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Y2K issues will be discussed on Tuesday

BY WAYNE LARSEN

With just over ten months left until the year 2000, everyone is talking about the Y2K problem—but many have a different opinion and many more don't have all the facts.

From simple VCR malfunctions to the loss of Hydro power and a possible disruption in the world's fuel supply, at this point it is difficult to say just how the so-called Millennium Bug will effect everyday life.

What will happen when the year on computer dates click over to 2000 remains a subject shrouded in controversy, rumour and speculation.

But the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) is trying to change that by hosting a public information meeting next Tuesday, where at least some potential problems will be addressed by three knowledgeable speakers who will discuss the problem from different perspectives, providing information and answering questions from the audience.

Director General Bruce St. Louis, who has been closely involved in the City of Westmount's ongoing Y2K project over the past year, will inform citizens how the City has approached this complex, misunderstood problem.

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Monet comes to Westmount



Doreen Lindsay poses with a book about the renowned Impressionist Claude Monet at the Westmount Public Library, where she spoke Tuesday about her photographic trip to Monet's estate with her husband, Gabor Szilasi.

Local photographer Lindsay awes Horticultural Society with slides of Giverny

BY WAYNE LARSEN

The current Monet exhibition at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) is one of the biggest art events of the year, and in the middle of it are noted photographers and Westmount couple Gabor Szilasi and Doreen Lindsay.

Szilasi's large-scale photographs of Claude Monet's garden at Giverny, France, form an integral part of the MMFA show. They were taken at various times throughout last year to document the effect of the changing seasons on the Impressionist's beloved property.

Lindsay accompanied her husband on a few of these trips, and while he roamed the grounds with his 4 x 5 camera to capture contemporary images of the same things Monet was painting at the turn of the century, she was equally busy with her own camera. The resulting images formed the basis of Lindsay's well-received slide presentation at the Westmount Horticultural Society's monthly meeting on Tuesday night.

"I hadn't known much about Monet's garden before I went to Giverny," Lindsay confessed to her audience at the outset of her presentation in the Westmount Public Library. "But when I got there I fell in love with it."

The MMFA commission gave Szilasi and Lindsay a rare privilege—freedom to roam at will through one of France's busiest tourist attractions at times when it was closed to the public.

"Just being able to walk inside Monet's land so many times helped me to understand it better," Lindsay said. "I wanted to try and see how he made his garden and why he was constantly painting it."

Although Lindsay's slide presentation included many shots of the floral arrangements in Monet's huge, impeccably-restored garden—which often evoked sighs of amazement from the assembled gardening enthusiasts—it was much more than a documentary on flowers.

(See **LINDSAY**, page 3)

WMA supports sound barrier in principle

BY WAYNE LARSEN

The directors of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) have unanimously agreed that there is a need for a sound barrier along the Ville Marie Expressway—provided recent data collected by area residents is accurate.

The decision came at last Monday's monthly meeting of WMA directors, which was attended by Sound Barrier Citizens' Group representatives Ted and Lorraine Semienchuk of

Bruce Avenue and Jan Kuilman of Columbia Avenue.

"We're so delighted that they felt the same way we do—that it was a cause that could not be pushed under the table," Kuilman said on Tuesday.

But WMA president Doug McDougall stressed that this support is based entirely on the facts presented by the Sound Barrier Citizens' Group.

"We met and we were presented with the facts regarding the sound levels," McDougall said. "If these facts are correct, we believe it's an

important issue and that something should be done. We support the need for a sound barrier and we believe it should be a community responsibility."

"We have a very strong type of support," Kuilman said of the door-to-door resident survey, which was conducted by the citizens' group over the past few months on streets affected by noise from the expressway.

The result, Kuilman said, shows 88 per cent in favour of a sound barrier.

Members of the Sound Barrier

Citizens' Group see this conditional approval by the WMA as a major step in their campaign to have a sound barrier constructed along the expressway.

"We want to thank Mr. McDougall for having given us the opportunity to present the results of our survey to his executive committee," said Lorraine Semienchuk. "And we wish to sincerely thank the Westmount Municipal Association for its support."

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Bulletin Board

Thursday, Feb. 11

Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave., presents radio and TV personality Dr. Joe Schwarcz, who will give the fascinating lecture 'Sense, Nonsense and Science' at 7 p.m. Free admission, coffee and dessert to follow. Info: 931-6202.

The Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke, continues its Centennial Author Series with Westmount author Claire Rothman, who will read from her new book 'Black Tulips' in the Westmount Room from 7:30 to 9 p.m. All welcome. Info: 989-5317.

The Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene, presents a Valentine celebration with author Martha Brooke Giesbrecht reading from her new book, 'Written For Strangers: Poems of Love and Eros' at 7:30 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

Saturday, Feb. 13

Service of Healing at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., at 10:30 a.m. Rabbi Leigh Lerner leads services and meditation to nourish the soul and the spirit for healing. All welcome. Info: 937-3575.

'Writing From the Heart', a workshop with author Nancy Snipper at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater, from 2 to 4 p.m. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Info: 935-7344.

Monday, Feb. 15

Mature Students: Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave., presents Soapstone Sculpture, an 8-week, mixed-level course with Tish Connors, 9 a.m. to noon. Students will learn to work with form, shape, texture and value in three dimensions. Emphasis on developing sensitivity to the stone's unique properties and carving the stone to reveal the form hidden within. \$120, plus materials. Info: 488-9558.

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The Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry at McGill University seek participants for a study of social interaction. During part of the study, participants will take tryptophan as a dietary supplement. Some tryptophan is consumed daily as part of everyone's ordinary diet. Participants must presently be working at least 30 hours per week.

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For more information, leave a message for Jennifer at **398-3717** or call **917-6653**

This study is supervised by:
Dr. Moskowitz and Dr. Zuroff of the Department of Psychology and Dr. Pinard and Dr. Young of the Department of Psychiatry.

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IN BRIEF

Selwyn House poised to compete

The next month will be a busy one for a few Selwyn House students, as they prepare to take on representatives of other schools in two separate competitions.

On February 25 a team of 40 students will be at Centennial College in Scarborough, Ontario to compete in Canada First's sixth annual Robotics Games. In keeping with previous years, the Selwyn House team has built a robot with a special talent. Each year the contest requires remote control robots to compete against each other in a sporting event, and this year's designated sport is a modified game of curling.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the Selwyn House team has been sponsored by Proceco, a Montreal-based company that designs industrial cleaning machines.

Under the general supervision of teacher Mike Downey, Selwyn House did very well at last year's event, which was held in Brampton, Ontario. They came in second overall and walked away with first prize in the Most Innovative Robot Design category.

Continuing Selwyn House's tradition of excellence in public speaking, grade 11 student Theo McLaughlin will be off to southern Africa to take part in the five-day World Public Speaking Competition beginning on March 10 in Botswana.

McLaughlin, of Redfern Avenue, won first place in persuasive speaking at the International Independent Schools' Public Speaking Tournament last October. He is one of just four students, chosen two weeks ago at the National Public Speaking Competition in Winnipeg, to represent Canada in Botswana.

February 19 deadline for parking permits

Westmount motorists whose parking permits expired on Dec. 31, 1998 have just over a week to have them renewed.

Public Security director Richard McEnroe said that on Friday, February 19 the grace period will end and tickets will be issued. The new 1999 parking permits can be obtained at 19 Stanton Street, next to the fire station. The cost is \$100 for one car, \$200 for a second and \$400 for three or more. For more info call G. Lunas at 989-5225.

People helping people: A sign of a true community centre

BY BARBARA MOORE

The Mutual Support sub-committee of the Westmount Healthy City Project seeks to recommend measures to the City administration which will foster a more secure and caring lifestyle in the Westmount community. However, everywhere you look, Mutual Support is going on now—people helping people.

A perfect example of this is Centre Greene. The Greene Avenue Community Centre, located at 1090 Greene Avenue below Dorchester, is an independent, non-profit organization with a strong commitment to community outreach and is dedicated to providing quality social, cultural and recreational services. It is open to the community at large regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, ability or socioeconomic status. In addition to other volunteers, the Centre's board of directors all help with the programs. This year, the City of Westmount is giving the Centre a grant of \$2,500 for their summer camp and will lease them the building for \$1. The city looks after maintenance, but Centre Greene must find the money to pay the cost of heating and electricity as well the salary of their small staff. There is a small fee for some courses and events, while others are free. Even with the course fees it is still necessary to have special events as fundraisers.

Centre Greene runs a varied and unusual program with something for all ages—over 40 programs in all.

Samedi Greene is a Saturday program for children of all ages, but children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. It runs from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and costs only \$1. All kinds of fun things happen—on February 27 there will be a Mini Science Playground with Captain Calypso, on March 6 it will be Feline Reptiles and on March 13 Plate Decorating.

TGIF (Thank Goodness It's Friday) is for 5- to 10-year-olds. Held every second Friday with dinner, games and crafts, it runs from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and costs \$5.

A Chinese Language School for ages 3 and up is



Westmount Healthy City Project

offered on Saturdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. to help people who have adopted Chinese children. It introduces the whole family to the Mandarin language and culture. There is a \$5 charge for each session.

There is also a support group for those who are teaching their children at home. This is offered on the first and third Fridays of each month from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and costs \$1 per child.

Free tutoring is offered to children Monday to Friday. The time frame is 2:30 to 6 p.m., with a limit of one hour per child. Lunchtime and Open Court Basketball are free.

Meet the Experts lecture are open free to the public. On April 8 at 7 p.m. Westmounter Stuart Robertson will be speaking on gardening.

The Centre offers their facilities free of charge to a number of groups. Marymount High School holds a program every weekday morning at the Centre for a group of ten intellectually-challenged seniors, educating them in basic skills of how to manage in the world. Once a week the Montreal Children's Hospital has use of the Centre's gym, and the La Leche League, a breast feeding education and support group, has free use of space one afternoon a week.

Of the over 40 programs offered, I have only mentioned seven. Check out Centre Greene—there may be just the program you have been looking for. Instead of taking a course, you might also want to volunteer your time. Their Meals on Wheels program could especially use your help. Call Centre Greene today at 931-6202.

Mutual Support—people helping people, is what it's all about at Centre Greene.

Lindsay offered rare insight into a great artist's life

(Continued from page 1)

Instead, Lindsay combined maps, diagrams, old photographs and several Monet paintings with her own photography to provide her appreciative audience with a detailed look at the town of Giverny, Monet's home and Monet himself.

