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John de Castell takes the oath.

New council sworn in

Trent warns City may soon be in 'battle mode'

BY WAYNE LARSEN

It was standing room only at City Hall on Monday night as City officials and invited guests witnessed Mayor Peter Trent and the new city council make their first public appearance together amidst much laughter and camaraderie.

But despite the light atmosphere, the inaugural city council meeting was held under a dark cloud—the serious threat to Westmount's survival through municipal amalgamation.

"This has been a wonderful year of celebration," Trent said in his opening speech, during which he thanked City Clerk Marie-France Paquet and Director General Bruce St. Louis and their staff for their diligent and efficient work during the recent election.

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Artisans' Festival draws a crowd

BY WAYNE LARSEN

An estimated 800 people dropped by Victoria Hall this weekend for the Westmount Artisans' Festival, prompting organizers to deem the two-day event a great success.

"It was just terrific," said organizer Ilyse Segal of Wood Avenue. "Not only was I very pleased with the turnout, but the look and the level of quality of the merchandise was excellent."

On Saturday, even Governor General Adrienne Clarkson was spotted browsing through the handiwork of 25 creative Westmounters, many of whom not only sold their work but also came away with orders for future sales.

"Even if people didn't sell well, they were very pleased," said Segal, who sold three of her quilts during the event. "The ambiance was just great."

A popular attraction with the many children who attended was Claremont Avenue resident Flora-Lee Wagner's array of toys and painted furniture.

"It all worked really well and people were having a great time," Wagner said. "We had a good



Jayne Allister (right) and Cynthia Gaten of the Fabulous Floorcloth Company examine a beautiful painted box at last weekend's well-attended Westmount Artisans' Festival at Victoria Hall.

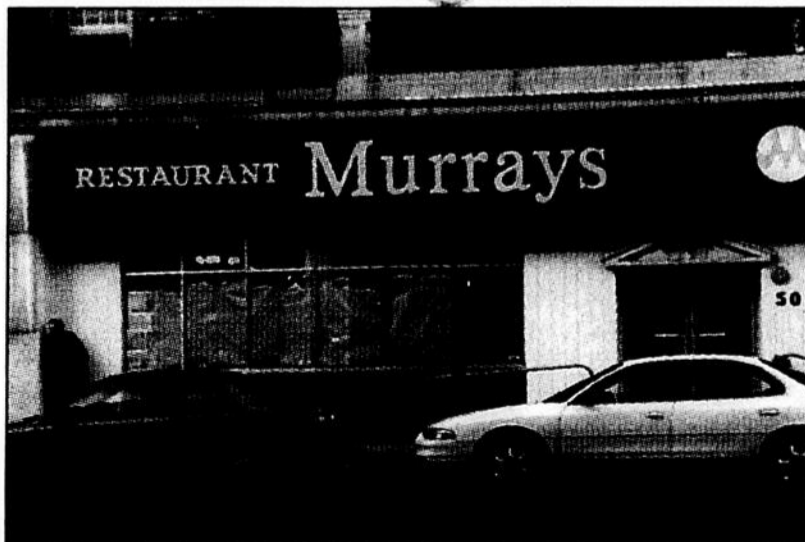
group of people with quality merchandise. On Saturday, the hall was packed—it was unbelievable."

The festival not only succeeded in increasing the participants' visibility in the community, it also

gave a significant boost to the Westmount Protective Services' annual Christmas food basket drive. Admission to the event was a non-perishable food item, and those who arrived empty-handed were charged

\$2 at the door. "The room looked wonderful," Wagner added. "I can't say enough about Ilyse Segal and everyone at Victoria Hall; a lot of people are already looking forward to next year."

Murray's restaurant is gone but not forgotten



NO MORE STEAMED PUDDING: Landmark restaurant Murray's is now closed.

'Nick & Mario's' slated to open Dec. 5

BY WAYNE LARSEN

One day it was there, and the next day it wasn't.

When the staff of Murray's restaurant on Sherbrooke Street turned up for work last Wednesday morning, they found the landmark restaurant had been closed down overnight, with no warning. Their shock quickly spread to

regular customers, neighbours and the community in general. By noon, news of Murray's abrupt closure was all over Montreal.

In its place, a new family-oriented restaurant will soon be opened, following the extensive renovations which have already begun. "It's going to be called Nick & Mario's," said Marisa Henriques, wife of co-owner Mario Molettieri. He and partner Nick Patulli plan to open their restaurant with a brand new look and a menu that features staples like roasted chicken, steak, pizza and pasta.

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WOMEN IN BUSINESS

NORMA D'ALELIO
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At home with Reno-Centre DG

Norma D'Alesio has grown up in her family-run renovation business. At 33 years old, she is learning to succeed in a traditionally male-dominated industry.

Norma started working for RenoCentre DG in her early twenties. She has worked as a cashier, as a salesperson, and in the marketing and advertising of the company. She is currently a senior manager, and is being groomed to one day be the company's president.

"Because of the different positions I've had here, I've really had the opportunity to work with people and learn, first hand, about customer service. At DG, we believe the customer needs the technical knowledge and service to help them with their special projects. You build up their trust with the knowledge you possess. This is what I try to offer our clients and staff."

RenoCentre DG is offering clients a lot more as well. "We give people very personalized service," she said. "The big stores can't really offer that. We service a lot of contractors, but we also place a lot of emphasis on helping homeowners or do-it-yourselfers."

"Our vision is to provide a one-stop shopping concept. We have three inter-related companies. We are a hardware and building supply store, a tool rental business and a container business which supports demolition and removal activities. We want people to be able to get everything they need for a home renovation project in one location."

"Our staff is our greatest strength at RenoCentre DG. We have a dedicated in-store staff and our team of supervisory members are great," said Norma.

Home renovators and owners in NDG, Montreal West and lower Westmount who have depended on their service for the past 27 years would agree.

In recent years, the renovation industry has undergone tremendous growth, and with leaders such as Norma D'Alesio, RenoCentre DG has insured that it will be at the forefront of that growth for years to come.

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As real estate brokerage firms go, Nancy Newton Realty is truly unique. Whereas most real estate agents within a firm must compete with each other to get ahead, the staff at Nancy Newton Realty does no such thing. How can one be so sure? The answer is because they are all family.

Founded in 1990, Nancy Newton Realty is made up of Nancy and Ernest, and their three daughters Deborah, Janice and Dale. Recently Christine Paquin, an old family friend, came on board as an agent with the Newtons. According to Janice Newton, what this means for buyers and sellers of real estate is that, "They get a complete team effort in dealing with us. We form a collective pool, so that if someone is not available, there's always someone else to cover for them. Someone will always be available from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. You can't really get that service anywhere else."

The Newton Family has a combined 90 years of experience in real estate and have sold over 3,000 properties in the West End. Despite this success, they are quick to point out that they devote as much time to small sales as to big ones. As a matter of fact, as their pamphlet points out, "The smaller the transaction, the harder we work."

With regards to those who are selling their homes, Nancy Newton Realty uses a very involved approach. All visits are handled through the agency and prior to that, an agent will visit your home, make suggestions for you to improve its marketability, and help you sign an agreeable contract. What's more, the often confusing problems of getting the right documents together and ordering the necessary legal paperwork are also handled by Nancy Newton Realty.

When it comes to buying property, Nancy Newton Realty is equally accommodating. As Janice Newton describes, "A buyer will call us and say, 'I'm looking for this and this'. We then put together a package of property for them to see." Nancy Newton Realty also offers free market analysis to both buyers and sellers in order to reassure them that they are making a wise decision.

In terms of the type of service you can expect to receive from Nancy Newton Realty, perhaps their logo says it all: "Let Our Family Take Care of Your Family."



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IN BRIEF



Judyann K. McNamara

'Meet the Expert Series' continues with a wholistic approach

Natural health consultant Judyann K. McNamara will speak tonight, November 18, at the Centre Greene at 7 p.m. on the historical basis of the wholistic approach in both Western and Eastern medicine, as well as modern findings. She will also discuss how people can apply very simple things in their lives that encourage health and well-being—from the inside.

Admission is free, and there will be a Q & A period as well as cookies and coffee. For more info, call: 931-6202.

St. George's thespians to tackle 'Our Town'

For more than 50 years, Thornton Wilder's stage masterpiece 'Our Town' has been a great favourite among amateur companies—especially schools, which can easily fill its large cast.

St. George's School is the latest to tackle the perennial favourite, with three upcoming performances on Thursday, Nov. 25, Friday, Nov. 26 and Saturday, Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the school, located at 3100 The Boulevard.

With a cast of 40 students performing this classic play, the production promises to deliver an evening of wonderful theatre.

Tickets at \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. For more information, call 937-9289.

PROFILE

Sculptor heeds the 'Call of the Stone'

"I do what the stone tells me," says Herb Bercovitz

By WAYNE LARSEN

Westmounters need no introduction to Herb Bercovitz, who recently stepped down after eight years as city councillor in Ward 4.

The same can be said for the other facet of this public figure: It has been no secret that Bercovitz, the sculptor, spends much of his time in a studio on St. Laurent Boulevard. His work has been covered in print and can be viewed on the Internet, but except for participating in a few student shows at the Saidye Bronfman Centre in the mid 1970s, he has never exhibited his work.

Appropriately, Bercovitz's one-man show 'Call of the Stone' has been chosen as the inaugural exhibition in Westmount's newest arts venue, the Victoria Hall Gallery. Curated by Victoria LeBlanc, director of The Visual Arts Centre, the show starts tomorrow and will remain in place in the new link between Victoria Hall and the library until January 2, 2000.

A total of 19 works have been chosen to represent Bercovitz's 25-year career as a part-time sculptor. Although the subject matter is dominated by the human figure in varying degrees of abstraction, each piece differs from the next in size, colour, texture and style. The artist's explanation for this is simple: "I do what the stone tells me," he says simply. "No two of my pieces resemble each other because every stone is different."

While many sculptors set out with a preconceived notion of what they hope to produce, Bercovitz takes the opposite approach—in fact he often has no idea what form a piece will finally take until he has nearly finished.

His working method typically consists of taking a raw piece of stone—often marble, soapstone or alabaster—and removing pieces with an arsenal of power tools until something emerges. Although with this technique there is always a danger of wearing a stone down to the point where nothing can be salvaged from it, Bercovitz says this rarely happens.

As for the artist's future plans now that he has stepped down from city council, the former commissioner of Protective Services remains

wide open—although he does expect to use much of this extra time to work at his craft.

"I intend to keep in touch (with municipal affairs), but I don't want my presence to be felt," he says with a grin. "I'm 75 years old—who knows what the next 25 years will bring?"



Herb Bercovitz, shown above with one of the sculptures in his first solo exhibition, says his favourite piece is always the one he has just finished.

Some pieces take months of painstaking work to complete, and since he never knows how a piece will ultimately turn out, rarely is anyone more delighted with the final result than Bercovitz himself.

At left is another piece from the show, which illustrates how Bercovitz sometimes leaves whole areas of rough stone while meticulously working the rest to a smooth, polished finish.



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Elizabeth Ross



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Elections

As a result of the November 7th 1999 municipal election, this is the new Council of the City of Westmount.

Mayor **Peter F. Trent**

Councillors

District 1 **Gérard A. Limoges**

District 2 **Thomas Thompson**

District 3 **Nicolas Matossian**

District 4 **Barbara Moore**

District 5 **Karin Marks**

District 6 **Margaret Lefebvre**

District 7 **Cynthia Anne Lulham**

District 8 **John de Castell**



Community Events

Call of the Stone

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to host its first exhibition - *Call of the Stone* - sculptures by former Councillor Herbert Bercovitz. This exhibit will run from November 19 to January 2. Info: 989-5226.

Celebration Ball

You are invited to an evening of celebration in honour of the City's 125th anniversary. The Ball will take place at Victoria Hall on Thursday, December 2, beginning with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and followed by a Gala Dinner Dance at 7:30 p.m. Dress: Black Tie. Tickets are \$125 per person. Any proceeds from this evening and from the community raffle which will be drawn at the Ball, will go towards the restoration of the Westmount Train Station. Info: 989-5314.

Santa Claus Parade

Plans for the Westmount Santa Claus Parade 1999 are underway! The parade will take place on Sunday, December 5 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Our theme for this year is *A Traditional Christmas for Children*, highlighting the familiar customs, stories and music we all enjoyed and would like to recreate for our

young citizens. All costumed children will be given a place in the parade.

To encourage children to make costumes, we will hold a costume-making party at Victoria Hall on Saturday, November 20 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. We have patterns for making cardboard costumes (snowman, bell, elf, tree, Christmas present) and we will have cardboard and a few materials on hand. Please bring sequins, tinsel, fabrics, ribbons, wrapping paper, scissors, etc. Info: 846-3027. ♦



Y2K

Did you check your PC to make sure it will operate in year 2000? The Federal Government is providing free software that might just help you. Industry Canada's *Check 2000* will test your BIOS, scan your hardware, software and data files to let you know what is at risk on your computer.

Check 2000 comes on a CD and will run on Windows 95, Windows 98 and Windows NT4.0. It will not fix your computer but it will inform you of any potential Year 2000 problems it might have. You can obtain the CD by calling 1 800 622-6232 or by picking up a copy at the Westmount Public Library.

