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Local News

Temple beefs up security

Martin C. Barry

Security is being tightened at Westmount's Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom following a report the Sherbrooke Street synagogue could become a target for terrorists.

The Temple and Place Ville Marie were two of 22 potential targets across Canada mentioned on a list allegedly compiled by the U.S. State Department.

The State Department has since denied knowledge of the list, which was published last week by the Vancouver Province.

Despite that, Temple's spiritual leader, Rabbi Leigh Lerner, said no chances are being taken.

"We've added some security patrols that are here regularly, and people can feel assured that every possible measure is being taken for some of the security outside the building (and) some of the security inside the building," he said.

"We've added people and devices. People are quite safe. We're continuing to work with our local police, the Canadian Jewish Congress, the RCMP and so on.

We're in full security mode here."

Rabbi Lerner pointed out that synagogues in Montreal have been in a heightened state of alert for some time. "We knew that these possibilities existed," he said. "We have an annual meeting with the Canadian Jewish Congress to go over security issues, to improve security measures. All the congregations are on alert all the time."

Temple member Allan Raymond said there have been no problems so far because security measures were in place for some time. "Every member is aware to look for any problems," he said. "We haven't had any problems because our security is very adequate... We're always aware that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Richard McEnroe, director of Westmount's Public Security force, said patrols are being

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Dollar home sales not that common: Andy Dodge

The use of "\$1 and other good and valuable considerations" on real estate sales transactions in Westmount is not as rampant a practice as some would believe, reports Andy Dodge, whose regular monthly real

estate column appeared in these pages last week.

It was used to define figures for "arms-length" sales of property only 20 per cent of the time in 2000, 15 per cent in 2001 and 10 per cent so far this year (up to July). This is typically used by notaries for non-arm's-length transactions such as family transfers.

Of the 126 "\$1" sales listed on these pages involving transactions since the beginning of 2000, only 44 did not declare the actual amount under the heading involving the transfer tax on immovables — or "welcome tax" — thus avoiding the City's levy on the actual amount of the transaction. That comes to just over five per cent of the total number of transactions in the 31-month period.

"Still, it is not a practice I condone," Dodge stated. "It is important for the City and its citizens to know what is happening to real estate prices and their own major investments, to

know who is buying into Westmount, to know how their community is changing and growing."

He pointed out that *The Examiner* has been publishing this data since the 1960's.

Notaries are obliged to report the amount of money being transferred for a property, he pointed out, based on their legal and professional codes of conduct. They are given formal documents — accepted offers — prepared by real estate agents describing the terms and conditions as well as the price of a property, and they must look after the adjustments for things like oil, property tax and mortgage installments which might be pro-rated between buyer and seller.

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Synagogues remain in full security mode

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increased in the vicinity of the Temple—although the list itself has been questioned.

"There are concerns about the validity of the list, but because of what's being portrayed in the media, obviously we have to have a higher profile in the area," he said.

Nonetheless, Public Security will patrol the area a lot more, said McEnroe. "We always have a car assigned to that zone. We have sectors that our cars patrol. So they will pass it several more times."


David Birnbaum, executive director for the Canadian Jewish Congress' Quebec region, said the Congress is monitoring the

situation closely in conjunction with the Temple. "We've duly noted, of course, that the United States Secretary of State denies that such a list was actually transmitted," said Birnbaum. "That said, there's a level of vigilance in our community that is high and, unfortunately, given the state of world events, we felt the need to be increasingly vigilant over the past two years."

Birnbaum said the CJC's members have "been given no indication that this threat is real, but we're a community that unhappily has had to pay very close attention to security concerns... Is there a level of some heightened vigilance at this point?"

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20 emergency vehicles at Roslyn gas leak was justified: SSIM

Martin C. Barry

It took 20 fire vehicles, seven division chiefs and 39 firefighters a little more than an hour to control a natural gas leak on Roslyn Avenue last Wednesday.

The ruptured gas main outside 430 Roslyn Ave. blocked local traffic from 11:10 a.m. to 12:24 p.m. as emergency vehicles converged on the scene. The trucks and cars from several fire department divisions surrounding Westmount included chiefs' vehicles, a bus, a mobile communications command post, an air-supply truck, as well as pump and ladder units. Three of the 20 vehicles and about a dozen firefighters were from Westmount's fire hall.

Richard Liebmann, a spokesman for the Service de Sécurité Incendie de Montréal (SSIM), who now fields media

inquiries for the Westmount fire division, explained that each of the seven chiefs had his own responsibility.

"One chief is incident commander," he said. "He is the first one to arrive on the scene and he takes control of the incident. We have an additional chief that's dispatched for health and safety. He's the safety officer for the incident and he doesn't get directly involved in the intervention. He is there to oversee and make sure that everything is done according to standards and safely."

There was also a chief for communications who tracked personnel and the placement of vehicles on the scene, a 'hazmat' chief in charge of the hazardous materials team, a chief in charge of media relations, another who took care of strategy and operational tactics, and the battalion chief who oversaw all operations. A division

chief, who administrates several battalions, monitored the operations remotely.

Since Westmount's fire department was merged with Montreal's last year, there have been reports, similar to last week's, of large numbers of fire vehicles and personnel rushing to emergency incidents here. Liebmann said the measures are justified and in accordance with safety standards established by the National Fire Protection Association.

"We're in situations where we prepare for the worst," he said, citing the case of the Accueil Bonneau in Old Montreal about five years ago which was destroyed by an explosion. "That's why we want to make sure that we have all this personnel. It sounds excessive to have all these chiefs, but in reality these guys were there to make sure that everything was being done safely. Because if there's just one guy in charge he can't handle everything that's going on."

Liebmann said that under the old Westmount fire department, every unit would have been sent to deal with an

incident like last Wednesday's. "Typically, Westmount would send everything it had," he said. "There are trucks and firefighters that are sitting in stations anyway, and we don't risk completely uncovering a certain area of the city by displacing these vehicles."

He said that the communications command post is necessary in case plans of buildings endangered during incidents need to be faxed, and so that the battalion chief remains informed of other emergencies that could be taking place at the same time. Liebmann maintained that assigning so many resources to one incident would not jeopardize firefighting operations elsewhere.

"There is absolutely no danger of that," he said. "That is guaranteed by the fact that we have a central command centre. We have 65 stations and as soon as units are committed to an incident, we have an idea of how long they may be committed. If it's an extended period of time, the dispatch centre will redeploy other trucks to cover those stations."

School library corner dedicated to Barbara Lighter's memory



The Lighter family at Monday's dedication in the Roslyn School library

Adriana Modica

There was an emotional ceremony in the Roslyn School library on Monday as family members gathered with school officials to honour the memory of Roslyn parent and volunteer Barbara Lighter, who passed away two years ago.

A plaque was hung in the far corner of the library, designating that area as the Barbara Lighter Story Place. Lighter, a longtime Westmount resident, had been a literary enthusiast and would spend hours sharing that passion with the children of Roslyn by reading to them.

"She would have loved this," said Daniel Lighter, Barbara's brother. "It combines her love of reading and children with her love for Westmount. She was very connected to the children here."

At the time of her passing, Lighter's two sons, Benjamin and Jacob, had been attending the school.

Roslyn principal Judy Simpson said that Lighter loved working with the students in every capacity. "She did extraordinary work with the children. She read to them, but also helped them when they were sick or just needed to talk. She is missed, no question."

To make the Story Place more inviting, coloured letters were painted on the floor and wooden benches built. Coloured cushions will also be placed over the floor to provide a comfortable environment for eager young readers. All this was made possible by the donations of the Lighter family, and especially by Barbara's parents, Saul and Pearl Lighter, who said it was satisfying to have their daughter's memory honoured in this way.

"A reading corner is supremely important because it encourages reading," said school commissioner Joan Rothman "It's important to get more families like the Lighters to join in the literacy fight because if you can't read, you can't do anything."

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Événements Communautaires La galerie du Victoria Hall

La galerie du Victoria Hall a le plaisir de présenter les œuvres d'Ann McCall. L'exposition *Le vent qui tourne* se poursuit jusqu'au 11 décembre prochain. Info : 989-5226.

Allumage du Menorah

Les conseillers, en collaboration avec le Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom et la Synagogue Shaar Hashomayim, invitent les familles de Westmount à assister à l'allumage de la première chandelle de la Hanoukah le dimanche 1^{er} décembre. La cérémonie commencera devant l'escalier de façade du bureau d'arrondissement à 16 h et sera suivie d'une fête au Shaar Hashomayim situé au 450, rue Kensington. Veuillez apporter des denrées non périssables ou tout autre don pour les familles démunies. Info: 937-9471.