From the minute details in certain floral arrangements to an explanation of how Monet went about enlarging his famous water lily pond, Lindsay went beyond skimming the surface of the Monet legend. Her combination of slides gave the audience a rare glimpse into the painter's private life.

The garden and lily pond loom large in the Monet oeuvre, and that was where Lindsay aimed her camera. The estate at Giverny, where Monet lived for the second half of his 86 years, eventually became his driving obses-

sion and the primary subject matter for his paintings. He fussed over every detail in the ever-increasing garden, which by the end of his life required six gardeners to maintain.

After his death in 1926, the property remained in the family and today it has been restored to almost exactly the way it was when the white-bearded Monet spent each morning sitting at his easel under a parasol in some remote part of the garden or contemplating the often-painted Japanese bridge that still spans his beloved lily pond.

Szilasi, whose work was featured in a MMFA retrospective in 1997, will be giving two public lectures on Monet's garden at the MMFA's Maxwell Cummings Auditorium—one in French on Feb. 24, and one in English on March 3. Both lectures begin at 6 p.m.



The much-painted bridge spanning Monet's lily pond at Giverny, photographed last year by Westmounter Gabor Szilasi for the MMFA's current Monet exhibition.



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Concours de cartes victoriennes de la Saint-Valentin

Venez admirer la magnifique collection de cartes de la Saint-Valentin de l'ère victorienne, qui sera exposée à la bibliothèque pendant le mois de février. Faisant partie de la « Collection Sabourin », ces cartes de souhaits du début du siècle sont le témoin de l'amour d'un couple québécois, Alida Dubeau et Ernest Sabourin. Dessinez votre propre carte de la Saint-Valentin d'ici le samedi 13 février et courez la chance de gagner un dîner pour deux au restaurant Michael D's ! Vos cartes de la Saint-Valentin seront exposées du dimanche 7 février au dimanche 14 février. Passez à la bibliothèque le 14 février pour voir les cartes gagnantes.

Série des auteurs du centenaire

Le jeudi 11 février 1999, à 19 h 30, l'auteure de Westmount, Claire Rothman, lira des extraits de son nouveau recueil de nouvelles intitulé *Black Tulips*.

Club du livre pour enfants

Le lundi 15 février 1999, à 16 h, le Club du livre pour enfants discutera du livre *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* par Avi. Info: 989-5229.

Club du livre anglais

Le lundi 15 février 1999, le Club du livre anglais de la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount se réunira de 19 h à 21 h, dans la salle Westmount, pour discuter du livre *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* par James Joyce. ♦



Événements communautaires

Invitation lancée aux artisans de Westmount !

Une exposition et une vente d'artisanat local aura lieu cet automne au Victoria Hall, grâce à l'initiative de Madame Ilyse Segal. Toutes les œuvres seront présentées à un juré. Les personnes intéressées sont priées d'appeler Madame Segal, au 934-0294, pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements à propos de l'exposition et de ses règlements. ♦



Conseil

Une assemblée de consultation publique aura lieu à l'hôtel de ville le mardi 16 février 1999, à 18 h au

sujet d'une modification au règlement du bâtiment visant à interdire l'utilisation d'équipement de construction lourd le samedi, le dimanche et durant tout jour férié, ainsi qu'avant 7 h et après 18 h du lundi au vendredi. Info: 989-5318. ♦



Finances

Taxes de 1999

La date d'exigibilité du premier versement des taxes de 1999 est le lundi 1^{er} mars 1999, tandis que celle du second versement est le 1^{er} juillet 1999. **N'oubliez pas** que si le premier versement n'est pas payé à temps, la totalité de votre compte de taxes deviendra exigible dès le 1^{er} mars 1999. ♦



Sécurité publique

La ville et le Projet ville en santé aimeraient rappeler qu'il est illégal de laisser rouler le moteur d'un véhicule pendant plus de quatre minutes. Au cours du mois de février, le personnel du service de la Sécurité publique sera particulièrement vigilant à l'égard des véhicules stationnés avec le moteur en marche. On peut facilement enrayer cette importante source de pollution de l'air avec très peu d'effort et d'inconvénient. ♦



L'an 2000

L'association municipale de Westmount animera des séances d'information au sujet des problèmes liés au bogue de l'an 2000. Le thème de la première réunion, qui se tiendra le mardi 16 février 1999 à 19 h 30 à la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount, sera « L'an 2000 et la collectivité ». Animée par Douglas McDougall, président de l'AMW, la soirée sera marquée par les conférences de Bruce St. Louis (directeur général de Westmount), de Roslyn Takeishi (présidente de Copeland, St. James & Leblond Ltée) et de Gerald Ratzer (professeur à l'école de sciences informatiques de McGill). On y discutera des effets éventuels du bogue de l'an 2000 et des aspects dont la ville et ses citoyens devraient se préoccuper.

Cette séance d'information marquera également le lancement de la page Web de la ville au sujet de l'an 2000. Ce site comportera des renseignements sur la démarche de la Ville et offrira des liens vers d'autres intéressants sites Web des quatre coins du globe traitant de l'an 2000. ♦



Library

Victorian Valentine Contest

Discover our beautiful collection of Victorian Valentine cards on display in the library throughout the month of February. Known as the "Sabourin Collection", these turn-of-the-century greeting cards demonstrate the abiding affection of two Quebec lovers, Alida Dubeau and Ernest Sabourin. Design a Valentine's card for the library before Saturday, February 13, 1999 and you could win a dinner for 2 at Michael D's! Your Valentine cards will be displayed from Sunday, February 7 to Sunday, February 14. Come to the Library on February 14 to see the winning designs.

Centennial Author Series

On Thursday, February 11, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., Westmount author Claire Rothman will read from her book of short stories *Black Tulips*.

Children's Book Club

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English Book Club

On Monday, February 15, 1999, the Westmount Public Library's English Book Club will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Westmount Room to discuss *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* by James Joyce. ♦



Community Events

Attention Westmount Artisans!

A craft exhibition and sale by local talent will be held this fall in Victoria Hall, thanks to the initiative of Ms. Ilyse Segal. All works will be juried. If you are interested in participating, please give Ms. Segal a call at 934-0294 for event information and guidelines. ♦



Council

A public consultation meeting will take place at City Hall on Tuesday, February 16, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. regarding an amendment to the building by-law to prohibit the use of heavy construction equipment on Saturday, Sunday, any legal

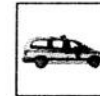
holiday and from Monday to Friday before 7:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. Info: 989-5318 ♦



Finance

1999 Taxes

The first instalment of the 1999 taxes will be due on Monday, March 1, 1999 and the second one on Thursday, July 1, 1999. **Remember** that if the first instalment is not paid in time, your total annual tax bill becomes due as of March 1, 1999. ♦



Public Security

The City and the Healthy City Project would like to remind everyone that it is against the law to leave a vehicle idling for more than 4 minutes. Throughout the month of February, Public Security personnel will be paying special attention to vehicles that are parked with the engine running. This major source of air pollution can easily be prevented with minimal effort and inconvenience. ♦



Y2K

The Westmount Municipal Association will be hosting a series of information meetings regarding the Year 2000/millennium-bug problem. The theme of the first meeting, to be held on Thursday, February 16, 1999, 7:30 p.m. at the Westmount Public Library, will be "Y2K and the Community". The evening will be hosted by Douglas McDougall, WMA President, with guest speaker Bruce St. Louis (Westmount's Director General), Roslyn Takeishi (President, Copeland, St. James & Leblond Ltée) and Gerald Ratzer (Professor, School of Computer Science, McGill). They will discuss the potential impact of the Y2K bug and comment on what the City and its citizens should consider in order to become Year 2000 compliant.

This information session will also mark the official launch of the City's Y2K Web Page. This site will provide information on the City's compliance process and will also offer links to other interesting Y2K web sites from around the world. ♦

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- **Jusqu'au 13 février**
Concours de cartes victoriennes de la Saint-Valentin à la bibliothèque
- **Le 11 février, 19h30**
Série des auteurs du centenaire
Claire Rothman
- **Le 15 février, 16 h**
Le Club du livre pour enfants
- **Le 15 février, 19 h**
Le Club du livre anglais (salle Westmount)
- **Le 16 février, 18 h**
Assemblée de consultation publique (hôtel de ville)

Datebook

- **Until February 13**
Victorian Valentine Contest
- **February 11, 7:30 p.m.**
Centennial Author Series
Claire Rothman
- **February 15, 4:00 p.m.**
The Children's Book Club
- **February 15, 7:00 p.m.**
English Book Club
(Westmount Room)
- **February 16, 6:00 p.m.**
Public consultation meeting (City Hall)

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10h00-16h00 Promenades en traîneau
[Parc Westmount]

11h00-16h00 Curling à l'extérieur [Parc Westmount]

11h00-15h00 Cabane à sucre [Parc Westmount]
Délicieuse tûre sur la neige

11h00-15h00 Queues de castors [Parc Westmount]

12h00-12h30 Concours de lancement de rondelles
de hockey [Aréna]

12h00-13h30 Patinage familial/hot dogs gratuits
[Aréna]

13h00-14h00 Jeux d'époque [Parc Westmount]

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[Cap St-Jacques]
5 \$ par personne pour le transport. Les billets doivent
être achetés avant le 20 février à l'aréna.



Thursday, February 18

12:30-3:00 p.m. Seniors' Carnival Luncheon
[Westmount Park Church]
Purchase tickets at the Arena or at Contactivity
\$6.50 per person.

6:30 -9:30 p.m. Family Tobogganing
[King George Park]
(Helmets recommended)
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Saturday, February 20

10:00-12:00 p.m. Broomball (12 Yrs. and over) [Arena]
Helmets required! Sign your team up in
advance at the Arena

10:00-6:00 p.m. Outdoor Skating Rink [Westmount Park]

10:00-4:00 p.m. Jumbo Ice Slide And Giant Ice
Labyrinth [Westmount Park]

10:00-4:00 p.m. Old Fashioned Sleigh Rides
[Westmount Park]

11:00-4:00 p.m. Curling In The Park [Westmount Park]

11:00-3:00 p.m. "Cabane à Sucre" [Westmount Park]
Try some maple taffy on the snow. What a treat!