Y2K tip: create diskette backups of all your important files before year 2000 strikes. ♦



Library

Winter programs in the Children's Department

Registration for the winter programs in the Children's Department begins Wednesday, November 24. Don't forget to register early for storytime, arts & crafts sessions or the Children's Book Club. All programs are free of charge. Priority will be given to library members until January 5, 2000. Info: 989-5229. ♦



Public Works

Autumn leaves: bring, bag, pile, or save them for composting

Bring leaves to the leaf container on Bethune St. (near Lansdowne & Ste-Catherine);

Bag leaves in degradable plastic bags for the Monday collection (buy them 10/\$1 at the Library, Arena, City Hall, Victoria Hall, Public Works building or Centre Greene);

Pile leaves next to the sidewalk on your property for the ongoing vacuum truck collection; or

Save leaves to add to your backyard composter, or mulch them with a lawn mower.

Important: leaves may not be left piled on streets, sidewalks, lanes, parks, and other public places. Piles should be left on private property directly behind the sidewalk for the vacuum-truck collection. Residents are responsible for making sure their contractors are aware of this. Info: 989-5311. ♦

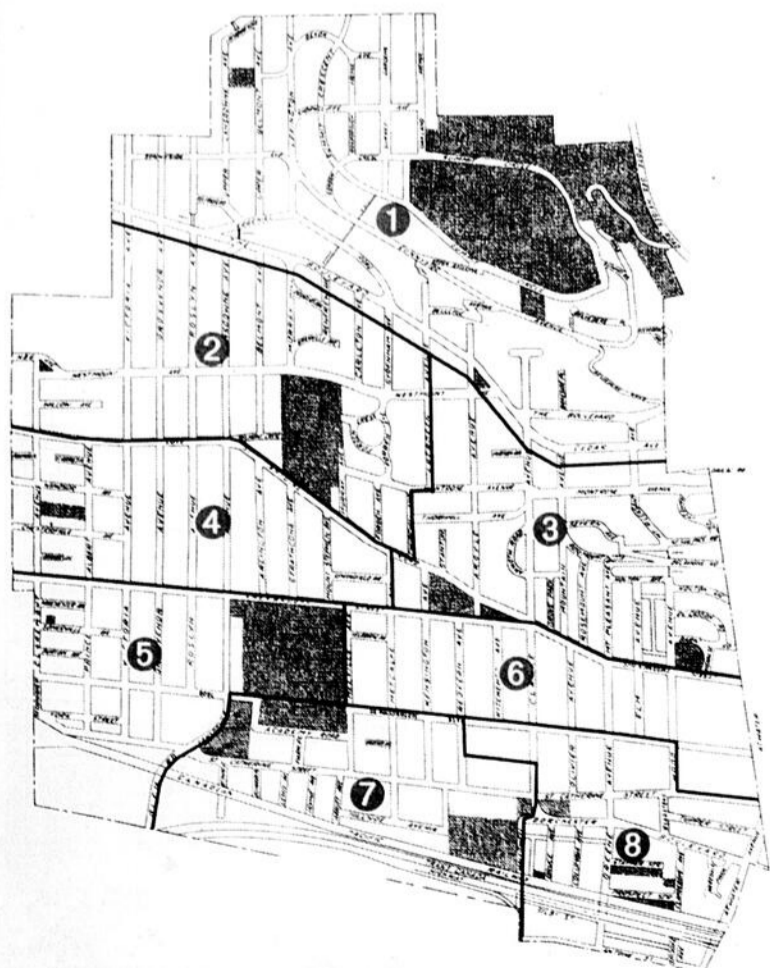


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Preparing a survival kit

For peace of mind... It takes only a few minutes of planning and a good shopping list to help you and your family through a prolonged power outage, a severe winter storm or another type of emergency that may force you into a survival mode at home or to seek emergency shelter.

No matter what the conditions, your survival pack should provide for at least 3 days of food, water, prescription medicine, pet supplies and other personal needs. Involving the entire family in the planning process will help reduce everyone's uncertainty. Info: 989-5318. ♦



Datebook

- **Thursday, Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m.**
Westmount Historical Association Lecture Series
John Young and family
Library
- **Friday, Nov. 19**
Opening of the Gallery at Victoria Hall
Mon. to Fri.:
10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.:
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, Nov. 20, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**
Costume-making party for Santa Claus Parade
Victoria Hall
- **Monday, Nov. 22, 8:00 p.m.**
Council Meeting
City Hall
There is a question period at the beginning and the end of the meeting. Council agenda and supporting documents are available at the Library as of 5 p.m. on the Friday prior to the Council meeting.
- **Thursday, Dec. 2**
Celebration Ball
Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.
Gala Dinner Dance at 7:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 5, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**
Santa Claus Parade

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Victoria Hall Community Centre	989-5226
Westmount Public Library	989-5300
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Celebration Ball will have railway theme



Westmount is going to have a ball celebrating the end of the millennium—literally!

The City of Westmount will be marking both the last of its 125th anniversary festivities and the end of the millennium with a Celebration Ball to be held on Thursday, Dec. 2 at the newly-renovated Victoria Hall. Invitations have been sent out to all citizens of Westmount.

Proceeds from the ball will go towards the renovation of the Westmount train station; consequently, the evening's decor will have a railway theme. There will be railroad memorabilia on display, the waiters will be decked out as railway personnel, and one of the raffle prizes will be dinner for six in the CP Rail executive club car.

Music will be provided by the Hudson Big Band and the gourmet dinner will be catered by well-known Westmount traiteur By George.

Tickets are \$125 each, available on a first-come, first-served basis, and may be purchased at City Hall. For more information, contact Marie José Aubertin at 989-5314.

In addition to the Celebration Ball, a unique and exciting community raffle has been organized. The grand prize is a gourmet dinner for six to be held in the CPR Executive Club Car. Other prizes include a \$250 gift certificate from Martin's Swiss Repair Shop, dinner for four at The Bistro on Greene Avenue, a magnum of champagne and a \$100 gift certificate for a facial, manicure and makeup at S(he) Co.

Only 300 raffle tickets are available, at \$25 each or five for \$100. They can be purchased from committee members, the Westmount Historical Association or at City Hall. Proceeds will go towards the restoration of the Westmount train station. The draw will take place on Dec. 2 at the Celebration Ball. If winners are not present, they will be notified by phone.

PHOTO AT LEFT: The Celebration Ball Committee consists of (seated, left to right): City Councillor Karin Marks and Gail Johnson, committee chair. (Standing, left to right): Molly Fripp, Margot Hall and Susan Khan.

Santa Claus Parade plans well under way

With Westmount's annual Santa Claus Parade just over two weeks away, preparations are now well under way to make this year's event a great success.

There will be a costume-making party at Victoria Hall this Saturday, Nov. 20, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring items such as ribbons, sequins, tinsel, fabric, wrapping paper, scissors, boxes and other material to create costumes for the parade. Admission to the event will be a non-perishable item for Westmount's annual Christmas food basket drive.

Organizers are also running a contest to choose the children who will ride on Santa's sleigh. Local youngsters are encouraged to submit their top five reasons why they should ride alongside Santa in the parade. This contest is open to all kids aged 10 and under who either live or attend school in Westmount. Entries should include the child's name, age, address, postal code, phone number and school—as well as their five reasons—and sent to the following address:

Santa Claus
C/O Victoria Hall
4626 Sherbrooke West
Westmount, Que.
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Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30. Winners will be notified by phone the following week. The parade will be taking place on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. The route will be published in next week's Examiner.



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The annual General Meeting of the members of the Greene Avenue Community Centre will be held on Thursday, December 9th, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

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FIXING UP BEFORE SALE

Fixing up your home for sale makes a lot of sense. It should include painting walls and decks that do not clean up well, repairing broken cabinets and doors if needed. Fences should be repaired and painted if needed. Have the driveway resurfaced if it is asphalt or has pot holes or large cracks. If resurfacing is not needed, have the driveway sealed. Make sure all light fixtures are working and it might help to increase the wattage of the light bulbs. Plant new flowers that are currently blooming and plant some grass seed on the lawn if needed. Spread new gravel around, if necessary.

You can probably think of many things not mentioned here. I know it is difficult to do all of these things when you know you will be moving soon, but you can add many times the cost to the value of your home. Also, the home will sell more rapidly. Many people will not want to purchase a home and immediately have to start working on it or have to lay out extra money for needed upkeep.

Real Estate

By Reg Morden

I'M STILL HERE and not thinking of retiring, yet!
(for those of you who may have misunderstood my last column.)

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P.S. Noblesse oblige: I missed the following friends last week: Elsa, Peaches, Merlin, Sonny, Pedro.

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FROM THE MAIL BAG



Fine paid under strong protest from dog owner

To the editor:
In your issue of June 23, it was reported: 'Dog owner refuses to pay fine'. Stephen Chin, music teacher, was found guilty under two sections of Bylaw 535 for allowing his dog to disturb the peace in Westmount Park and refused to pay his fine.

That report was not entirely accurate. I was not fined for allowing my dog to disturb the peace. The judge, most understanding of singing dogs practicing in Westmount Park, gave my pet 'the benefit of the doubt' and acquitted me of that charge.

However, the honourable judge found me guilty of the second charge, namely of being found on the playing field with a dog in Westmount Park at 6 a.m. on July 25, 1998.

I was naturally outraged by the delayed and well-considered verdict because I am never in the park before 7 a.m. since I acquired my pet, Scherzo. But this column is no forum for recounting the trial. I had other proven good reasons for my reaction.

The trial's verdict drove home to me the crucial importance of a judge's responsibility in his/her conclusions. Small cases are not less important than major ones, for example David Milgaard's.

Small cases are more important because if the public accepts a small miscarriage of justice by the justice department, major cases are likely to occur with greater ease. It was that viewpoint which caused me to refuse payment of the fine for many months after the trial.

Now, a wiser man, I have paid the fine to the City of Westmount — under strong protest.

To conclude this sorry dog-story more cheerfully, I can now be found conducting my calming exercise at 7 a.m. at a more secluded location in the park, where the view and vocalizations of a small operatic canine with his master releasing esoteric non-arrows into the sky may be less likely to startle sensitive eyes and ears.

Stephen Chin
Sherbrooke Street

Organizers made festival a success

To Ilyse Segal, Linda Stern and the staff at Victoria Hall:

I would like to thank you all for making the Westmount Artisans' Festival, for me, a successful weekend. I am sure that I am not alone in these thoughts. It was wonderful meeting other artisans from our community and seeing first hand the talent that calls our city home.

Ilyse and Linda, thank you again.

Flora-Lee Wagner
Claremont Avenue

Westmounters made a difference

To the editor:
On behalf of the Tree Within, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our recently-concluded Back to School Campaign.

In the end, thanks to the altruism of so many from Westmount and beyond, we were able to provide over 850 children with school supplies. I would like to acknowledge all the individuals, businesses, organizations, foundations and schools who contributed to this outstanding success. School bags packed with urgently-needed notebooks, binders, markers, crayons, foolscap and much more were distributed to ten women's shelters, two community organizations and six schools across the island of Montreal.

Special thanks are due to all the volunteers who gave of their time so generously in organizing the fundraising barbeque in Westmount Park, who helped with letters, collections and making the posters, and of course the enormous task of packing and distributing all the school bags.

Bravo Westmounters for making a difference!

Rocio Lozano
The Tree Within



A recognition being bestowed on the Westmount Public Library

I am pleased to congratulate the Westmount Public Library on its selection as part of LibraryNet Best Practices 99, which recognizes innovative use of the Internet by Canadian public libraries.

LibraryNet is a program within Industry Canada which promotes the usage of the Internet as a tool to connect Canadian libraries. In addition to providing access to the information highway, public libraries across Canada are using their websites to deliver their services, participate in electronic commerce, build community partnerships, support lifelong learning, and disseminate Canadian content around the world.

To recognize these achievements, LibraryNet has reviewed Canada public library initiatives on the Internet and has selected some of the most innovative applications to showcase in LibraryNet Best Practices 99. These exemplary practices will serve as models for other libraries to emulate.

Libraries are playing a key role in achieving Canada's broad connectivity objectives. I am pleased to inform you that as of March 31, 1999, Canada became the first nation in the world to connect its schools and libraries to the information highway. Providing public



internet access in libraries will ensure that all Canadians become connected to the rest of the world. By using and integrating technology efficiently, public libraries are helping to make Canada the most connected country in the world.

This is a great recognition being bestowed on the Westmount Public Library as it is celebrating its 100 years. Once again, I extend my sincere congratulations to Mrs. Ann Moffet, Interim Director and her staff for this impressive accomplishment.

LibraryNet Best Practices 99 can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.scholnet.ca/ln-rb/>.

Among my local riding activities, I had the honor of being a guest last week at the Nicholson's home for their traditional Wednesday night discussion group. The focus of the discussion was pre-budget consultations and I took great interest in hearing the ideas and suggestions of several constituents.

As the second budget in a row to project a fiscal balance, the 1999 Budget marked an important phase in the government's long term plan to build a strong and secure society, with a rising standard of living and enhanced quality of life for Canadians.

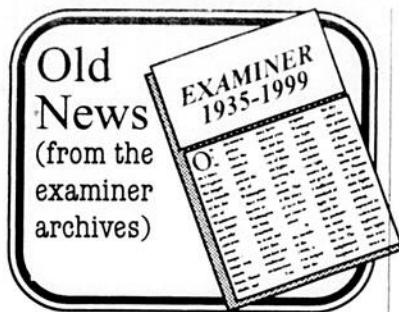
As in each of its previous budgets, the government took action on three key fronts: investing in the economic and social priorities of Canadians, cutting taxes and maintaining sound economic and fiscal management.

