievement."

He also pointed out that Westmount has yet to receive most of the estimated \$2.8 million in compensation from the Quebec government for last winter's ice storm.

The City of Westmount is one of 20 MUC municipalities currently in court to challenge the legality of Bill 173, which allows Quebec to collect \$500 million in taxes from its municipalities. The result of that case will not be known for some time.

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By Reg Morden

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### RUNNING OUT OF HOT WATER

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The capacity of storage water heaters is rated in two ways and is usually imprinted on the nameplate of the tank. One number tells you the capacity of the tank, and the other number shows the recovery rate per hour. The sum of the two numbers gives you the number of gallons of hot water a tank can supply in one hour.

A tank of 50 gallons capacity with a recovery rate of 40 gallons will supply 90 gallons an hour which should be plenty for a family of five in a home with two baths and an automatic dishwasher and clotheswasher. A family of four without the dishwasher should be able to get by on a 30 or 40 gallon tank with 30 gallon recovery.

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## FROM THE MAIL BAG



## A plea to all dog owners

To the editor:

I commend the Westmount Public Security department for their recent progress in the fight against graffiti. I also praise the department for its overall accomplishments in providing a safe and secure environment for all citizens.

However, one area that does need improvement is in preventing dog owners from leaving their dogs' excrement on lawns, sidewalks and streets. As an owner of two dogs, I hit the pavement three times a day, and have noticed, particularly this fall, the many piles of dog feces everywhere. All you need is a pooper-scooper or simply a plastic bag.

Please, dog owners, for the health and safety of us all—children, adults and pets—pick up!

Catherine Kierans  
Holton Avenue

## Successful parade made possible by many volunteers

To the editor:

Another year, another wonderful parade—which could not have been realized without the huge efforts of family, good friends, the City and all the participants.

Several people remarked on how smoothly the day progressed. In truth, it does just that thanks to a core group of friends who are community-minded and who have come out year after year to support the parade, which now goes like clockwork. I can't thank all of you enough.

In addition, a few honourable mentions must be made to acknowledge people's help. Among this year's sponsors were D&G Reno Centre and Plante L. Transport Excavation Inc., who each supplied a flatbed. The drivers were courteous, prompt and in the case of D&G, the gentleman went out of his way to provide extra assistance after the parade in both the dismantling of the flatbed and in calling in another vehicle to transport heavy materials back to the school.

Another thank you to Lauren Sweeney who, in conjunction with the fire department, did a superb job of decorating the fire truck

and providing music for the parade. Over and above his yearly contribution of refreshments, Mr. Fletcher of Metro Richelieu on Sherbrooke always saves the day in providing for any oversight or shortage at the last minute.

Last and by no means least, my congratulations to our new Community Events Coordinator, who has done so well with so many demands made of her time. Thank you Linda, Jerry and David.

Kathleen Duncan  
Lansdowne Avenue

## Library health section is timely

To the editor:

The November 19 article by Jean Williams about a consumer health information section in the library has made me wonder why such an important and vital issue had not been addressed before.

In view of the closure of the hospitals and the Westmount branch of the CLSC, I think it is imperative, now more than ever, to have a consumer health section in the library.

A healthy start to the next centennial of our library!

Lamée Varga  
De Maisonneuve Boulevard

## Reader takes Robillard to task

To the editor:

When our Member of Parliament, the Hon. Lucienne Robillard, stands up to speak in the House of Commons, television cameras are trained on her, Hansard reporters are poised to record her every word and the Press Gallery is alerted. If she has something extraordinary to say, she might encounter a scrum of reporters in the corridors of Parliament.

Why then does she take up valuable and precious space in *The Examiner* every other week (or is it more often?) to discuss things that are not of special interest to Westmount readers, not more so than readers in North Battleford, Saskatchewan?

Last summer I read an editorial wailing about how 'tight' space

(See *MORE*, page 7)



## Take pride in Westmount's welcoming legacy

It seems to me that man sometimes has the tendency to take ownership of things he doesn't possess. Such is the case with land ownership. In spite of being fed and nourished during his entire lifetime, he claims the little spot of land he occupies as his own for all time. This seems a bit crude—attempting to keep out all intruders who do not resemble him physically or philosophically. Even on his death, man frequently does everything possible to deprive the earth of the return of that which properly belongs to it.

Although this sombre thought crosses my mind as Westmount prepares to celebrate the 125th anniversary of its existence, it is tempered by the knowledge that Westmounters have historically welcomed all who wished to make their home in our city.

The original settlers of Westmount were mainly francophone farmers of modest means, and their descendants who had received land grants from Governor de Maisonneuve and dared to operate them outside the walled city. Farmers like Louis Prud'homme, Martin Hurtubise and Jean Descaris were succeeded by the Murrays and Clarkes, successful anglophone fur traders seeking farms in the country. When I moved into this area, some half a century after the founding of the municipali-

COUNCILLOR  
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ty of Westmount, the demographics had changed with the influx of what appeared to be citizens mostly of English and Scottish origin.

Since then, Westmount has continued to change. The names of the contestants in the annual McEntyre essay contest bear proof that Westmount has become a microcosm of the larger society. What I write is based on observation and impression, rather than scientific research, but it appears to me that this has been achieved through a spirit of acceptance and openness, through integration without assimilation. Our religious institutions and schools reflect the diversity of a population that has a true sense of belonging, a deep interest in what happens in our city.

Incorporated in 1874 as the Village of Notre Dame de Grace, Westmount has gone through successive name changes to become the Village of Côte St-Antoine, the Town of Côte St-Antoine, and ulti-

mately, in 1895, Westmount. Our city has prospered, and the civic administration has consistently remained responsive to the desires of its population at very modest cost compared to neighbouring towns and cities.

Westmounters have consistently been counted among the most prosperous Canadians, and while annual poverty marchers see this as a negative feature of Westmount, I believe it is the score on the scorecard that measures the degree to which human dimension of the city is maintained, the degree to which newcomers are embraced and integrated, the measure of the esteem and affection that its citizens hold for the earth that feeds and nourishes them and ultimately claims them after a productive lifetime.

Westmounters can view with pride the accomplishments of their fellow citizens. The City's motto, 'Robur Meum Civium Fides' (the faith of the citizens is my strength), has been well chosen. From Prud'homme to Trent, the mayors and their councils have consistently reflected the character of their constituents, ably representing them with reflection and honesty. I am certain my fellow councillors would share with me their pride in having been selected to continue this honourable tradition.

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**Five Years Ago**

December 16, 1993:

**STUDY PAVILION OPENS:** "There might still be a few finishing touches left, but Phase I of The Study's renovation project is now virtually complete. The crowning glory is the new \$1.7 million pavilion that was designed to resemble a residential home. It now houses the administration offices as well as the new music room, science and computer labs, underground parking and more, said headmistress Eve Marshall."

**Ten Years Ago**

December 15, 1988:

**FIGHTING FOR UNITY:** "Residents living in the southeast sector of Westmount are fighting hard to preserve what they call a valuable community resource, the Greene avenue Unity building. After Centraide withdrew its annual \$100,000 funding to the Unity Boys' and Girls' Club in April—and a plan to rent out part of the building to the city for its public security unit fell through—the club board of directors decided to sell the property at 1090 Greene. The board realized the clientele described in its mandate no longer exist in large enough numbers in the area."

**Twenty Years Ago**

December 14, 1978:

**101 CHALLENGED:** "Several local residents are named as co-plaintiffs in a writ filed in Quebec Superior Court last Thursday by the Westmount-based Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations challenging the constitutionality of many of the clauses of Quebec's Charter of the French Language, Bill 101. The federation, headquartered at 4795 St. Catherine street west, and representing parents in home and school associations across the province, claims it is prevented by the law from conducting its business in English, the language of its lay membership, and thus is being prevented from functioning effectively. Six of the co-plaintiffs are private citizens who charge their right to educate their children in English has been denied."

**Twenty-Five Years Ago**

December 13, 1973:

**SNOWMAN 'MELTS':** "A snowman was reported stolen from a hallway of 4998 de Maisonneuve boulevard Sunday. The complainant said he had left the snowman in the hallway at 9 a.m.; at 5 p.m. it was gone. The snowman, it was reported, was made of plastic."

# Celebrate the differences: The holidays through the eyes of children

BY MARYLIN SMITH CARSLY

Flickering Hanukkah candles and twinkling Christmas lights only illuminate the shining faces of children. Through the eyes of a child is the very best way to celebrate the holidays. Their genuine pleasure radiates youthful dreams and heartfelt excitement of what is yet to come.

As the cooler winds blow in the snowy teases of December, the hints of our winter interlude are almost upon us. With the holiday season highlighting December, we enthusiastically surge towards it, marking the days off the calendar. Don't be alarmed at the need to exhibit childish behavior—lift up the shades of adulthood and allow in the light of pure fun. Enjoy those storefront decorations, marvel at the trees alight with colours and count the candles of the menorah. Become that child you once were.

Hanukkah, beginning December 13, is in full force at the Foundation School at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue on Kensington in Westmount. Hanukkah comes from the Hebrew word 'Hanokh' meaning inaugurate. The menorah is lit on all eight nights of Hanukkah to commemorate the rededication of the ancient temple in Jerusalem when the last remaining jar of oil miraculously lasted for eight nights. The menorah also celebrates the triumph of freedom over persecution, recalling the ancient Maccabees', struggle against their Syrian foes.

In this trilingual preschool program (English, French and Hebrew), organized by Head Teacher Susan Frank, the theme of holidays is incorporated throughout the school year.

"We begin a month in advance," Frank explains. "For Hanukkah, we cook, sew, sing, dance and create usable art such as menorahs that actually can be lit. To continue to make this a pleasurable time, we omit the violence of the Hanukkah story. For this age group wartime incidents would only initiate nightmares and that is not our intention. They'll learn those



details when they're ready."

A family concert on December 15th will usher the Hanukkah holiday into full view for all the children. The spinning dreidle top exposing Hebrew letters will symbolically remind them of the past and the present of 'A Miracle Happened There'.

In Westmount at St. Andrew's Early Childhood Center on Hillside, young children between the ages of two and five experiencing other holiday sentiments. Celebration here is unique, as it does not

encompass one holiday theme. Christmas is not the central focus. The Christmas story about the birth of Jesus 2,000 years ago is to most people a time of family, friends, decorations and presents. Christmas celebrations have been around for hundreds of years and have changed over time depending on traditions. With schools embracing many different cultures and traditions, St. Andrew's policy is not to accentuate on one holiday, but to embrace them all in the context of their school.

Mrs. Hanlon, director of the school, reveals that St. Andrew's represents a cultural mosaic of individuals. "We address the cultures of everyone and not one specific religion," she says. "We sing in friendship and we respect each other so that the children learn about other people in the world."

The school's policy is not to answer to the commercial aspect of the holidays. Respect and tolerance for one another are enforced values. No one is singled out but all children are encircled into the St. Andrew's family—decorations are designed by the children and do not follow a specific theme. The variety of mankind and how all peoples compliment each other is their teaching theory for the holidays.

We are at the brink of this hopeful time for human kindness, family bonding and love. Our values are imparted to our children, so we must beware of what we promote. Let's open our eyes to youthful innocence and really understand the holiday spirit from all backgrounds. Join hands with your family and hold on tightly to these special and rare moments. See them through a child's eyes and rejoice.

## MORE FROM THE MAIL BAG



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was—"we are doing the best we can." *The Examiner* is not doing the best it can if it squanders space on politicians—federal and provincial. The mayor, when he deals with municipal topics, should be regarded differently.

I have wanted to write this letter for a long time and was goaded by a footnote in Mme. Robillard's column last week congratulating Mr. Jacques Chagnon on winning his provincial seat. Did Mme. Robillard have anything to do with his winning it? Or was she ducking in an Ottawa slit trench with other Quebec cabinet ministers waiting for the Bouchard hurricane to pass?

Mr. Chagnon, we are told, spent most of his time helping other Liberal candidates in ridings where they felt they might have a chance. Very generous of him. Had federal MPs been as generous with their time, perhaps he might not be still sitting on Opposition benches.

The only high profile Liberal on the federal payroll who made an appearance in the campaign was

former Gazette editor Senator Joan Fraser, who cross-examined the Equality Party candidate at the public meeting sponsored by *The Examiner*. She was not a proxy for anyone.

Finance Minister Paul Martin (LaSalle) dashed in and out of town to obtain an honorary degree at Concordia (despite student protests). I believe Mme. Robillard addressed a meeting involving her department in Montreal. If any other cabinet ministers came to Quebec, they maintained extremely low profiles.

Did Liberal MPs feel that to support a fellow provincial leader fighting for Canada would not be proper? Were they fearful of separatist revenge? If they had any doubts about the propriety of intervening, they might have recalled that Lucien Bouchard, MP, when was leader of the Bloc Québécois in 1994, came to the aid of Jacques Parizeau and helped him to victory.

Mme. Robillard and Mr. Chagnon should be kept in touch with their Westmount constituents. Why not inaugurate a Reader's Question

Period? *The Examiner* would forward queries for help and information to their representatives. Mme. Robillard has a personal staff, department assistants and the vast resources of a federal government to call upon.

*The Examiner* should reassess the anachronistic practice of publishing newsletters from elected MPs and MNAs that dates back to the turn of the century when rural weeklies did not possess the resources to station correspondents in capital cities.

In the age of radio, television and the Internet, the public expects more than political handouts.

**Edward W. Barrett**  
Kensington Avenue

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**McEntyre competition will focus on 125th**

The theme and guidelines for the 1999 McEntyre Creative Writing Competition are now being distributed to students in Westmount schools, and in keeping with the City's 125th anniversary, this year's topic will be '125'.

Students are being encouraged to write about the number 125 in any creative way, from Westmount 125 years ago or 125 years in the future to anywhere else their imagination leads them.

All students who live in Westmount, attend a Westmount elementary or high school or belong to a Westmount library are eligible to enter this annual writing competition, which was founded by the late Mayor Peter McEntyre. Last year's competition drew 647 entries, from which three winners were chosen in each grade. Prizes range from \$10 to \$100, and are handed out by Mayor Peter Trent at a ceremony at City Hall in the spring. In addition, inscribed books are donated to the Westmount Public Library in honour of each winner.

This year's chief judge will be Kathleen Hugessen, with the rest of the McEntyre Committee comprised of Sally Aitken, Carmen Carbone, Barbara Drury, Raymond Ulyyat and Nancy Wright.

More information on the 1999 McEntyre Creative Writing Competition can be obtained by calling the Westmount Public Library at 989-5300.

**Police warn against walkmans on the street**

Listening to music as you walk down the street may not be illegal, but Station 12 police are advising citizens to refrain from wearing walkmans in areas where there is traffic because an oncoming vehicle may not be heard.

This comes in the wake of a fatal accident at the nearby Vendome metro station last Sunday night, where a 22-year-old Claremont Avenue resident was killed after being struck in the head by the driver side mirror of an MUCTC bus.