Cérémonie d'illumination du sapin

Les conseillers convient toutes les familles de Westmount à la cérémonie d'illumination du sapin de Noël, qui aura lieu le lundi 9 décembre à compter de 18 h 30. L'événement débutera à l'intérieur du bureau d'arrondissement par une lecture d'un conte de Noël et se poursuivra à l'extérieur avec des chants de Noël et l'illumination du sapin et des lumières. Tout le monde sera ensuite invité à entrer au pavillon du club de bowling, où l'on servira du jus de pommes et des biscuits. Veuillez apporter des denrées non périssables ou tout autre don pour les familles démunies. Info : 989-5226.



Bibliothèque Club de lecture anglaise

Joignez-vous au club de lecture anglaise, qui se réunira le mardi 10 décembre, de 19 h à 21 h, pour discuter du livre *The Hero's Walk*. Ce roman étrange d'Anita Rau Badami explore l'univers de Sripathi Rao, un rédacteur publicitaire et père de famille d'une cinquantaine d'année, dont la vie plutôt terne prend une tournure plus noble. Ce roman a remporté le Prix des écrivains du Commonwealth pour le meilleur livre publié au Canada et dans les Caraïbes en 2001. Info : 989-5386.

Club de lecture française

Le club de lecture française se réunira le mercredi 11 décembre, de 19 h à 21 h, afin de discuter les œuvres de Marguerite Yourcenar. Info : 989-5386.

Rencontres d'auteurs automnales

Mark Abley, auteur des livres *The Ice Storm*, *Heartland: prairie portraits and landscapes*,

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Community Events

The Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present the works of Westmount artist Ann McCall. Her exhibition, *The Winds of Change*, will run until December 11. Info: 989-5226.

Menorah Lighting & Chanukah Party

The Councillors, in cooperation with Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom and Congregation Shaar Hashomayim invite Westmount families to join in a Menorah lighting and Chanukah celebration on Sunday, December 1 at 4:00 p.m. The event will begin on the front steps of Westmount Borough Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West with the lighting of the first Chanukah candle, followed by an indoor reception at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Avenue. Join us for music and fun. Please bring a non-perishable food item or other contribution for the needy. Info: 937-9471

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Councillors invite Westmount families to join in a Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Borough Hall on Monday, December 9 commencing at 6:30 p.m. The event will begin indoors with a Christmas reading then proceed outside for carol singing and the lighting of the Christmas Tree. Everyone is invited to join Council members afterwards at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse for cookies and apple juice. Please bring a non-perishable food item or other contribution for the needy. Info: 989-5226.



Library English Book Club

Join the Library's English book club from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10 as they discuss *The Hero's Walk*. This intriguing novel by Anita Rau Badami explores the world of Sripathi Rao, a middle-aged family man and advertising copywriter whose ostensibly unremarkable life takes on more noble aspects. It won the Commonwealth Writers Prize for best book in Canada and the Caribbean in 2001. Info: 989-5386.

French Book Club

The Library's French book club will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11 to discuss books written by Marguerite Yourcenar. Info: 989-5386.

Fall Author Series

Montreal author Mark Abley (author of *The Ice Storm*, *Heartland: prairie portraits and landscapes*, *Ghost cat, etc.*), will give a reading at the library on Thursday, December 12 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Info: 989-5386.

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Until December 11

Ann McCall
The Wind of Change
The Gallery at Victoria Hall

November 24

Treats and Treasures Bazaar
Greene Avenue Community Centre

December 1, 4 p.m.

Menorah Lighting & Chanukah Party
Borough Hall and
Congregation Shaar Hashomayim

December 2, 8 p.m.

Borough Council meeting
Borough Hall

December 9, 6:30 p.m.

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Borough Hall and
Lawn Bowling Club

December 10, 7 p.m.

English Book Club
Anita Rau Badami
Library

December 11, 7 p.m.

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Old News

(from the examiner archives)



One Year Ago
November 22, 2001

NO BILL 170 FIGHT: "Newly-elected megacity councillor Karin Marks says she has no plans to bring the struggle against Bill 170 to Montreal City Hall. Following a hectic week that saw the swearing-in of the new City of Montreal's 105-member council, the appointment of the executive committee, followed by the tabling of the budget, Marks said in an interview that she sees decentralization of the megacity as one of the top priorities now. 'There's not much that can be done in council to reverse Bill 170,' said Marks. 'Council has no jurisdiction over Bill 170. Actively working against it is something that will be done outside of council. The only thing that can be done in council that I can work towards that aim is to really push towards decentralization, because, of course, the more things we have that are decentralized, when we get an opportunity to get our own community back the easier it will be to do so.'"

Five Years Ago
November 20, 1997:

HOPPENHEIM DONATION: "Concordia University received a much-needed financial boost early this month when local film industry executive Mel Hoppenheim donated \$1 million to its cinema department. Hoppenheim, who lives on The Boulevard with wife Rosemary, is the founder of Panavision Canada, as well as the Cité du Cinema studio facilities. 'I'm in the film industry—I believe that where you make your fortune you give it back,' he said of his donation. The money will be used to create the Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema, as well as to update much of the department's equipment."

Ten Years Ago
November 19, 1992

YES OR NO: "Westmounters have two weeks in which to cast votes for or against the city's proposed \$7.5 million library renewal project. Do you and your family use the Westmount Public Library frequently or occasionally? Do you support the project, yes or no? Those are the two questions on the ballot mailed out to all households and commercial properties this week, along with a description of the project to repair, restore and build an extension on to the century-old building."

Forty Years Ago
November 23, 1962

NEW CROSSING LIGHTS: "Safe pedestrian crossings, with a minimum delay for vehicular traffic, are the features for a new traffic light system installed by City of Westmount at the busy intersection of Victoria avenue and Sherbrooke street. It will go into operation Saturday. Westmount traffic engineers say that if all signals are obeyed there will be no conflict between vehicles and pedestrians. In other words, people will be able to cross the street free from cars turning into their path. This is the same basic system as the one in operation at the intersection of Hollowell avenue and St. Catherine street."

LOCAL NEWS

Toastmasters' youth program a success



Westmount Toastmasters ended their special Youth Leadership Program with a special awards ceremony last week.

Eight participants received certificates of completion of the mini Toastmasters course geared to young people. Three of them—Carolyn Ray, Justin Adler and Daniel Wolfe—gave speeches. Toastmasters joined the grads in a session of impromptu speaking called Tabletopics. Toastmaster area Governor Irene Bloomstone handed out the certificates. Westmount representatives included Glenn Kipps, operations chief from the local fire department, and Constable Michelle Boily from Station 12. Toastmasters will run the YLP again next year if they can find a new organizer. Dr. Thomas Hentrich, the program's main coordinator is leaving soon for Japan.

Preparing for flu season

Westmount and the CLSC were fighting the flu this month with vaccination clinics held locally at the Contactivity Centre, Victoria Hall and

the Hillside housing complex. The CLSC recommends that all seniors and those with chronic diseases such as diabetes, as well as those who work with people susceptible to the flu, get vaccinated before flu season arrives. If you missed getting your flu shot, there is still time to get one by going to the CLSC at 1801 de Maisonneuve Blvd, above the Guy metro station. For information call 934-0354.

Treats and Treasures Bazaar

For those who missed the recent artisan festival there is still an oppor-

tunity to purchase handmade treasures created by Westmount artisans. Flora Lee Wagner will be at the Centre Green's annual Treats and Treasure Bazaar with her wooden toys and frames. So will Lynda Gould with her filo jewellery and gift items. Jennifer Cram will feature her decorated furniture, pillows and quilts. Barbara Covington will feature her colourful knitted items and bead work. The Bazaar is on Sunday November 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greene Centre at 1090 Greene Avenue.

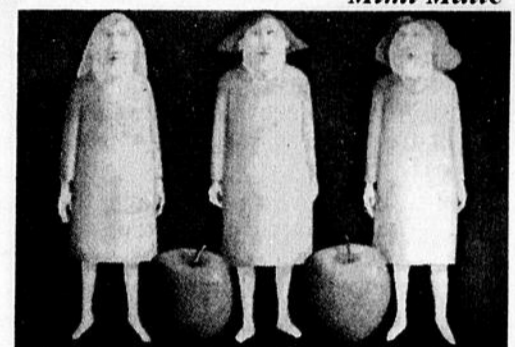
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How much is excessive?

Last week's gas leak on Roslyn Avenue provided much excitement for the residents of that area, with no less than 20 emergency vehicles quickly converging on that quiet, residential street.

To the curious passerby—and no doubt many alarmed neighbours—a disaster of considerable proportions had occurred in their midst, something dangerous and horrible.

Commentary

Wayne Larsen

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Luckily, once some of the trucks had left the scene, it was revealed that the problem was merely a ruptured natural gas line—a potentially explosive situation, to be sure, but nevertheless a fairly routine occurrence in this city. Nobody was injured and order was quickly restored.