As we enter the new millennium, Canada is also in a new fiscal era — an era of financial surplus. It has put us in ideal position to translate better finances into better lives for all Canadians.

As your Member of Parliament, I invite you to bring forth your ideas on the pre-budget consultations. As, always, I welcome the opportunity to hear from my constituents on matters which concern them.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Peter Trent for his reelection as Mayor of the City of Westmount as well as the eight successful candidates who will be serving as city councillors. I wish them all a productive and dynamic mandate.

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Five Years Ago
November 17, 1994:

LASER TECH: "Speeders Beware! The City of Westmount is getting set to unveil a new weapon in the fight to keep drivers within posted speed limits. A new 'laser-assisted radar unit' will be in place in the second week of December. It will help officers pinpoint individual cars to help capture more speeders, in the hope that eventually traffic will slow down and fewer accidents will occur. It will also give police the potential to accurately judge the speeds of different cars travelling, either in a group or in different directions, within a couple of seconds and to ticket them all. The current technology would only allow one car to be ticketed."

Ten Years Ago
November 16, 1989:

\$6 MILLION FACELIFT: "A master plan to breathe new life into 'the heart of Westmount' could be achieved by pumping some \$6 million into the renovation of the library, Victoria Hall and greenhouse complex, citizens were told Monday night. The proposal calls for restoring and expanding the library and for updating Victoria Hall. This last would involve air conditioning the concert hall and updating its seating, lighting, sound system and staging. The proposal would convert the greenhouse area to greater public use by creating an atrium off the library and building an adjoining multi-purpose room for community use."

Thirty Years Ago
November 20, 1969:

SCHOOL GETS LAND: "The City of Westmount is prepared to sell the Protestant school authorities the bed of Academy road, from Melville avenue to Park place fronting Westmount Park School, for \$1. This was the gist of a letter Monday from Mayor Peter M. McEntyre to the School Commissioners for the Municipality of the City of Westmount. It was the reaction hoped for by the school board in answer to their bid to acquire the right-of-way and convert it into an outdoor play area between the school and the Westmount Park playground."

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The cat is clawing its way out of the bag

BY GLENN WANAMAKER

After suffering through three years of massive budget cuts, after laying off staff and pushing as many nurses, doctors, and civil servants as possible to early retirement, after freezing salaries and raising the sales tax, after dumping expenses into municipal laps and having them cut staff and services—all to attain the hallowed zero deficit—it's time to face facts.

The government still has no money.

Last week, Health Minister Pauline Marois announced the injection of \$20 million to combat anticipated overcrowding in hospital emergency wards this winter.

She was widely praised for acting early to prevent a repetition of the unacceptable chaos that reigned last year. However, her action simply recognizes the fact our health care system remains in intensive care.

Hospital beds lost due to closures have not been replaced, nursing shortages persist, overworked family doctors are refusing new patients, and promised budgets for more home care and outpatient services have yet to materialize.

Hospitals, working with a fixed budgetary allotment, are almost all heading for increased deficits this year.

If you look at how that \$20 million is divided up (\$500,000 for Outaouais, \$1.16 million for the Eastern Townships, \$1.04 for the Laurentians, \$79,000 for the Gaspé, \$2.5 million for Monteregie, \$1.02 million for Lanaudiere, \$1.95 million for Quebec City, \$8 million for Montreal, \$782,000 for Laval), you see how little is there for individual hospitals.

As one Quebec City doctor said, the \$1.95 million for his whole region is just about enough for one hospital.

In short, Marois has been forced to troll for pennies just to head off another politically damaging ER crisis. Long-term? An expert committee recently recommended a number of steps but Marois simply does not have the money to implement them.

If you want another eloquent example, look no further than the plans to build new ambulatory care centres. They were among the 'reforms' put forward by former Health Minister Jean Rochon to provide more efficient outpatient services.

Marois doesn't have the millions needed to set them up, however, and now the whole idea is on hold. Meanwhile, the busy Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital in Montreal has been forced to open up what it calls a fancy trailer to dispense these services.

Then there's the drug insurance plan, which will cost \$210 million more this year than expected because of rising drug costs and more insured people.

HOMETOWNS

A spirited debate is under way over the merger of towns and cities across the province, and Municipal Affairs Minister Louise Harel will soon nourish it with her white paper on municipal reform.

The government believes that by reducing the number of towns and cities, costs will be reduced and services provided more efficiently. Unfortunately, not everyone agrees. And that raises a fundamental question—who decides what's best for the people?

In the case of Mont Tremblant, where residents voted 96 per cent against a merger with Saint

Jovite, Harel has chosen to ignore the result. Last week, she introduced legislation to force a merger.

In the case of St. Sauveur, as the Liberals pointed out, the government dropped plans to force a merger because of public opposition.

In the case of Mont Saint Hilaire and Otterburn Park, the government has said it will respect the results of a referendum.

Even the dullest of people can see the inconsistency here. In sovereignty referendums, 50 plus one is enough. For some municipal mergers, not even 96 per cent is enough, while for others, well, let's just see which way the vote goes.

Any self-respecting cynic would have to conclude that in the end, what counts is that the government get its way.

"Hospitals, working with a fixed budgetary allotment, are almost all heading for increased deficits this year."

IN THE HOLE

Yes, the government has no money. The Sureté du Québec is projecting a \$10 million deficit this year and has taken cars off the road to cut costs. Next year, according to the scenario put forward by the Liberals, the force faces a budget cut of 18 per cent.

The only response from Public Security Minister Serge Menard is that a final decision hasn't been made.

The Employment Ministry is still lurching from crisis to crisis, cutting money as it goes. The embattled minister, Diane Lemieux, said last month that despite extra money taken from another government pot to meet contracted commitments with jobless people, the ministry is cash-strapped.

With five months to go in the budget year, it has already spent more than 82 per cent of its budget.

Let's turn to education. Despite extra funding this year, school board officials say that one-half of the province's boards will have a deficit this year. The CEGEP system says it's short \$250 million.

Then there are the municipalities, locked in negotiations with the province over amalgamations, fiscal reform, and yet another \$365 million bill passed down by Quebec.

TAX CUTS

But wait! Finance Minister Bernard Landry says the government does have money! In a budgetary statement a month ago, he said we're wheeling towards a surplus of \$190 million. This could translate into an extra \$95 million in income tax reductions, on top of the \$400 million already planned for 2000-2001.

Come next July, we, the most taxed citizens in North America, will be flush with extra \$20 bills.

But there's the political rub. Some time ago, the Bouchard cabinet decided that after

inflicting budgetary pain for three years, it had to provide voters with a reward upon reaching the zero deficit.

At hearings this fall, Landry has stated clearly that barring economic calamity, income taxes will be cut. The only issue is how to divvy it up among different income groups.

A broad range of groups from every sector, including economists, educators, and community groups, have tried to argue the government should use its "margin of manoeuvre" to pump money back into the health, education, and social fields.

Poverty groups have pointed out income tax reductions will do nothing to help the impoverished; what they need is help to get into an income tax bracket where they can pay taxes.

Landry however has rejected all such recommendations. He is convinced tax cuts are essential for two reasons: to stimulate consumer spending and keep higher income earners from leaving Quebec. And there's nothing more politically satisfying than an income tax cut.

So yes, Quebec does have money to win back our love. No, Quebec does not have money to restore services. It's a political choice.

CONSTRUCTION MOBILITY

Another messy issue waiting for just the right conditions to boil over is the Ontario-Quebec construction industry dispute.

Last spring, in an effort to force Quebec to remove barriers to Ontario building contractors and workers, the Mike Harris government passed the gratuitously-named Fairness is a Two-Way Street Act.

It shut out Quebec construction firms and workers from the lucrative Ontario market—a tit-for-tat response to Quebec's stringent rules on worker certification.

As a bargaining tool, especially on the eve of an Ontario election, it seemed like a good one. Since then, 200 Quebec workers and contractors have been expelled from the Ottawa side of the border, and warnings issued to another 769 workers and 450 contractors.

Ontario Labour Minister Stockwell Day recently expressed optimism that a deal with his Quebec counterpart Diane Lemieux was imminent. However on Friday, on the eve of more talks this week, Lemieux said she would not back down.

The prize for Ontario is getting the right to bid on the \$200 million expansion project at the Hull Casino. Quebec really has been snookered by its own laws. In 1994, it introduced a system of certification requiring workers to earn a competency card in order to work on union jobs. That automatically kept out most Ontario workers, but it also created a pool of Quebec workers who may be competent but can't get certified because there isn't enough construction work as it is.

Those non-certified workers were able to find work in Ontario, that is, until this year. Now they are frozen out of Ontario and unable to find work on the Outaouais side.

Liberals, including Papineau MNA Norman MacMillan, say part of the solution lies in easing certification rules, an idea the PQ rejects. Meanwhile, close to 2,000 construction workers are paying the price for the cross-border quarrel, stuck between a rock and a hard place.

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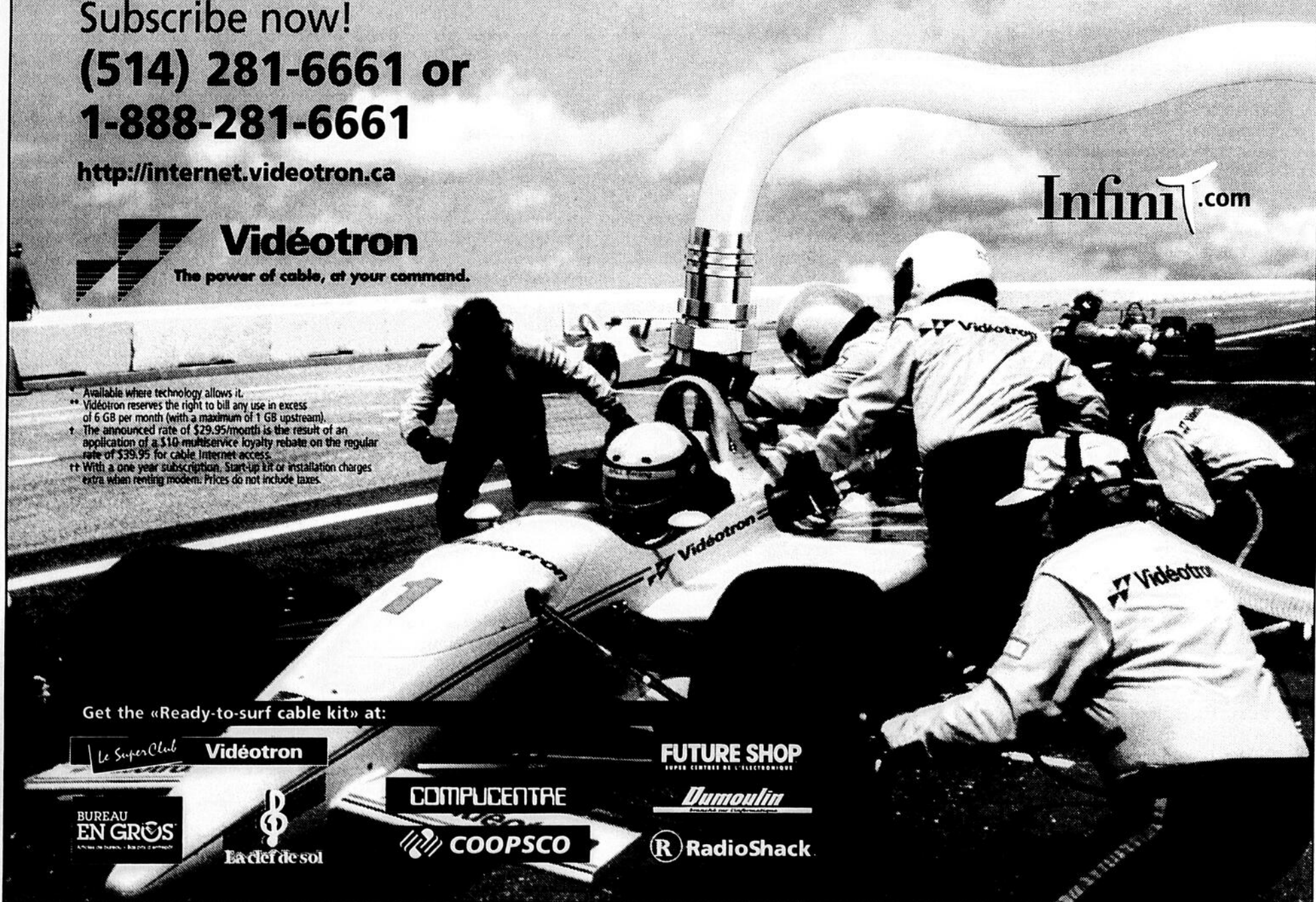
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Fire calls



From the fire hall

Monday, Nov. 1

4:03 p.m. 3295 Cedar: Report of an overflowing garage drain turned out to be caused by a blocked drain on the roof. Roofing company was on the scene to unblock drain.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

10:05 a.m. 1304 Greene: Smell of gas in the area was traced to a restaurant stove. Gaz Metropolitain was on the scene to turn off gas to the building. Advised owner to have stove repaired.

1:54 p.m. 3605 The Boulevard: Defective smoke detector.

5:57 p.m. 68 Belvedere: Smoke detector set off by cooking.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

3:25 p.m. 50 Bruce: Burning smell traced to defective vacuum in the basement. All in order.

Thursday, Nov. 4

8:42 a.m. 644 Murray Hill: Smoke detector set off by workers sweeping.

12:41 p.m. 339 Victoria: Defective alarm.

Friday, Nov. 5

7:40 a.m. 4333 Sherbrooke: Alarm set off by City employee testing back-up generator at City Hall.