11:00-3:00 p.m. Beaver Tails [Westmount Park]

12:00-12:30 p.m. Puck Shooting Contest
[Arena]

12:00-1:30 p.m. Family Skating/Free Hot Dog Lunch
[Arena]

1:00-2:00 p.m. Old Fashioned Races [Westmount Park]

4:00-11:30 p.m. Family Night Skiing at Bromont
Purchase tickets at the Sports and Recreation
Office (Arena) \$20.00 (includes bus and lift
ticket). Tickets must be purchased by
February 16. Reserve early to avoid
disappointment.

6:00 p.m. Family Skating
[Westmount Park and Arena]



Sunday, February 21

10:00-3:00 p.m. Cross Country Ski Trip
[Cap St-Jacques]
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FROM THE MAIL BAG



Westmount gets browned out

To the editor:

Whilst one must feel sympathy for the residents of Hillside and the surrounding area regarding the noise and air pollution emanating from the Ville Marie Expressway, there is no doubt that this hazard has increased everywhere in the City.

We are all dependent upon the social orientation of our neighbours. For example, I now have a public car park at 420 Prince Albert Avenue, to the south of my property. Up to 11 cars park on this land on a daily basis. The City permitted this change and obtains commercial taxes from part of the apartment block located on the north side of Sherbrooke Street. The resulting garbage is now collected from Prince Albert Avenue. When I bought my house, this area was zoned residential and was covered in grass, with heritage trees that afforded protection to my own large cottonwood tree.

To the north my neighbour has also converted a wild area into a parking lot, raising the ground level 12 to 15 inches, using my garage wall to retain the base of gravel. I am told that this irritation is a civil matter and will only be resolved if I choose to take the necessary action.

I suffer accordingly, as obviously there has been an increase in noise and pollution. The bee, butterfly and bird population is none too happy either. However, this is just a spinoff from the development of modern society and I now have lots of industrial sculptures within eye shot of my own backyard.

E.J. Adye
Prince Albert Avenue

The straight poop

To the editor:

I write with some embarrassment, some shame and considerable annoyance.

It's embarrassing to the Westmount Dog Owners Association (WDOA) that, after 22 years of encouragement and good example, so many folk seem not to be aware of their responsibility as sensible owners and citizens to pick up after their dogs. I am ashamed of this behaviour, and so are all those who do pick up. It is terrifically annoying to be so often stepping around piles of brownish material. There are several areas within the city where one can count between one and five piles per linear yard.

Come on, folks! We can do much better than this! All that is asked is that one pick up after one's own dog. This is not difficult. Those of us who regularly pick up many piles that are not ours on every walk are becoming discouraged and angry.

Please remember that uncollected poop can pose a health hazard to your dog and that uncollected poop reflects poorly on our city and on us, its citizens. Most importantly, uncollected poop can turn those who don't own dogs against those who do—a most unfortunate situation.

In truth, there is no excuse not to pick up. None. We cannot prevent yellow stains in winter, but we can prevent piles of brown material. A snowfall hides our sins only temporarily. It's really difficult to chip refrozen poop from the ice, so pick up now and there will be no need to apply shovels or elbow grease later. Finally, for the fiscally minded, picking up provides protection against \$300 fines.

To those of you who pick up more than your share, our blessings and thanks. To you others, please do your part.

Bridget C. Blackader
President, WDOA

Are we 'White Rhodesians'?

To the editor:

I read the interesting article in *The Examiner* called 'City backs eastern residents' concerns on condo project' (January 28) and the follow-up editorial. But would we not be called 'White Rhodesians', snobs and/or elitists if we put a gate or bollard between Westmount and Montreal on Chemin de Lavigne (if and when de Lavigne is extended)?

Would it not be construed and perceived as being the beginning of a Berlin Wall, or a Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem? For people who do not know or remember them, it was almost impossible to go from east to west and vice versa in the same town. Despite the fact that 'ich bin ein Berliner', I could not have gone in and out of East Berlin if I did not have a British passport in the post-war years.

There will no doubt be no more than 20 cars a day passing on Chemin de Lavigne as Atwater is a fairly steep hill. We might please 100 people but antagonize a million others on the island when they read or hear about the gate!

Gerald Glass
Metcalfe Avenue



Doing more with less

How fitting it is that for the last nine years, the City of Westmount has been leading the way in freezing its budget. Our city managers and department heads, like so many of the citizens they serve, have been learning to operate on a fixed income.

That's one of the main reasons the downloading by Quebec has hit hard at our coffers. Despite this increase in uncontrollable expenditures, we are holding a hard line on other areas of spending in order to send out tax bills for 1999 that maintain the same residential tax rate as last year, that is: \$1.35 for every \$100 of property valuation. Contrary to the adage that governments have no bottom line (after all, they can simply raise taxes to balance the budget!), Westmount has shown how it is possible for a municipality to maintain a good quality of life while living on a fixed income. And even to do more with less.

Because this is the last budget of the current city council before the municipal election in November, it is perhaps a good time to take stock of some of the projects and new services we have been able to implement despite the spending freeze.

When Mayor Peter Trent and most of the current councillors were first elected in 1991, (two mandates ago), two principal aims

COUNCILLOR
David Laidley



were to hold the line on expenditures and, at the same time, to upgrade many of the municipal buildings that had been neglected in many of the previous capital spending programs.

As a result, we restored and expanded the well-used Westmount Public Library, now celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding. For this, residents helped raise \$1.5 million in donations and approved an additional \$6 million loan bylaw.

In the last two years, two other important projects also were completed, both at minimum cost to taxpayers thanks to financial assistance from the Canada-Quebec infrastructure program. The first, at the site of the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club beside City Hall, was the \$3.4 million building of an underground electrical substation. Not only did this expand our electric utility, which brings us an annual net profit, but it also provided for a new clubhouse with year-round facilities to replicate the deteriorating clubhouse that could not be

used in the winter.

The second infrastructure project, completed in 1998, was the gutting and renovation of our Protective Services complex on Stanton Street, a century-old site where renovations had not taken place for some 40 years. For this, residents approved the borrowing of \$2 million.

This year, we are proud to reopen Victoria Hall after \$3 million in renovation work that brings it up to the standards now required for a bustling community centre. Patched up with years of Band-Aid treatments, it was in dire need of major surgery. Stone repointing and a new roof were all part of the work, along with new electrical, sprinkler and air-conditioning systems. As well, it will have an elevator to the top floor and a glass link to the flower conservatory and the library.

Even with a revitalizing of our building infrastructure, we've succeeded in doing what Quebec hasn't. We've managed to freeze local spending at 1991 levels even before inflation is taken into account. Imagine how much more might have been done if we hadn't had to help bail out the Quebec government when it took steps to balance its budget on the shoulders of municipalities!

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**Five Years Ago**

February 10, 1994:

PUFFERS BEWARE: "Smoking will be banned in almost all public places in Westmount even though the city has watered down earlier plans that outlawed puffing even in private offices, according to a revised draft bylaw. Minor changes in the bylaw tabled during Monday's city council meeting would allow smoking in private offices and scrap original proposals requiring smoking rooms to be ventilated to the outside. Despite the changes, Westmount's non-smoking regulations will be the most severe in Quebec, Mayor Peter Trent said."

Twenty Years Ago

February 8, 1979:

OPEN CITY: "City council has become concerned with the possibility that liquor-serving establishments in Westmount might be able to offer dancing or live entertainment, thus opening up the city to discotheques and night clubs before long. This comes on the heels of a recent provincial ruling that Westmount can maintain no control over the number of liquor-serving establishments within the city limits."

Forty-Five Years Ago

February 12, 1954:

PRAISE FOR BOZ: "Charles Dickens' world was described as one of the 'richest veins of human character in all the range of literature' in a talk given Tuesday by Robert A. Speirs, headmaster of Selwyn House school. "Every time we look through the rainbow archway of his pages we feel his magnetic power luring us to further exploration, inviting us to savor again unremembered delights of the past and enjoy new satisfactions of the present," he said in an address to the Dickens Fellowship of Montreal, in Victoria Hall. "Amongst the endless distractions and hubbub of our passing days, we hear the countless voices of the Dickensian immortals calling to us—"Come back and see us again, for here is the heart of life itself!"

Fifty Years Ago

February 11, 1949:

WAR ON DELINQUENCY: "Pool halls, restaurants and 'corner stores' were called breeding points of juvenile delinquency by Captain Ovila Pelletier on Wednesday when he was speaking to members of the Rotary Club of Westmount at their weekly luncheon meeting in Victoria Hall. Captain Pelletier, a member of the Montreal Police Force, is head of the Delinquency Prevention Bureau which was first formed in 1936 under his direction."

Valentine's Day highlights relationships

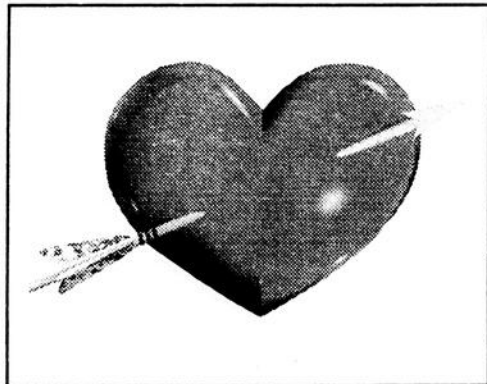
A look at three couples in different stages of love

Editor's note: The people mentioned in the following article asked that their last names not be used, but they are all real people living in Westmount.

BY MARYLIN SMITH CARSLY

The puzzling love relationship is an ever-evolving process. It is a journey of growth and rising passion that can distort our sensibilities. Mistaking infatuation as the real thing is common. How many of us realize that this flame could burn love down to charred embers of only a past desire? A foundation of communication between two loving individuals must be in place since lustful desire is fleeting and not enough for a lasting union.

Romance, buoyed by hope and anticipation, launches a future of real love. This 'reality love' is defined by Harville Hendrix in his book 'Keeping The Love Find', where he emphasizes that this 'love' is created inside the changing of a relationship and not during the birth of it.



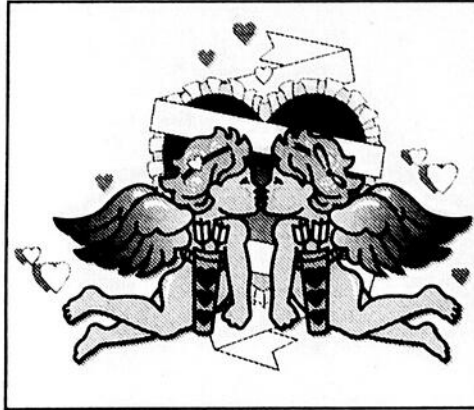
What are the forces of love and can love adapt to the human aging process? Its dimensions are altered during all stages of experiences from dating to marriage, so can it be kept alive and not extinguished with familiarity?