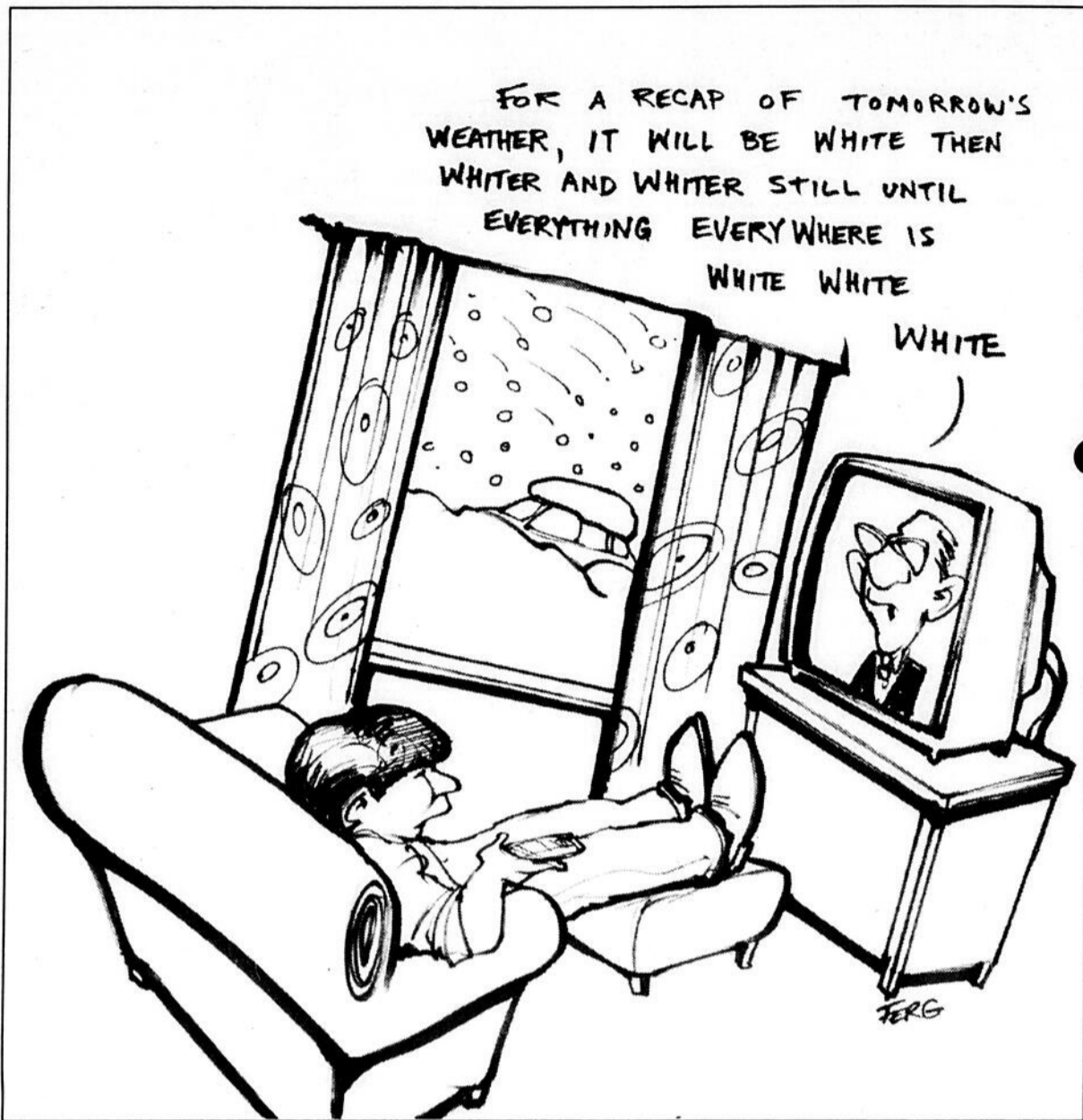
But despite the situation being handled efficiently by all concerned, the presence of so many emergency vehicles and nearly 40 firefighters crowded onto the street has raised questions of the Montreal megacity wasting or mishandling its resources.

In the old City of Westmount days, this same incident would have drawn a couple of fire trucks and a few men to ensure the safety of residents. Now, it seems, ten times that amount of personnel and equipment is required.

According to fire department officials, there was no waste involved; the presence of each person and vehicle was perfectly justified, as every one of them was there to perform a specific function. Fortunately, the nature of the situation deemed most of these functions unnecessary—but at least they were all there, ready to act if needed.

Incidents like this might make it easy for some to criticize the new emergency response system, but we must ask ourselves what might have happened if the opposite scenario had occurred and too few vehicles arrived on the scene of a truly serious emergency situation.

It is reassuring to know that so many firefighters and vehicles are available to help victims and save property.



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My friend Phil, who imports fine quality winter wear, has a large machine in his warehouse. It's a tall, narrow, padded slot that looks like a gateway into another dimension, a sort of time machine.

I asked him what it was for, and he told me it was a 'wrinkle remover', so of course I wanted to step inside and try it. After fifty years, my skin is showing signs of wear. My forehead looks like a fat man's knees. I've got so many wrinkles, I have to dry my face with a pleated towel. Sadly, Phil's machine would only accept clothing.

But there is a wrinkle remover for human faces, and it's called Botox®. This is a form of the botulism toxin that is normally associated with a

fatal disease, but it is now used by plastic surgeons to paralyze targeted muscles in the facial area. Canadian health authorities have approved its use on the "glabellar lines associated with corrugator and/or procerus muscle activity." That is, frown lines. It also has therapeutic uses. Painful involuntary twisting of the neck and out-of-control blinking can be successfully treated by putting the offending muscles out of action. If you had a tic, you might want to use Botox for that. I guess if you had a tic in your rear end, you would use Botox® in your Butox®®®. But there might be side effects. I mean, rear effects. Your bum would go numb. They also use Botox® for people who have hyperhidrosis. That is, they sweat too much.

But I digress. Most of us would go for a Botox® treatment for cosmetic reasons – we don't want to look as old as we feel. The idea is, you have a little Botox® squirted into your brow, and bingo! No more furrowed brow, no more worried man. You can't frown even if you want to. You'll look smooth-browed, rested and serene.

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You can also have Botox injected around your eyes, to take away the little wrinkles that appear there as you age, if you squint or smile a lot. These are called 'crow's feet.' I used to refer to them as 'laughter lines', but I was told 'No. Nothing could possibly be that funny.'

There are some possible side effects. For example, there's a slight chance that the affected muscles, such as the eyelids, will become flabby and droopy. You may also be Grumpy and Dopey, but that has nothing to do with Botox®. It won't stop you worrying, if you are the worrying kind, as I am. I worry so much, I've been looking for the right wine to serve with fingernails. The main thing is, after you've had a Botox® treatment, there are some things you may be worried about, but nobody will be able to tell.

You will find your range of expressions are more limited than in your pre-Botox® days. You will be unable to

register surprise, because you will not be able to raise your eyebrows. This will also rule out concern, horror, relief, disdain, disapproval, anger, and all degrees of perplexity. Eyebrows are useful for non-verbal communication, but the new you will be obliged to wear a permanent expression of bland indifference. People will say 'forced merger', and 'referendum', and you will not even blink. This will be a good thing if you play poker, or are frequently audited by Revenue Canada, but a terrible thing if you are a professional actor.

Because of that, I won't be going for a Botox® treatment.

Perhaps Phil will relent and let me try his wrinkle remover instead.

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Concordia silencing Middle East debate

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Tommy Schnurmacher



There are two sides to every story. Except at Concordia University.

For years, its halls have been filled with endless propaganda tables, vitriol-laced pamphlets, provocative posters and fiery speakers presenting students with the Palestinian point of view. Any who dare to speak up in favour of Israel are frequently insulted and intimidated.

That's precisely why former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu was invited to speak at Concordia. The members of Hillel, a Jewish student organization, had hoped to prove it was still possible for a pro-Israeli viewpoint to be heard at a university that is supposed to be a forum for open debate.

They were wrong.

Radical students, who routinely overlook the excesses of Arab dictatorships and dedicate themselves exclusively to the demonization of the Jewish State, announced—in advance—that they would prevent Netanyahu from saying a single word at Concordia. They succeeded. While they were at it, a number broke windows, threw chairs, hurled insults and intimidated those who wanted to hear what Netanyahu had to say.

Where were all the 'free speech' advocates when 'students' spat upon 73-year-old Holocaust survivor Thomas Hecht?

Last week, NDP MP Svend Robinson arranged to have himself invited to Concordia so that he could spread his anti-Israel invective.

Where was this concerned MP when a former prime minister of the only democracy in the Middle East was prevented from voicing his opinion by unruly thugs chanting "Death to Zionists"?

Gazette columnist Sue Montgomery belittled the anti-Netanyahu riot as a mere "dust-up" while the headline in her colleague Janet Bagnall's column

last Friday read "Let free speech prevail at Concordia."