Sunday, Nov. 7

3:04 a.m. Rear of 4107 Richelieu: Abandoned car on fire. Extinguished with water.

1:29 p.m. Rear of 201 Metcalfe: Report of a garbage can on fire turned out to be a discarded couch on fire. Extinguished with water. Fire damaged nearby apartment windows and the bumper of a car. Total damages estimated at \$2,000.

7:24 p.m. 168 Cote St. Antoine: Alarm set off due to defective furnace.

Monday, Nov. 8

1:13 a.m. 450 Kensington: Alarm set off due to water from broken pipe in kitchen leaking onto heat detector. Advised building super to have plumber attend.

8:46 a.m. 4557 Sherbrooke: Report of a strange odour was traced to mildew smell in a room.

11:03 a.m. 386 Roslyn: Fire alarm set off by cooking.

12:37 p.m. 447 Grosvenor: Smoke detector set off by smoke from roof repairs.

3:04 p.m. 401 Kensington: Fire alarm set off by water surge in sprinkler system.

6:17 p.m. Lane near 4275 de Maisonneuve: Smell of gas reported. No readings were detected. Gaz Metropolitain also attended, but found nothing.

7:41 p.m. 95 Cote St. Antoine: Smoke in Selwyn House School due to a chemical reaction in the lab. Room was ventilated prior to arrival.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

11:03 a.m. 245 Victoria: Person trapped in elevator. Victim was released prior to arrival. Elevator company called to make repairs.

11:13 a.m. 6 Weredale: Smoke detector set off by welders.

2:42 p.m. 680 Victoria: Flood in basement of #2 fire station, caused by broken water main. Pumped out water.

3:06 p.m. 4150 Ste. Catherine: Report of burning odour traced to exhaust from truck parked outside.

7:40 p.m. 551 Roslyn: Defective alarm.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

6:55 a.m. 1000 Rockland, Outremont: Fire on fourth floor of a seniors residence. Assisted Outremont fire department with evacuation.

1:23 p.m. 27 Thornhill: Fire alarm set off by

dust from workers sawing wood.

2:16 p.m. 437 Grosvenor: Fire alarm set off by smoke from an overheated power cord on vacuum cleaner.

2:31 p.m. 21 York: Report of strange odour traced to fresh varnish nearby.

3:32 p.m. Front of St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church: Vehicle accident involving a mini-van. Vehicle was wedged off ground on handrail of church. Stabilized vehicle with cribbing. MUC police were on the scene. Remained until vehicle was towed away.

4:15 p.m. 102 Arlington: Small fire on stove caused by burnt food.

5:22 p.m. 95 Cote St. Antoine: Fire alarm at Selwyn House School caused by person tampering with pull station in basement.

5:51 p.m. 4873 Westmount: Fire alarm set off by candles in use.

9:04 p.m. 5765 Cote St. Luc, Hampstead: Cancelled en route.

11:23 p.m. 4800 de Maisonneuve: Small fire caused by burnt plastic tray in oven.

Thursday, Nov. 11

12:20 p.m. 344 Victoria: External alarm ringing turned out to be a defective burglar alarm.

2:22 p.m. 5011 Sherbrooke: External alarm ringing turned out to be a defective burglar alarm.

4:18 p.m. 744 Upper Lansdowne: Smoke detector set off due to closed fireplace damper.

4:48 p.m. 73 Clondeboye: Carbon monoxide detector set off by vehicle nearby.

6:48 p.m. 12 Parkman Place: Defective hot water tank. Turned off power to unit and advised owner to have a plumber attend.

7:22 p.m. 59 Thornhill: Smoke detector set off due to improper battery installation.

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Library's pumpkin competition drew spectacular entries



BY DONNA LACH

Westmount Public Library's Halloween Pumpkin Gala was a smashing success!

The Westmount Room of the library was filled to capacity on Sunday, October 31, as costume-clad participants awaited anxiously to discover if their pumpkin was one of the winning entries.

While not everyone who entered could win a prize, the numerous participation prizes ensured that every child who entered the contest received something, from Harry Potter posters to goody bags.

The contest was even more popular this year and we were extremely pleased to receive 34 entries in the various age groups. All the pumpkins we received were spectacular, showing a tremendous amount of imagination and a lot of hard work.

One entry was so phenomenal that a new prize was given, 'overall winner', just because this black cat pumpkin was incredible and had to be recognized for its level of creativity.

We hope that everyone who entered the contest had fun and we urge everyone to enter again next year.

The winners in each category were:

AGES 4 TO 8:

- 1ST Prize: Marc Bedard and Tess Boissonneault (a tie)
- 2ND Prize: Alice Moon and Sebastian Ernst (a tie)
- 3RD Prize: Eric Merennik and Katherine O'Connell (a tie)

AGES 9 TO 12:

- 1ST Prize: Sarah Thomas
- 2ND Prize: Emma Bedard
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Meeting was primarily ceremonial

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"It occurred to me just how well this city works," he continued, "but the challenge to us now is not only to ensure that the city is well run, but also well defended. I'm sure I can count on this new council for that."

Trent warned that within the next three to six months the City could be in battle mode, "pulling out all stops to ensure that Westmount survives. This shouldn't affect City services—but if it does, please forgive us."

Indicating the portraits of former mayors lining the council chamber walls, Trent stated that the dignified faces looking down on the meeting would be proud of what they saw. He pointed out that no Westmount mayor has ever served more than eight years, and as he enters his ninth year in office he will soon become the longest-serving mayor in Westmount's history. "And we must make sure that I'm not the last," he said to enthusiastic applause from the audience.

With the absence of only one sitting councillor (Nicolas Matossian was in Europe on a family emergency) and former councillor John Bridgman, the old made way for the new at the council table when David Laidley relinquished his Ward 2 seat

to Tom Thompson, who was in turn replaced by Gérard Limoges in Ward 1. Herbert Bercovitz gave his seat to Barbara Moore, Margaret Lefebvre took James Wright's place and John de Castell moved into Bridgman's vacant chair.

The ceremony was completed when the appropriate name plates were placed at each new councillor's spot and City Clerk Marie-France Paquet administered the oath of office to Limoges, Moore, Lefebvre and de Castell.

Although the purpose of the inaugural meeting was primarily ceremonial (they get down to business at the Monday, Nov. 22 meeting), some official business was conducted—the various committee appointments and announcements of department portfolios.

While Karin Marks and Cynthia Lulham will remain commissioner of Architecture & Planning and Parks & Recreation respectively, de Castell will be responsible for Environmental Affairs, Barbara Moore for Protective Services, Limoges for Finance, Lefebvre for Administration, Thompson for Public Works & Hydro Westmount and Matossian for Library.

Trent noted that Matossian was named commissioner for the Library in absentia and had not been consulted.



OLD FRIENDS: (Left to right) Mayor Trent shares a laugh with out-going councillors Jim Wright, David Laidley and Herb Bercovitz as they receive congratulatory plaques from the City for their service at last Monday's inaugural council meeting at City Hall.

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Murray's: a longtime Canadian tradition

BY GRACE KEENAN PRINCE

"Won't you meet me at Murray's?"

—Willie Eckstein

Murray's used to be the quintessential Canadian restaurant: staid, reliable, quiet, genteel.

The first restaurant was opened in 1918 to provide off-season employment for cooks and auxiliary staff from work camps up north during the winter months.

The partners had for years been operating kitchens in the mining and lumber camps in northern Quebec and Ontario. They provided food service on the railways from Fort William to New Brunswick, and they served plain, hearty meals to labourers in remote places outside Froid Mine, Rouyn and Temiscaming.

Every fall at freeze-up they lost their trained and experienced help. They reasoned that, good cooks being hard to find—and woe betide the bad cook in those camps; the men who worked there were very, very tough—it would make business sense to employ them year round.

They expanded in 1923. One of the first chain restaurants in the country, Murray's was designed to provide inexpensive, standardized home cooking. Young people living in furnished rooms, commercial travellers, unmarried ladies in digs and pensioners found affordable meals in these clean and comfortable surroundings—a far cry from the 'greasy spoons' of those days. Generations of students found a touch of home there.

It was a new concept in restaurant management. With a network extending from Victoria to Saint John's, the trademark Murray's sign assured patrons of a familiar menu, service that was polite and prompt, and quality they could depend on. Murray's was a trailblazer. They were the first to

design standard-sized helpings, and quality control maintained by regular and stringent inspection. They invented the 'bottomless' cup of coffee. Waitresses were, to use an old-fashioned term, unexceptionable—tidy, quiet and plain—"The Deanna Durbin type," as Chris Psomiadis, owner of the Murray's in the Town of Mount Royal, put it.

'Miss Murray' came to your table with a menu and a pot of excellent coffee, and kept the refills coming as long as you cared to stay. Bad coffee used to be a Canadian tradition; our coffee used to be as bad as American tea, made right out of the hot water tap and served with a shameless smile.

At its zenith, Murray's could boast a dozen or more restaurants. The sites were carefully chosen near railway stations or bus depots to welcome the traveller. You wouldn't find a lot of chrome or plastic in Murray's, nor would you hear loud or intrusive music.

There would be a muted hum of conversation, the clink of silver and china. It was all very discreet and polite. The lumber camps of that pioneer period enforced a rule against conversations at mealtimes—talking led to quarrels which, in that rough crowd, led to fights. Maybe the old inhibition still obtains—you'd never see a brawl at Murray's!

I asked Mr. Psomiadis how long his waitresses stay, on average, and he said without a smile, "They stay forever!" That must be about right, because in the Sherbrooke Street restaurant my regular waitress, Rose, has been serving Westmount patrons for 28 years.

Murray's patrons could be characterized by certain traits, too. The little old ladies were welcome guests: properly hatted and gloved, they would drop by for tea and muffins most every afternoon, and come in

for a blowout when their pension cheques arrived. A cup of tea restored their spirits after a visit to the gerontologist or podiatrist in the medical building next door.

Mother's Day was made for Murray's, and elderly ladies with their middle-aged children were as commonly seen there on Sundays as divorced daddies with their offspring scoffing down hamburgers at McDonald's.

In the cities, fast food operations moved in and, in short, many Murray's got 'Walmarted'. But, though six or seven restaurants competed in the Westmount location, they went out of business with dizzying speed while Murray's went serenely on with its loyal clientele.

All that remains of the once-thriving chain is now one restaurant in the Town of Mount Royal. It is a little shabby and could use new carpeting perhaps; the atmosphere is like a visit to Grandmother's. But it is comfortable and sparkling clean. In 1989, a fire destroyed the archives and memorabilia of this pioneer business. We must now rely on memories, for the most part.

Montreal's own Willie Eckstein wrote a catchy little foxtrot in 1929, called 'Won't You Meet Me at Murray's?':

Won't you meet me at Murray's, When the weather is fine,

Won't you meet me at Murray's, The best place to dine,

When you're tired and hungry and your spirits are low,

Then you'll always find Murray's the best place to go."

Not a masterpiece, granted, but a homey tribute to a grand old Canadian institution.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Grace Keenan Prince lives across the street from the former Murray's restaurant and was a longtime patron.

Only Murray's left is in TMR

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"Both partners are Italian," Henriques joked, "so needless to say there will be a lot of pasta on the menu."

The partners hope to have Nick & Mario's ready to open on Sunday, Dec. 5.

"They're aiming for that day, but you know how it is with construction," Henriques said. She added that the longtime Murray's staff has been asked to stay on for the morning shift, which is when most of the regular customers came in. She pointed out that since Murray's was usually quiet in the evening, a slightly younger staff will be brought in on the later shift in order to attract a new crowd.

Molettieri and Patulli had planned to take over the site next April, but Murray's owner Denis Staveris surprised the partners when he suddenly closed the restaurant last Wednesday and reportedly filed for bankruptcy.

The closure of the Westmount location means that Murray's patrons now have only one restaurant left, in the Town of Mount Royal.



Book reviewer Adams speaks at the Writers' Trust Gala

Well known and popular Montreal book reviewer Robert Adams, a favourite of many Westmount book lovers who attend his annual sold-out book reviews at Ogilvy's, was the guest speaker at the recent prestigious Writers' Trust of Canada 14th Annual Great Literary Dinner Party.

Held in Toronto on November 9, the audience featured dozens of Canada's literary luminaries and celebrities. Adams spoke for 15 minutes on 'The Relationship Between the Writer and the Reader' and was very well received by the audience.

The following is an excerpt from that speech:

"My own belief is that the reader has two duties. The first is to discern as clearly as possible the author's vision. Once that vision, usually satiric in Frye's sense of the word, is apprehended, the reader will then challenge both the writer and himself by matching the author's vision to his own.