The accident occurred at about 7:20 p.m. as the victim was walking east along de Maisonneuve, listening to music on his walkman. He didn't see the bus, and the driver didn't see him until it was too late. The blow from the mirror knocked him down, and he was run over by the front and back wheels of the bus. He was pronounced dead on the scene, and the 57-year-old bus driver was treated for shock.

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Station 12's Constable Lise Bergeron (left) and Commander François Folchitto present Centre Greene's Mary Stubbs with a cheque for \$445, courtesy of the officers' fundraising golf tournament.

## Cops come through for kids

By WAYNE LARSEN

Centre Greene is \$445 richer thanks to Station 12 police, who donated a portion of the proceeds from their fundraising golf tournament to the local community centre last Friday.

"We support a lot of causes and this is a good one," said Station 12 commander François Folchitto. "It's perfect because we combine business with pleasure—we get to play golf and raise money for a worthy cause at the same time."

Folchitto said about 20 police officers from Station 12 participated in the golf tournament, which was held on September

3. Other police officers from Station 9 in Côte St. Luc and Station 11 in NDG also took part in the annual fundraiser.

"It's so fantastic that they thought of us," said Centre Greene coordinator Mary Stubbs. "We're very fortunate that they donated part of their proceeds to Centre Greene."

The money will be put towards the initiation of a cooking program for the kids, as well as an arts and crafts program which will probably be held three or four times per week.

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**REAL ESTATE**

**Two sales over \$2 million highlight a busy August**

By ANDY DODGE

(NOTE: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount one- and two-family dwellings, as they appear on transfer tax information provided to the City. The actual registration of deeds follows by several months the actual purchase agreements.

Information provided here does not include details on extra inclusions, servitudes or financing of the properties which may affect the declared price of the purchase. Specifics of the individual sales can be found on Page 12.)

Two sales over \$2 million and three more between \$600,000 and \$1 million highlighted the Westmount home sales list for August, in a month which saw the average of 30 priced sales reach

\$605,446, and the average adjusted price top \$500,000 for the first time since 1993.

The adjusted average price of Westmount homes this year has now reached \$470,000, its highest point on a year-to-year basis since the 'glory days' of 1990.

Volume continued to be high, with the August volume pushing the total this year to 200 sales registrations, compared to 226 for all of last year.

Highest price for the month involved the sale of 36 Summit Circle for \$3,740,000, just slightly above its municipal evaluation of \$3,400,000. Although it changed hands between members of the same family, there is no declared exemption from the city's transfer taxes. Next on the list is 72 Summit Circle, a highly-renovated former coach house which sold for "\$1 and

other considerations," but for which the city transfer tax was paid on \$2,300,000. This compares to its municipal evaluation of \$1,010,000, meaning the price is more than 2.2 times higher, the highest markup over evaluation in the month.

Lowest price in the month was registered for 53-55 Bruce Avenue, \$80,000 or only 31 percent of its Montreal Urban Community assessment. Other than that, the lowest was a \$240,000 cash outlay for a duplex at 8-10 St. George's Place, still only 59 percent of its valuation. Between these sales were another 26 which averaged more than \$450,000, and 113 percent above their valuation. Only five of those 26 sold for less than the MUC assessment.

(See Condo page 11)

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## Condo sales down from July

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Five more condominiums sold in August, hardly matching the 14 which changed hands in July. While one had no price attached to it, the two highest prices involved condos at 4160 Sherbrooke (\$550,000) and 1 Wood (\$405,000), while the two lowest were for a third-floor unit at 4500 de Maisonneuve Boulevard (\$120,000) and a made-over flat at 344 Grosvenor Avenue (\$155,000 declared price). Because of the tremendous range, it is difficult to compare condos on a statistical basis.

Finally, a nine-unit apartment building at 367-71 Clarke Avenue sold for \$326,000 while evaluated by the MUC at \$425,600. Other than that, there were no commercial or multi-unit residential buildings which changed hands in August.

The August sales involved prices agreed to mainly in the late spring months, but no less than eight sales were transacted in July and another two in August, according to realtors' records.

## Higher volume, lower prices

BY ANDY DODGE

(NOTE: The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount one- and two-family dwellings which were reported by local realtors as having been accepted in October. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity.)

The graph on page 31 offers a picture of these trends over time.)

Volume recovered in November but buyers were still interested in getting the bargains left on the market. Sixteen priced sales were reported in the month, all but two of which were for less than \$450,000. Despite this, the average adjusted price went up slightly compared with October, still showing some hesitancy leading up to the Nov. 30 election.

Now that the election is over, prices should head upward again into the coming spring

market, with little fear of a referendum on sovereignty.

Already we are well above any of the peaks of the last seven years, but the November sales indicate there is hesitancy to put out the larger sums for some of the big Westmount houses.

The average price of the 16 sales was only \$376,188, the lowest average price for any month since January. But because this was for houses substantially lower in valuation than the average, the 'typical' Westmount house could be considered to have a value over \$500,000, based on the price:valuation ratio.

Volume was up from a paltry seven sales reported in October, and actually exceeded the average for November, reaching the same level achieved in the past two years. Some of the sales will probably not be registered until next summer.

Andy Dodge is a real estate appraiser in Westmount who can be reached at 482-8560.



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			PRICE	VALUATION
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84 Arlington	Hilda Agulnick	John Robson & Elizabeth Kofran	\$480,000	\$413,800
1 Belvedere	Arthur Campeau & Cynthia Drummond	Peter F. Christofferson & Susan E. Christofferson	\$370,000	\$506,100
58 Bruce	Hadrian Corning	Raymond Delaire & Joann Patenaude	\$ 1 <sup>b</sup>	\$254,300
578 Claremont	James Burt & Michelle Brissette	Hadrian Corning & Maryse Bonaldo	\$470,000	\$292,400
11 de Casson	Constance Taylor	Brigitte Roy & Jeffrey Mains	\$495,000	\$325,000
29 de Casson	Cynthia Lilian Birks	Sally St. Clair-Butler & Conrad Hastings Harrington	\$442,000	\$375,300
4157 de Maisonneuve	Steve Legler	Jean Cohen	\$310,000	\$411,000
335 Elm	Jitendra K. Bhatnagar	Aubie Herscovitch & Gretty Deutsch	\$290,000	\$279,600
36 Forden Crescent	Alice Moscovitz & Joel Raby	Michael Unruch & Carol Stein	\$ 1 <sup>c</sup>	\$547,000
20 Holton	Robert J. McGuire & E. Anne Wilson	Simon Elie Dadache & Linda Susan Fisher	\$489,000	\$360,700
36 Holton	Sally Diamond Brown	Coruscus Lan Chan & Felicitas Chan	\$424,889	\$354,600
365 Kitchener	Raphael Levy & Varda Touaty	Albert Baber & Inge Probst	\$325,000	\$244,900
527 Lansdowne	David Walter Power	Margaret V. Ballantyne & David Tomas	\$367,500	\$293,000
258 Metcalfe	Joanne Hebert & Don McLeod	Suzanne Pépin & Stephen Aspinall	\$359,000	\$268,700
4449 Montrose	Karma Merne Perry	Carlton M. Lee & Leley Jane Watkinson	\$ 1 <sup>d</sup>	\$976,900
339 Prince Albert	Nicole Lelievre	David Manson & Lana Baker	\$427,500	\$426,200
490 Strathcona	Elizabeth Rebeiz	Douglas Buchanan & Marion Lefebvre	\$575,000	\$405,200
36 Summit Circle	Ernest Avrith	Douglas Avrith	\$3,740,000	\$3,400,000
72 Summit Circle	Sidky Nachaat (Nash) Aziz	Menashe Ari Ben & Haya Chetrit	\$ 1 <sup>e</sup>	\$1,010,000
76 Summit Crescent	Hazel Caplan	Nicola (Nick) Tedeschi	\$775,000	\$819,300
89 Sunnyside	Gary Ikeman & Judith Henderson	Evelyn Jerassy	\$513,500	\$458,300
3216 The Boulevard	Lise Morin	Leon Solomon	\$ 1 <sup>f</sup>	\$455,600
3664 The Boulevard	Mariette Desjardins	Elaine (Layne) Dalfen	\$523,000	\$531,300
27 Thornhill	Carol Roslyn McDonell	Tomy Athanasios Hadjis & Johanne Monette	\$369,000	\$348,200
4356 Westmount Avenue	Ronney Kushel	Vivian Ullman	\$ 1 <sup>g</sup>	\$665,400
16 Winchester	Bakhch Parwiz Tadjali	Patricia Poirier & Alan Stephens	\$273,000	\$208,100
25 Winchester	Martin Hallett & Barbara Kaiser	François Pariseau & Leiman Samantha Chesler	\$255,000	\$200,400
51 York	Cedric Marsh & Patricia Greer	Ellen Bounsall	\$315,000	\$218,000

### Duplexes

53-55 Bruce	François Labranche	Gestion Norcom Inc.	\$80,000	\$254,500
8-10 St. George's Place	171850 Canada Inc.	Pierre l'Ecuyer & Kathleen Farley	\$240,000	\$410,100

### Apartment Buildings

367-71 Clarke	estate Mafalda Irma Rubio Dapelo	Claude Derhy & Audrey Weizmann	\$326,000	\$425,600
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### Condominiums

4500 de Maisonneuve, #32	George Pombouras	Ann McWhinnie	\$120,000	\$119,000
344 Grosvenor	Frances Arthur	Jean Teman	\$ 1 <sup>h</sup>	\$132,500
4160 Sherbrooke, #401	Haysam Habal	Ahmad Houboubati	\$550,000	\$336,000 <sup>i</sup>
4175 St. Catherine, #2103	Gerald Goldberg	Sandra Ellen Halickman	\$ 1 <sup>i</sup>	\$824,800
1 Wood, #1502	Alain Ciaravola & Jacqueline Lanery	Libby Schnarch	\$405,000	\$451,300 <sup>k</sup>

#### Notes:

<sup>a</sup>Price is "\$1 and other considerations," value of the consideration declared as \$405,000.

<sup>b</sup>Price is "\$1 and other considerations," value of the consideration declared as \$275,000.

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<sup>d</sup>Price is "\$1 and other considerations," value of the consideration declared as \$875,000.

<sup>e</sup>Price is "\$1 and other considerations," value of the consideration declared as \$2,300,000.

<sup>f</sup>Price is "\$1 and other considerations," value of the consideration declared as \$500,000.

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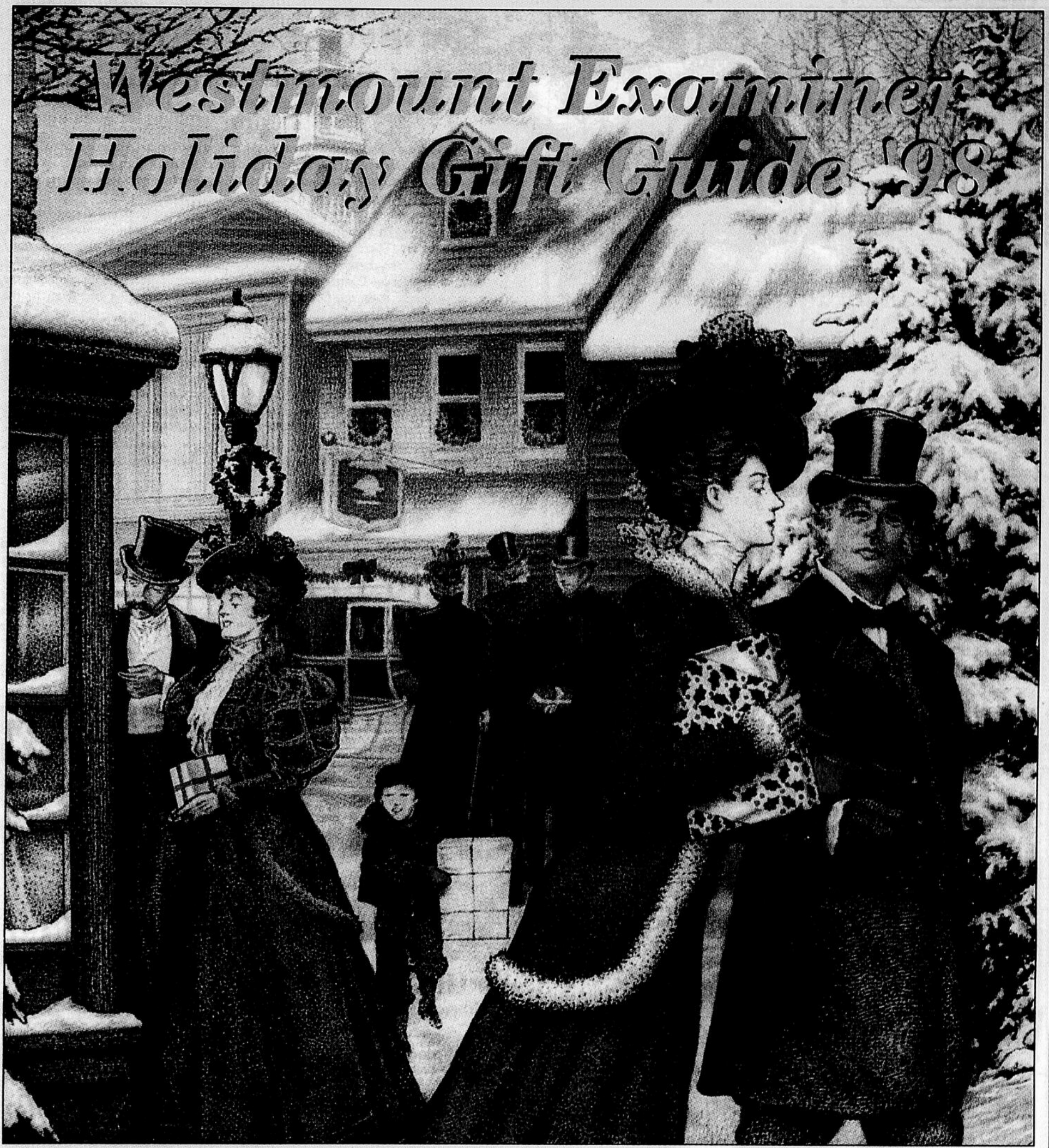
<sup>h</sup>Price is "\$1 and other considerations," value of the consideration declared as \$155,000.

<sup>i</sup>Price is "\$1 and other considerations," value of the consideration declared as \$1.

<sup>j</sup>Valuation involves three separate account numbers, one for the condo, one for a garage and one for a locker.

<sup>k</sup>Valuation involves two separate account numbers, one for the condo and two garages, the other for a utility room.