A charter member of the moral equivalency crowd, Bagnall subtly equated suicide bombers who set out to slaughter innocent women and children with Israeli soldiers who risk their lives to eliminate terrorist leaders whose stated goal is the destruction of the State of Israel.

Neither Montgomery or Bagnall mentioned Howard and Norma Joseph.

You would have had to read either *Le Devoir* or the *Globe and Mail* article by Ingrid Peritz to learn that Montreal Rabbi Howard Joseph and his wife, Norma, a Concordia religion professor, had been kicked and punched trying to get into the Hall Building.

Professor Joseph told Peritz about the protesters who attacked her. She said, "The women aimed their punches at my breasts."

But wait a second. Don't we always hear that the *Gazette* is pro-Israel because it is owned by Izzy Asper who is a staunch supporter of Israel?

Don't make me laugh.

The *Gazette* supports Israel on the rare occasion when Asper comes to town. The second the man is on the plane back to Winnipeg, it's business as usual with Israel demonized in column after column and article after article.

Perhaps it's because international politics is not really the strong suit of the *Gazette* 'quotidien' which prefers to steer clear of controversy.

On Nov. 13, the *Globe and Mail* ran a huge colour photo of Osama Bin Laden under a headline that read *Terrorist Tape Names Canada*.

That very same day, the *Gazette's* front page boasted a colour photo of a pensive Nicole Millejours who "ponders next step as she and a team of window-dressers prepared *Les Ailes de la mode* yesterday for holiday season."

I guess it's all part of the new redesign.

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The need to secure international peace and security

MP

Lucienne Robillard



Canadians today are reaping the benefits of sound economic and fiscal management in recent years.

As stated by the Deputy Prime Minister John Manley, in the recent Economic and Fiscal Update 2002, Canada avoided recession during the global slowdown of 2001 and posted strong economic growth this year. But faced with an uncertain global outlook, we cannot be complacent.

The Government will remain prudent and stay the course by balancing its budget and paying down debt, while ensuring support for the programs and services Canadians need most.

From January to September, the Canadian economy created 427,000 new jobs. The majority of these jobs were full-time and gains were made in every region of the country. Real disposable income has climbed by 2.9 per cent, or about \$600 per person, over the past 12 months. And, as the survey of private sector forecasts in the October Economic and Fiscal Update shows, solid growth is expected to continue. Economic growth is expected to average 3.4 per cent this year and 3.5 per cent in 2003, with Canada leading the G-7 both this year and next; and, over the medium term,

economic growth in Canada is forecast to average three per cent per year.

But uncertainty about global events, including weak and uneven economic recoveries in Europe, Japan and the US, along with declines in equity prices, continuing concerns about corporate governance and possible conflict in Iraq, could affect these forecasts.

Furthermore, Canada has welcomed the decision of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441 and the decision to have inspectors return to Iraq. This is a key and constructive step by the international community and the United Nations to address the threat of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

On another issue, the audiotape released last week by Al-Jazeera, which applauds previous terrorist attacks and promises new violence, underscores that terrorism remains an unremitting global threat. Canada takes these threats seriously—as we do all threats against the safety of Canadians and the security of the world at large.

We will continue to implement Canada's Anti-Terrorism Plan, and to work with our partners around the world, bilaterally and through multi-lateral channels, to end this global scourge. Therefore, the Government will remain prudent in its budget planning.

Lucienne Robillard is the Liberal MP for Westmount-Ville Marie.

Mark my words!

EMSB
Commissioner

Joan Rothman



Did you read the article in *McLeans* magazine rating Canadian universities?

The analysis was well done. The researchers recognized that every university in Canada has its own history, its own culture clientele and educational structure. The analysis categorizes universities, clearly describes the criteria used to create the categories and compares universities within these categories. The students, the consumers of education, were even consulted!

Now let us look at Quebec's annual list rating secondary public and private schools, done in collaboration with the Fraser Institute and published in the media in a simple highest-to-lowest form with no explanation. The Quebec publication issued by the Minister of Education is an example of how NOT to create a rating system.

The list is based on the Fraser Institute's report on school standings. The Institute gathers statistics on high school graduates from every participating province and calculates the percentage of success based on how many students pass the exams out of the total number of students in the class.

For instance, if all the students from the graduating class succeeded, then the school would receive a rating of 100 per cent.

Let us look at these statistics and how they are reported to the Department of Education. The provincial and internal school board exams are marked by the teachers in each school in the province and the results

are faxed to the government in a prescribed manner after the school has performed the demanded weighting and percentage calculations.

At this point in the process certain questions should be asked about the significance of these results. Which students in the graduating class are allowed to write the final exams? Are the students allowed a second chance by repeating the year and writing the exams a second time? How are the exams administered in each school? What method is used in each school to evaluate the results of the exams?

A given school can raise its rating by limiting the number of students writing the exams to those who are reasonably assured of doing well. In the English system, students in the graduating class can request to repeat certain subjects and rewrite the exams a year later. This practice has led to the retention and eventual success of students and a much lower-than-average drop-out rate in the English school boards as compared to the provincial average.

The administration and invigilation of exams is not standardized across the province. Certain general rules are set by school boards, but I know of no general rules for private schools. Treatment of results begins at the school level as dictated by the government, continues at the board level and then goes to the government, where provincial averages and weighting of marks are done.

Exam marks are the only tool educators have to evaluate the effectiveness of the system. Considering the limitations of the provincial exams, we cannot build a rating system based solely on these doubtful statistics. New evaluation tools need to be developed before we can compare and rate schools properly.

Joan Rothman is the Commissioner for Ward 8 of the English Montreal School Board.

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Homecare agencies are solving elder and chronic care concerns

BY KRISTINE BEREY

The Chronicle

There are many milestones along the path to adulthood: First school days, first kiss, first job and first baby, to name a few. One milestone less thought about but increasingly acknowledged in our society is the moment we become aware that instead of looking to our parents for support, the time has come for us to extend a hand.

For some families this realization strikes suddenly, when a parent falls and needs to be hospitalized. For others, it comes creeping up during friendly phone calls when too often the adult child finds himself asking questions like this: "Have you had supper? Did you cook? Did you shop? Is there food in the house?" Knowing that there is someone reliable to help with helping can be a godsend for both caring adult children and their aging parents, yet many only benefit from these services if their doctors refers them to a home-care professional.

"There are so many people out there who haven't got a clue that there are services available for them and that often their medical insurance would cover that," said Linda Summerside N.A., of Alternacare. These services range from light housekeeping and meal preparation to round-the-clock medical care at home or in the hospital based on the client's situation. As well, because home-care professionals are familiar with the system, they can help families make informed decisions about the future care of their loved one as needed.

"We need to help our clients live a good quality of life at home for as long as possible," said Dany Pollack, social worker, of Equinoxe LifeCare Solutions. "We provide both nursing and personal care, such as grooming, skin care and massage — assisting clients with their daily needs and wants." Pollack pointed out the importance of continuity of care. "The worst thing for anybody is to have to see a new face everyday," she said.

Even when clients need supervised medical care, they are not necessarily sick enough to be hospitalized. Several home-care agencies will send out nurses to do home blood tests, sparing their clients hours of traveling time to the hospital.

"These days, when people come out of surgery, they are sent home so quickly because the hospitals are so overcrowded," said Mary Likoudis, Head Nurse at Westmount Square Health Group (Home Care). Many home-care agencies will work in concert with the CLSCs to provide the post-surgery care that a client needs. Likoudis emphasized the importance of a personal connection between patient and caregiver. "A lot of the clients are very lonely, and people from the CLSC have 30 other patients to see that day, they cannot spend the time the patient needs on a daily basis," she said.

The caregivers have different things to offer. Likoudis explained. There are Registered Nurses (R.N.), trained

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in medical care, Nursing Assistants (N.A.) who have taken a six-to-12-month course in care and may administer oral medication; and Nurse's Aides, who have trained for six months and have learned special techniques for helping out with activities of daily living.

While caring for an aging or ill relative can be difficult for families that rely on two incomes and face severe time constraints, not being able to be there physically for an ailing parent creates terrible guilt feelings, said Dee Davidson, R.N. and Geriatric Care Consultant.

"Montreal is a unique town in having had this mass exodus. When the children left, their parents were in their 60's, happy, well, active. Now they are in their 80's. An elderly person alone can easily slip between the cracks," she said. Acting as patient-advocate, she is the "liaison person between the patient and the family. I provide the support system that a daughter would, if she lived in town."

Often it is a husband or wife who find themselves looking after an ailing spouse. They then doubly benefit from the help of a homecare professional. "The health of the caregiver is just as important as the health of the patient," said Roslyn Cabot, R.N.,

director of We Care Home Health Services. "The few hours of respite that a homecare agency can provide makes a huge difference."