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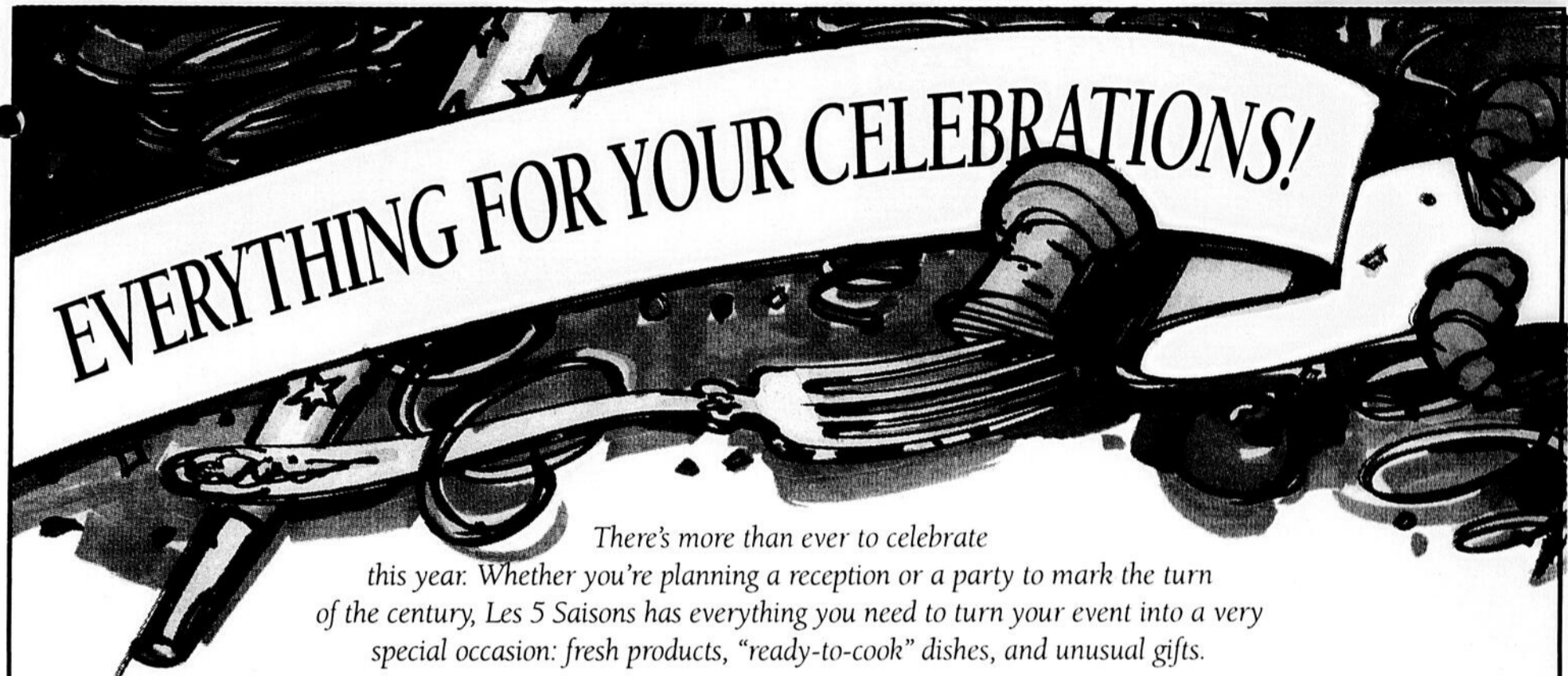
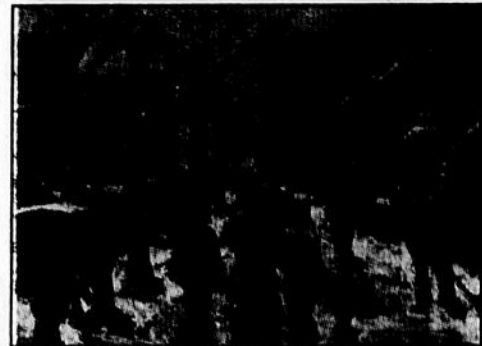
From the representational to the abstract, this incredibly diverse array of nudes, portraits and character studies truly runs the full gamut of styles and atmosphere.

They will remain on display at Galerie de Bellefeuille, 1367 Greene Ave. through Thursday, Dec. 2.

Across the street, Galerie Kastel, 1368

Greene Ave., will soon be exhibiting the work of French-born urban landscape painter Serge Brunoni. The show opens on Tuesday, Nov. 23 with a vernissage from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and it runs through Saturday, Dec. 5.

At right is Brunoni's acrylic work 'Montreal Promenade rue Berri'.



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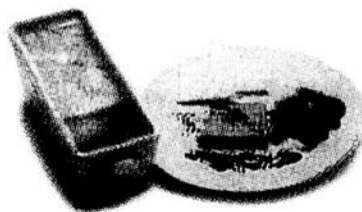


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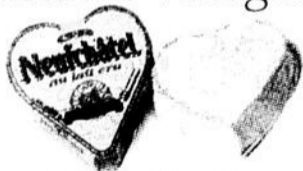
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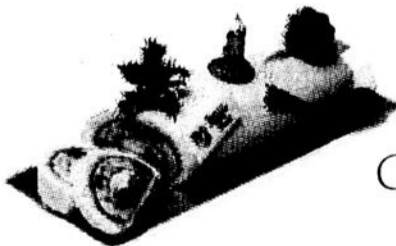
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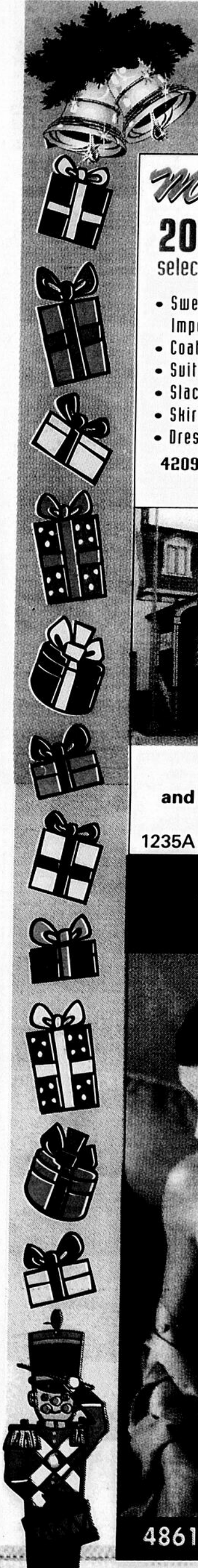
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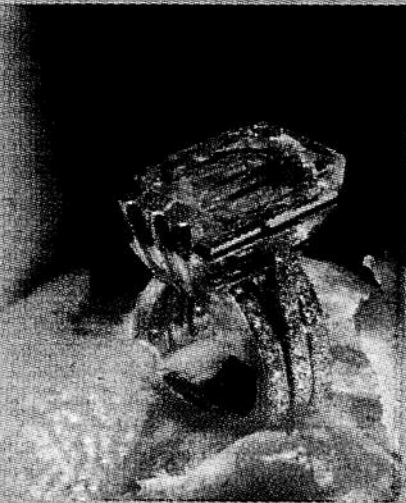
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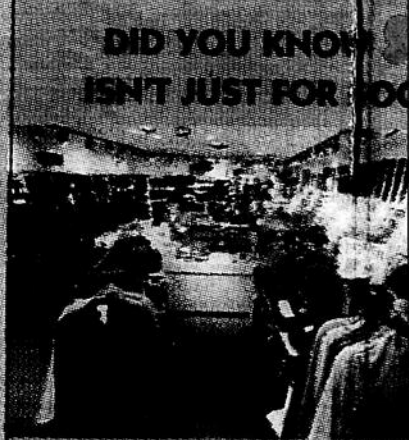
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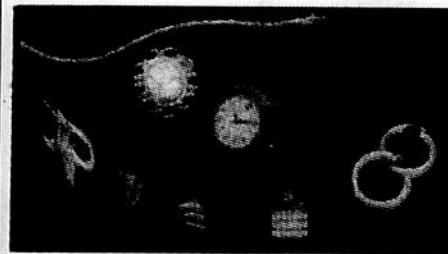
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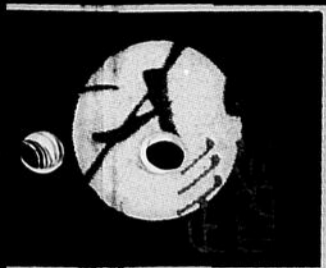
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Poissonnerie Westmount Square has been in operation for the past five years and is well known for its brand name 'Kamikaze sushi.'

(See DANIELS'S page 21)



TIPPING THE SCALES: Gregory Daniels holds up a prize salmon as Steve Johnston looks on at Poissonnerie Westmount Square.



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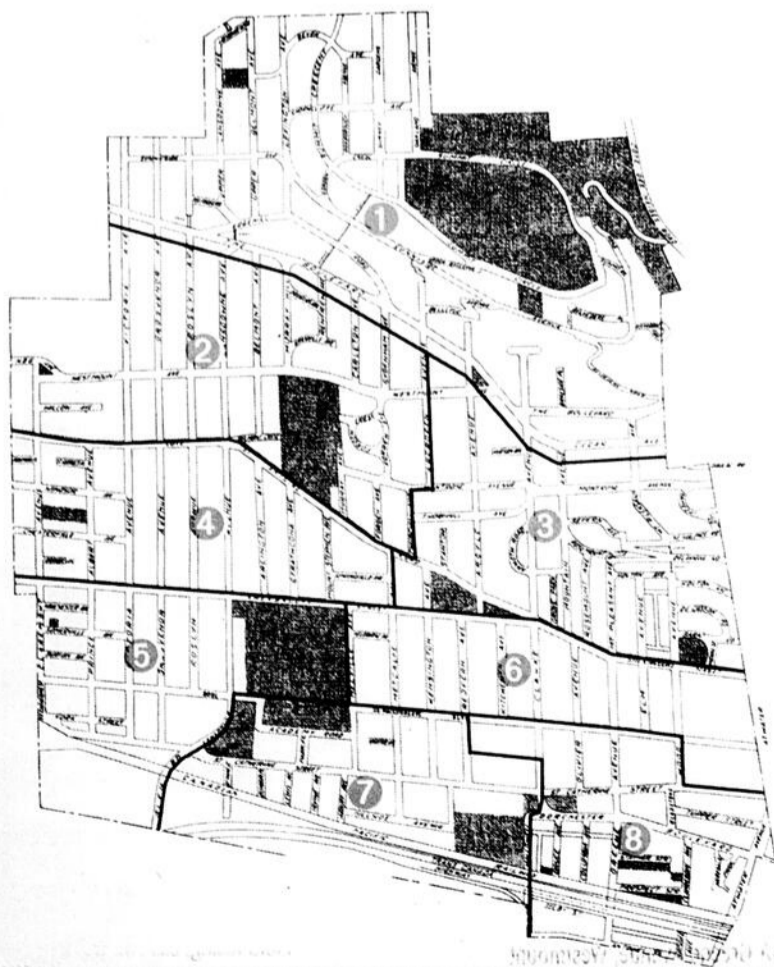
Quelle que soit la situation, vos trousse de survie doivent vous garantir 3 jours de nourriture, d'eau, de médicaments d'ordonnance, de nécessaires d'animaux, de soins personnels et, bien sûr, l'ourson favori. La participation de tous les membres de la famille à la planification aidera à diminuer l'incertitude, car chacun saura quoi faire. Info: 989-5318. ♦

Dates à retenir

- **Le jeudi 18 nov., 19h**
Série de conférences de l'Association historique de Westmount, John Young et sa famille, Bibliothèque
- **Le vendredi 19 nov.**
Ouverture de la galerie du Victoria Hall
Lun. au ven.: 10h à 21h
Sam. et dim.: 10h à 17h
- **Le samedi 20 nov. 13h30 à 15h30**
Atelier de confection de costumes pour le défilé du père Noël
Victoria Hall
- **Le lundi 22 nov., 20h**
Séance du conseil
Hôtel de ville
Période de questions au début et à la fin de la séance. L'ordre du jour et les documents pertinents sont disponibles aux fins de consultation à la Bibliothèque, à compter de 17h le vendredi précédant la séance du conseil.
- **Le jeudi 2 déc.**
Bal de célébration
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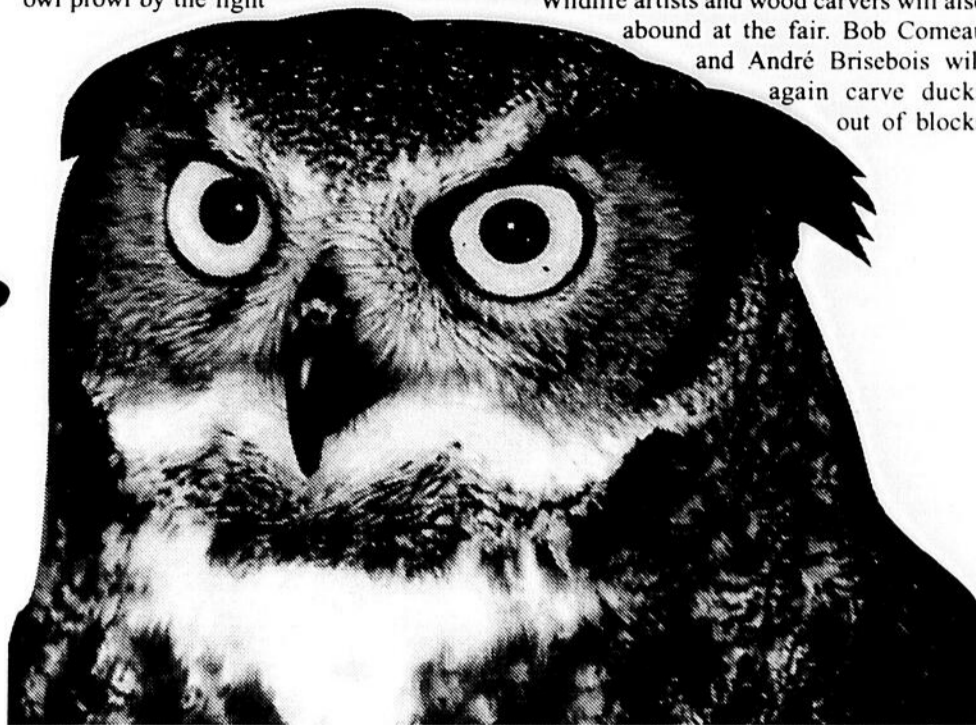
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Great Bird and Nature Fair promises something for everyone

BY ELSIE MITCHELL

Have you always wanted to go out on an owl prowling by the light



A great horned owl looks regal as it surveys the scene.

of a November moon?