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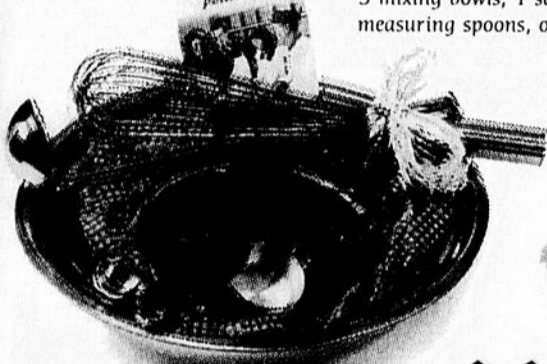
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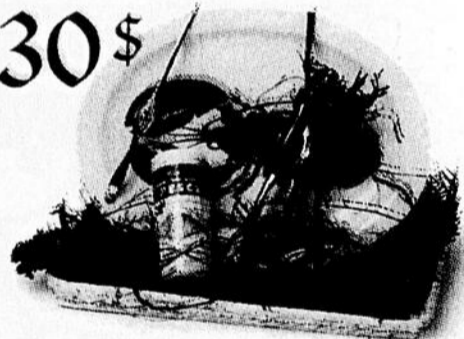
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## Christmas is celebrated in different ways around the world

### Mexico

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The poinsettia is native to Mexico and is believed to have first been used in connection with Christmas in the 17th century when Mexican Franciscans included the flowers in their Christmas celebration. There is a legend connected with the flower. A little boy named Pablo was walking to the church in his village to visit the Nativity scene, when he realized he had nothing to offer the Christ Child. He saw some green branches growing along the roadside and gathered them up. Other children scoffed, but when he laid them by the manger, a brilliant red star-shaped flower appeared on each branch.

The main Christmas celebration in Mexico is called las posadas, which refers to processions reenacting Joseph and Mary's search for a place to stay in Bethlehem. The processions begin nine days before Christmas because the original journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem took nine days. Friends and family members divide themselves into two groups—pilgrims and innkeepers.

The pilgrims travel from house to house asking for a shelter and are refused at each until they finally reach the house where an alter and Nativity scene have been set up. Here the pilgrims are admitted with great rejoicing, a traditional prayer is spoken, and the party begins. Food and drink are served and then children take turns trying to break open the pinata.

### Nicaragua

Like many Latin American countries, Nicaragua retains many of the customs of old Spain. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, people stroll the streets where there are many things to buy: candles, Nativity pictures, toys and food. Children carry fragrant bouquets to the alter of the Virgin and sing carols. On Christmas Eve, church bells beckon the people to Midnight Mass. On January 6, the feast of the Epiphany, it is the three wise men who bring gifts for the children. Often the holiday season concludes with a brilliant display of fireworks.

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**South America**

Throughout South America, Christmas is celebrated in a deeply religious way. The main focus of the season throughout the continent is the presepio (the manger). Often a whole room is devoted to the presepio display, complete with landscape and tiny figures made to scale. Though the central feature is the manger at Bethlehem, elaborate scenes will include hills full of shepherds gazing upon the heavenly host, the Wise

Men crossing the desert on their camels, water mills, grottos, electric trains, and even sailboats on the sea.

**Venezuela**

Venezuelans attend a daily early morning church service between

December 16th and 24th called Misa de Aguinaldo (Early Morning Mass.) In Caracas, the capital city, it is customary to roller-skate to this service and many neighborhoods close the streets to cars until 8 a.m. Before bedtime, children tie one end of a piece of string

to their big toe and hang the other out the window. The next morning, rollerskaters give a tug to any string they see hanging. After Mass everyone enjoys tostados and coffee.

**Brazil**

The people of northern Brazil, as in Mexico, enjoy a version of the folk play Los Pastores ('The Shepherds.')

In the Brazilian version, there are shepherdesses rather than shepherds and a gypsy who attempts to kidnap the Christ Child.

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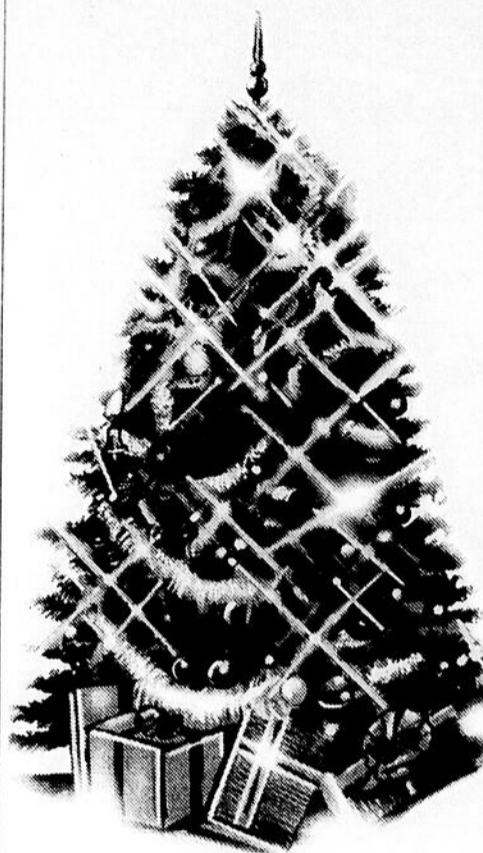
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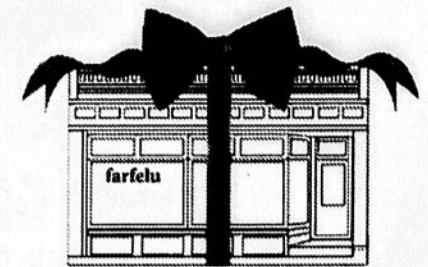
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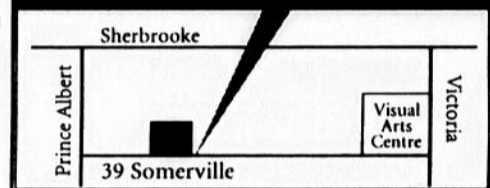


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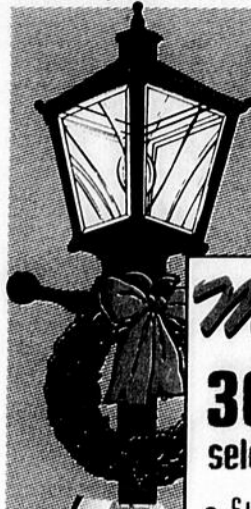


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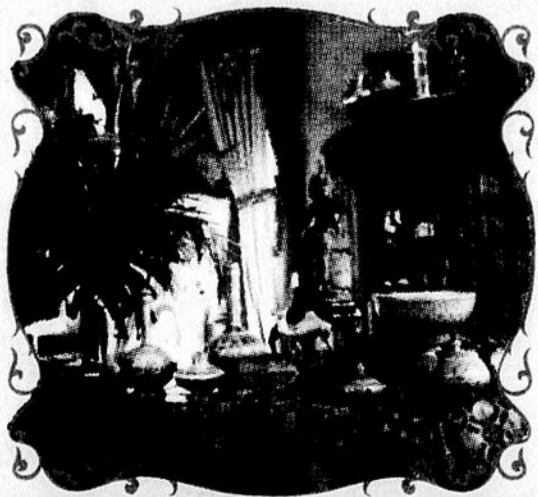
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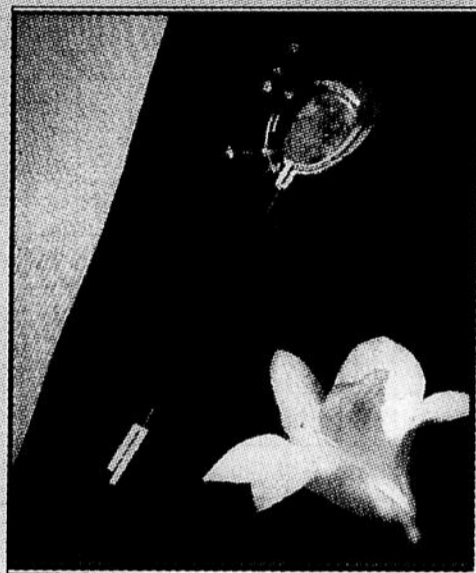
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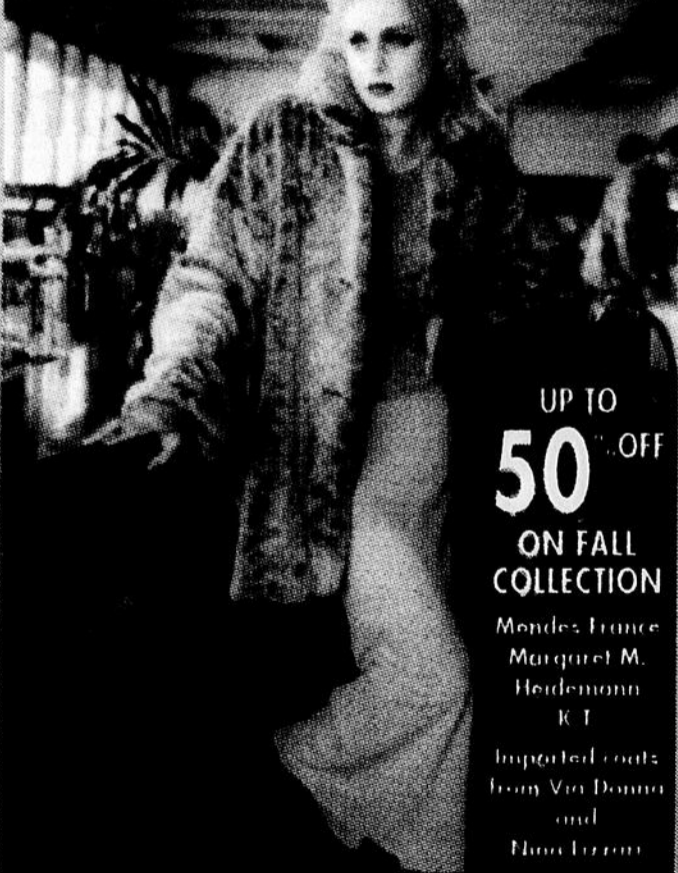
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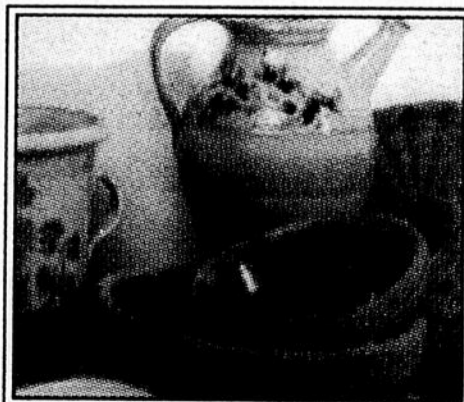
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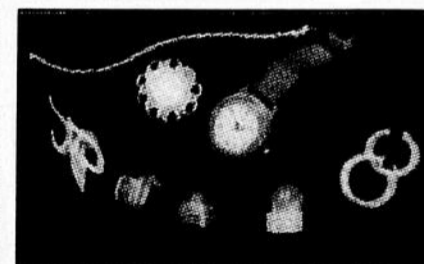
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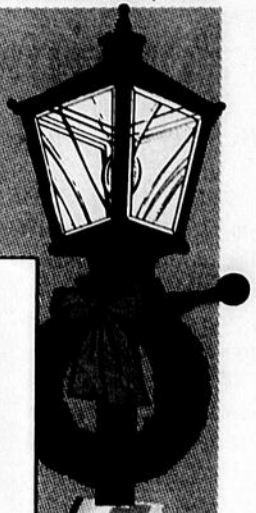
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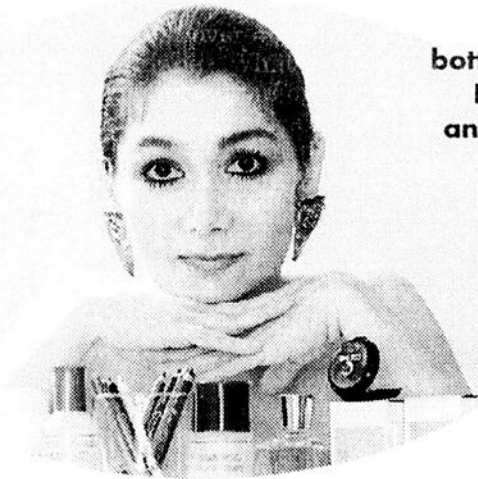
## Gretta Hashemi

Gretta Hashemi is hard to pin down - an educator, columnist, lecturer, humanitarian, reflexologist, aromatherapist, naturopath and natural health counsellor. She is dedicated to providing people with holistic means to improve their health at her Aromaflex Institute at 4935 Queen Mary Tel: 735-2311.

In December, 1995 Gretta formed her own company called Tahirih in order to launch the essential oil of lavender. She concurrently released the first in a planned series of self-help booklets.

"Everyone is constantly under bombardment, by different stressing agents in our environment", says Gretta. "I chose the essential oil of lavender because besides having a myriad of uses, it reigns supreme as a sedative."

**"Everyone should have a bottle of my Lavender and a copy of my Booklet" Gretta Hashemi**



This first booklet entitled Aromatherapy/Reflexology Stress Reduction With Essential Oil of Lavender combines aromatherapy with reflexology - a process of massaging of certain pressure points on the feet that correspond to each tissue, gland and organ in the body. In the booklet's aromatherapy sections, Gretta provides quick and useful ways to use lavender as an anecdote for anger, anxiety, depression, headaches, high blood pressure, irritability and more.

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## Parfums & Porcelaines



Owner Michele Schoutteten.

### Made in Belgium and new in town

Conveniently located right at the Greene Avenue entrance of Westmount Square, Parfums & Porcelaines is a brand new little boutique that offers just what its name implies—plus a bit more.

Opened just two months ago by Belgian native Michèle Schoutteten, this small but fragrant and pleasantly-lit shop offers the top names in perfume, cologne and bath products for both women and men.

Michèle proudly claims that the retail business is in her blood. "I was born in a store," she says. "My parents owned a store in Belgium."

As a result, Michèle knows just how to treat everyone who comes in to browse through her new boutique. "If they come in for a \$7 purchase or \$100, every customer is considered the best," she says. "I try to make the best selection for my customers—I keep only the very best merchandise."

By the best Michèle means the top names in fragrances and toiletries, names like Lalique, Gucci, Rochas, Jean Patou, Rodier and Façonnable. But instead of charging top prices for these products, Michèle prefers to keep her prices down. "Everyone can shop here," she says. "It's not too expensive."

Michèle also offers a wide variety of crystal and porcelain pieces from around the world, all priced to suit most budgets. Porcelain from Limonge, France and Herend from Hungary, as well as crystal from Poland grace her shelves along with the body lotions and bath oils. Among her least expensive items are a series of small, colourful perfume bottles imported from Italy.

Although the emphasis is on fragrances and porcelain pieces, Michèle also stocks a few pieces of top quality leatherware, such as overnight bags by Luigi Sciorio.

Parfums & Porcelaines offers the finest quality merchandise at reasonable prices. This makes it the ideal one-stop shopping destination for all the fragrance, crystal and porcelain items on your gift list.

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## Biblionet



Hamid Fotouhinia and his sister Maryam at Biblionet on Sherbrooke St.

Owner Hamid Fotouhinia likes to call Biblionet a 'resource centre' or 'virtual office' because one of his goals is to offer technical services to small businesses, entrepreneurs and students who may not necessarily need or be able to afford their own office.

This is a unique concept in Montreal, and it's right here in Westmount.