It is important to understand that experiencing conflicting emotions is normal at this confusing time. "The stress of care-giving comes masked in many forms, such as irritability, depression, anger, resentment or physical symptoms such as backache or weight loss or gain", said psychotherapist Owen Hansen.

If a loved one's condition deteriorates and he or she requires placement in a residence or hospital, everyone in the family can feel the strain and often relationships suffer. "People seem to work at odds in crisis," observed Tom Caplan, social worker, who has helped families navigate this difficult phase in life. "It's possible however, to learn new ways of negotiating relationships."

While Likoudis is glad that R.N.s are covered by medical insurance, she believes that this is far from meeting the growing need of seniors needing quality homecare. "Under the insurance policies, Nurse's Aides are not covered, which is a real shame. The system is really overloaded and a lot of patients are willing to pay for services to get them quickly. This is where we feel health care is going."

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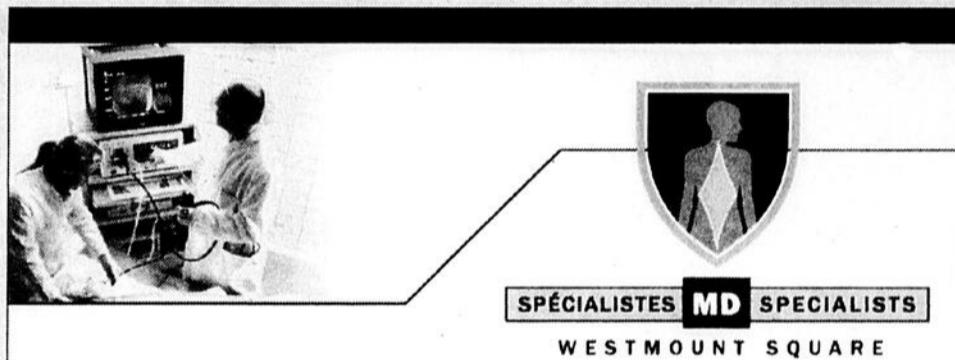
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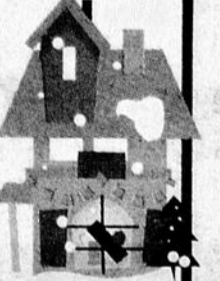
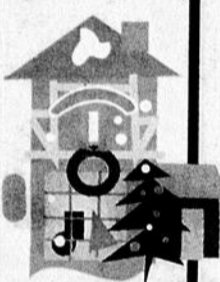
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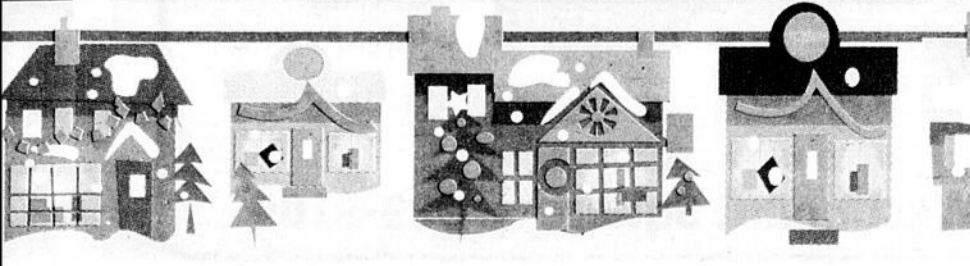
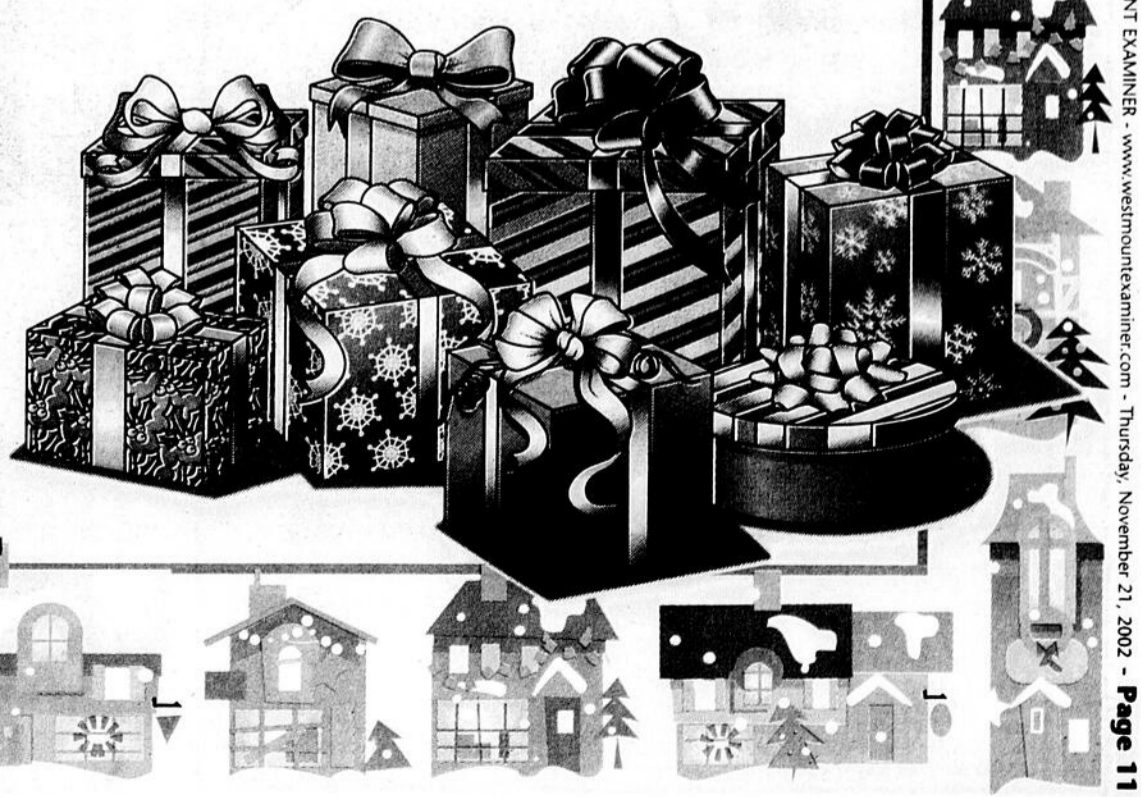
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University Women support mothers in school

Dianne Fagan

At one time, the opulent meeting rooms and posh athletic facilities of the Montreal Badminton and Squash Club on upper Atwater Avenue were the exclusive domain of men.

On Nov. 12, though, that same elegant coach house, now renamed the Atwater Club, rang with the laughter and lively conversation of a diverse group of women who came to participate in the University Women's Club's 13th annual charity auction.

"This event is really the highlight of our year," said club president Betsy Barber, looking around at the 50 or 60 women perusing displays of auction items and enjoying a pre-dinner cocktail. "Not only does everyone have a wonderful evening, but we usually raise somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$10,000 for the charities we support."

Those charities include libraries and shelters, along with Project Chance, an organization that provides bursaries to single mothers who want to continue their education. As auction organizer

and past UWC president, Elizabeth Wirth emphasized that supporting and empowering women in need is a major component of the club's mandate.

"The university women's movement was founded in 1919 by Canadian, British and American women to help those women and children who had been adversely affected by the war," Wirth explained. "The founders wanted to share the economic advantages they had with less fortunate women, and, although a lot has changed in the last century, this is really what we are still all about."

Among the attendees of Tuesday's dinner were three recipients of Project Chance bursaries financed by the UWC.

Kerri-Ann Walker, 26, Brooke Miechkota, 24, and Anna Kan, 30, are all mothers of young children who are currently pursuing university degrees. "The money we've received comes in incredibly handy," said Miechkota, as Walker and Kan nodded in agreement. "It's motivating to receive a scholarship or bursary, and we're very grateful to have been given this opportunity."

Although the philanthropic agenda is what draws many members to the UWC, the chance to socialize with other educated, like-minded women is also part of the organization's appeal. Eileen Clark, a youthful 78-year-old who has been a member since 1959, explained how, particularly during an era when women didn't often work outside of the home, the club provided a social lifeline.

"I was a war bride," Clark recalled, "and my husband, who was a banker, was moved around a lot in his job. We lived in Toronto and Vancouver before moving to Montreal. Membership in the UWC was a gift from my stepsister, and it really was a lifesaver. I don't know how I would have made friends in all of those cities without it."

Johanne Galipeau, who has been involved with the UWC for four years, agrees. "Not only are there the dinners and lectures, which are always interesting, but I attend the book club, the investment group, and the health and well-being group. It's a wonderful bunch of women, and I've always felt exceedingly welcome."

The recent event involved a conventional auction of larger items including artwork, a CD player, and three days at a country cottage, as well as a draw for a number of smaller objects such as books and crafts. All of the items were donated by businesses or by club members.