If so, stay warm instead and come to the Westmount High School gym on November 20 and 21 for the Great Bird and Nature Fair, which is being sponsored for the 15th year by the Province of Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds.

Twigs may not snap under your feet but you'll be caught up in the kaleidoscope of activities for the whole family, including a close-up look at a great horned owl—the lord of the forests—as well as the tiny saw-whet owl—so small you could pass him by if he's roosting in a tangle of vines. But at the fair he'll be clearly visible. There will also be a red-tailed hawk, which shares the role of dominant raptor during the day while the great horned owl is the dominant one by night.

These birds will be brought from Roger Bider's St. Lawrence Valley Ecomuseum. The museum staff members will be on hand to answer all your questions, such as 'How come owls can see well enough to hunt at night?'

Some 40 exhibitors will have booths featuring everything from lightweight portable chairs to information on nature travel holidays. You can also chat with a number of representatives of various nature societies, such as the Zoological Society of Montreal,

the Montreal Field Naturalists, the Quebec Labrador Foundation and even the Mignan Island Cetacean Study Group.

Wildlife artists and wood carvers will also abound at the fair. Bob Comeau and André Brisebois will again carve ducks out of blocks

of wood right before your eyes, and Arthur Dorion will exhibit his wildfowl carving. Robert Côté will show photographs and Mona Wizenburg will be there with her sculptures of small birds, chickadee size. Then there's the handicrafts—necklaces and bracelets, all made out of natural materials. Micheline Gosselin will also be exhibiting her origami work again this year.

Brightly-dressed clowns with balloons will add to the fun, and small kiddies will love the fishpond where they'll pull up surprises. For the older ones there will be bird- and nature-related crafts, as well as a workshop for youngsters wanting to make birdfeeders out of empty Javex bottles.

Puppets will be much in evidence, and

Bert McCardle of the Boy Scouts, also known as Top Leaf, will entertain the young people with his bird and animal puppets. Bert is a well-known raconteur who visits schools in Quebec and Ontario, speaking on such topics as 'How Animals Get Ready For Winter'. He will also bring his exhibit of wildlife, including mink, martin, ruffed grouse, willow ptarmigan and snowy owl.

For holiday shoppers, there will be a wide range of Christmas cards, notes and a great selection of books for both children and adults. Books for children will be available at the Wildlifers' booth. Field guides and books on birds, as well as cards with nature designs will be featured at the Province of Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds booth.

For those anxious to get started feeding birds this winter, there will be a wide variety of equipment to choose from. If you want to keep the seeds out of the snow, there's a large bowl topped by a dome, wooden hoppers that hold a large quantity of seed, and a number of smaller hanging tubes especially for finches. You might look over baffles to foil squirrels from gobbling up all the seeds intended for birds. Best of all, you'll be able to talk to experts about the merits of each feeder. And J.E. Mondu will be on hand to advise you on what seeds to use.

Another big attraction will be the bevy of ducks from the Ecomuseum—mallards,

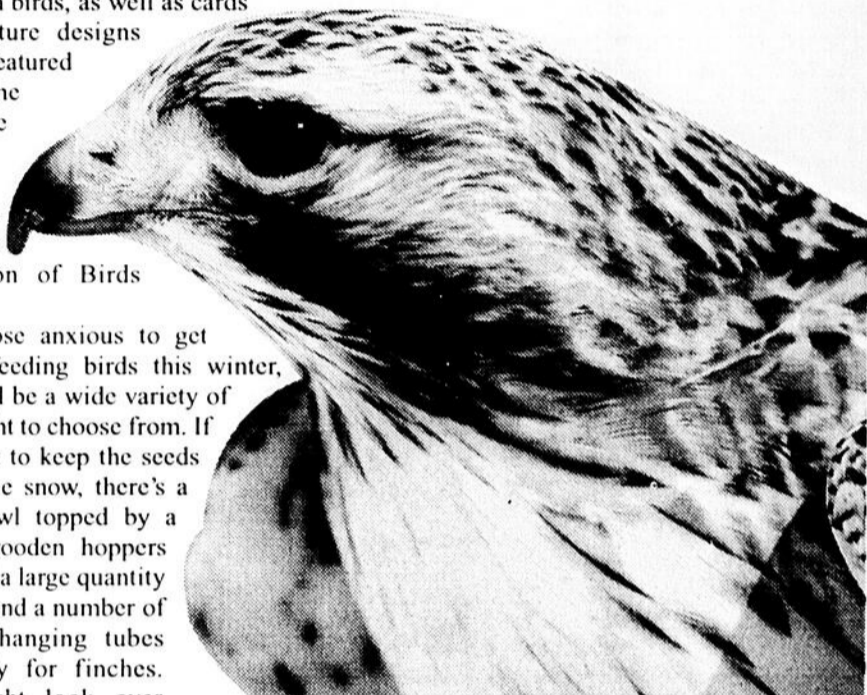
gadwall, blue-wing teal and the beautiful wood duck—splashing around in a specially-designed pool.

Don't miss the fun!

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The 15th annual Great Bird and Nature Fair will take place at Westmount High School, 4350 Ste. Catherine West, on Saturday and Sunday, November 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

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A red-tailed hawk shows off its impressive plumage.

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Community Bulletin Board...

Thursday, Nov. 18

Artist Talk with Tilya Helfield at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave. at 7:30 p.m. Info: 488-9558.

Centre Greene's 'Meet the Expert' series continues with an evening devoted to 'The Wholistic Approach' with guest speaker Judyann K. McNamara, who will discuss the historical basis of the wholistic approach in both Eastern and Western medicine, as well as modern findings. 7 p.m. at 1090 Greene Ave. Free admission, everyone welcome. Info: 931-6202.

Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington, presents the 1999 Allan Bronfman Memorial Lecture with Rabbi Katsof, co-author of 'Powerful Prayers' with Larry King, who will speak about his latest publication. 8 p.m. Info: 937-9471 ext. 139.

The Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave., will launch 'Ward Life: The Apprenticeship of a Young Writer as a Hospital Clerk' by Andrew Steinmetz from 6 to 8 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

The Westmount Historical Society's fall lecture series continues with 'The John Young Family', featuring guest speaker Kenneth Hague, a descendant of the Young family. Introduced by Prof. Brian Young of McGill University. 7 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library. \$5 for non-members. Info: 925-1404.

Monty Reid, poet and paleontologist, will speak at Dawson College, 3040 Sherbrooke W. at 5:30 p.m. in Room 5B.16. Free of charge and open to the public. Info: Joy Hayes at 931-8731 ext. 1352.

Best Little Bazaar in Town at the Montreal Children's Hospital, 2300 Tupper, 2nd floor B Wing, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All profits go to improving equipment and services at the hospital. Lunch available at the Café. Info: 934-4400 ext. 2634.

Friday, Nov. 19

Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington, is pleased to announce a Shabbat weekend beginning Friday night with visiting scholar Rabbi Marc Angel, rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue of Manhattan, who will discuss 'Ahavat Yisrael: The Love of the Nation of Israel as a Factor in Halachic Decision-Making'. Rabbi Angel will also deliver the sermon on Shabbat, Nov. 20, and speak on 'Tradition and Modernity: Issues For Contemporary Jews' at the Kiddush discussion following Shabbat services. Info: 937-9471.

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Saturday, Nov. 20

Costume-Making Party for the Santa Claus Parade at Victoria Hall from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring all necessary materials for Christmas costumes. Admission is a non-perishable food item.

WARM Writers presents Gordon McCall, artistic director of the Centaur Theatre, who will speak on 'Trends: Plays that get Produced Today', from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater. General admission \$5, free to WARM members. Info: Jeannette Paul at (450) 468-5410.

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Classical concert featuring Yuli Turovsky, Esfir Dyachkov and Mark Simons, at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke, at 7:30 p.m. Benefit for the Russian newspaper 'Voice of Community'. Tickets are \$8, reservations preferred. Info: 344-4270 or 735-8738.

The Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave., presents Karen Irving, who will autograph copies of 'Pluto Rising: a Katy Klein Mystery' from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Author Gary Barwin and illustrator Stéphane Jorisch will read from their recently-published children's book 'The Magic Mustache' at 2 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

Sunday, Nov. 21

The 15th annual Great Bird and Nature Fair takes place in the gym of Westmount High School, 4350 Ste. Catherine, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke, presents the first in a series of 'Uaimish Danish' discussions, with Dr. Allen Sherwin speaking on 'Sleep Research: Dreams, Jewish Tradition'. Breakfast and discussion begins at 9:30 a.m. A brief service will precede at 9 a.m. Info: Jeff Itcush at 342-6252.

Monday, Nov. 22

City Council Meeting at Westmount City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke, at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 23

Galerie Kastel, 1368 Greene Ave., presents the work of painter Serge Brunoni through Dec. 4. Vernissage tonight from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Info: 933-8735.

Wednesday, Nov. 24

The Canadian Aviation Historical Society meets at

Dawson College, 3040 Sherbrooke, Room 5B.13 at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Hugh Martin. Landing fee: \$3. Info: Alastair Reeves at 355-9879.

Thursday, Nov. 25

St. George's School, 3100 The Boulevard, presents 'Our Town' by Thornton Wilder at 7:30 p.m. A cast of 40 students promises an evening of wonderful theatre. Tickets at \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. Info: 937-9289.

Annual Bazaar at Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Unique crafts, children's clothing, etc. Light lunch throughout. Info: 932-3433.

Friday, Nov. 26

Chabbad of Westmount, 4444 Ste. Catherine, presents a Friday Evening Kiddush and Lecture, 'Faith vs. Rationality' with Dr. Yitzchok Block, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Western Ontario. Service at 4 p.m., Kiddush at 5:30 p.m., followed by the talk. \$10 per person. Info: 937-4772.

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Saturday, Nov. 27

Terry Mosher (Aislin) will sign copies of his latest book 'Big Windup: Last Volume of the Nasty '90s' at the Double Hook, 1235A Greene Ave., from 2 to 3 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

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Bake Sale with lunch at the Serbian Orthodox Church Holy Trinity, 349 Melville, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 931-6664.

Sunday, Nov. 28

Rummage Sale at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Clothing, household items, electronics, etc. Come and browse. Pick up items at next-to-nothing prices. Info: 937-3575.

Bake Sale with lunch at the Serbian Orthodox Church 'Holy Trinity', 349 Melville, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 931-6664.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Chabbad of Westmount, 4444 Ste. Catherine #200, holds its first annual cocktail party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., honouring Murray Dalfen. Guest speaker will be the Hon. Yuli Edelstein. RSVP at 937-4772.

Ongoing

Cadet Corps 2675—3rd Field Engineer Regiment: Come check us out on Fridays from 6:30 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3 Hillside. For boys and girls 12 to 16. Learn bush craft, survival training, sports, drill, band, leadership, citizenship, effective speaking, map & compass and marksmanship. Recruiting officer is Patrick Damico. Info: 496-2705.

Galerie de Bellefeuille, 1367 Greene Ave., presents an exhibition of major works on the human figure in contemporary art. Continues through Dec. 2. Info: 933-4406.

Urban Intuition Training, an 8-week workshop for seniors led by psychotherapist Frances Kucharsky, begins its next session at Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve, on Nov. 30 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. \$20. To register, call Contactivity Centre at 932-2326.

The Victoria Hall Gallery, 4626 Sherbrooke, presents an exhibition of sculptures by Herbert Bercovitz from Nov. 19 to Jan. 2, 2000. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 989-5226.

Farfelu Cooperative Craft Gallery, 39 Somerville Ave., presents the recent work of Eva Ferenczy-Reichman, an exhibition of ceramic sculpture, from Nov 1 through 30. Info: 488-3163.

Tilya Helfield's exhibition 'Papyrifera' and **Dana Velan's** exhibition 'Transformation' continue at the McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave., through Nov. 27. Info: 488-9558.

Montreal Millennium Melon Seeds are on sale at Victoria Hall. Entry form for the millennium competition, heritage seeds, history and growing instructions, \$5. A fundraiser for the Westmount Train Station Project. Orders can also be placed by calling 990-2237.

Seniors Wanted for Interlink Intergenerational Choir directed by Ian Lebofsky. Oldies, popular, gospel and jazz repertoire. Fun atmosphere, beginners welcome. Info: Denyse Morrow at 934-0499.

Centre Greene's Fall 1999 programme has begun! Seniors' luncheons: A delicious meal in a warm and friendly atmosphere, twice a month, on the second and fourth Wednesday, 12:15 to 2 p.m. \$4; Samedi Greene: Fantastic Saturday morning activities for children, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$1; Tumbling Tots: An opportunity for toddlers to run, sing and play while their parents meet other adults. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. \$60 for 10 weeks. Open court basketball for teens on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesdays and Fridays

from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. For adults, Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Come join the fun at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. Info: 931-6202.

Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater, presents Story Time for babies and toddlers (ages 0 to 3) Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Mom'n'Tot Story Time (ages 3 to 6) Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Cooking Around the World (ages 6 to 9) Thursdays at 4 p.m. Info: 931-2304.