"I want Biblionet to be a 'water cooler' for small business owners, so they can meet each other and not be isolated," Hamid says. "I also encourage people to come in here and try out software applications on our computers so that they know what to buy."

Along with the traditional laser colour and black & white photocopy and fax services, Biblionet is a Western Union and Fed Ex agent, they offer secretarial services, are a Clearnet agent and sell stationary, computer books & magazines. Biblionet offers a wide range of computer services including e-mail accounts, computer rental time, web page design and advice on computer applications. To add to all these services Biblionet also offers tutorials, computer sales, repair and upgrade. They make housecalls. In short, Hamid has put together the quintessential high-tech service.

Biblionet strives to provide a friendly and tasteful environment that makes people more comfortable around computers. "Our staff is trained to listen, answer questions and explain things in basic terms. We really want to serve the community, and lately, we've had a lot of senior citizens coming in for advice on buying computers," Hamid says.

As a result, Biblionet has had more than its fair share of satisfied customers of all ages.

"When I decided to upgrade my aging computer to a 'bells-and-whistles' system, I knew I would want to deal with a small, personalized business that emphasizes customer service," Westmount resident Barbara Kay says of her first visit to Biblionet. "I also wanted a place accessible to my home. Biblionet gave me a competitive price on my units, but most importantly they were there for me after installation. I have improved my comfort level and understanding of how the various programs work and, after several one-on-one tutorials, now 'play' with my computer without the middle-age anxiety reflex of yesteryear. The staff at Biblionet are patient, helpful and professional, and I feel good about getting the product and service I expect right here in Westmount. It is great to see young entrepreneurs succeeding in our community."

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In Quebec, for example, the first-class Bromont Castle offers indoor heated pool and European-style spa, and is recommended for fitness, relaxation, and slimming. Packages in the Laurentians and in the Eastern Townships are also available.

In Cuba, Cuba Elguea in the Villa Clara provides four sulphurous pools and eight thermal water pools for different treatments like physiotherapy, rheumatism, and bursitis. The package includes round trip transfers, daily treatments, three meals per day, and a complete medical examination. Severe arthritis or circulation problems can be treated at Hotel Villa Bejar in Mexico.

Voyages Optimal also recommends spa resorts in Europe and the Middle East. In Austria, they offer the Beauty Package and Longevity Package while Spain and France are well-known for Thalasso therapy.

In Israel, Hotel Nirvana located on the Dead Sea can provide relief for people with rheumatism or stress problems. Another very well-know place in Jordan is a spa south of Amou also on the Dead Sea, and is recommended for skin problems, psoriasis.

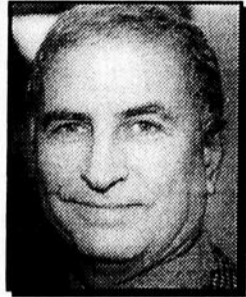
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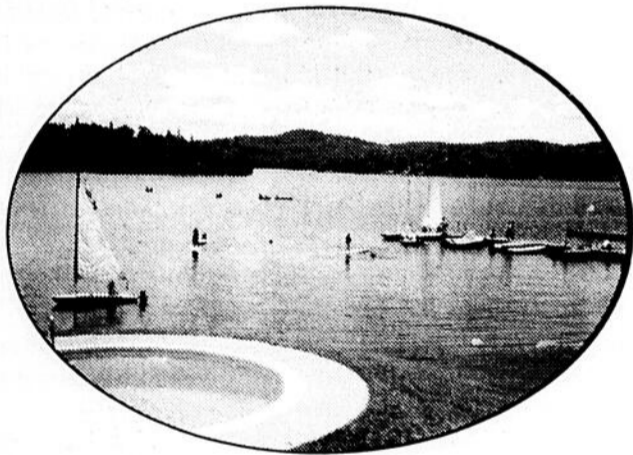
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For 32 summers, children from all over the world have been returning to Camp MaroMac and the Marovitch family for awesome summer experiences. Director Joseph, founders Esther and Syd and associate Marvin Helfenbaum provide the leadership at this family-oriented camp. All four directors are professional educators and respected in camping.

L'association des Camps de Quebec in their annual accreditation reported, **Camp MaroMac far exceeds the norms... and provides leadership in the camping field.**



"With only 180 campers, we can and do provide an intimate personalized approach," says Esther Marovitch. The Marovitch's not only care and provide the finest quality in their choice of staff and program but enjoy their camp children immensely. MaroMac's well-equipped medical clinic is directed by Hôpital Ste. Justine's Dr. Ernie Seidman and Montreal Childrens Hospital's Dr. Steven Liben.

MaroMac's fast paced program provides ever new experiences including professional instruction in such areas as waterskiing, sailing, swimming, soccer, tennis, rockclimbing, landsports, the arts, drama and music. Campers are always excited and motivated. Even the meals at Camp MaroMac are an enjoyable adventure. Food is not only nutritious but also delicious.

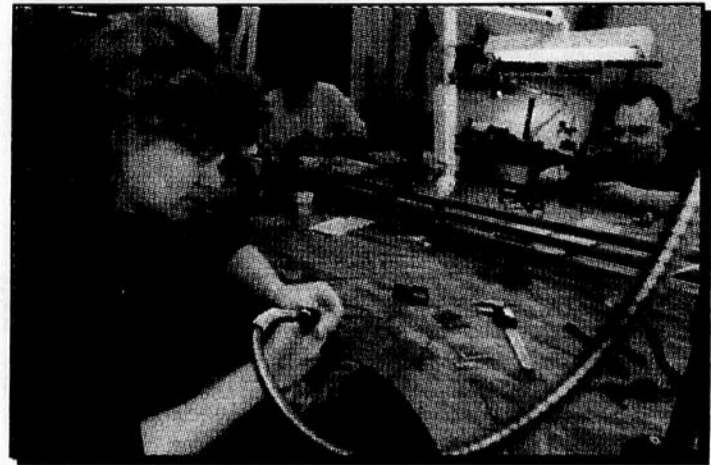
"We provide a healthy environment where children have fun, learn new skills and make lots of friends."

Camp MaroMac's Laurentian Mountain site on crystal-clear Lac Quenouille is superb, facilities are 1st class and are continually being updated and improved. New things are always happening but what is constant are the super summer experiences, fond memories and lasting relationships that make **Camp MaroMac The place To Be and the Marovitch family the people to be with!!!**

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## Robert Ackermann Inc.

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(From left to right): Louise Dodier, Robert Ackermann and Dominick Gervais at work in the jewellery studio.

The relentless pursuit of quality.

It sounds like an admirable vocation, and Robert Ackermann has been at it for more than 20 years. One walk through his meticulous jewellery gallery and studio on Greene Avenue and it's obvious to see that quality pervades everything this acclaimed jeweller does.

Ackermann specializes in fine jewellery of the highest European standards, at a price that easily outdistances his foreign competitors, who are saddled with very high labour costs and Canadian duties.

You don't have to go to Paris or Geneva to have a special platinum and diamond necklace custom made—you can do it right here in Westmount instead. Robert has had extensive traditional training at Trudel jewellers in Zurich, Switzerland and at the renowned Gemological Institute of America, where he received the Graduate Gemologist diploma.

Outfitted with the latest 3-D computer technology as well as jeweller's tools used for centuries like anvils and ring mandrels, Robert and his staff create absolutely stunning pieces which all have a unique touch—each piece is custom-made to the exact specifications of the client, who has full control in the creative process.

Robert Ackermann is a reminder of another time—the Renaissance—when men like Leonardo Da Vinci and Benvenuto Cellini were not only artists but also scientists or alchemists. Jewellers know as much about periodic tables as they do about polishing rubies and sapphires.

"I tend to be very meticulous," says Robert. "I don't have many hobbies; this is my life." He adds that today's marketplace also demands that he be a businessman as well, following global events which could affect the market for stones throughout the world.

He has been very successful in his quest for quality. This past year, he was a winner of La Griffe d'Or in Quebec and the Canadian Jeweller Magazine's Buyers Choice Award. Robert has taught at the Ecole de Joaillerie et de Métaux d'Art de Montreal, served as secretary of the Montreal Gem and Mineral Club and writes a monthly jewellery column for The Examiner.

But the jewellery business is hardly about prizes. "It's the aesthetic that counts," Robert says. "We use only the best tools and raw materials. The end result is, in my opinion, a superior product."

So the next time you're pursuing a dream for the perfect piece of jewellery to give to a loved one, look no further than Robert Ackermann—he's made the pursuit of quality in design and craftsmanship his life's work.

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# Emporium Maharaja

Stepping into Emporium Maharaja from Sherbrooke Street is a startling experience. One moment you're on Westmount's busiest street, and seconds later you've been transported back in time to the mystic East, namely northern India around the turn of the century.

The interior of this specialized shop is full of hundreds of Indian antiques that make up a truly amazing collection. More than just an Indian antique shop, Emporium Maharaja is the only business of its kind in Montreal. What's even more unique about this eclectic shop is the fact that it offers something for just about everyone—at just about any budget.



Take a trip back to old India at Emporium Maharaja

"From \$10 tin dancing ladies to \$1,000 marble items hand-painted with gold, we have an extremely wide price range for gifts," owner Majella Ferrao Castellano says of the store's inventory, which includes a large amount of furniture, vases, ornamental musical instruments, masks and colourful antique saree borders which have been made into bedspreads.

In creating her one-of-a-kind collection, Majella has brought together everything from tiny wooden figurines and hand-carved camel bone sculptures to massive armoires and coffee tables that date back over 100 years.

One of her primary goals is to change the way most people perceive Indian items. Majella's inventory is beautiful, artful and vibrantly colourful.

"All of the antiques here I hand pick myself," says Majella, who was born and raised in India, where her families continue to run similar antique businesses. Having grown up surrounded by pieces reflecting both Mughal and British Colonial influences, Majella's lifelong familiarity with the merchandise has enabled her to bring over only the most interesting pieces. Her family still operates antique businesses in many states in India, which means she has access to some of the most unique pieces in India.

Majella takes an average of three trips per year to Rajasthan, where she carefully selects antiques for shipment back to Emporium Maharaja. "We never alter the integrity of any of our pieces," she says firmly. "If ever a piece happens to get even slightly damaged in transit, it will never be seen in the Emporium."

Majella is so familiar with the pieces she selects for the store that she can often provide customers with the history behind each piece—its age, where it is from, the materials used and the style in which it was made.

From century-old oil portraits of Indian nobility to intricately-carved columns that once graced a colonial home in Rajasthan, everything in the store is hand-made. "Nothing here has ever been touched by machine," Majella says, indicating an ancient shuttered window that has been set under glass and transformed into a huge coffee table. More than simple conversation items, pieces like this offer the purchaser a chance to take home a piece of history.

Whether buying a gift, furnishing for your home or cottage, Emporium Maharaja offers items that would be impossible to find anywhere else in Montreal. With a wide range of jewelry and candle holders on display, Majella also carries a variety of gift boxes and ornate enamel jewelry boxes.

It's one thing to read about Emporium Maharaja, but quite another to go and see the vast array of Eastern treasures for yourself. Chances are you'll come away with a small piece of old India.

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# Olga Lichtner



Olga Lichtner loves getting to know her customers. She enjoys talking with them and learning about their lives while benefiting from their wisdom. And it's a good thing since Olga also helps them live more comfortable lives.

"Not only do they learn from me about dentures, but I learn about life experiences and I love that part of my job," said Olga, a diplomated denturologist.

Denturologists specialize only in dentures and Olga offers her clients caring, personal and competent service from her NDG office.

"Denturologists do nothing else but prepare dentures and we do it all by ourselves in our lab," said Olga. "We do the impressions and can see what the patient needs."

Originally trained in dentistry before she left her native Czechoslovakia in 1969, Olga has been a practising denturologist in Quebec since 1975. She opened her own lab at that time and has since been offering one-on-one service, allowing her to put her customers at ease and making them feel comfortable.

Olga said the most important thing to remember about dentures is they need to be examined regularly and changed when necessary to fit the changing shape of the mouth. Whether fixed onto the gums or implanted and secured onto posts, she said dentures should be checked a minimum of every two years and replaced every five years. Although they can be realigned for a year or two, Olga said some of her customers insist on having their dentures changed every two years which is ideal because they never notice the change.

But Olga's business doesn't just end with sizing dentures

and fixing them into her customer's mouth.

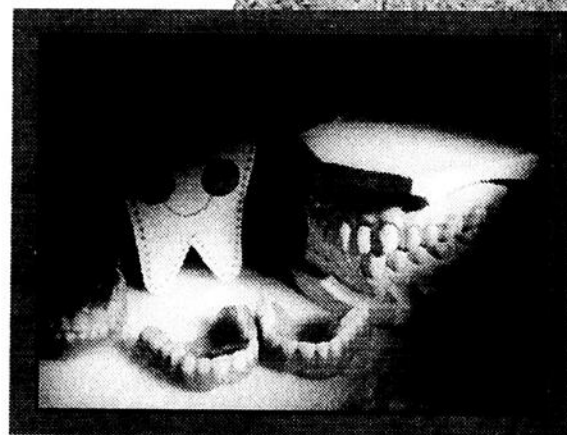
"We don't just finish the dentures when we put them in their mouth and they pay," said Olga. "It's my business and I never send them away until they are completely satisfied. If they need to come for adjustments, I always try to accommodate my customers."

The majority of Olga's clients are seniors and she understands how important it is for them to be comfortable throughout the experience. Just outside the office window, Olga has a place for birds to feed which helps her patients keep their minds off of the examination, Olga also uses special technique which she has worked on over the years to help the denture experience to be as easy as possible for her clients and help with the gagging problem. Olga understands this problem and tries to make it as easy as possible for her clients with the tricks she has developed.

A relaxing waiting room, which seems more like a living room in a neighbour's home, adds to the pleasant experience of dealing with Olga. Her assistant, Michelle, is not just a very skillful technician but is also a nice person and everyone enjoys getting to know her. Michelle also enjoys getting to know the customers and ensuring the dentures provided by Olga are just what the customer needed.

Dentures can be a trying event with many unknowns. Olga Lichtner does her best to offer the senior community a place where their concerns will be heard and where they will be dealt with in a professional and courteous manner.

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# Selwyn House

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At this school of just over 560 students in Westmount, their maxim could be "Whatever we need to do to improve, we will do it." For example, their new Bilingual Programme provides the opportunity for the development of strong and solid foundations in both English and French communication, reading and writing skills. The programme begins in French Immersion Kindergarten with two classes of 14 and 16 students, and progresses through Grade Six.

"Since 1981, our path has been to maintain our English standards and improve the French programme," says Carole Manning, Director of the Elementary and Middle Schools. "We found that we had achieved the objective of oral fluency with our own Grade 5 and Grade 6 French Immersion Programme but, not content with this, felt our next challenge was raising the level of written to that of oral fluency."

Selwyn House is motivated by the need to produce students who are fluently biliterate and bilingual—proficient in oral and writing skills in Canada's two official languages. Parents want their children to learn both English and French, a huge asset in Canada and beyond, and this Bilingual Programme provides the rich environment necessary to stimulate and challenge the young students.