Although many doors have been opened for women since the UWC began, including those to the Atwater club, this event reflected the camaraderie and idealism that women can still provide for one another.

Ann McCall's 'Winds of Change' blow through Vic Hall

Marilynn Vanderstay

Westmount RCA artist Ann McCall's much-anticipated exhibition in the Gallery at Victoria Hall lives up to all expectations.

'Winds of Change', an exhibition of collography prints, explores both meteorological changes and the change to her latest venue.

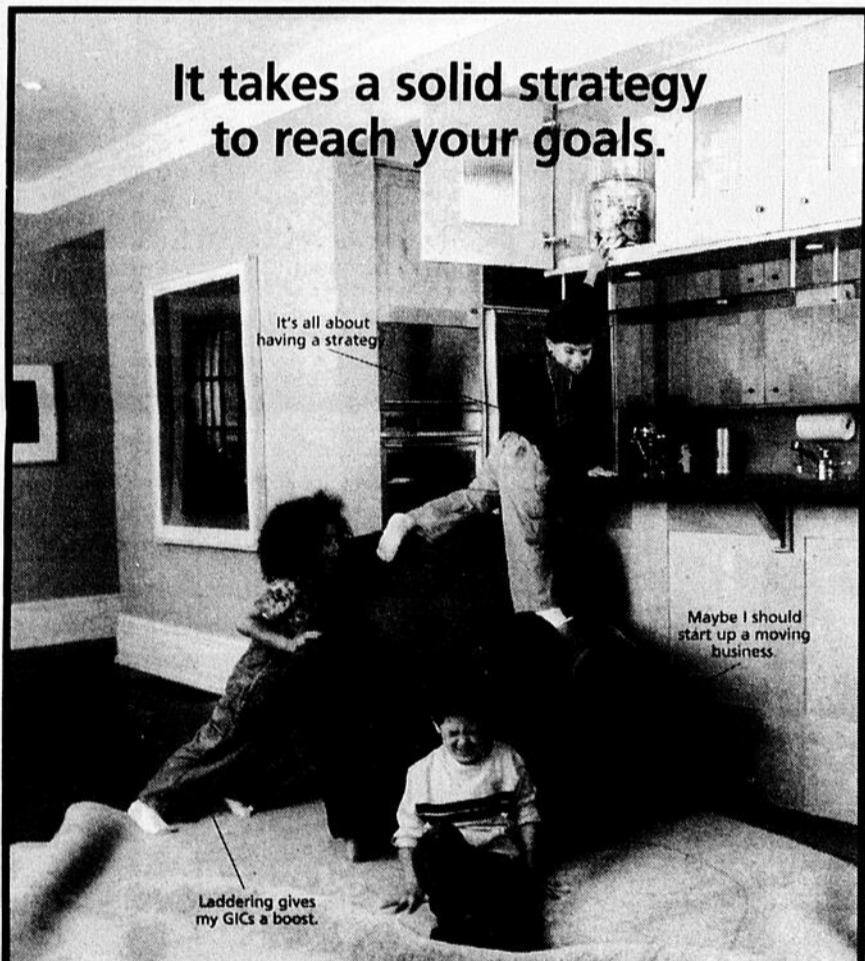
The focus of 'Winds of Change,' an exhibition of collography prints, is clearly on weather. The artist has combined landscape with meteorological symbolism to create works that are both artistic and intellectual.

"Weather is used to express visually emotional states from peace and serenity to turbulence and agitation," said McCall. In 'Winds of Change,' the artist depicts those emotions using landscapes superimposed with isobars and high- or low-pressure indicators.

In 'Les forces de la nature' McCall has skillfully integrated the forces of thunder and lightening with the peace of the sun and trees. Similarly in 'Chaleur et orage', the force of heat is felt in the large orange sun and the lines of trees.

McCall has meticulously studied and reproduced the symbols that tell the stories of weather in "Cartes de ventes", an almost three-dimensional weather map.

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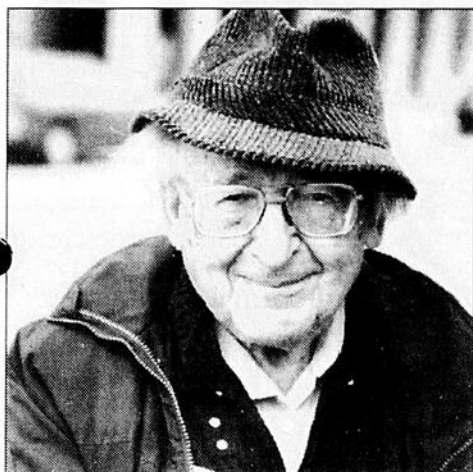
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There once was a poet named Harry...

Wayne Larsen

At age 92, many people are content to take it easy, perhaps given to reminiscing over their full life—but Harry Mayerovitch will have none of that.



Harry Mayerovitch

In a career spanning more than 70 years, Mayerovitch has made his mark as an eminent Montreal architect and city planner, a poet, a painter, a cartoonist, a captivating public speaker and an author. His artwork is in permanent collections from the National Gallery of Canada to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, and he has produced 11 books since 1973.

The restless spirit of creativity that saw Mayerovitch mount a major retrospective of his drawings for the Victoria Hall Gallery's inaugural exhibition two years ago—his 90th birthday present to himself, he said at the time—has now inspired him

to publish yet another book.

This time he has combined his whimsical cartoons with his characteristic witty verse, producing a book of limericks that are all quintessential Harry Mayerovitch.

'Limericks For Hereticks,' published this month, is comprised of nearly 70 limericks that took the author just a few months to compose. The result is more than a collection of the familiar five-line verses; it is an unabashed romp through history, taking well-aimed jabs at our culture's best-known figures from Nero to Shakespeare, and deflating the logic behind some of the most venerated philosophers.

Though thousands have tackled the form before him, Mayerovitch's unique sense of humour and simple, expressive cartoons are perfectly suited to the limerick. Those familiar with the author's mischievous style will not be disappointed at

the tone of 'Limericks For Hereticks'—after all, it comes from the same pen that created 'Second Coming,' a book of cartoons chronicling the trials and tribulations of a recently-returned Jesus Christ in a modern urban environment.

Nothing is sacred in Mayerovitch's eyes, and this leaves him free to gleefully skewer such delicate subjects as death, sex, religion, and politics—all with equal vigour, irreverence and yes, warmth.

With 'Limericks For Hereticks' now out before the public, Mayerovitch is adamant that he is far from done. He remains hard at work on three more

books, which he hopes to have finished soon. One, entitled 'Drawing: A Way of Knowing,' is the companion piece to his successful Victoria Hall exhibition.

'Limericks For Hereticks' by Harry Mayerovitch is available at the Double Hook Book Shop on Greene Avenue and downtown at the McGill University Bookstore and Paragraphe.

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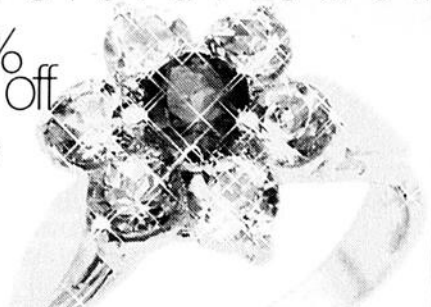
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VivaVoce launches a new season of 'commentating' concerts

Gary Francoeur

Westmounter Peter Schubert and his professional musical ensemble VivaVoce are preparing to launch another season of their classical music concerts—with a twist.

"What is really different about our concerts is that they are commentated," said Schubert, artistic director and founder of the group.

The group performs classical pieces, ranging from Gregorian chants to 21st-century music, each preceded by Schubert's commentary explaining how the music is put together—which enhances the audience's understanding and enjoyment of the performances.

"This way the audience gets some sort of an idea of what they are about to listen to," Schubert said.

VivaVoce's goal is to develop new audiences for vocal chamber music by making performances more accessible and engaging.

"The concerts are done in an interactive, casual style," said Lori Schubert. "We try to break down the barrier between the performers and the audience."

She added that their audience is growing all the time and even people who have never been interested in classical music will enjoy the show.

VivaVoce consists of about 18 to 20 performers, chosen for their musicianship, skills in ensemble singing, and stylistic flexibility that allows the group to perform a vast array of different vocal styles.

Peter Schubert, an associate professor at McGill University's faculty of music, founded the group in 1998 with

funding provided by donations and loans from various directors.

Schubert has a long track record in the musical art. He graduated from Columbia University with a Ph.D. in musicology, has studied conducting with the likes of Nadia Boulanger, Helmuth Rilling, Jacques-Louis Monod, and David Gilbert, and has been an assistant to Gregg Smith and Agnes Grossman.

He is also the conductor of the Montreal-based Orpheus Singers, a group that has been a finalist in CBC's National Radio Competition for Amateur Choirs four times, winning the first prize in the chamber chorus category in 1996.