Our deepest yearnings run through a relationship. How wonderful to share special times with our mate or have our hand held when we're troubled. Relationships can be volatile when mishandled, but treated respectfully, they can be the best extension of ourselves.

Breathless love is so full of joy and anticipation. Marriage carries commitment and compromise and it's later cherished years offer security and a blanket of warmth. When we trace back to the beginnings of love, we can imagine that intense initial eye contact across that crowded room. A boy meets a girl, attraction ignites, and the rest is only the beginning.

♥♥ IN THE BEGINNING ♥♥

Summer romance heated up in 1997 with two Westmounters, Elayne 18 and Ryan 19. Working as counselors at Camp Maromac in the Laurentians and through the introduction of close friends, they connected. Nineteen months later and this relationship has blossomed—with laughter and enthusiasm, special moments are highlighted and celebrated.



Apart from their friends, Elayne and Ryan possess a unique form of communication.

"I'm different from other guys I know," Ryan admits. "I tell Elayne everything. Most of my friends do not have that trust in their girlfriends."

Is there a future for this couple? Time is the best indicator for its direction, but as of now, Valentine's Day is their focus.

"I'm not saying what I have planned for that day. It's a secret," Ryan adds. "I am romantic and I want the day to be special."

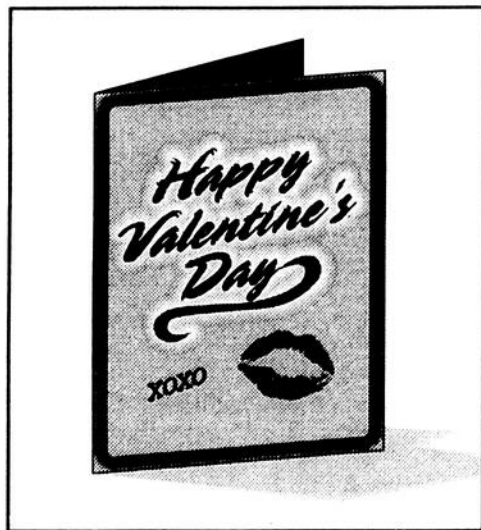
No amount of prodding will release the details so Elayne will just have to wait until February 14 and, from Ryan's exuberance, she will not be disappointed.

♥♥ 20 YEARS LATER... ♥♥

Uncomplicated love... if only it could remain that way. Life's responsibilities tend to claim that freedom and then reality appears. What route does love follow now?

Married now for 20 years, mid-Westmount residents Sheryl and Jeff prove that their support for each other's decisions strengthens their attachment. This story reveals an authentic young love, as this couple met at 12 and 13 respectively. Eight years later their marriage vows were exchanged. No one was surprised as they seemed to be meant for each other, but more than love was needed to cement this special bond.

"We've weathered rough times but we did it together," Sheryl recalls. "We're really good friends enjoying each other's company."



With Jeff travelling so frequently, phone calls and my little notes tucked into his suitcase remind him that distance does not separate us."

Organized quality time together maintains their relationship. "If I had to change anything about our life to this point, I wouldn't do one thing differently," Sheryl admitted.

Although Jeff may not be home this Valentine's Day, they don't need a particular day as a reminder of their feelings. Isn't that how it should be?

♥♥ TWO SCORE AND LOVING YOU MORE AND MORE ♥♥

Forty years is a marriage landmark. How does the union survive unscathed? With all the unexpected detours on life's path, how does that love feeling stay on track? Lise and Jean, Upper Westmount residents, are one of the most dynamic, vivacious couples anyone could ever meet, and they attribute their ongoing love to living life to the fullest.

Lise literally fell for Jean years ago when she tripped with an armload of books in front of the Faculty of Commerce Building at the University of Ottawa. Although they did not exchange pleasantries, due to Lise's humiliation and quick getaway, they did meet the next summer at a resort near Hull. Lise was already involved with someone else, but Jean waited, patiently.

"When they broke up, I moved in," Jean admitted with a laugh.

Nineteen, young and in love, these two teenagers could not be apart. With the 1950s mores, living together out of wedlock was out of the question. Marriage was the only option.

"Nothing was in our favour," recalls Lise. "Our parents were against it, we were young, we had to complete school and we didn't have jobs." To add to this list of obstacles, their daughter was born a year later.

From their jovial camaraderie, I was anxious to hear how they've maintained their caring relationship. "Love changes and passion lessens," says Lise, "but a much deeper emotion forms. We are soulmates. Even when we fight, our arguments only remind us that we're still alive."

Sailing, hunting, fishing, skiing and working together ties them closer. Surviving the daily working routine as a couple, certifies that they've passed the love test. "We are actually one person," reveals Jean. "I will not do anything that doesn't include Lise. I've stayed away from golf as it could create some separation."

Humour, respect, two children and two grandchildren encircle this pair so Valentine's Day is not a rekindling time for them because they appreciate their relationship each moment of every day.

We can experience love through all our stages of living, but it must be stoked and lit so that it never completely dies. Cupid's flight is always airborne, directing us to love and hope.

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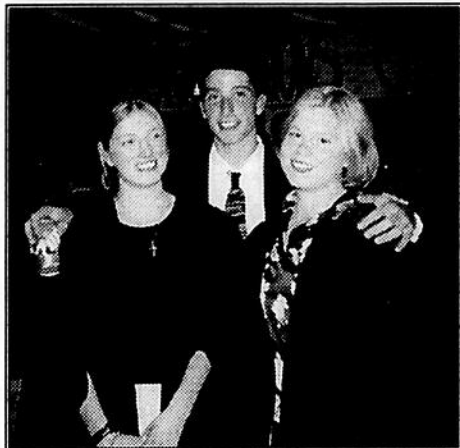
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Homework can be valuable to parents too. Beside the benefits of encouraging self-discipline and responsibility, homework provides an opportunity for parents to keep in touch with their children.

Discussing your child's day in school can give insight into peer pressure, problems and new trends. Parents should ask to see

assignments after they have been returned in order to talk about problems and praise the child's efforts.

Child magazine suggests several success strategies for parents and children at homework time:

- Provide a well-lit study area. A desk or table in a quiet place, supplied with a dictionary, pencils and paper, is conducive to studying.

- Develop a regular study routine. Homework right after school is best for some children, others may need a snack and play time before tackling the books. Whatever the schedule, enforce it.

- Help—if your child asks you. Your child should be told that homework is ultimately his responsibility.

- Be positive and success-oriented. Complement your child on her successes and her efforts. Stay away from criticism that is not constructive.

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Morning madness? Here are some tips to soothe the way

Any veteran of early-morning tantrums, harried leave-takings and late arrivals at work knows about the getting-out-of-the-house-in-the-morning problem. Here are some (almost) foolproof tips for getting you and your child going with maximum efficiency and minimum stress:

- Do what you can the night before. Pack non-perishables — box juice, apple, crackers — in your child's lunch box. Make sure everything he needs, from his homework to his show-and-tell toy, is packed and ready to go. With your child, choose and lay out clothes, down to underwear and socks, for the

next day. Put backpacks, briefcases, keys and coats by the door for quick exit.

- If waking up is a problem, establish an earlier bedtime.

This is such a simple solution to can't-get-up-in-the-morning blues, but one that many parents overlook. Often the reason is that parents don't want to get up too early themselves. But being jumped on by a 3-year-old at 6 a.m. beats a struggle at 8 a.m. any day.

- Establish a morning routine. Children like routines, and even if you're a play-it-by-ear type, a morning ritual will go a long way toward smoothing your path to the door. It may take some thought to devise a rou-

tine that works best for your family.

Choose a pattern that's consistent with your nature and your child's: If you can't function without coffee, make that your first priority. If your child needs a long snuggle in order to face eight hours at nursery school, don't sacrifice that purely for the sake of efficiency.

- One good rule: Everyone should be dressed before going downstairs or heading to the kitchen.

If at all feasible, this should be the one constant you build into your morning routine, even if it's antithetical to the way you have been operating up until now. If worse comes to worst — if the eggs burn and the homework's

lost and everyone gets distracted — at least you'll be ready to go outside when the school bus honks at the front door.

- If you have a baby in addition to school-age children, get in-home child care if you can afford it.

• Learn the art of always doing two things at once.

Mornings are so hectic for working parents that combining tasks is often a must. You can cook breakfast (or wash the dinner dishes) while the coffee brews, eat while you watch television, combine putting on coats with hugs goodbye. There's plenty of time to relax once you get to work.

Transport Ministry asked to measure sound levels just as it did in 1986

(Continued from page 1)

Meanwhile, Director General Bruce St. Louis confirmed that the City of Westmount has sent a letter to provincial Transport Minister Guy Chevrette requesting a study to measure sound levels near the expressway. This, he pointed out, would be an updating of data collected in a study undertaken by the government in 1986, as well as the City of Westmount's own 1993 study, which showed an increase in the decibel level.

The application for the government study, which would be done free of charge, also required supporting letters from Mayor Peter Trent and MNA Jacques Chagnon.

But Trent has maintained throughout the ongoing controversy that the construction of a sound barrier would require the approval of all Westmounters—not just those living down in the affected area south of Ste. Catherine Street.

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Quebec rejects social union, but to what end?

By GLENN WANAMAKER

This is just a theory mind you, but it could be that Quebec's ability to say No to last week's social union accord is the perfect demonstration of how a decent country should work. It shows that Canada is not dysfunctional; it is modern and liberal and open-minded, like a couple living together without getting married.

Just because Quebec withheld agreement to the social union accord does not mean it has been isolated again, as the headline in Le Devoir said, or that other provinces abandoned Quebec, as Le Soleil suggested. It just means Quebec can stick to its principles, govern as it sees fit and as the constitution allows, and remain a part of the country. The epitome of flexible federalism. Nobody was twisting Premier Bouchard's arm to sign a deal he didn't like. Liberal leader Jean Charest said he wouldn't have signed it either. We forget that if Saskatchewan had not first introduced medicare, the rest of the country might never have adopted it either. Medicare is now one of Canada's defining features. It may also turn out that because Quebec was the first to introduce \$5-a-day day-care, the rest of the country may soon follow suit and, with the help of federal money, make it better. At different times and in different places, good ideas emerge because under the constitution, the country allows provinces to exercise freedom of action in certain fields of jurisdiction. And all of us reap the benefits. Where it gets screwed up is when the federal government uses its spending power to trample on provincial toes, or when provinces such as Quebec refuse to cooperate in a fit of isolationist pique.