Westmount Toastmasters: Take the fear out of public speaking each Thursday evening at Victoria Hall at 7 p.m. Info: 367-5986 or 937-1346.

Canadian National Organization for the Widowed holds bereavement support groups Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Mondays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 4823 Sherbrooke, suite 220. Info: 934-0280 or 931-3935.

Recovery, Inc., a non-profit bilingual self-help group for people seeking help in dealing with fear, anger, stress, depression, anxiety, panic attacks and phobias meet every Monday, Tuesday. Info: 933-1904.

Rotary Club meetings: The Rotary Club of Westmount meets each Wednesday at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke, at 12:30 p.m.

Westmount Monday Evening Bridge Club meets every week from 7 to 10 p.m. in Victoria Hall. To register, call Esther Chamberland 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, entrance at rear. Info: 637-2767.



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Daniels's distribution operation supplies Loblaw's and Costco

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With a staff of approximately 25 chefs, Daniels manages a large distribution operation. He supplies private clientele, Loblaw's, Moven-Pick, Costco, various fish markets and 40 other independent accounts. With attentive service as his primary prerequisite to success, the poissonnerie is open daily to meet the needs of its customers. People travel from all localities as the reputation of this fish market has spread beyond Westmount's borders.

Gregory Daniels's poissonnerie is a testament to his dream come true. While discussing the origins of his place, Daniels's animated expressions radiated a proud sense of contentment from a man who has reached his destiny. He does love what he's doing.

Exhausted from a tedious day at work? Do you feel that a shower and a nap would be much more enticing than the prospect of preparing dinner? Don't despair! You do not have to compromise nutritional value. Forget that pizza or the trip to a fast-food restaurant. Enter Poissonnerie Westmount Square and select from their highest quality salmon, sushi, various fish meals or their Chinese dishes. There is no excuse for dinnertime boredom.

All products are fresh and delivered on a daily basis. Lunch hours hum with the buzz of people sampling and choosing an interesting alternative to the age-old sandwich. Daniels is always anxious to share recipes and cooking ideas to assist in changing the outdated perception of how fish should taste.

To become actively involved in the culinary trade was always Daniels's desire. He ventured out primarily as a children's clothing manufacturer but his continual hope and interest in cooking experimentation was kept alive through his buying trips to the Orient. Surrounded by numerous opportunities to explore the delights of food design and enhancement and with the concept of healthy eating in mind, Daniels kept his eyes open to ideas directed to fish preparation.

From the onset, Daniels was aware that the key ingredient to success was top quality. I questioned him on his entry into the understanding and education of Oriental food cuisine.

"The agents from Hong Kong and Taiwan wanted lobsters," he related. "I sold them Canadian ones."

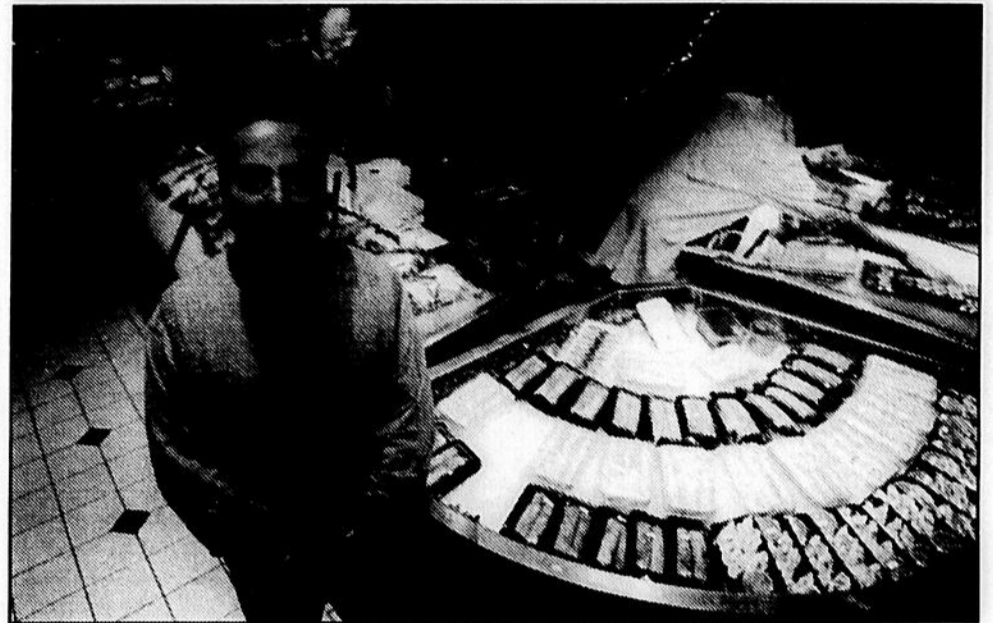
Culminating this dream to be involved in fish and seafood arose when Daniels's brother heard that the fish market in Westmount Square was experiencing problems.

"I was intrigued and proceeded to scout it out," he admitted. "I knew that at that point this was what I wanted. Now I'm here where I belong."

The Daniels involvement and dedication has built up Poissonnerie Westmount Square's honourable reputation.

"Success is not only due to our policy of premier quality," Daniels explained. "The components of friendliness and customer attentiveness has been demonstrated with our personalized and caring approach."

Besides the Montreal population, their clientele involves fish markets in Ottawa, Trois-Rivières, Quebec and St. Foy.



Gregory Daniels in the midst of a busy day at Poissonnerie Westmount Square.

Servicing their complete consumer list from their private trade to the larger accounts are of equal importance to Daniels.

Unified family dedication is evident with the support of its members. Children Meghan and Morgan lend their father a helping hand and his wife and business partner Deirdre administrates the company.

Now more importantly, who does the cooking in the Daniels household?

"My working hours allow me the privilege to experiment with meals at dinnertime.

Organizing menus for my family is something I truly enjoy. With artistry and a continental tone, I plan my food selection and my children have developed more sophisticated palates than their peers."

Technology has robbed us of the human touch in most instances, but Gregory Daniels still believes that his constant input and presence are what the customers appreciate. Poissonnerie Westmount Square embraces us with a warm welcome, impeccable service and, of course, sushi.



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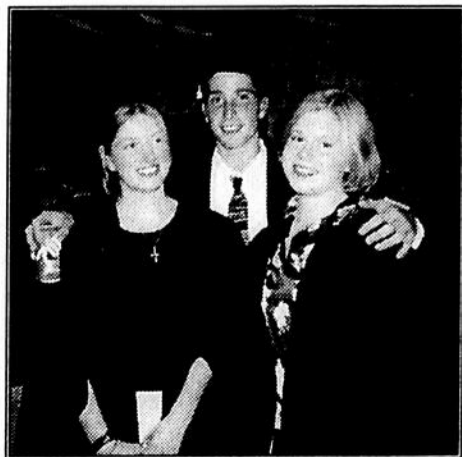
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How the Montreal melon almost became a slice of history



A cautionary mystery tale for the millennium

BY LEE TAYLOR

In 1954, the Montreal melon disappeared from the seed catalogues of the prestigious Burpee Seed Company. It disappeared due to lack of demand. In fact, demand was so low that no one noticed its disappearance from seed catalogue, farm, or table until very recently.

Why should anyone? Well, the Montreal melon had an honourable history. It was honoured for its subtlety of flavour and colour on the dessert tables of the finest hotels in Boston and New York (though I have never heard of it being on the menu of the Ritz and the Windsor in Montreal!). Melon punters were willing to pay up to \$1.50 a slice; they got good value, for the slices were large.

Why, did the Montreal melon slide so ignominiously out of fashion? Well, one large problem was suburbia creeping inexorably over the melon farms of Montreal, over the warm southwest slopes of the mountain; over the present downtown area, the priests' and settlers farms of Westmount, Notre Dame de Grace and Cote St. Luc.

Then there were the twin enemies of the Montreal melon—the evils of fashion and convenience. The pusillanimous cantaloupe was hardier and more easily transportable, if less felicitous in flavour. The fickle finger of fashion pointed at distant, more exotic-sounding fare.

The probable nemesis of the melon was the arrival of the motor car. Mr. Ford has a lot to answer for! The arrival of the motor car led to the gradual reduction and then extinction for all practical purposes of the valuable commodity—horse manure—which had fertilized and fashioned the Montreal melon into its exquisite plumpness of size and flavour.

For many years nothing happened. No melons grew. If they did, they grew in corners unseen and unnoticed. A few seeds languished in drawers and basements, then even they were gone.

Nearly 40 years later, in 1991, Barry Lazar of the Montreal Gazette opened the debate as to whatever happened to the Montreal melon. Others, notably Mark Abley, entered the fray. Laurent Decarie wrote a letter to the Gazette, giving information on the melon farm on Cote St. Antoine Road belonging to his grandfather, and several photographs and records were found. Ken Taylor of SOS seeds on Ile Perrot swung into action to try and recover the elusive seeds. Seed banks worldwide were opened to find the Montreal melon. Persistence paid off, and the researchers were able to track down seeds. After several years, a bank of seeds of the Montreal melon has been established.

This means that it is possible to grow the Montreal melon once more, though for most of us, without the aid of the horse manure.

The Westmount Station Committee sincerely hopes that you will grow the seeds. Next year, we will hold the Montreal Millennium Melon Contest. In September of 2000, the melons you have grown will be judged for their size and beauty. We hope that the competition and festival will be held at the Westmount Heritage Centre. We want you to buy our seeds and grow the melons to help us raise money through the Community Fundraising Committee for the City of Westmount's Centennial celebrations to transform the sadly dilapidated train station into the Westmount Heritage Centre.

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Doctor re-invents English with 'blendwords'



Dr Allan Morton

BY MARK REYNOLDS

When was the last time you opened a dictionary and laughed out loud?

That unlikely scenario could well happen soon, thanks in large part to Westmount

resident Dr. Allan Morton.

"I think the public will find it good for information and entertainment," said Dr Morton of the tentatively titled 'Canadian Dictionary of Blendwords and Neologisms'.

The dictionary consists of new words, and words which author Lewis Carroll called "Portmanteau"—words combining two words together to create an entirely new one. Brunch is possibly the best-known example of these.

Dr. Morton has combined 'complication' and 'computer' for 'compucation' to describe how those machines make our lives easier, and a word that theatre critics will find useful—'smellodrama.'

He intends to compile at least 25,000 new and blended words, with the help of three students he has employed for the task. What is perhaps most impressive about this particular project is that two years ago, Dr. Morton could neither speak nor understand spoken language due to a stroke.

Though he occasionally has to pause and search for a word while speaking, he has now almost completely recovered and is devoting an incredible amount of energy to

the book.

"I've always been interested in dictionaries," said Morton, 79. "I remember when I was a boy asking for a dictionary for my birthday. I got the Concise Oxford English Dictionary."

Throughout his 53 year career as a neurologist, Morton continued to collect books on language—dictionaries, grammar books, and linguistics texts.

Morton's dictionary is different from all of these. He quotes Lewis Carroll to describe a blendword: "Take the two words fuming and furious, make up your mind that you will say both words but leave it unsettled which you will say first... if your thoughts incline ever so little to fuming, you will say 'fuming furious.' If they turn even by a hair's breadth to furious, you will say 'furious fuming.' But if you have the rarest of gifts, a perfectly balanced mind, you will say 'frumious.'"

Dr. Morton credits much of his lifelong interest in language to his high school education in Carleton Place, Ontario. It was his gratitude for the encouragement he received there that made him bestow a scholarship for creative writing to his alma mater. And he continues to benefit from his association with the school.

"I read some of (the dictionary) to my students and they were tickled," said Rod Croskery, head of the English Department at the school. "Some of them came up with their own words."

Croskery passed these on to Dr Morton, who has since included them in the dictionary.

One might think that an English teacher like Croskery would be horrified by what

some would call the mangling of the language that Morton has embarked on.

"One reason why English has become the dominant language in the world is the ease with which it grows," said Croskery. "To that extent what he is doing is perfectly legitimate."

Always on the search for more blendwords or neologisms, Dr. Morton would be very interested to have suggestions from the public. You can e-mail Dr. Morton at: lexoscribe@videotron.ca.



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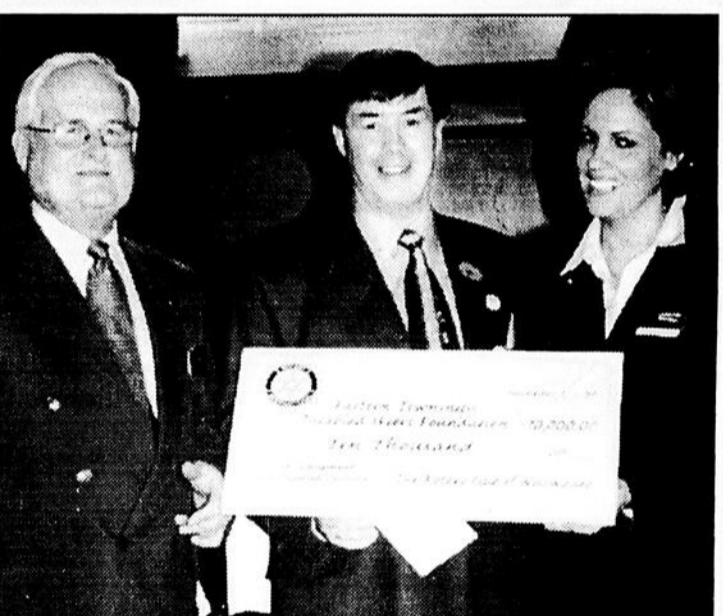


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The Rotary Club of Westmount: helping others in need



(left to right) Carol Lupovitch and Judy Stevens of Share the Warmth receive a \$4,486.30 cheque from Westmount Rotary Club President Christine Pickrell for their school breakfast program.