VivaVoce performed only one concert in its first season, but five in its second season, and seven adult concerts, three school shows, and one choral workshop in its third season.

In 2001-02, the group gave its first subscription series in Redpath Hall at McGill University. One of their shows was broadcast by the CBC on "Music from Montreal," a concert program with an emphasis on classical music.

The group will be launching its second subscription series of concerts at the Redpath Hall on Dec. 1, with a show entitled The French Connection, where Schubert is expected to point out genealogical links between French composers and their musical descendants.

For more information on VivaVoce's performances call (514) 489-3739 or for tickets call (514) 398-4547.

Baker discusses Islam at Temple

Adriana Modica

The topic may seem an odd one to be discussed at a Jewish place of worship, but world traveler Stanley Baker believes that with all that is read and seen about Islam in the media, it is important that people become more informed about the truths and misconceptions of a religion which claims 1.3 billion members worldwide and continues to grow.

A group of just over 40 people, most from the Temple's Entre Nous senior citizens group, came to hear Baker speak on Islam, its people, history and beliefs, at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom Tuesday afternoon.

Eloquently, and with the use of video he shot while visiting an Islamic mosque in Syria, Baker explained away erroneous beliefs about the religion. He defined terms commonly misused, such as *jihad*, and even pointed out the similarities between Christianity, Judaism and Islam. The message of Christianity and Islam, Baker said, is 90 per cent the same.

"The same way that Jews are angry when they feel Jews from another part of the world are having a rough time, Muslims felt that way about what happened in Israel to Palestinians," he said.

Most audience members appreciated the talk, saying they felt it was a very informative and well-organized presentation. A few, though, wanted to know more. They wanted to know if the Koran, the holy book of Islam, says whether it is reasonable to kill infidels.

Baker stated that Islam preaches tolerance to other religions, and Christians and Jews have lived peacefully in Islamic countries for centuries.

The speaker also tried to put into context the events of Sept. 11 after an audience member pointed out that the entire Western world had been victimized at the hands of Muslim extremists.

"People are born into a nationality and religion by chance and they usually spend their life in it," Baker said. "We should therefore be tolerant and respectful of others and not condemn them because of the actions of a few."

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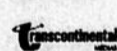
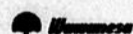
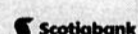
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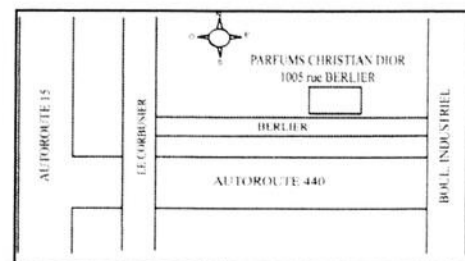
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Feeding the hungry is Mazon's mission

Marlene Eisner

Arlene Lazare takes the fight against hunger seriously. The Westmount resident used to volunteer at Chez Mes Amis, a restaurant in NDG that serves hot meals for the nominal fee of \$2.

"It used to get really busy at the end of the month," said Lazare, who now volunteers with Mazon (the Hebrew word for food), an organization whose mandate it is to raise money to be distributed to grass-roots organizations like Chez Mes Amis that feed the hungry.

"I used to serve and cook there. We'd get a varied clientele, families, singles, and many people with mental health problems. Hunger affects people from all walks of life."

A recent report issued by the Canadian Association of Food Banks called HungerCount 2002, found food bank use up more than 12 per cent since 1996, the year the federal government pledged to reduce hunger and poverty in Canada. Furthermore, the report revealed that 40 per cent of those using food banks are children.

In an effort to "do something practical about the tragedy of the hungry in Canada," over 100 volunteers at Mazon Canada's

Montreal chapter are working hard on their major fundraiser; the eighth annual Kosher Food Fest to be held Wednesday, Nov. 27 at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

The evening, which begins at 6:30 p.m., is a celebration of food and drink, when about 20 local Kosher caterers donate their time and dish out samples of the best they have to offer.

With 1,000 tickets being sold at \$75 each, "surprise gift" balloons at \$20 each and a silent auction, organizers are hoping to surpass last year's effort of \$225,000 raised to support the more than 70 organizations in Montreal that receive money from Mazon, some of which include the Chez Mes Amis restaurant on Sherbrooke Street, Elizabeth Ballantyne and Willingdon schools, NDG Anti-Poverty group, the NDG Food Depot, Mercaz, Westmount High School Breakfast Lunch Program, the Good Shepard Community Centre, Multi Caf, the Welcome Hall Mission and the Share the Warmth Foundation.

"We have been allocating funds for the breakfast program at Westmount High School for about seven years now," says Bram Besner of Mazon.

"When I make visits, it really touches me, how the teachers volunteer their time to prepare food for the kids who don't have breakfast at home. Some of these kids were falling asleep in class because they were hungry. The breakfast is open to everyone so that no one is singled out, but it's generally the kids who need it who come. It's just an amazing thing."

According to Besner, who is on the allocations committee at Mazon, organizations that want funding must fill out applications twice a year to receive anywhere from \$2,000 to \$10,000, depending on the need. "We allocate between \$400,000 and \$500,000 a year. We don't ask what language or what religion they are. If there's a need, we give."

Since its inception in 1986, Mazon has

distributed over \$3 million to front line organizations fighting hunger at the street levels across Canada. All of the fundraising is done in the Jewish community, yet according to Lazare, no one minds that the money is distributed to organizations regardless of religious affiliation.

"The majority of funds come from the Jewish community, yet the recipients are largely non-Jewish. The idea of feeding hungry children appeals to a lot of people. At first some donors may want it (the money) to go to the Jewish community, but that doesn't last. Hunger is hunger."

Besner agrees. "Mazon is a Jewish response to hunger. We're part of the community and we have a responsibility to the community, not just to us."

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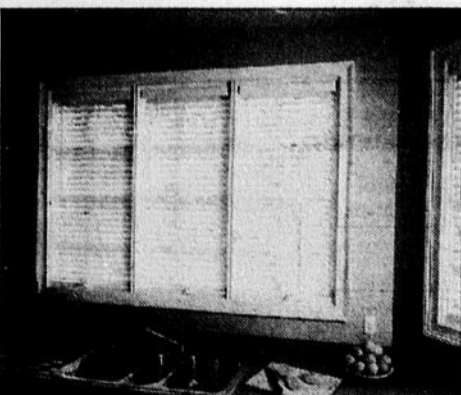
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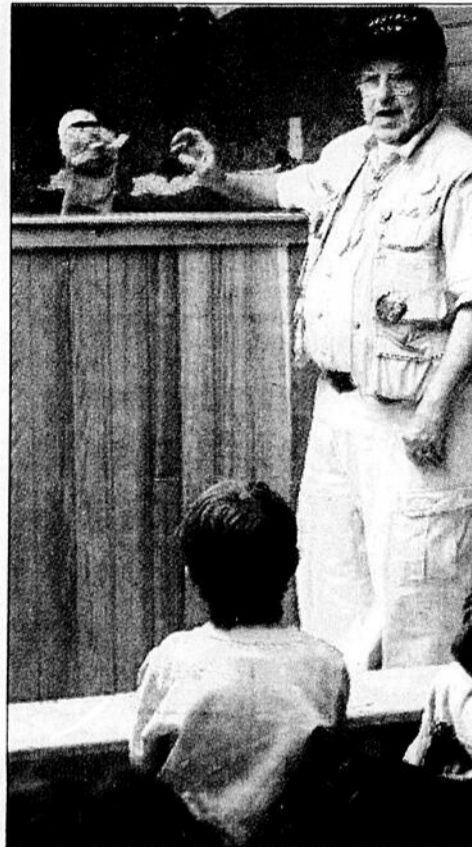
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PQSPB organizes its 18th annual bird fair

Martin C. Barry

Birds of a feather flock together—as do bird lovers.

There were plenty of both last weekend, as the Province of Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds staged its 18th annual Great Bird and Nature Fair at Westmount High School.



Chief Top Leaf gives an informative lecture for young nature lovers

With more than 50 booths, the free two-day exhibition featured ducks, bird watching and feeding equipment, bird carvings, books, cards, calendars, art, gifts, jewelry, nature clubs and conservation groups.

Bess Muhlstock, president of the PQSPB, said that many people like to go to the bird show when it takes place each fall. "A lot of people like to do some of their shopping for Christmas here," she said. "There are a lot of little things they can find that are quite unique."

One of the main mandates of the PQSPB is education about birds and nature.

"Birds in particular and nature in general, to the general public and also to kids," said Muhlstock. "A lot of this is geared just for that, so that people

can learn."

Linda Paetow and Helen Garland, two volunteers with the Ecomuseum in Ste. Anne de Bellevue, were the centre of attention. Sitting on perches at their booth were a magnificent Red-Tailed Hawk, a Great Horned Owl, and its tiny cousin, a Saw-whet Owl.