CARROT & STICK: Another theory, being put forward by Quebec officials, is that while Quebec went to 24 Sussex Drive looking for a new power-sharing arrange-

ment, the others went there willing to be bribed. Everyone did get more money, including Quebec. We'll find out how much in next week's federal budget, but by all reports, it will be more than what Ottawa had originally suggested. This money will be provided under the health agreement, by which Ottawa will start re-injecting money into health in return for provincial promises to adhere to the Canada Health Act. Where there are disputes, such as over-creeping privatization of the health care system, a mediation process will be used. But where the others were prepared to also sign the separate social union agreement as the trade-off for more money, Quebec was not. Bouchard stuck to his original position. He would agree to a deal, but only if it gave the right to opt out of any new national social program with full compensation. That was originally the position of the other provinces too. But in settling for less, they didn't sell their soul either. In fact, they got a guarantee that Ottawa will consult them before introducing any new national program. And on jointly-funded programs, six provinces must consent. But if any province decides to opt out, they won't get any money to set up their own program. This arrangement is more cooperative than what exists now, but why would the other provinces trade away the chance to have even more power to design their own social programs? A couple of weeks ago, Bouchard outlined his thoughts: "It's well known, for example, that Alberta is very adamant about protecting its jurisdiction. But that being said, there is a difference of view in Quebec and in the rest of Canada as to the necessity of protecting the constitutional powers vested in the provinces by the constitution. It flows from a different concept of what Canada should be and what should be the role of the federal government. We all know that for the rest of Canada, the federal government is the central government, while in

Quebec it's quite a bit different. In Quebec, I think that whatever the political allegiances, people think the Quebec government should take charge of its responsibilities."

CHRÉTIEN'S GAMBIT: There's one other gnawing thing about the social union. Jean Chrétien would not have gambled on swinging a deal without Quebec if Bouchard had won the last election in a landslide. But Bouchard was politically weakened by his poor showing in the popular vote. So Chrétien, ever the cynical opportunist, strengthened his hand at a moment when the Quebec government could do nothing. Bouchard took it like a diplomat, but if the tables are ever turned, you can be sure he will not forget.

ONE MORE THING: The deal covers potentially divisive issues, and one of them is worker mobility. It requires all provinces, except Quebec, to remove policies which restrict the right to work in other provinces. Already, there is a simmering dispute between Ontario and Quebec in the construction field, with workers in each province complaining about the hiring practices in the other. Quebec must take steps to resolve the dispute before it boils over into confrontation between workers and companies. Similarly in education, Quebec charges out-of-province university students much higher tuition than its own students. In health as well, Quebec short-changes the other provinces when it comes to reimbursing them for out-of-province health care. Those are issues which affect people. So while Quebec might have decent arguments to reject the social union agreement as a whole, it's on thin ice when it comes to specific cooperative arrangements which affect peoples' lives.

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January sales: Off to a good start

(NOTE: The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount one- and two-family dwellings which were reported by local realtors as having been accepted in October. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph on page 12 offers a picture of these trends over time.)

By ANDY DODGE

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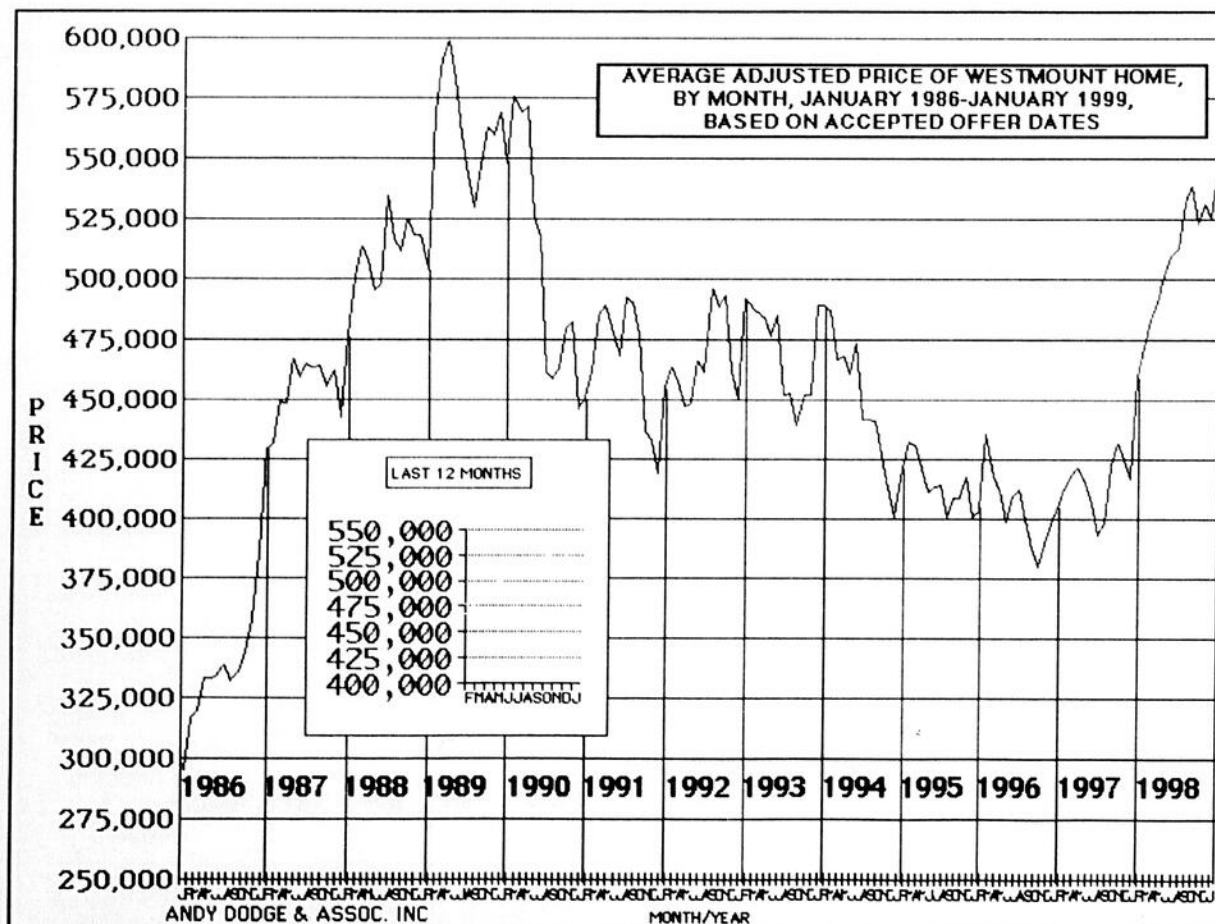
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October volume dropped off as expected for fall months

(NOTE: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount one- and two-family dwellings, as they appear on transfer tax information provided to the City. The actual registration of deeds follows by several months the actual purchase agreements. Information provided here does not include details on extra inclusions, servitudes or financing of the properties which may affect the declared price of the purchase. Specifics of the individual sales can be found above.)

BY ANDY DODGE

Volume tailed off considerably in October sales registrations compared with September, but that is to be expected in the later fall months. The average price dropped from \$610,000 in September to a more reasonable \$436,467, but in fact if the sales are compared to the average Westmount home, the price dropped only from \$537,930 to \$526,309.

Highest price registered for a property in October was \$805,000 for 8 Hudson Avenue, staying well above four other sales between \$500,000 and \$550,000, and four more (three on Victoria Avenue) which were registered between \$420,000 and \$432,000. In September, four sales over \$1 million pushed up the average price.

Also, while September saw sales of \$75,000 and \$125,000, none in October were lower than \$240,000, which was the registered

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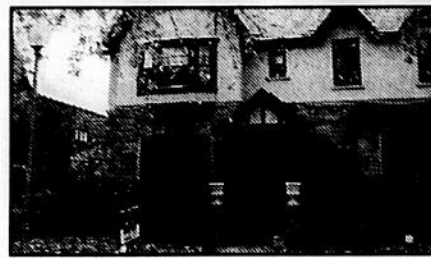
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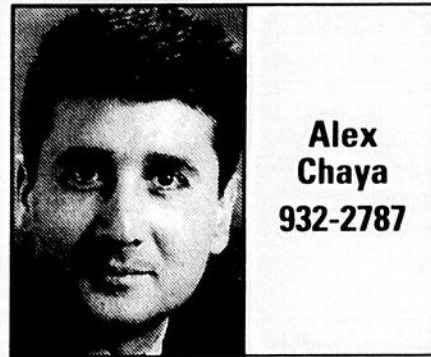
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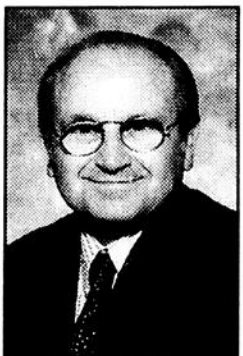
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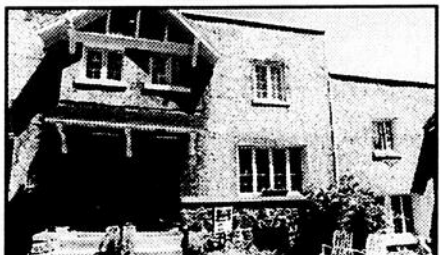
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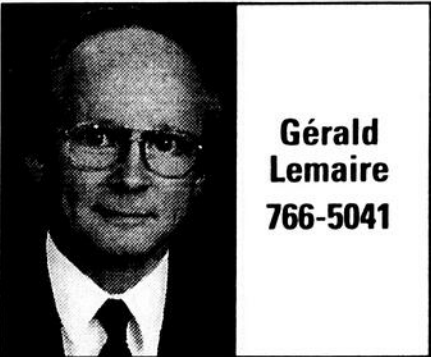
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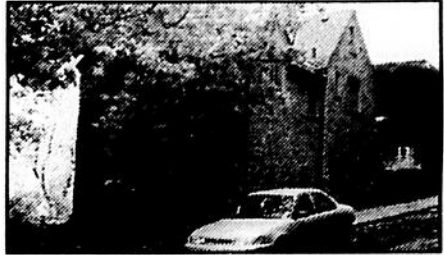


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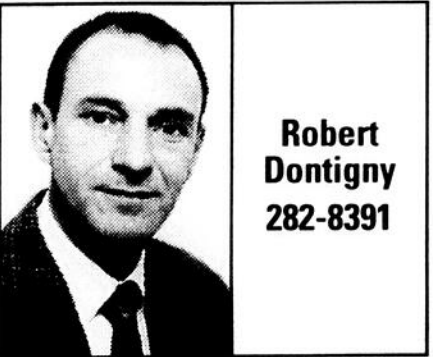


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Take, for example, physical geography. It is important for anyone intending to buy land to know how that land is situated. A town in a narrow valley, for instance, would indicate that there would be many steep

lots. This might appeal to a family who wish to obtain property with an impressive view and are unconcerned with pedestrian mobility.