Ray Jones and Christine Pickrell of The Rotary Club of Westmount, presenting a \$10,000 cheque to Peter Treacy (centre) of the Eastern Townships Disabled Skiers Foundation for the purchase of specialized ski equipment.

At its last two weekly meetings, The Rotary Club of Westmount has presented cheques to charitable groups, from the funds it has raised through events like the Garage and Auction Sale.

On Wednesday, October 27 in Victoria Hall \$4,486.30 was given to Share the Warmth of Point St. Charles for a breakfast program at Thomas Moore School in Verdun.

Last week, on November 3, the Eastern

Townships Disabled Skiers Foundation received \$10,000.00 to purchase additional ski sleds for its skiing program for disabled children which it operates at Owl's Head.

The Rotary Club, Westmount's only service club, is constantly raising funds and then giving them back to the community through programs like these. Activities like these help the members of the club live up to the Rotary motto of "service above self".



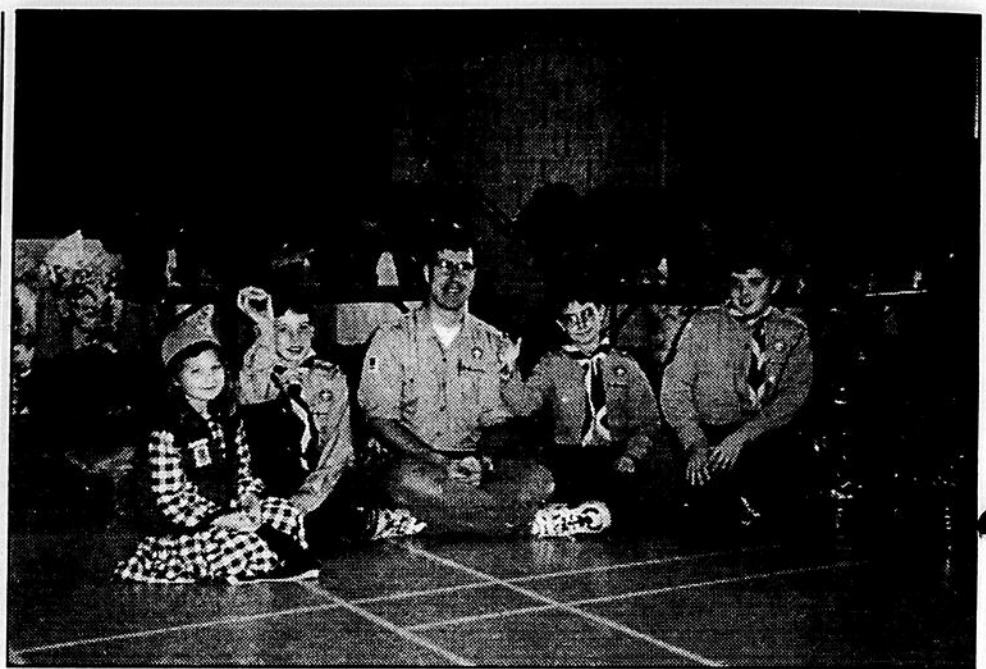
Goldbloom honoured by JFS

Westmounter Sheila Goldbloom has been honoured for her years of service and community involvement by the Jewish Family Services of the Baron de Hirsch Institute. A former social work professor and an Order of Canada recipient in 1998, Goldbloom is a standing member of the JFS board of directors and executive committee. At left: Goldbloom accepts a plaque from JFS President Richard Uditsky during the JFS's 136th annual general meeting on Oct. 4 at Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem. Another executive committee member honoured on the same occasion was Morton Beutel.



Remembrance Day observed

With a grey sky overhead and a few early snowflakes floating down on the sombre proceedings, Westmount honoured those who gave their lives for their country on Sunday, Nov. 7 in the city's 74th annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph. Pictured is Connie Placido, representing MNA Jacques Chagnon, placing a wreath.



(L-R): Kelly Langlais, James O'Brien, leader Geoff Proppe, Michael Langlais and Lauren Renteln.

Scouts sell poinsettias for Xmas

For the second year in a row, Westmount Park's Beaver, Cub and Scout groups will once again be selling their stunning, florist-quality poinsettia plants for the upcoming holiday season. This fundraiser was a huge success last year, and the money raised was used to purchase camping equipment, badges and craft materials.

The eight-inch poinsettia is \$20 and the 10-inch poinsettia is \$28. Deadline for orders is Thursday, Nov. 18. Pick-up will be Friday, Dec. 3 between 4 and 9 p.m. at St. Matthias' Church.

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WOMEN IN BUSINESS

SONIA BIDDLE City Councillor

Sonya Biddle was born for the political arena. A feisty fighter for justice, the 40-year old city councillor for Decarie District knows what it's like to be the underdog.

"Ever since I was young, I thought life was unjust," she said.

Being the only black child in school, Biddle was constantly picked on, and every day in class, she had to sing a demeaning ditty about a petite negress who drank milk.

"I learned to stand up for myself and others," she said, crediting her jazz musician father for teaching her about respect and compassion for all people.

The school of hard knocks taught the former actress to roll with the punches.

"My acting reviews were terrible," joked Biddle, who majored in theatre at Dawson College. Her life partner is Allan Patrick, a former theatre director who now works as Special Advisor to Mayor Bourque on anglophone issues. In dealing with difficult bureaucrats at City Hall, Biddle always says, "Put yourself in that person's place. How would you feel?"

Combatting resistance with persistence, Biddle will only concede if opponents' reasons are intelligent; otherwise, she'll hound until she wins, even if it involves a protracted struggle.

As for women in politics, Biddle dreams about more women filling the ranks.

"I believe the world would be peaceful then," she stated, claiming that volunteerism opens doors, and that effective change comes from serving not dictating.

"Trust your soul, intuition and energy to get the job done," said the hard-working councillor, who knocked on 15,000 doors during her 1998 campaign.

As the associate to the executive committee on multicultural arts, Biddle relishes creative projects. She helped establish NDG Arts and is presently working on turning Cinema V into an arts centre.

Her greatest love is for family.

"You can never recapture the time spent away from your loved ones," said the mother of two sons who also cares for her mother-in-law.

"For me, a community is like one big family. We have to take care of everybody," said Biddle, a passionate community crusader.



Tel.: 872-2937

VIVA CONSULTING

Montreal West has a new and much needed family life counseling centre that's tackling one of society's most insidious and increasing problems - addictive gambling.

Viva Consulting is run by two exceptional pros: Sol Boxenbaum, the former Director of the Canadian Foundation on Compulsive Gambling (Sask.), and Brenda Thomas, a psychotherapist who knows first-hand how gambling can destroy a family.

"I watched my uncle lose his first house... the second one too," said the 52-year old mother of six who holds a Masters degree from McGill University.

"Over 5% of the adult population are addicted to gambling and this number increases five-fold with teenagers," said Thomas, naming video lottery terminals, Mise-o-Jeux, and scratch tickets as the prime culprits.

Because of gambling's devastating ripple effect, Viva Consulting offers companies, workshops and seminars on identification of problem gamblers and intervention strategies.

"One chronic gambler can affect as many as 18 people, including co-workers," said Thomas, who also offers private counseling sessions for those suffering from gambling fall-out.

Thomas credits her strength and ability to solve family problems to her 28 years of experience as a special education teacher. She has also overcome personal family challenges including the loss of her husband, a child with his own addiction and the responsibility of supporting her own children and her late friend's two children.

"For me family is the essence of life. Viva Consulting is here to make sufferers feel alive again," says the hard-working healer.

But Thomas admits to an addiction of her own..... "I love my work!"



Tel.: 486-6226

OLGA LICHTNER Denturologist

Olga Lichtner has had her own denturology practice on Prince of Wales Avenue in NDG for over 20 years. She estimates that although most clients she sees come mainly from NDG, she has clients who come from Ottawa and Toronto as well. Why would they come all the way to NDG to get their dentures fixed? The answer is simple. Olga Lichtner is good at what she does.

"I like working and I like talking with people," says Olga. "I'm not after their money, and I don't charge extra for every little thing. I want everyone who comes here to be happy."

Having been schooled in dental technology and trained in dentistry, and having worked as a denturologist since 1974, Olga can offer clients a level of experience that is far superior to most.

"The typical client will come in asking questions about whether they need dentures or whether the dentures they have are correct. I will ask them questions and then based on those answers I will conduct an oral examination. I then recommend to them whether they need new dentures or not," says Olga.

If the answer is yes, then Olga's expertise in her field really begins to show. "When making new dentures for people, you first have to take impressions of the upper and lower jaw and then proceed in taking things like the colour of teeth and also their shape."

According to Olga, many denture wearers probably need new ones and don't even know it. "Just because your dentures do not hurt you, it does not mean that they are alright. If dentures are left in too long, there can be a lot of side effects. Your jaw may be out of place, you may get headaches, and, in extreme cases, you can also become hard of hearing," she says.

For this reason Olga recommends visiting your denturologist every five years or so. "After about five to eight years, the materials that dentures are made of get porous and retain bacteria," she says.

As NDG has a large population of seniors, Olga Lichtner's denturology practice enjoys a steady clientele. This clientele has remained very faithful to her over the years, a fact which perhaps says as much about the work she does as anything else.



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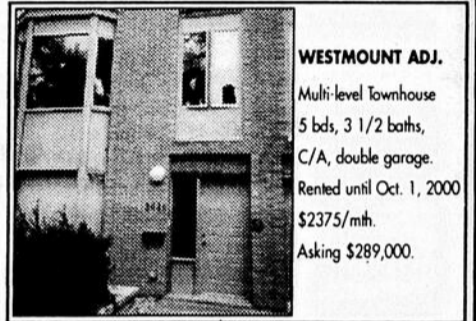
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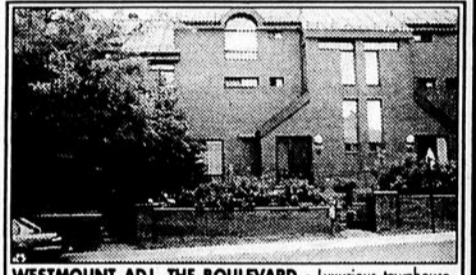
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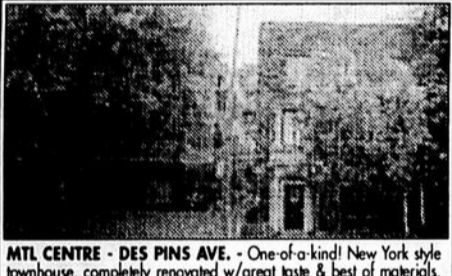
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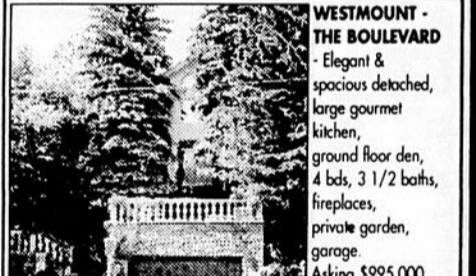
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WESTMOUNT - THE BOULEVARD
- Elegant & spacious detached, large gourmet kitchen, ground floor den, 4 bds, 3 1/2 baths, fireplaces, private garden, garage. Asking \$995,000.



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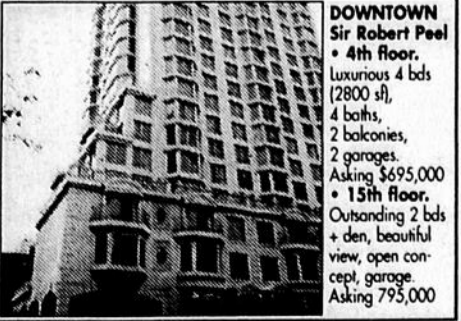
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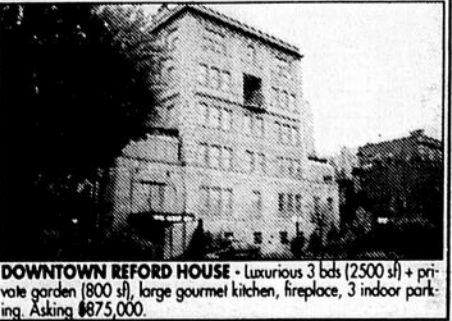
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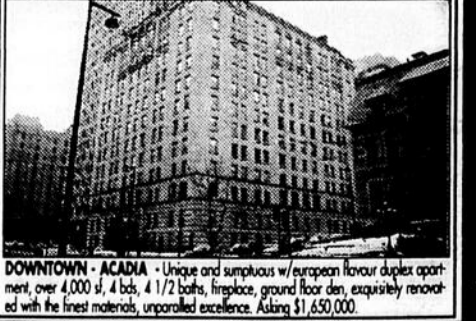
DOWNTOWN Sir Robert Peel
• 4th floor.
Luxurious 4 bds (2800 sq. ft.), 4 baths, 2 balconies, 2 garages. Asking \$695,000
• 15th floor.
Outstanding 2 bds + den, beautiful view, open concept, garage. Asking 795,000



DOWNTOWN REFORD HOUSE - Luxurious 3 bds (2500 sq. ft.) + private garden (800 sq. ft.), large gourmet kitchen, fireplace, 3 indoor parking. Asking \$875,000.



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