Probably the most interesting part about the Selwyn House Bilingual Programme is the fact that they allocate the same amount of instructional time to both English and French Language Arts, as well as teaching science and music in French. Beginning in Grade One, French grammar is taught.

"We live the language," says Claudine Martel, a kindergarten homeroom teacher who has been with Selwyn House for nine years. "Because we engage in activities like singing, spelling and reading in French, it removes the stress. Now, after only one term, my students are better in French than students nine years ago were after a full year in Grade One."

This exciting, trailblazing programme was based on a concern that reading and writing in both languages needs to be very strong, a change from the previous goal of French oral fluency being sufficient. The current goal is to have students graduating from Grade 6 into Middle school with the same language skills as their counterparts graduating from French elementary schools.

Not only does Selwyn House provide first-rate teaching in its classrooms, French remedial is available for all students to help them through any temporary challenges they may encounter.

If you are interested in giving your children the best education available in two languages, call our Director of Admission, Sylvie Bastien-Doss, and let her know you want to be a part of a school with an enviable history and an extraordinary vision for the future.



(Photo above and below) Kindergarten homeroom teacher Claudine Martel "lives the French language" with some of her young students at Selwyn House.



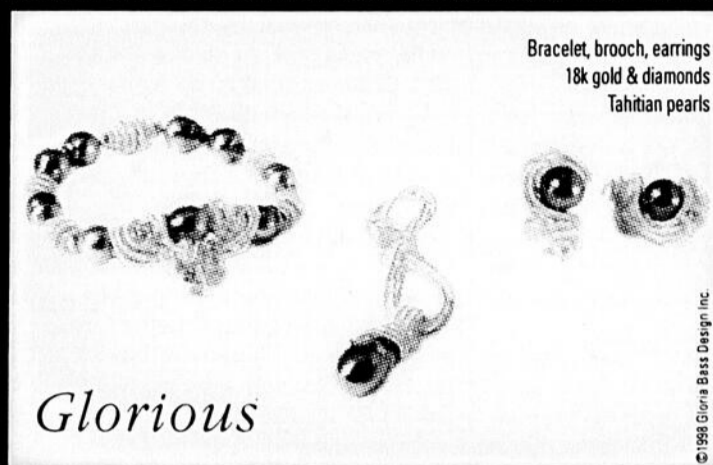
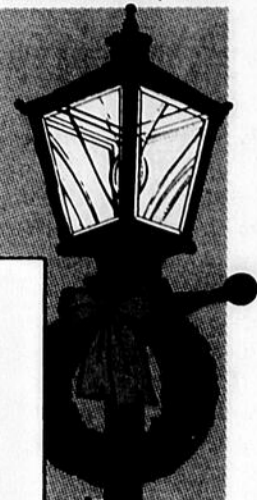
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## Pet tips for safe and happy holidays

BY SUSAN LAWSON/DIRECTOR OF DOMESTI-SERV

To keep your evergreen upright, tie fishing line from the treetop to an eye hook in the ceiling or weigh down the base by adding soil.

Protect pets from the sap collected in the tree stand by covering the stand with a decorative tree skirt. Be sure to vacuum up the pine needles as they fall.

If you have a problem with pets chewing electric cords (tree lights), wrap the cords in tin foil or hide them under the tree skirt.

Hang glass ornaments away from the base of the tree and out of reach.

Use ribbon to hang ornaments instead of metal hooks.

Try trimming your tree with cranberry and popcorn garlands instead of tinsel, icicles or string.

Some traditional Christmas plants (ie holly, mistletoe and poinsettias) are fatal. Keep them off the floor and out of reach.

Never leave your pet unattended around candles and fireplaces.

If you use a bowl freshener in your lavatory, keep the lid down at all times.

Never give your dog turkey bones. They are hollow and break or splinter into sharp pieces which can cause internal injuries.

Signs of salmonella poisoning (from turkey meat) include: fever, diarrhea, depression, stomach upset, vomiting and loss of appetite.

Don't allow your pet to be exposed to the cold for too long.

Try using cat litter instead of rock salt on your steps and driveway. If rock salt is swallowed, the chemicals will make your pet ill and too much exposure to their tender paws will irritate them.

Antifreeze has a sweet taste that attracts cats. Clean up any blue-green or yellow-green puddles in the driveway and other areas.

Remember, holidays are often busy times. Stay in tune to your pet's needs and give it some extra attention. Our pets enrich our lives throughout the year. By taking some precautions, we can give them the gift of health and happiness this holiday season.

## General tips to help make your holidays more festive

To make a festive meal out of an economical utility turkey, baste it often while roasting it, brown it well and serve it cut into helpings on a platter of shredded lettuce. Make lots of gravy.

Homemade cranberry sauce is easy to make from the instructions on the package. Try reducing the amount of sugar in half for a main dish of stewed cranberries with a delicious, tart taste.

If you have enough room in your freezer compartment, keep the liquid drained from cooked, canned or fresh vegetables. Use it instead of plain water in soups, sauces and gravy. It adds nutrients and flavour.

If you don't have a lot of money to buy presents, shop for gifts that are novel, practical and made from materials that last. Check out the local stores that cater to people who have \$40 to spend on 40 people.

To save on wrappings, buy a large, decorative, Christmas shopping bag for each family member. Keep it from year to year like a stocking. Fill it with presents wrapped in simple tissue paper. Shop around for the bags. The price varies greatly.

If you kept last year's Christmas cards, try recycling them as tags or stickers. Find a design that can be cut out with pinking shears. Leave enough white space to write a name on and use it as a parcel tag.

## Christmas trees are part of the tradition

### Facts about Christmas Trees

Each year about three million Canadian families enjoy a natural Christmas tree. About one million of those families are in Ontario.

Growing time for a Christmas tree is seven to 15 years and even longer now that more exotic species are

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Christmas tree industry.

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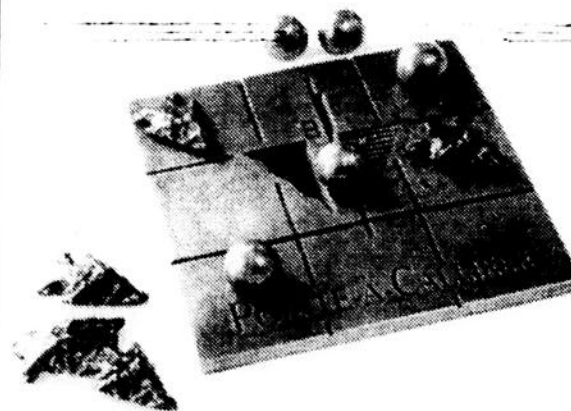
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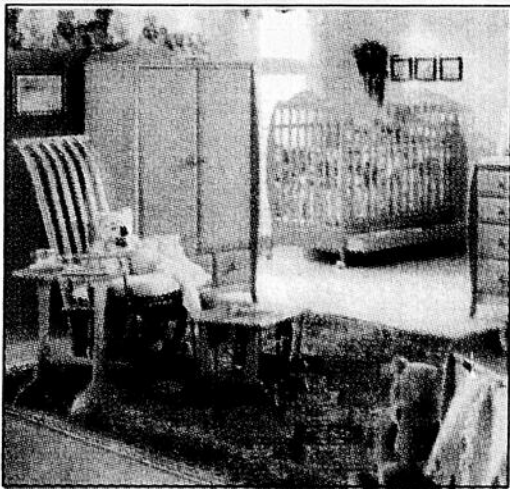
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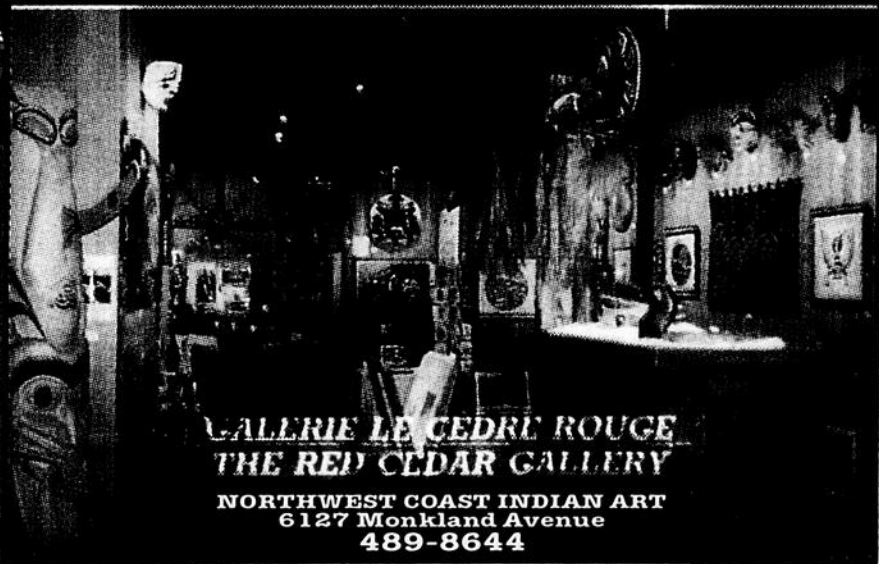
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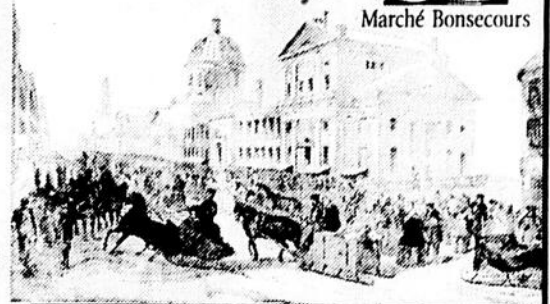
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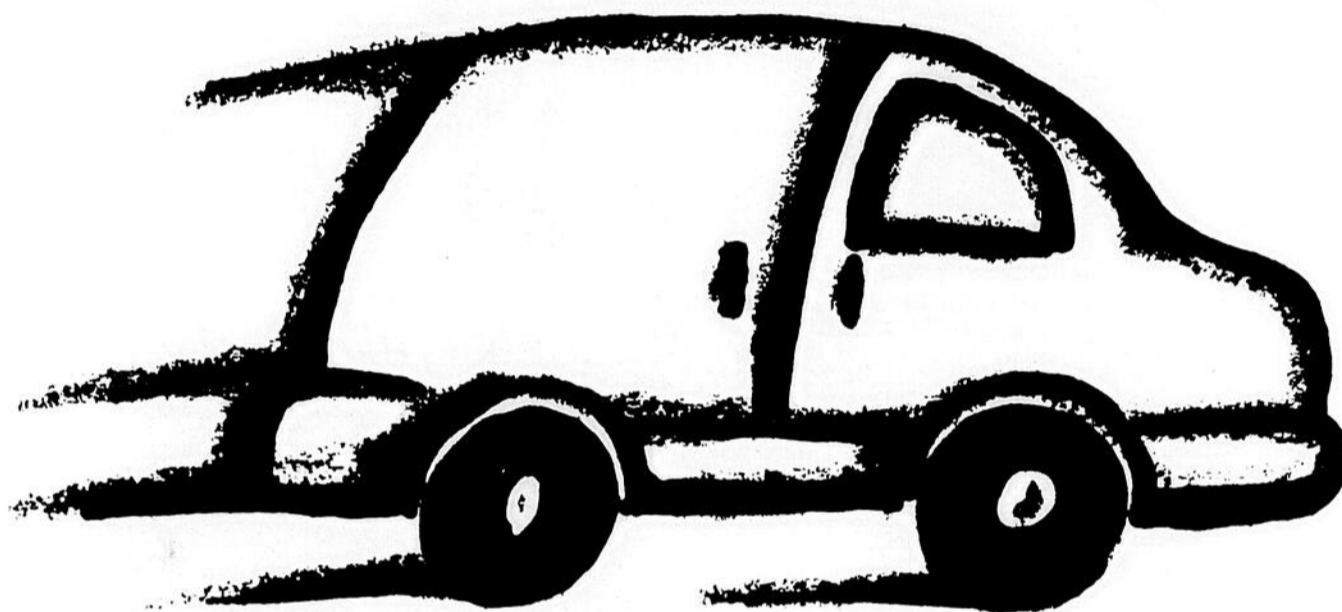


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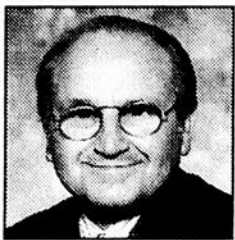
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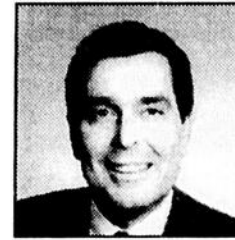
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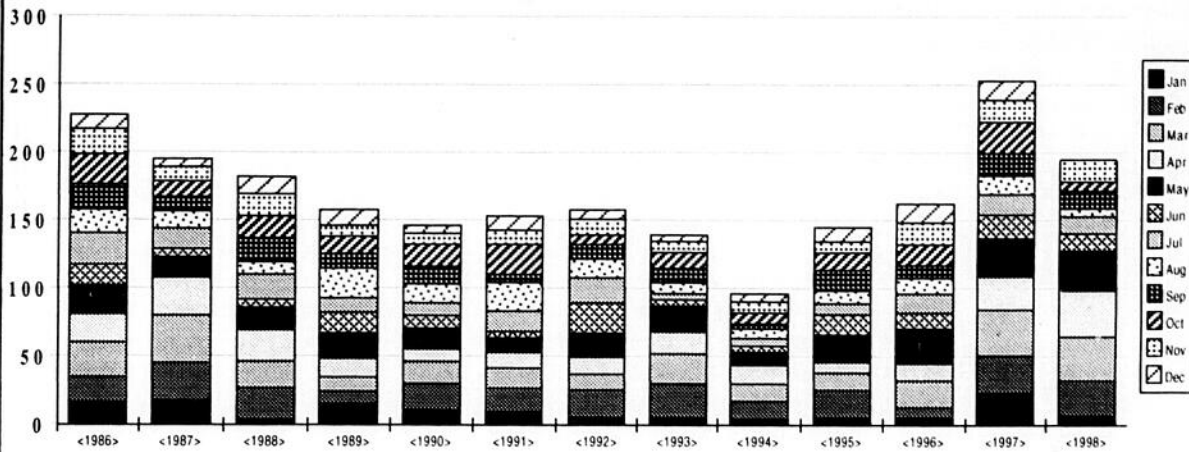
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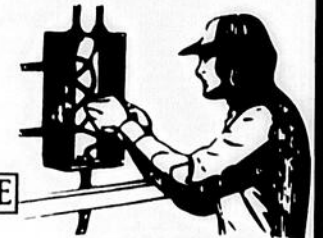
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THE MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION  
OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT

SÉANCE DU CONSEIL DU 7 DÉCEMBRE 1998

Conseillers, mesdames et messieurs, bonsoir.

La loi m'impose de produire chaque année un rapport sur la santé financière générale de notre Ville. Ce rapport doit être présenté au moins quatre semaines avant l'adoption du budget de l'année suivante.