When beginning a preliminary search for places to live, the Internet can provide quick access to these important factors that affect lifestyle. The best way to find out about the geography, the culture, the community plans and the economy of a specific region, is to visit their official city website. In a state of constant expansion, many city websites have a vast quantity of information to offer the traveller or investor.

Certainly, it is important for a home-buyer to actually visit the site once it is chosen. However, the Internet helps take the mystery out of relocation.

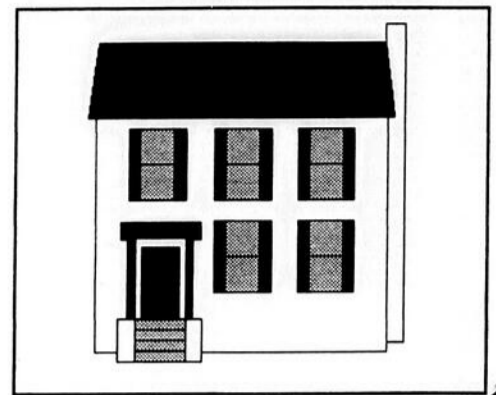
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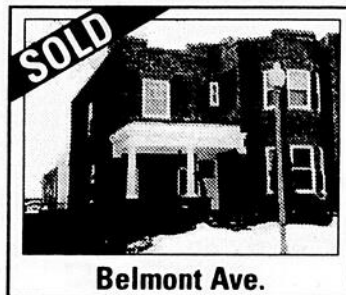
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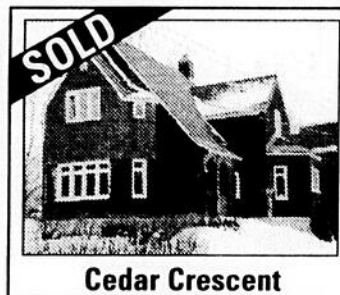
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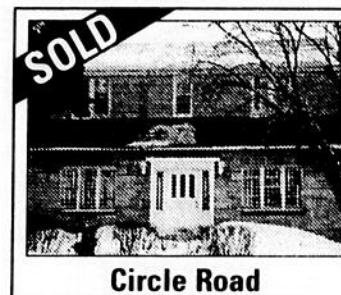
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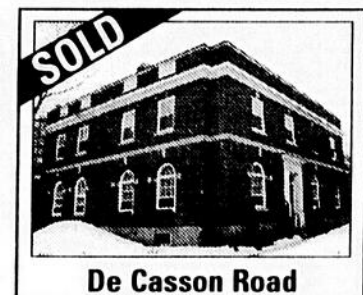
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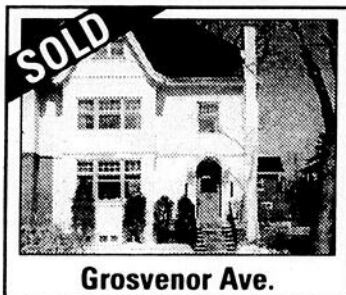
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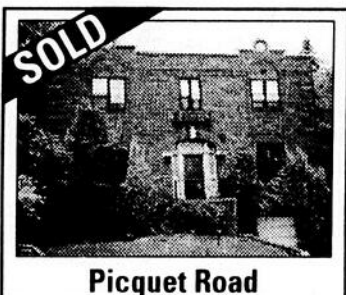
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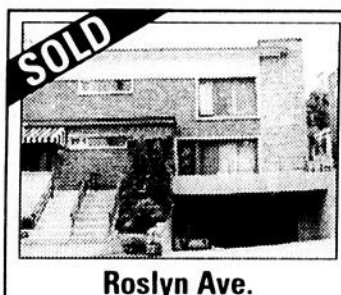
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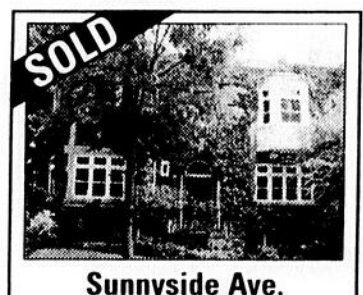
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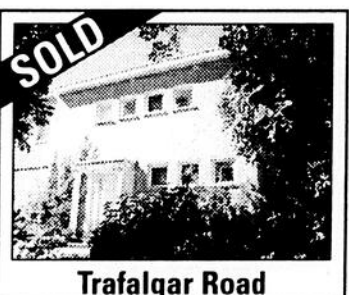
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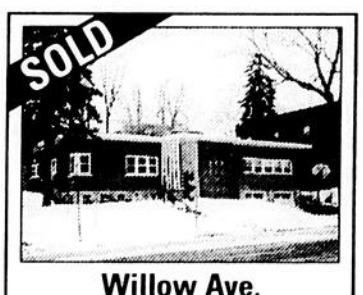
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Four condos sold for between \$175,000 and \$545,000

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price for 315 Olivier Avenue. The only other sale under \$300,000 involved a small row-house on St. George's Place which went from an estate for \$260,000.

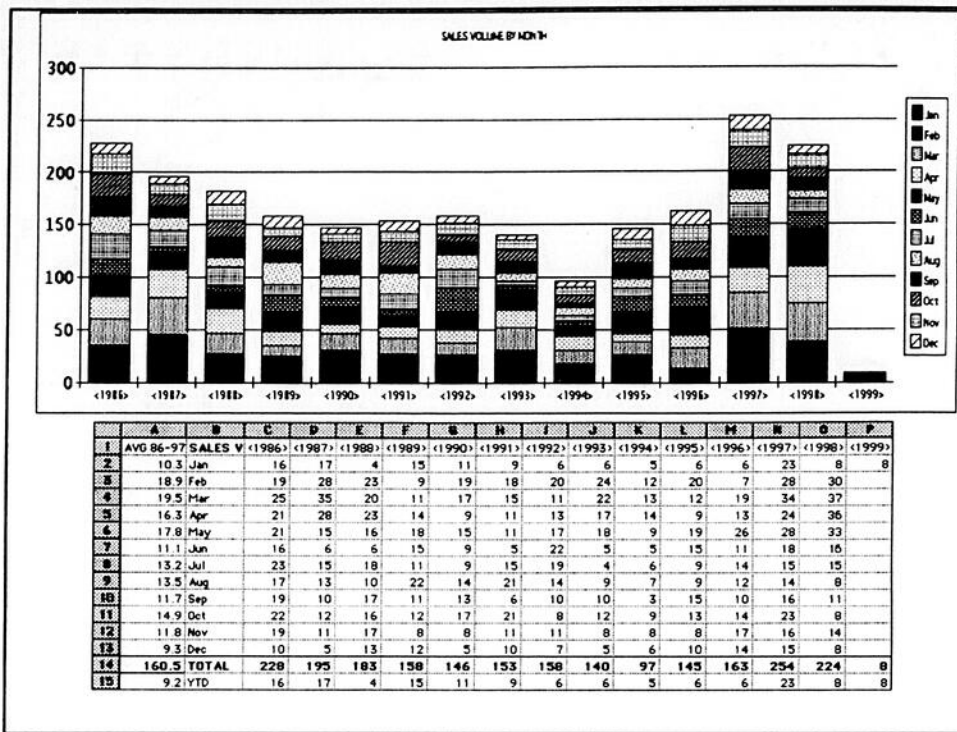
The 8 Hudson sale also represented the biggest markup over valuation, at 169%. Only two one- or two-family residential properties sold for less than valuation, including 30 Oakland at 80 percent of its considered worth, and 690 Victoria Avenue at 83%. Average for the month was 120%, about the same as August and September but well above any other month of the past two years.

Among single-family dwellings, two sold for "\$1 and other considerations" and prices could not be discerned from deed informa-

tion. These included 63 Sunnyside Avenue which long had a private "for sale" sign in front of the house, and 433 Victoria Avenue, just north of Sherbrooke Street, which was listed at \$349,000 early in the summer.

Besides the single-family properties, the only other sales in October involved four condominiums which went for prices ranging from \$175,000 to \$545,000. All sold for approximately the municipal evaluations, except for Apt. 603 at Château Westmount Square, ostensibly involved in a bank repossession, which sold for well under half its tax value.

The 21 sales registered in October involved offers accepted mainly between May and July, according to local realtor records, though six sales were transacted in September and one more in October.



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More properties are appearing on the market as the spring season gets under way
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adjusted ratio suggesting the average Westmount home would sell today for about \$550,000. As usual, the year started off slowly with only four sales hitting the books before the final week, then 14 more tallied very late in the month — though only eight of the 18 were priced transactions involving single-family dwellings. As more prices are announced the figures may change slightly, but suffice it to say that the year is off to a good start.

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Among the eight priced transactions in the month, three were in the \$300,000 to \$400,000 range, with three others well over \$500,000 and two others involving relatively modest properties. Only one transaction was over \$1 million. Two triplexes were sold in the month, an indication that rental properties are coming into vogue, along with a share of a duplex and another duplex which has been changed into condominiums. No apartment condominiums sold in January.

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More properties are appearing on the market as the spring season gets under way, and with the demand already there, it is likely many of them will be snapped up quickly. Five of the 14 sales involved listings of less than three weeks, and the average of 131 days improves on the 143-day average for last month.

Still, with the speed indicated in the last week of the month, there is little doubt that Westmount is now experiencing a true seller's market, at least as far as houses are concerned. Whether condos will pick up the slack remains to be seen, but for the moment there seems to be little interest in this sector.

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In brief

St. Léon book fair will benefit library

In an effort to rebuild its library, École Saint-Léon de Westmount will be holding a day-long French language book fair at the school, and everyone is invited.

Over 4,000 books will be available for sale, and the public is also welcome to purchase books that will be donated to the library's permanent collection. As a gesture of thanks, the donor's name, child's name or company name will be inscribed inside the book's front cover.

Many activities have been planned for the event, including readings and signings by prize-winning authors such as Sylvie Desrosiers (Notdog series: 'Qui a déjà touché un vrai tigre?' and 'La jeune fille venue du froid'), as well as door prizes.

École Saint-Léon de Westmount's book fair will take place on Thursday, February 25 from 7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the school, 360 Clarke Ave. (gym door). More information on this event can be obtained by calling the school at 596-5720 or Larry Karass at 488-7662.

Local congregation makes big promises

A person's word may not count for much these days, but members of Westmount Baptist Church hope to change that as they launch a 50-day spiritual adventure called 'Promises Worth Keeping: Resolving to Live What We Say We Believe'. This adventure, an all-church spiritual growth event, will take place from Sunday, Feb. 14 to Easter Sunday, April 4. Westmount Baptist Church is located at 411 Roslyn Ave., corner of Sherbrooke. For more information on 'Promises Worth Keeping', contact Pastor Ron Humphries at 937-1009.

Westmounter collects glasses for Mitch victims

Westmount resident Halina Kozlowski has organized an ambitious project to aid the victims of Hurricane Mitch—collecting old pairs of eyeglasses.

With the help of several Polish organizations in Montreal, Kozlowski is now collecting pairs of old or broken glasses and preparing them for shipment to Central America, where they will benefit victims of last autumn's devastating hurricane.

If you have a pair of used or broken eyeglasses, you can bring them to one of the following drop-off points in the Westmount community over the next few weeks: Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve, Roslyn School, 4699 Westmount Ave., Westmount Park School, 15 Park Place, the Westmount YMCA at 4585 Sherbrooke, Westmount High School, 4350 Ste. Catherine and the Fletcher Metro supermarket at Sherbrooke and Victoria.

Drop-off points that have been established outside Westmount include: the Polish Canadian Congress, 63 St. Dominique, the Polish Library, 3479 Peel, Slav Tours, 5157 de Maisonneuve W., Tatra, 3628 St. Laurent Boul., White Eagle Association, 2956 Frontenac, and the Polish War Veterans Association, 63 Prince Arthur.

Kolber appointed to NFB

Summit Circle resident Sandra Kolber has been appointed member of the National Film Board, Minister of Canadian Heritage Sheila Copps announced this week.

Presently working as a writer and film consultant, Kolber has published two volumes of poetry as well as co-authoring and supervising production of a feature film. She has sat on the boards of several organizations, including the Cineplex Odeon Corporation from 1984 to 1990.

A member of the Order of Canada, Kolber was also awarded the Governor General's Medal for her volunteer work in the per-

forming arts in 1994 and is president of the Sandra and Leo Kolber Foundation.

Agency helps Westmount immigrants find jobs

On March 17, the Carrefour d'Entraide et de Service d'Aide à la Recherche d'Emploi pour Immigrants (CESAREI) will host a series of job interviews in Westmount, where six potential employers will speak to applicants and provide them with constructive feedback on their job-seeking skills.

"This will be a mini job fair," coordinator Akos Baktay said of the event, which will take place on Wednesday, March 17 at Centre Social d'Aide aux Immigrants at 4285 de Maisonneuve.

"We're going to select 36 individuals for 18 possible jobs," Baktay said. "Our clients are now being preselected to meet the standards of these employers, two of whom are in Westmount."

Since last April, Verdun-based CESAREI has been responsible for serving immigrant job seekers living in Westmount because the two cities have been paired for economic development.

Job postings from potential employers are available at CESAREI, and services are offered to immigrants and visible minorities seeking employment. For instance, those wishing to enter the work force or to reorient their careers are shown how to polish their resumes.

For more information concerning the series of interviews to be held on March 17 or about the services offered, contact Akos Baktay or Valerie Ambroise at CESAREI at 362-8531.

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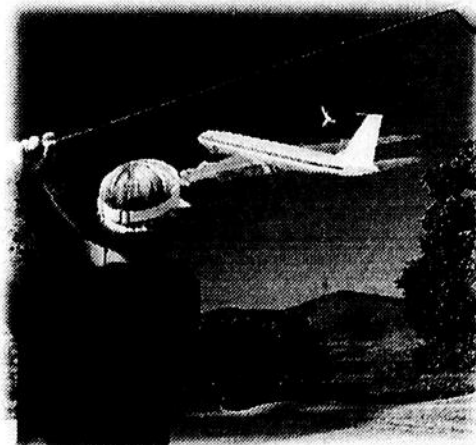
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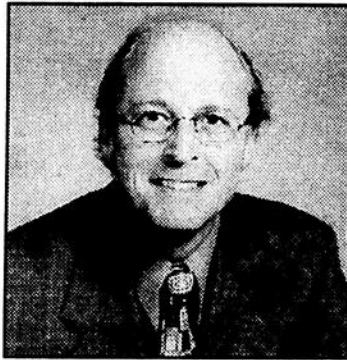
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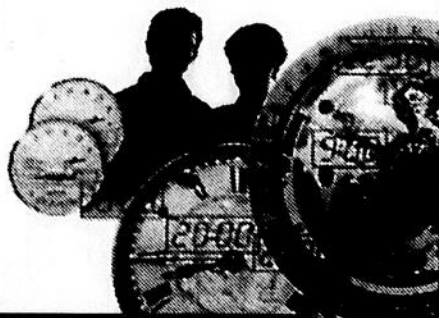
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 - 20 per cent of earned income
 - 22 per cent of earned income
- How much of your plan can you hold in foreign assets?
 - 10 per cent
 - 15 per cent
 - 20 per cent
 - 25 per cent
- At what age must you collapse/convert your RRSP?
 - 69
 - 70
 - 71
 - 72
- Under the new federal government Lifelong Learning Plan, what is the maximum amount of money that can be withdrawn from

- an RRSP in one calendar year to pay for higher education?
- \$5,000
 - \$10,000
 - \$15,000
 - \$20,000
- Which assets are taxed most efficiently in an RRSP?
 - Equities
 - Fixed-income
 - Guaranteed products
 - None of the above
 - How much money can you withdraw from

- your RRSP to purchase a home under the Home Buyer's Plan?
- \$15,000
 - \$17,500
 - \$20,000
 - \$22,500
- For which of the following can you not use your RRSP?
 - As loan collateral
 - To hold a mortgage
 - To fund your education
 - None of the above
 - When starting a spousal RRSP, which

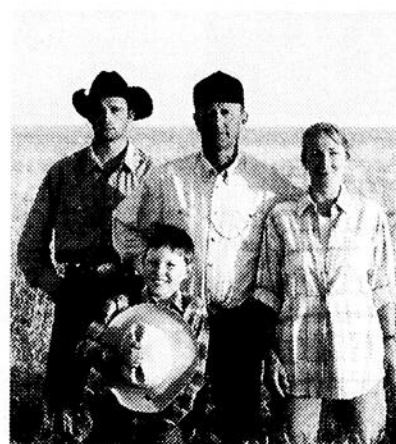
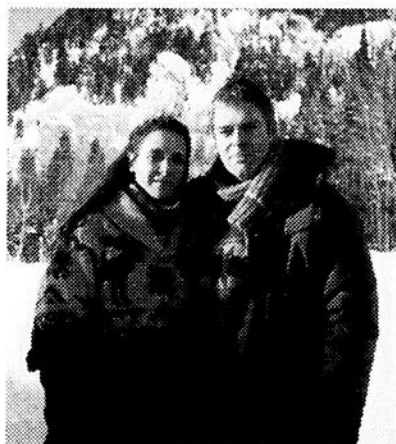
- partner should be making the contributions?
- Highest income partner
 - Lowest income partner
 - Older partner
 - Partner with the better pension
- What is the best means of contributing to an RRSP?
 - Monthly pre-authorized purchases
 - RRSP loan
 - Lump-sum purchase
 - All of the above
- Answers: 1. b); 2. c); 3. a); 4. b); 5. d); 6. c); 7. a); 8. There is no right answer as many scenarios have to be considered; 9. d).

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Pharmaprix manager Joe Cacciatore (left) and Visual Arts Centre director Victoria LeBlanc admire a Sheryl Ann Medicoff photograph in the McClure Gallery after Cacciatore presented LeBlanc with a \$5,000 cheque.

VAC gets a \$5,000 boost

By WAYNE LARSEN

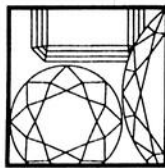
For the second year in a row, Pharmaprix/Imasco has helped sponsor the Visual Arts Centre's ceramic program for young people with learning difficulties, and on Tuesday afternoon Pharmaprix manager Joe Cacciatore dropped by the centre on Victoria Avenue to present director Victoria LeBlanc with a cheque for \$5,000.

"The Visual Arts Centre is grateful for this donation because it allows us to continue with our specialized programs for learning disabled and mentally challenged teens," said LeBlanc. "The Centre would also like to thank Rita Assouline of Pharmaprix for her hard work and support."

"Pharmaprix is always happy to support organizations that help disadvantaged children," said Cacciatore. "We're in the business of healing, and we see art as a form of therapy. We're always open to the Visual Arts Centre for any support they need."

PRECIOUS ADVICE

jewellery facts the consumer should know
By Robert Ackermann, G.G.



Clarity Enhancements in Diamonds.

Nobody in the jewellery industry will deny that diamond enhancements are here to stay. They can bring a stone within reach of a buyer who could otherwise not afford it, while the same stone would be difficult to sell untreated.

Clarity enhancements make sense where characteristics are eye-visible, in the lower SI (Slightly Included) and the entire I (Included) range. The idea is to improve a diamond's appearance by reducing the visual impact of its inclusions, and in many cases inclusions can thereby be rendered invisible to the unaided eye. So far, two procedures have become commonplace for diamonds.

One method first reported in 1972, is laser-drilling: a hole of 0.002-0.02 mm diameter is drilled into a diamond with a laser beam, reaching a dark, eye-visible inclusion that contrasts sharply with its surroundings. Introducing hydrofluoric acid under vacuum then bleaches the inclusion, substantially reducing the initial relief.