Mes commentaires porteront sur trois des principaux aspects de notre situation financière:

- les états financiers de l'année 1997, y compris les dépenses en immobilisations de l'année;
- une prévision préliminaire des opérations financières de l'année 1998; et,
- les orientations générales du budget de 1999, de même que le plan triennal 1999-2000-2001 des dépenses en immobilisations.

Les états financiers de l'année 1997

Nos vérificateurs, KPMG, ont formulé une opinion sans réserve sur la situation financière de la Ville de Westmount au 31 décembre 1997 et ses résultats d'exploitation au cours de l'année 1997. Ces états financiers ont fait l'objet d'une présentation détaillée par le Président du Comité des Finances et de l'Administration à la séance du Conseil tenue le 6 avril 1998.

Avec un budget municipal d'exploitation de 50 763 000\$, les revenus totaux pour l'année se sont élevés à 50 828 917\$ (incluant des profits de 825 154\$ de notre distribution d'électricité) contre un total des dépenses de 50 717 924\$, dégageant un surplus d'opération de 110 993\$.

Au cours de l'année 1997, les dépenses en immobilisations se sont élevées à 7 231 788\$, y compris un montant de 1 310 142\$ pour le secteur des services électriques. De ce montant, 2 790 219\$ ont été financés par le biais du fonds de roulement, 2 305 080\$ à même le fonds d'exploitation et 2 136 489\$ ont été imputés via les règlements d'emprunt.

La solide situation financière de notre Ville, notamment le faible niveau de sa dette à long terme, se reflète dans la cote de ses obligations. La Ville de Westmount a reçu une cote "AA+" par le Canadian Bond Rating Service, soit la plus élevée de toutes les municipalités de la Province de Québec.

Prévisions pour l'année 1998

A la lumière des résultats à ce jour et des estimations pour le reste de l'année, nous prévoyons que les résultats au terme de l'année 1998 montreront un excédent des revenus sur les dépenses d'environ 150 000\$.

En janvier dernier, dans ma lettre qui accompagnait les comptes de taxe, j'ai indiqué que nous allions vous envoyer un compte de taxe supplémentaire plus tard au cours de l'année. Ce compte additionnel devait couvrir les coûts de \$2.75 millions transférés par Québec à Westmount diminué de toutes les économies budgétaires que nous pouvions réaliser entre-temps. A ce moment là, nous envisagions une augmentation additionnelle de taxe de l'ordre de 3% à 6.5%. Je suis extrêmement heureux de pouvoir vous dire que nous avons réussi à couper suffisamment dans nos coûts et à générer assez de revenus pour éliminer le besoin d'une facture de taxe additionnelle cette année. Nous sommes une des rares villes de la C.U.M. à être capable d'absorber le montant complet du transfert. Ce petit miracle s'est réalisé via 1) une réduction de \$1.2 millions de notre quote-part à la C.U.M., 2) une réduction permanente de plus de 800 000\$ dans les coûts de personnel de la ville, 3) des baisses de dépenses en capital, 4) une augmentation des profits de notre distribution d'électricité, et 5) une augmentation imprévue des droits de mutations. L'étendue de ces efforts doit être appréciée à sa juste valeur lorsqu'on prend en considération le fait que le transfert de \$2.75 millions représente 5.7% de notre budget.

Ces résultats prévisionnels 1998 pourraient cependant varier selon les ajustements effectués dans le cadre de la vérification de fin d'année. De plus, une bonne partie de nos réclamations liées au verglas demeure impayée.

Au cours de 1998, de nouvelles obligations de la Ville de Westmount ont été émises sur le marché pour financer \$5.8 millions des règlements d'emprunt (incluant la sous-station électrique et l'édifice de la Sécurité Publique).

Budget 1999

Le travail sur le budget 1999 a débuté le 3 août dernier par une séance de planification conseil/administration en vue de définir les objectifs. Après cette séance, les lignes directrices du budget ont été adoptées par le Comité du Conseil. Ces lignes directrices exigeaient le gel des dépenses totales d'opération en dollars courant. De plus, aucune réduction dans les services n'était autorisée.

Le Conseil demandait également que la diminution de 6% des coûts de la main-d'œuvre qui a été réalisée en 1998 soit reflétée au niveau du budget 1999.

Lors du séminaire sur le budget tenu le 24 novembre 1998 par le conseil et l'administration, nous avons révisé tous les revenus et toutes les dépenses de source locale pour 1999. En ne supposant aucun changement dans notre quote-part à la C.U.M. et en incluant le transfert de 2 753 800\$ de la part de Québec, nous n'anticipons pas d'augmentation majeure du compte de taxe résidentiel 1999.

Cependant, comme la C.U.M. n'a pas encore adopté son budget 1999 et puisqu'ils font toujours face à un écart de \$60 millions, le conseil trouve prudent d'adopter son budget 1999 uniquement en janvier 1999.

Lorsque toutes les données du budget de la C.U.M. seront connues, nous adopterons notre propre budget.

On procède présentement à l'étude du programme de dépenses en immobilisations pour la période de 1999 à 2001. A l'instar des dernières années, une bonne partie de ces dépenses en immobilisations a trait à l'amélioration de notre réseau routier et de nos édifices municipaux.

Rémunération des élus municipaux

La loi stipule que le maire doit faire état de la rémunération que la Ville et les organismes intermunicipaux versent à chaque membre du Conseil.

En 1998, le maire aura reçu de la Ville de Westmount une rémunération de 32 313\$, dont 10 771\$ constituent une indemnité de dépenses. Le maire aura également reçu, de la part de la Communauté urbaine de Montréal, un montant de 10 427\$, dont 1 097\$ constituent une indemnité de dépenses. Chaque conseiller reçoit de la Ville de Westmount un montant de 10 771\$, dont 3 590\$ constituent une indemnité de dépenses.

Transactions supérieures à 10 000\$

Tel que maintenant requis par la loi, je dépose la liste des transactions dont le total cumulatif entre le 1er octobre 1997 et le 30 septembre 1998 est supérieur à 10 000\$.

Conclusion

Nous prévoyons que le budget 1999 et que le programme de dépenses en immobilisations pour la période de 1999 à 2001 puissent être présentés officiellement au Conseil à sa séance du 11 janvier 1999.

Le Conseil continuera à veiller à ce que la Ville de Westmount offre à ses citoyens une qualité de vie correspondant à leurs valeurs et à leurs aspirations, tout en tenant compte de leurs moyens et de leurs ressources.

Je vous remercie.  
Peter F. Trent, maire

COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 1998

Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good evening.

I am required by law to report annually on the general financial health of our City. My report must be presented at least four weeks before the adoption of next year's budget.

My comments will touch on three main financial areas:

- the 1997 financial statements, including the capital expenditures for that year,
- a preliminary forecast of the 1998 financial operations; and,
- the overall direction of the 1999 Budget, along with the capital expenditures planned for 1999 to 2001.

1997 Financial Statements

Our auditors, KPMG, have expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial position of the City of Westmount as at December 31, 1997, and the results of its operations for 1997. These Financial Statements were presented in detail by the Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee at the Council meeting held on April 6, 1998.

With a Municipal Operating Budget of \$50,763,000., total municipal revenues for the year amounted to \$50,828,917. (including \$825,154. operating profits of our electric utility), against total expenditures of \$50,717,924., leaving an operating surplus of \$110,993.

During 1997, capital expenditures amounted to \$7,231,788. including \$1,310,142. for our Utility section. Of this amount \$2,790,219. was financed through the Working Fund, \$2,305,080. through the Operating Fund and \$2,136,489. was charged against Loan By-Laws.

The sound financial condition of the City, especially its low level of long-term debt, is reflected in its bond rating. The City of Westmount is rated "AA+" by the Canadian Bond Rating Service, the highest rating of any municipality in the province of Québec.

1998 Forecast

Based upon results obtained to date and estimates for the balance of the year, we expect that the year 1998 should close with an excess of revenues over expenditures in the range of \$150,000.

In my letter accompanying the tax bills in January of this year, I said we would be sending out a supplementary tax bill later in the year. This extra bill would cover the costs of the \$2.75 million of downloading from Québec to Westmount, less any budgetary savings we could make in the meantime. At that point, we were looking at a supplementary increase in taxes of anywhere from 3% to 6.5%. I am extremely happy to be able to say we have managed to cut enough costs and squeeze out enough revenues in order to eliminate the necessity for any extra tax bills this year. We are one of the few MUC cities to be able to absorb the entire amount of downloading. This minor miracle was achieved through: 1) a \$1.2 million reduction in our MUC apportionment, 2) more than \$800,000 in permanently reduced labour costs of City personnel, 3) reductions in capital spending, 4) an increased profit from our Light and Power operations, and 5) an unexpected increase in transfer duties. The extent of this effort may be appreciated when one considers that the \$2.75 million of downloading represents 5.7% of our budget.

The 1998 forecast results could, however, be modified depending upon adjustments which may be booked during the year-end audit. Also, a good part of our ice-storm claim remains unpaid.

During 1998, new Westmount debentures were issued on the market for a \$5.8 million financing of unfunded loan by-laws (including the electrical sub-station project and the Protective Services building project).

1999 Budget

Work on the 1999 Budget began on August 3rd at a Council/Management planning session to identify objectives after which the Budget guidelines were adopted by General Committee of Council. These guidelines called for a freeze in current dollars for total spending (excluding the net impact of the downloading). In addition, no reduction in services was permitted.

Council also asked that the 6% reduction in labour costs achieved in 1998 had to be reflected in the 1999 Budget as well.

On November 24, 1998, at the Council/Management Budget Seminar session, we have reviewed all local revenues and expenditures for 1999. Assuming no variation in the M.U.C. shared costs and including the Québec downloading recurring costs of \$2,753,800., we are not expecting any major increase in residential tax bills for 1999.

However, as the M.U.C. has not yet adopted their 1999 Budget and as they are still facing a shortfall of some \$60 million. Council feels it is prudent to adopt its 1999 Budget only in January 1999.

When all the implications of the M.U.C. Budget are known, Council will then adopt the 1999 budget.

The capital expenditure programme for the three years 1999 to 2001 is currently under review. A good portion of these capital expenditures relates to upgrading our road network, our municipal buildings, and dealing with the 'millennium bug' issue.

Remuneration of Elected Municipal Representatives

The law stipulates that the Mayor has to report on the remuneration each Council member receives from the City and from inter-municipal bodies.

During 1998, the Mayor will have received from the City of Westmount a remuneration of \$32,313., of which \$10,771. is an expense allowance. The Mayor will have received from the Montreal Urban Community an amount of \$10,427. of which \$1,097. is an expense allowance. Each Councillor receives from the City of Westmount an amount of \$10,771. of which \$3,590. is an expense allowance.

Transactions Exceeding \$10,000

As now required by law, I am filing the list of total cumulative transactions exceeding \$10,000. from October 1, 1997, to September 30, 1998.

Conclusion

We expect that the 1999 Budget and the 1999-2000-2001 Capital Expenditure Programme will be formally presented at a Council meeting to be held on January 11, 1999.

Council will continue to ensure that the City of Westmount offers a quality of life that reflects the values and aspirations of its residents, yet takes into account their means and resources.

Thank you.  
Peter F. Trent, Mayor

# KNOW YOUR WESTMOUNT

## Alice Lighthall: A beloved Westmouter and Renaissance woman

BY ELIZABETH HENRIK

*This is the second of a two-part series on Alice Lighthall. Part one appeared in the November 5th edition of The Examiner.*

Following in the footsteps of her father, Alice Lighthall was a Renaissance woman. Her many interests and activities must be viewed in the light of the time of her generation at the beginning of the century. As a young, talented woman who was not allowed to complete her studies, she used her gifts in the service of her community, dedicated to the preservation of history and traditions. This dedication marked her support of historical organizations, native arts and crafts, as well as her interest in history and literature. She viewed with particular respect and appreciation the cultural traditions of other people and regularly attended their activities and events. She served the community in many other capacities: as a member of the Voluntary Aid Detachment in France during WW I and as a volunteer aide during WW II; as honorary president of the Montreal Council of Women, president of the Women's Art Society, member of the Numismatic Society, volunteer librarian at Heritage Quebec in the Hurtubise house and as a prominent member of Christ Church Cathedral.

Alice Lighthall also wrote poetry throughout her life. Her work appeared in many literary publications. One of them was a

collection of poems, 'Five Montreal Poets'. Her love of Westmount, of its history and its people, inspired her to write a play about children of bygone years. The play brought to life three historical periods of the region: that of the Indian inhabitants, of the Leduc farm and of the Murray farm. She also had a talent for drawing, and during the last years of her life she painted scenes of her memories of places of her youth.

With a strong sense of the importance of history, Alice Lighthall inspired young people and adults alike to value the past, the cultural and architectural heritage not only of Westmount, but also of Montreal.

When a group of Westmount High School students embarked on a project to document the early history of Westmount, she became a fairy godmother to them, stimulating and nurturing their interest in the past. Her house was always open to young people who were curious. Under the direction of Dr. Helene Saly and a second Westmount High School teacher, Miss Geraldine Lane, the students' work resulted in the well-known volume, 'Old Westmount', which was published for the centenary of Canada in 1967. The strong, enthusiastic reaction to this book by the community brought about the revival of the Westmount Historical Association in 1971.

While vice-president of the first historical association in 1944, Ms. Lighthall obtained permission to copy old maps and deeds of the first properties in the domain that is now

Westmount. The documents were in the archives of the Sulpician Brothers who were the owners and distributors of land to the first settlers west of their seminary. The region was known as 'La Haute Folie' because of its distance from the safety of Ville Marie, later renamed Montreal. It was from these settlements that Westmount was born.

In 1972, under the leadership of Alice Lighthall, the WHA sent letters to the mayor of Montreal, Jean Drapeau, and to the Jacques Viger commission to impress upon them the historical significance of the Grand Seminaire of the Sulpician Brothers. The reply from the commission was reassuring and it echoed the concern that this heritage property must be preserved.

As president of the Quebec Provincial Branch of the Canadian Handicraft Association and chairman of the Canadian Guild of Crafts' Inuit and Indian Art Committee, Alice Lighthall was a significant force in the attempt to preserve the natural craft of native people and early

settlers. She organized a group for the revival of the traditional craft of the Centure Flechee.

Her most successful effort was the saving of the Hurtubise house located on the corner of Côte St. Antoine and Victoria Avenue. It was the family's home from about 1689 to 1955, when the last resident, Dr. Leopold Hurtubise, put the house up for sale. The Hurtubise house dates from the time when the first settlers established their farms on the rich and gentle slopes of the region ('La Haute Folie'). It is one of the few remaining architectural examples of an early French farm house in the area. Ms. Lighthall initiated a series of actions to spare the Hurtubise house from a fate that befell the Raynes property ('Forden') some ten years earlier. That unique house disappeared from the Westmount scene once the original family moved out but not before Ms. Lighthall had hired a photographer to take pictures of the beautiful structure in order to preserve its memory.