Just a few years ago, another procedure was patented in Israel, called fracture-filling. In principle it is a stable, hi-tech adaptation of the oldest gemstone enhancement known to mankind, the oiling of emerald: eye-visible, surface-reaching cracks and fissures are filled with a substance of like refractive index as the stone's. This allows for the unhindered passage of light, thereby masking the gap. Fracture-filling diamonds is done by drawing a colourless glassy substance, the exact composition of which is a closely guarded secret of the manufacturer, into surface-reaching cavities by means of a vacuum.

Both fracture-filling and laser-drilling are considered stable. They are conclusively identified under magnification.

In principle, the price of an enhanced diamond consists of its original cost prior to treatment, plus the cost of treatment. This represents considerable savings, whereby exactly how much may vary from one stone to another.

Yet enhanced gemstones remain controversial with consumers. Many embrace them for what enhancements have to offer, while others take offence at the mere thought of them. I advise my clients to base their decision entirely upon their own, personal values, once they have been informed about the technical aspects.

With so many treated diamonds in the market, it is only prudent to discuss enhancements with your jeweller prior to the acquisition of a diamond. There is no excuse for failure to disclose any treatment whatsoever; in a situation where detection is inconclusive, a conscientious professional will make sure to point to the possibility of a given treatment, so as to assist you in reaching an informed decision.

Our next column will be on diamond simulants (look alikes).

Robert Ackermann is an independent designing jeweller who was trained in Zürich, Switzerland. He is a Graduate Gemologist of the GIA (Gemological Institute of America) and is the 1998 winner of "La Griffe d'or" and the Canadian Jeweller's Magazine Buyers' Choice Award. He works from his Westmount studio. By Appointment (514) 939-5651.

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St. Matthias' to host Renaissance ensemble Feb. 19

The Edmonton-based Ensemble de la Rue, under the direction of William Kempster will perform at St. Matthias' Church, 10 Church Hill, on Friday, February 19 at 8 p.m.

The concert will feature the mass *Missa l'Homme Armé*, written by the ensemble's namesake, Pierre de la Rue (c.1460-1518), and motets by Josquin des Prez (c.1445-1521) and John Tavener (c.1490-1545). In addition to the Renaissance music, a contemporary Australian work, 'Memory Pieces' by Stephen Adams, will be performed.

Ensemble de la Rue was founded in 1997 by Kempster. It is made up of accomplished young singers from Edmonton, most with considerable professional experience. Montreal is the group's third stop in its first out-of-province tour. For more information contact St. Matthias Church at 933-4295.

Laidley looks to maintain services

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The last of our major facilities due for overhaul is our Sports and Recreation complex, built for the needs of the 1950s. Last year, for safety reasons, we completely replaced the arena's refrigeration system. Now we are undertaking a feasibility study of the entire complex to ensure that we have proper facilities to continue our worthwhile and popular athletic, fitness and leisure-time programs.

During these cost-cutting years, we have also focused on maintaining our services. We updated our Emergency Measures Plan (which helped us weather Ice Storm '98), replaced our aging fire trucks, extended library hours, refurbished our playing fields and even added a number of new programs for citizens. Some of these include the free distribution of trees for spring planting, the

addition of a defibrillator to our first responder service, the introduction of many new recycling initiatives, and the creation of a community events department. It is only through creativity and flexibility that we have been able to do this. We're continually streamlining our structures and we've started selling recreational services to Tradau-area residents as well as one of our own computer programs to another municipality.

Despite the hard times that municipalities continue to face, as well as the introduction of a new Montreal Urban Community evaluation roll for Westmount next year, we hope our community will continue to find innovative ways of doing more with less. We feel our council has laid the groundwork for the future. The challenge now lies in the hands of a new council for a new millennium.

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More Community Bulletin Board...

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Westmount YMCA will hold a Mother and Baby Support Group at 12:30 p.m. Dietician Emmy Maten will speak to new mothers about nutrition for young infants and mothers. Open to all. Bring a lunch and bring your baby! Info: 931-8046.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom's Entre Nous program continues with guest speaker Bill Surkis, executive director of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, who will speak on 'Memory and Museums'. Brown bag luncheon at noon, program at 1 p.m. All welcome. 395 Elm Ave. Info: 937-3575.

Y2K and You: The Westmount Municipal Association presents the first of a series of public information meetings on the Year 2000 problem, with guest speakers Bruce St. Louis, Roslyn Takeishi and Gerald Ratzler, in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke, 7:15 p.m. Info: 931-3341.

Architecture of Montreal: Popular historian/author Aline Gubbay traces how Montreal's architecture has been influenced through the years by the great buildings of Europe. Slides will accompany the talk. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater, 7 p.m. Free admission, all welcome. Info: 935-7344.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

TAG Teen Centre will hold its annual general meeting at the Centre, 4675 Ste. Catherine, at 7 p.m. Info: Jared MacSween at 989-5252.

'Moscow Meltdown: Consequences for Israel and Russian Jews', an evening with Prof. Ted Friedgut at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke at 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research and the Temple. Info: 486-5544 or 937-3575.

Thursday, Feb. 18

Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater, will hold its annual general meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Cherylynn Rogers, project coordinator of the Côte des Neiges CLSC program 'Grandir Ensemble' will be guest speaker. Info: 931-2304.

Friday, Feb. 19

St. Matthias' Church, 10 Church Hill, presents the Edmonton-based Ensemble de la Rue under the direction of William Kempster at 8 p.m. Info: 933-4295.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Paule Doré will give the lecture 'My Montreal' at the University Women's Club of Montreal's February meeting at the Montreal Badminton & Squash Club, 3505 Atwater. Cocktails at 6:15 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25. Members and guests of both genders welcome. Reservations: Suzanne Crawford at 335-7024 or Pamela Georges at 931-2170.

Thursday, Feb. 25

Book Fair at St. Léon de Westmount School, 360 Clarke Ave., from 7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. Over 4,000 French book available for sale. Proceeds to benefit the school library. Info: 596-5720 or 488-7662.

Ongoing

The McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria, presents a duo exhibition by sculptor Marc Larochelle and photographer Sheryl Ann Medicoff. Continues through Feb. 27. Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 488-9558.

TGIF at Centre Greene: Every second Friday; dinner, games, crafts and fun for kids 5 to 10 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tumbling Tots: Indoor park for crawlers to talkers Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Samedi Greene: 'Houdini Magic' starts off 10 weeks of activities Feb. 6 to April 17. Animators will delight young and old from 11 a.m. to 12:30 every Saturday for just \$1. The After School is going to Fête des Neiges on Feb. 12. Info: 931-6202.

Duplicate Bridge Club, with Barbara Bronstein, meets Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim 450 Kensington Ave. Lunch at 11:45 a.m. Money raised goes to the Sisterhood's meals on wheels program for seniors. All welcome. Free valet parking. For reservations call Barbara at 938-1405.

Duplicate Bridge: A warm atmosphere of fellowship will greet you at the weekly Friday morning duplicate bridge session at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$5.50 fee goes towards support of educational scholarships. Info: 937-3575.

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

Beginner's Bridge: Level II, a course for seniors, will start at Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve W. on Wednesday, Feb. 10. Two hours per week for eight weeks. \$40. Info: 932-2326.

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom invites Jewish women living with cancer to take part in a unique support group which will draw upon Jewish tradition and community for strength and hope. The group is open to 6 to 12 women and will meet weekly for 7 weeks. For more information, contact Rabbi Leigh Lerner or Andrea Fieldman at 937-3575.

Westmount Acapella Choir is now auditioning new members for the winter-spring session. Rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings. Info: Connie at 488-5231.

Volunteers: Autonomous seniors' residence in Westmount is seeking volunteers for friendly visits. Also seeking a volunteer to lead a small group in current events. If interested, please contact Enza Stabile at 935-1212.

Westmount Toastmasters Club meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Red Room at Selwyn House School, 101 Côte St. Antoine. Guests are welcome to come and see what Toastmasters is all about. For more info call 367-5986, 846-3785 or 345-7900 ext. 2880.

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

Contactivity Centre, a non-profit community organization for seniors is looking for volunteers with cars to take seniors to the grocery store and for friendly visits to provide company to house-bound elderly.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference today. Contact Lisa for more information. Tel: 932-3433.

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

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

Beyond the Borders

Women's Yoga: Day and evening classes are being offered at the Queen Elizabeth Health Complex. Join anytime. Info: Martha at 485-2182.

Remember the ice storm with Prof. Francesco Galiana of McGill's Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7:45 p.m. at the St. James Literary Society, Faculty Club of McGill University, 3450 McTavish. Info: Allan Raymond at 489-8741.

Chinese massage therapy, a lecture by Craig Cormack will be held at Tifferet Holistic Health Clinic, 2066 Marlowe in NDG at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24.

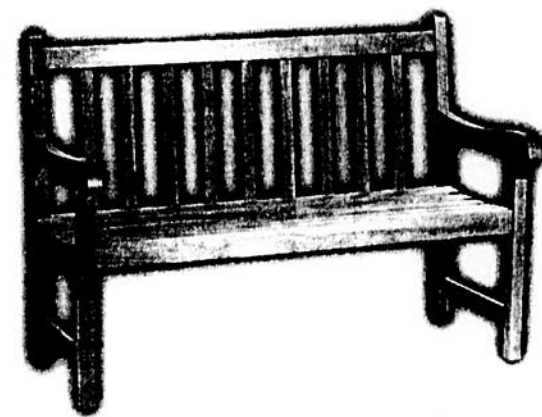
Woman's Canadian Club of Montreal presents guest speaker Peggy Curran of the Gazette, at Montreal Citadel, 2050 Stanley, on Monday, Feb. 15 at 11:30 a.m. Non-members \$5. Info: 484-7523.

Singers: Musically out in the cold? Come warm up your vocal cords with us, Chorale Nouvelle de Montréal, Robert Frederick Jones, conductor. Rehearsals downtown on Monday evenings. Classical repertoire. Info: 486-3669.

Animal Rescue Network, a non-profit organization that cares for and places in good homes abandoned or lost pets, is seeking volunteers to help with the care of animals, and drivers to bring them for veterinary care. Info: Fern at 482-8344 or Shirley at 364-4287.

Volunteers: Tele-Aide, a 24-hour crisis centre, needs warm, caring volunteers to listen to people in distress. If you have time, we provide training (January session) in active listening, an essential life skill. Info: 935-1105.

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