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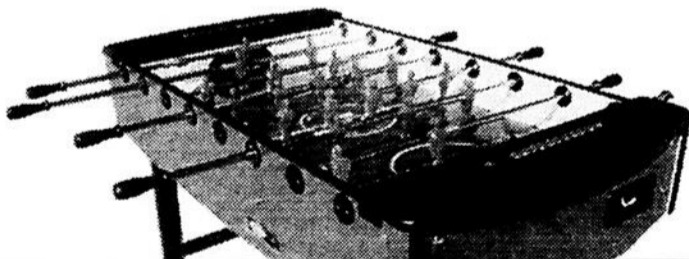
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With the cooperation of Dr. Hurtubise, Ms. Lighthall contacted the press and Mr. Colin J. G. Molson while a special meeting for the WHA was convened. Among those present was Mr. John Bland, head of the McGill School of Architecture, who tried to impress upon the City that the house was worth saving. In the end, the house was bought by Miss Mabel Molson, Mr. Colin Molson and Mr. James Beatty. Later on, this group formed the Canadian Heritage of Quebec to maintain architectural treasures for future generations.

The larger community was grateful to Alice Lighthall for her dedication. In 1973, at the age of 82, she received the Order of Canada, partly for her work in promoting Indian and Inuit art. In 1948 she was called "one of Westmount's most prominent citizens."

On her 90th birthday, Colin Molson, Dr. Helene Saly and other friends honored her with a birthday party at the Hurtubise house. She was surrounded by the love of many at the festive gathering, her last public appearance.

During her long life, many articles were written about Alice Lighthall. All of them reflect the respect, the admiration, and affection of the community. From the comments about her and from her own words, a

person emerges who is gentle, modest and gracious. At the same time, she was capable and determined, with an independent mind. As a friend, she is remembered as generous, delightful, and entertaining. In her rich and varied life, she kept busy by following her own calling and the calling of changing times around her.

She lived what she believed. "The present generation wants to remember. This is what makes a land dear. We are bound together in continuing time by love of the same town," she wrote in the forward of 'Old Westmount'.

Note: Sources were from the WHA archives. Our records relating to Alice Lighthall are still very incomplete and we would welcome any material which readers may wish to share with the Association. The Westmount Historical Association invites readers to present articles on Westmount women. The material will be considered for publication in *The Examiner*. The association can be reached c/o Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, H3Z 1G1. Tel: 925-1404.

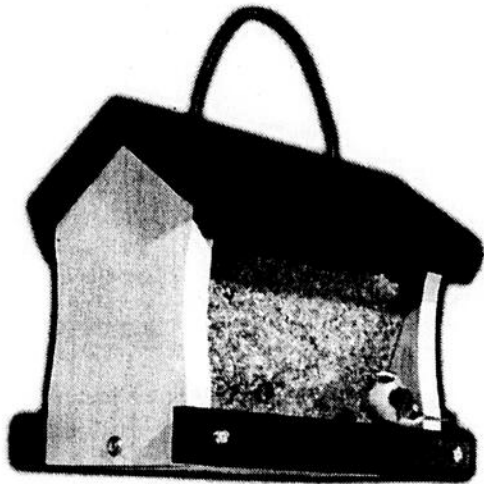
*Dr. Elizabeth Henrik is a professor in the Psychology Department at Concordia University and a member of the Westmount Historical Society.*

## Rotary welcomes new members



At the last weekly meeting of the The Rotary Club of Westmount, from left to right, vice president Christine Pickrell and president Nadia Chidean welcome new members Angela Burgos and Donna Hinchcliff. Nadia is the first woman president of the 68-year-old service club, which provides financial support for local and international projects through their fundraising efforts, notably the annual spring auction and garage sale held at Westmount Arena. At the same meeting, the club presented \$3,220 to Share the Warmth for a breakfast program at Thomas More School in Verdun and \$1,000 to Contactivity for their Christmas dinner and Interlink choir. Also honoured, with Rotary Vocational Service awards, were retired Westmount High School teacher Iona McAulay, surgeon Dr. Frederick Wiegand and refugee advocate Ann Robson.

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From the fire hall

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### Tuesday, Dec. 1

9:47 a.m. 4675 Ste. Catherine: Fire alarm at Westmount Arena set off by power failure.

1:44 p.m. 50 Hillside: Fire alarm set off by heat detector installed above ventilation duct.

10:05 p.m. 4384 Sherbrooke: Sparks from fuse box in kitchen. Westmount Light & Power attended. Removed fuses and advised occupant to call an electrician.

11:47 p.m. 6519 Bailey, Côte St. Luc: Cancelled en route.

### Wednesday, Dec. 2

8:40 a.m. Upper Belmont: Report of a van leaking gasoline on the street due to broken gas line. Used absorbent material to clean up spill.

4:40 p.m. 4343 Westmount: Report of a lawn light on fire. Arrived to find melted light cover. Advised owner to use lower watt light bulb.

### Thursday, Dec. 3

7:20 a.m. 9 Anwoth: Fire alarm set off by burn fuse in fuse box. Owner used fire extinguisher to put out fire. Shut off power and advised owner to have electrician attend.

12:16 p.m. 36 Forden Crescent: Defective carbon monoxide detector.

6:34 p.m. 4700 Ste. Catherine: Fire alarm set off by water dripping on detector in 3rd floor hallway.

11:06 p.m. 2060 Claremont, Montreal: Report of smoke in building. MUC fire department attended. All in order.

### Saturday, Dec. 5

8:00 a.m. 4860 de Maisonneuve: Fire alarm set off by burnt toast on 3rd floor.

2:27 p.m. 4800 de Maisonneuve: Fire alarm set off by alarm technician working on system.

4:10 p.m. 605 Belmont: Fire alarm set off by cable company employees working near alarm wires in the basement.

6:01 p.m. Greene and Ste. Catherine: Motor vehicle accident involving three vehicles. Disconnected batteries of vehicles and extracted victims from one vehicle. Victims sent to hospital and Westmount Public Works called in to clean up debris.

### Sunday, Dec. 6

1:37 p.m. 4675 Ste. Catherine: Report of smoke in Westmount Arena due to seized motor in boiler room.

3:41 p.m. 4000 de Maisonneuve: Odour of gas reported. Turned off ventilation system on arrival and checked premises with gas meter. All in order.

7:06 p.m. 508 Victoria: Defective carbon monoxide detector.

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BY DAVID GOLDBERG  
PHOTOS BY CLIFF SKARSTEDT

The Peeewe BB Trappeurs are two games over .500 after their 4-0 win over 3 Cités on Sunday night, a record no pre-Bantam Lachine/Westluc team has attained since their inception. And one reason why coach Sheldon Krakower's team is doing so well is the work of four young Westmount forwards.

Team captain Jonathan Cercone, Josh Oboler, along with Raymond and Rafael Leider are four of the eight Trappeurs forwards. And each one had a fine game on Sunday night, which pretty much is indicative of their work all season.

"As a group, the four kids from Westmount have made steady improvement all season, and they've become an integral part of this team," said Krakower.

The 3 Cités game was close... for about the first four minutes. After that, the Trappeurs outshot their opponents 28-3, and held a 3-0 lead after the first. Lee Schachter went upstairs midway through, followed by a pair of goals by Daniel Gendron. The first was an outstanding

individual effort, the second the result of a terrific three-way passing play with Jodi Krakower and Rafael Leider.

Goal number four, scored shorthanded early in the second, was an all-Westmount production. Cercone made a great play to strip a 3 Cités defenceman of the puck, then broke in on goal. Oboler ended up on his back, but still managed to put in the rebound. That outstanding effort by the two Westmounters put the game out of reach for 3 Cités.

Cercone was terrific all game, along with Oboler. Raymond Leider also had a strong offensive game, missing on two clear-cut chances in front. Brother Rafael was a physical force at both ends of the ice.

"Jon has not disappointed us on one shift this year. He hustles all the time, he's shown leadership and he has a total commitment to the team," said Krakower. "Josh has shown tremendous improvement. He has a real nose for the net, and we're sure he's going to develop into a big goal scorer."

Krakower also had praise for the Leider boys. "Ray has played all three positions up front and despite that, he's always responded well. We're very pleased with his effort,"

he said. "Raf is a bulldog. He has tremendous guts and he never gives up."

Team captain Cercone said he's enjoying his season with the Peeewe BBs.

"We're a hard working team that always puts pressure on the other team," he said. "Everyone gets along well, and I'm having more fun because I'm playing with my friends from Westmount."

While the four Westmounters are obviously getting along well, there is excellent team chemistry among all the players from both the Westluc and Lachine/Ville St. Pierre zones.

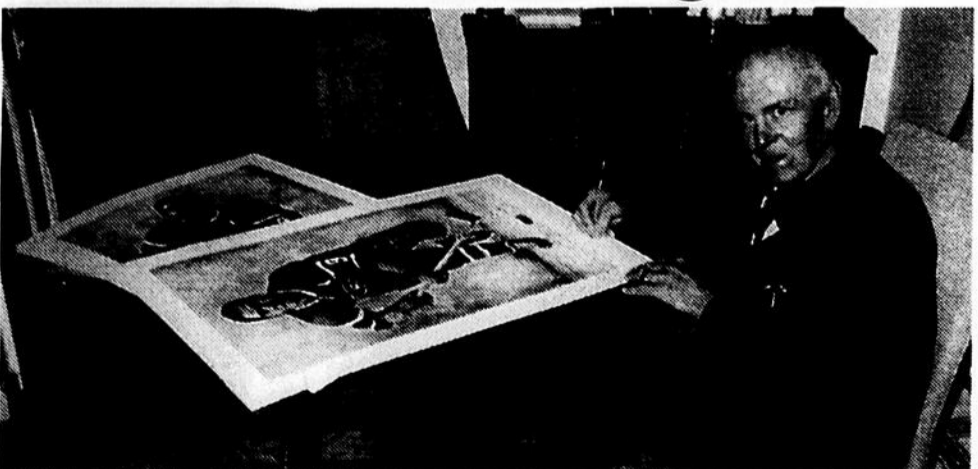
And there's no reason why the fun shouldn't continue all year long, according to coach Krakower.

"If they continue to do the things we're asking them to do, then this team can accomplish whatever it wants."

Goalscorer Josh Oboler (left) celebrates shorthanded goal behind net in the second period, along with Jonathan Cercone. Captain Cercone (right) gets ready to go after a loose puck. (Below) Rafael Leider gets away from a 3 Cités checker. The Trappeurs 4-0 shutout win lifted the team's record to 8-6-3.



## Rocket still scoring with lithographs for diabetic kids



Maurice 'The Rocket' Richard signs lithographs for the Montreal Children's Hospital in his home.

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

More than 35 years since playing his last game for the Canadiens, living legend Maurice 'Rocket' Richard is still thrilling fans and helping kids as well.

Richard has signed 300 limited edition lithographs of a portrait by artist Vic Desjaterik and they are for sale, with part of the money raised going to the Montreal Children's Hospital Diabetes Centre.

The men behind the project are Victory Sports

Gallery's Stewart MacAdam and Côte St. Luc assistant recreation director Harold Cammy.

"I wanted to get involved with a charity to honour my friend Paul McGoldrick who was killed last month," said MacAdam. "Then I got a call from the Rocket's manager, Jean A. Roy, who told me he was talking to Harold Cammy about a celebrity breakfast to raise money for the Children's Hospital. I called Harold and I had a good feeling right away."

Now it's the Children's Hospital that has that same good feeling. The breakfast, held two weeks ago in Côte St. Luc, was a huge success, raising \$18,000. But the sales from the lithographs could raise an additional \$30,000 for the charity.

Desjaterik's original painting, simply titled 'The Rocket' is on display at Murray Sports, located at 1200 Peel Street. For \$2, you can register for a draw that will take place on Dec. 17. The prize, which is also on display, is a Maurice Richard signed Montreal Canadiens jersey number nine,

a signed stick, and a signed puck from the inaugural game at the Molson Centre. The Rocket will draw the name of the winner himself, and all proceeds will go to the Diabetes Centre.

Meanwhile, the lithographs are on sale as well. The price for a framed lithograph is \$500, \$300 for an unframed one. In each case, the purchaser will receive a \$100 tax deductible receipt from the hospital. "The reaction to the breakfast and the idea of the lithograph sales have been incredible," said Cammy. "And there is another way to help the centre. Anyone donating \$500 to the Diabetes Centre will receive an authentic Canadiens jersey number nine signed by the Rocket. The donor will receive a \$300 tax receipt, which is \$500 less the cost of the jersey, which is \$200."

Anyone interested in purchasing a lithograph can call Victory Sports Gallery at 844-5333. Those who want to make a \$500 donation for the jersey, can call Cammy at 485-6802.

**AVIS PUBLIC  
DEMANDES DE PARTICIPATION  
À UN RÉFÉRENDUM  
SECOND PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT NUMÉRO 1245**

Avis public est par les présentes donné par la soussignée, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit:

1. Lors de sa séance régulière du 7 décembre 1998, à la suite de l'assemblée publique de consultation tenue le 17 novembre 1998 sur le premier projet de règlement numéro 1245, le conseil municipal a adopté un second projet de règlement portant le numéro 1245, intitulé: «RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 978 VISANT À RÉGLEMENTER LE ZONAGE DANS LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT (ZONE PATRIMONIALE (PAT) ET DISTRICTS R3 PARTIE 13, R3 PARTIE 13A ET C17 PARTIE 2)»;

2. Toute personne intéressée, dans un district concerné d'où peut provenir une demande ou, selon le cas, dans un district contigu à celui-ci, peut signer une demande de participation à un référendum, requérant que les dispositions du second projet de règlement numéro 1245 qui sont susceptibles d'approbation soient effectivement soumises à l'approbation de certaines personnes habiles à voter.

À cet égard, soyez avisés qu'une copie d'un résumé du second projet de règlement peut être obtenue sans frais par toute personne qui en fait la demande.

Une demande visant à ce que les dispositions du règlement soient soumises à l'approbation des personnes habiles à voter peut provenir des districts concernés R3 partie 13 et C17 partie 2 et des zones et districts contigus suivants:

DISTRICTS CONCERNÉS	ZONES ET DISTRICTS CONTIGUS
R3 partie 13	C3, R3 partie 3, C17 partie 2, R9 partie 7, I3, et la zone parc.
C17 partie 2	R3 partie 3, R9 partie 7, R3 partie 13.

Une illustration des districts concernés et des zones et districts contigus à ceux-ci est jointe au présent avis. Un exemplaire à plus grande échelle de cette illustration et une description des zones et districts sont également disponibles pour consultation au bureau du greffier.

3 Vous pouvez en outre obtenir les renseignements suivants du bureau du greffier en communiquant au 989-5253 ou en vous présentant à son bureau à l'hôtel de Ville durant les heures d'affaires:

- les personnes intéressées qui ont le droit de signer une demande et à l'égard de quelles dispositions elles peuvent le faire;
- l'objectif d'une telle demande et ses conditions de validité;
- le nombre de signataires potentiels dans votre district;
- toute autre information pour la bonne compréhension de la démarche.

4. Pour être valide, toute demande doit:

- indiquer clairement la disposition qui en fait l'objet et le district d'où elle provient; et
- être reçue au bureau du greffier de la Ville au plus tard le 18 décembre 1998; et
- être signée par au moins 12 personnes intéressées du district d'où elle provient ou par au moins la majorité d'entre elles si le nombre de personnes intéressées dans le district n'excède pas 21.

5. Est une personne intéressée d'un district toute personne qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui, le 7 décembre 1998:

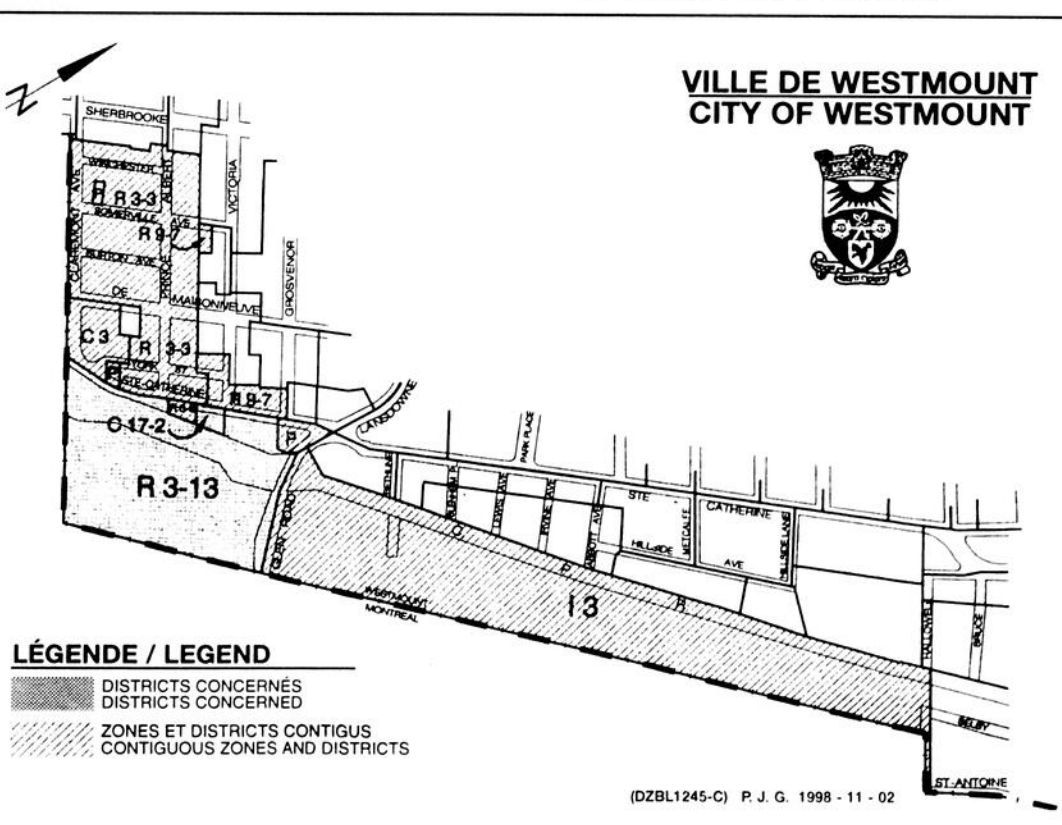
- est majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne et n'est pas en curatelle, et qui;
- est soit domiciliée ou propriétaire d'un immeuble ou occupant d'un lieu d'affaires dans un district d'où peut provenir une demande;
- dans le cas des copropriétaires indivis d'un immeuble et des cooccupants d'un lieu d'affaires, être désigné, au moyen d'une procuration signée par la majorité de ceux-ci, comme le seul des copropriétaires ou des cooccupants qui a le droit d'être inscrit sur la liste référendaire à titre de propriétaire de l'immeuble ou occupant du lieu d'affaires (note: un copropriétaire ou cooccupant ne peut être désigné s'il est par ailleurs qualifié à titre de personne domiciliée, de propriétaire unique d'un immeuble ou d'occupant unique du lieu d'affaires);

d) toute personne morale doit désigner par une résolution, parmi ses membres, administrateurs ou employés, une personne qui le 7 décembre 1998 et au moment d'exercer ce droit, est majeure et de citoyenneté canadienne.

6. Les dispositions qui n'auront fait l'objet d'aucune demande valide pourront être incluses dans un règlement qui n'aura pas à être approuvé par les personnes habiles à voter;

7. Le second projet de règlement numéro 1245 peut être consulté au bureau du greffier, à l'hôtel de Ville, au 4333, rue Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec, de lundi au vendredi inclusivement, durant les heures régulières de bureau, soit de 8h30 à 16h30.

DONNÉ À WESTMOUNT,  
ce 10ième jour de décembre 1998  
Me Marie-France Paquet,  
greffier de la Ville



**PUBLIC NOTICE  
APPLICATIONS TO TAKE PART  
IN A REFERENDUM  
SECOND DRAFT BY-LAW No. 1245**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, of the following:

1. At its general meeting held on 7th December 1998, after the public consultation meeting held on 17th November 1998 in connection with the first draft By-law No. 1245, the municipal Council adopted a second draft By-law No. 1245, entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 978 TO REGULATE ZONING IN THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT (HERITAGE ZONE (HER) AND DISTRICTS R3 PART 13, R3 PART 13A AND C17 PART 2)";

2. Any interested person in a concerned district from which an application may originate or in a contiguous district to said district may sign an application to take part in a referendum requiring that the provisions contained in the said second draft By-law no. 1245 which are subject to approval be submitted for approval by certain qualified voters.

To that effect, please be advised that a copy of the summary of the second draft by-law may be obtained, free of charge, by any person who so requests.

An application requiring that the provisions of the by-law be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters may originate from the concerned districts R3 part 13 and C17 part 2 and the following contiguous zones and districts:

DISTRICTS CONCERNED	CONTIGUOUS ZONES AND DISTRICTS
R3 part 13	C3, R3 part 3, C17 part 2, R9 part 7, I3, and the zone park
C17 part 2	R3 part 3, R9 part 7, R3 part 13

A sketch of the concerned districts and the contiguous zones and districts to said districts is attached to this notice. A large sketch and a description of the districts are also available for consultation at the office of the City Clerk.

3. The City Clerk's Office can provide you with the following information at 989-5253 or in person at City Hall during regular business hours:

- the interested persons which are entitled to sign an application in respect of each provision;
- the object of such an application and the conditions of its validity;
- the number of potential signatories in your district;
- any other information you may need to gain a better understanding of the application process;

4. To be valid an application must:

- State clearly the provision to which it refers and the district from which it originates, and;
- be received by the Office of the City Clerk not later than 18th December 1998 and;
- be signed by at least 12 interested persons from the district from which it originates or by a majority of them if their number does not exceed 21;

5. Shall be considered as an interested person from a district, any person not under any voting disqualification and who, on 7th December 1998:

- is of full age, a Canadian citizen and is not under curatorship, and who
- is either domiciled or owns an immovable or occupies a place of business in a district from which an application may originate;
- co-owners of an immovable or co-occupants of a place of business, shall designate, from among themselves, by means of a power of attorney signed by a majority of them, a person as being the only co-owner or co-occupant having the right to have his or her name entered on the referendum list as owner of the immovable or as occupant of the place of business. (Note: The co-owner or co-occupant can not be designated if he or she is otherwise qualified as a voter; either as a person domiciled, as the sole owner of an immovable or as the sole occupant of a place of business);

d) a legal person must designate by resolution one of its members, directors or employees who, on 7th December 1998 and at the time of exercising such right, is of full age and a Canadian citizen.

6. The provisions in respect of which no valid application is received may be included in a by-law that is not required to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters;

7. The second draft By-law 1245 may be consulted at the Office of the City Clerk, at City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke West, Westmount, Québec, from Monday to Friday, inclusively, during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Me Marie-France Paquet  
City Clerk

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**St. Léon de Westmount Church**, 4311 de Maisonneuve, presents a concert of Christmas carols, 8 p.m. Tickets: adults \$10, children \$3, sold at the door. Proceeds to benefit the parish of San Pablo Choluteca, Honduras.  
**Westmount Concerts** presents French pianist Mélisande Chauveau's Canadian debut. 8 p.m., Church of the Advent, corner of Wood and de Maisonneuve. Tickets are \$19.50, children 15 and under free if accompanied by an adult. Info and reservations: 481-9133.

**Sunday, Dec. 13**

**Centre Greene**, 1090 Greene Ave., presents 'Repercussion', an electrifying percussion performance featuring West African drumming and dance. 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10 for families, \$5 adults, \$3 for children, students and seniors. All proceeds to support children's programming at Centre Greene. Info: 931-6202.

**Westmount Youth Orchestra**, under the direction of Mark Simons will perform its Concert de Noel at Westmount Baptist Church, 411 Roslyn Ave. at 3 p.m. Works by Tchaikovsky, Mozart and Prokofiev. Tickets: \$10, \$5 for students and seniors, \$25 per family. Info: 933-7039 or 486-2813.

**Grand Chanukah Celebration** and dedication of the Chabad of Westmount Educational Centre, 4444 Ste. Catherine W. (2nd floor), 5 p.m. Menorah lighting, buffet, l'chaims. Info: 737-6744 or 937-4772.

**Monday, Dec. 14**

**Lunch and Learn** with Rabbi Leigh Lerner at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. Video: 'Untying the Bonds'—traditional Judaism faces the problems created by Jewish divorce law. Lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m., study from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. **Aline Gubbay** will discuss her new book 'A View of Their Own: The Story of Westmount' at the Atwater Public Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. at 7 p.m. Slides will accompany the talk; books purchased at the event will be autographed by the author. Free admission, all welcome. Info: 935-7344.

**Tuesday, Dec. 15**

**Marriage Information Meeting** at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., 5:30 p.m. Rabbi Leigh Lerner and Temple Administrator Ron Boro explain Temple policies re intermarriage and conversion. Appointments with rabbi after brief meeting. Info: 937-3575.

**Wednesday, Dec. 16**

**A Celtic Christmas** at St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, 687 Roslyn, 8 p.m. with the Toronto Consort and Puir a Baroque. Tickets \$20 or \$25, on sale at Admission, 790-1245.  
**Senior Luncheon Club** at Centre Greene will hold a holiday dinner at 12:15 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal in a

warm and friendly atmosphere. \$4. 1090 Greene Ave. Info: 931-6202.

**Thursday, Dec. 17**

**Westmount Historical Association** fall lecture series continues with 'Discovering the Treasures of Saint-Léon de Westmount' with guest speaker Claudine Déom. 7 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke W. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Info: 925-1404.

**The TD Bank Financial Group** at Greene and de Maisonneuve will be holding its annual art exhibition between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., featuring the work of many of its clients. The choir from Académie Marie Claire will sing from noon to 1 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

**Friday, Dec. 18**

**Siddur Soirée** at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. Study of prayerbook, 'Amida' with Rabbi Leigh Lerner. Shabbat dinner at 6:15 p.m., study at 7 p.m. Reservations required for dinner by Dec. 13. \$10 per person. Call 937-3575 with VISA card.

**Sunday, Dec. 20**

'**Amahl and the Night Visitor**', a Christmas opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti, will be presented at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve W. at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10, students and seniors \$8, free for children 10 and under. Info: 989-8910.

**Ongoing**

**Westmount Toastmasters Club:** Take the fear out of public speaking. Learn effective communication techniques. Improve presentation skills. The club has a new temporary meeting location while Victoria Hall is being renovated. We now meet Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Red Room at Selwyn House School, 101 Côte St. Antoine. For more info call 626-4681 or 989-5994 or 842-9927.

**Westmount Monday Evening Bridge Club** meets at the Lawn Bowling Club building from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free to Westmount residents. To register, call Esther Chamberland at Westmount Recreation, 989-5212.

**The Montreal Camera Club** meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. Slide shows, competitions, workshops. Visitors welcome. Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve, rear entrance. Info: 637-2767.

**Cancer Support Group** for Jewish women will meet once a week during the day for seven weeks at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke W. \$75. For more information call Rabbi Leigh Lerner or Andrea Fieldman at 937-3575.

**The Shaar Hashomayim Duplicate Bridge Club**, with Barbara Bronstein, meets Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at 450 Kensington Ave. Lunch at 11:45 a.m. Money raised goes to the Sisterhood's meals on wheels program for seniors.

All welcome. Free valet parking. For reservations call Barbara at 938-1405.

**Animal Rescue Network**, a non-profit organization that cares for and places in good homes abandoned or lost pets, is seeking volunteers to help with the care of animals, and drivers to bring them for veterinary care. If you are interested in helping out, please call Fern at 482-8344 or Shirley at 364-4287.

**Contactivity Centre**, a non-profit community organization for seniors is looking for volunteers with cars to take seniors to the grocery store and for friendly visits to provide company to house-bound elderly. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference today. Info: Lisa at 932-3433.

**Senior Luncheon Club at Centre Greene**, 1090 Greene Ave., every second Wednesday. Delicious dinner in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Reservations at 931-6202.

**West End Christian Fellowship**, 386 Lansdowne Ave., presents Alpha Course: An introduction to Christianity, every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Light breakfast, video and discussion of topics such as "Who is Jesus? Why Did Jesus Die?" All welcome. Info: 488-6193

**Visual Arts Centre**, 350 Victoria Ave.: Mature students can register now for the Winter session. Drawing, painting, watercolour and soapstone sculpture courses are being offered beginning the week of Jan. 18. Info: 488-9558

**The Tree Within** is collecting ladies' coats and children's snowsuits for women's shelter Maison Flora Tristan. Please call 483-4509 for drop-off arrangements.

**Beyond the Borders**

**Christ Church Cathedral**, Ste. Catherine between University and Union, presents its annual candlelight service featuring the combined choirs of Christ Church and St. Matthias Church, Sunday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.

**Giant Bazaar** by ORT Montreal, Dec. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Decarie Square, 6900 Decarie Blvd., clothes, housewares, gifts, toys. Info: 481-2787.  
**The Singing Christmas Tree** a 90 min. musical presentation by Evangel Pentecostal Church, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Dec. 13 at 6 p.m., and Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. 1235 Lambert Closse St. Info: 935-9656.

**"Honouring Mother/Hommage à ma mère"** by watercolourist Sharon Smith at Crayons Art Center, Cavendish Mall, 5800 Cavendish, paintings displayed until Dec. 18. Info: 481-3111.

**A Victorian Christmas: Season's Greetings!** from Nov. 18 to Dec. 20 at Sir-George-Etienne-Cartier National Historic Site, 458 Notre-Dame E., Old Montreal, theatrical animation Sat. & Sun. afternoons, admission \$3.25 or less. Info: 283-2282.

**Montreal Chamber Orchestra** will present a concert featuring Greece, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m., at Pollack Concert Hall, 555 Sherbrooke St. W. Free admission. Info: 871-1224.



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