"They're all imprinted," said Paetow, explaining that the three birds—carnivores which only eat meat—have become thoroughly accustomed to humans and don't know how to hunt or protect themselves as they would if they were in their natural habitat. All three species are found living in rural parts of the St. Lawrence River Valley.

"Of the nocturnal and the diurnal birds of prey, the Great Horned Owl and the Red-Tailed Hawk are the two most common species that you'll see in our region," explained Garland. "Because their diet is so variable they're not particularly choosy about what they eat. They'll eat a good variety of birds and mammals, so they're quite common."

Garland added that the Great Horned Owl is so indiscriminate in its choice of prey that it will occasionally swoop down to scoop up animals from which most creatures keep their distance. "He's willing to hunt down animals like skunks and porcupines," she said, but added that the species usually goes for mice and small birds.

Westmount borough councillor Cynthia Lulham was taking in the exhibits on Saturday afternoon with her son Harry. "I like birds, but all I seem to attract to my house are pigeons and starlings," she said with a laugh. This was the fourth year Lulham had been to the show.

But the bird show wasn't just about birds. At one booth, ecological technology students from Vanier College were demonstrating a device with an electric wand at the end of a long handle wired to a backpack called an Electrofisher. It's used by environmentalists to immobilize fish in lakes and rivers long enough so that they can be examined.

"It stuns them and they turn over and you can see their white bellies and that way we can scoop them up really fast for testing and researching," said Catherine Murphy. She and Mel Lefebvre, another student, admitted that the gadget, worth about \$10,000, has occasionally been used by unscrupulous fishermen who don't have the patience to use a rod and reel.

'Winds of Change' exhibition at Vic Hall

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The collection is stylishly created using earth tones that best relate to weather. In addition, the exhibition could have been designed specifically for the Gallery. It was noted that the colours in the prints match some of the walls, the floor tiles and the accent colours.

One of the few prints with colour, 'Arbor vitae,' depicts a green pine tree on top of the earth. Underneath, the tree's life source, an intricate root system, is geometrically designed.

While McCall has worked in a variety of media, she is highly-regarded as a printmaker and earned her earlier reputation in silkscreen. More recently, she has chosen to work with the technique of collography that is similar to etching but uses cardboard instead of an etching plate. "The process is a more poetic expression," she says.

Ann McCall's exhibition 'Winds of Change' continues at the Gallery at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street West, through Dec. 11.

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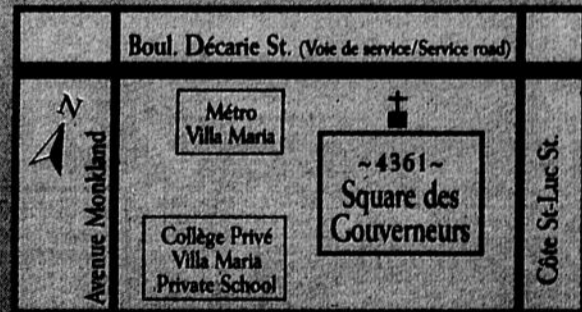
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Saturday, Dec. 7

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Thursday, Dec. 12

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Semi-detached cottage, 4 bedrooms, updated, move-in condition, deck, patio & garden. Steps to McGill, downtown & Greene Avenue. \$579,000.

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UPPER WESTMOUNT

Exclusive home in prestigious location. Extremely spacious ground floor including master bedroom suite. Upper floor has 3 more large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms & solarium. Double garage. Asking \$2,600,000.

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DOWNTOWN

Executive home in fashionable "Carré du Musée", 3 bdrms, 2 baths + 2 powder rms. Private fenced garden / terrace off dining room. Frpl., hardwood floors + garage. Impeccable, immediate occ. \$565,000.

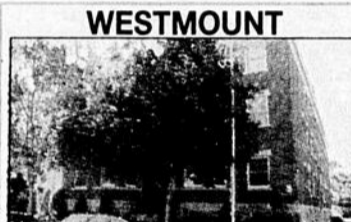
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The best value in Westmount! Renov. and updated det. 3+1 bdr, A/C, 2 car garage, 2 decks, new roof, newly sanded floors & fin. bsmt, new bath, new kit. floor & counter tops. A must see. \$609,000.

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Are you presently renting? Great opportunity to buy in December for July 1st occ. 900 sq ft apt. on Olivier with garage. Asking \$215,000.

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Upper Trafalgar Place. Spacious well renov. semi-det. home on quiet cul-de-sac. Close to all amenities. \$559,000.

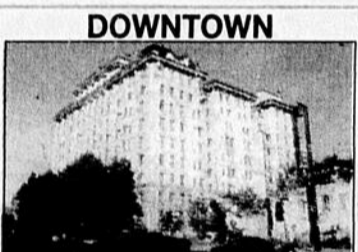
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Gage Road. Excellent opportunity. Buy now for Sept. 2003 and collect \$3,400 mo. rent. Great 5/6 bdrm family home, 4 1/2 baths, bsmt rec. room. Asking \$689,000.

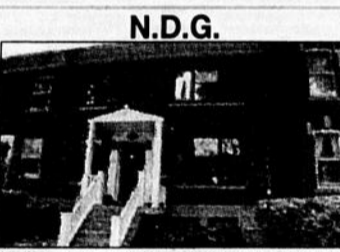
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DOWNTOWN

"The Linton" - 6 room condo, 5 appliances included, hardwood floors, 1 garage. Asking \$435,000.

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N.D.G.

Charming young family home, spacious 4 bedrooms, fireplace, large deck. Steps to Monkland Village, backs onto LCC field. Asking \$385,000.

LINDA ROBERTSON 933-6781/483-6161



Pick of the crop! N.D.G. 5505 Côte St. Antoine - Across from the park! Large and renovated family home, close to Monkland. Four bdrms, leaded win., wdwk galore! Side entrance for professional office in bsmt or teenager/in-law suite. Garage. \$489,000.

Sylvie Lafrenière and Reg Morden

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE PRESENTATIONS

2997 CEDAR AVENUE \$599,000

Immaculate, renovated 4+1 bedroom Tudor style home, 3 full bathrooms, 1 powder room, OFF garage, small garden and deck. New kitchen, bathrooms and powder room, furnace, electrical update, windows, hardwood floors in kitchen and 3rd floor, insulation in attic, landscaping in front and back.

BEST BUY ON THE MARKET... DON'T MISS OUT...

4100 CÔTE DES NEIGES #12 CONDO TOWNHOUSE
New on the market!!! Are you looking for the alternative to condo living. Look no further this is it. 4+1 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, 1 powder room, hardwood floors, finished basement with bedroom and full bathroom, storage, 1 garage. Fees include taxes, heat, hot water, snow removal, gardening, maintenance. Concierge on premises. \$359,000.

N.D.G. AVENUE

Magnificent upper duplex completely restored and renovated. 3+1 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bathrooms, hardwood floors, new furnace, hot water tank, plumbing, electricity, storage, parking, and garden. **A MUST SEE.** \$319,000.

DONNA HINCHCLIFF

Affiliated Real Estate Agent

Office: **933-6781** Res.: **489-3472**



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Sophisticated Victorian 2-storey apartment renovated A to Z, on trendy Argyle Ave. City terrace plus parking. Available immediately. Asking \$1700 per month + utilities. **A MUST SEE!**

OTHER RENTALS

Vieux Montreal - Magnifique unité de coin à coin de soleil dans immeuble de prestige et sécuritaire. Superficie habitable 1,100 sq. ft., A/C, planchers de bois. Garage. À louer \$2750/mois.

Westmount - Lower duplex, 3 bdrms + solarium, 1 bathroom, nice details, just repainted, beautiful oak floors. Garage. Immediate. \$1500/month+utilities.

Centre West - Large 2 bedrooms in a beautiful cottage, C/A, fireplace, patio, balcony. Parking. Close to hospitals, schools & universities. Immediate. \$1500/month+utilities.

Centre West - Quiet & desirable Souvenir St. Fully renovated 2 bedrooms in a Victorian stone facade triplex. Large balcony, appliances. Immediate. \$1200/month heated.

If you have a luxury apartment to rent please call me!

CAROLINE ROULEAU

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Announcement



Michelle Blouin

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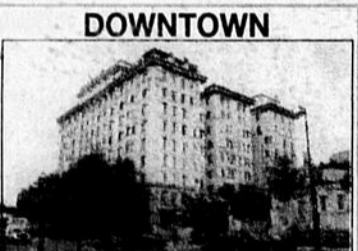
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Unique 2+1 bedrooms, 2 baths, garage, with exceptional woodwork and 13' ceilings. Asking \$1,000,000.

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Elegant 2 bedrooms (1000 sq ft) facing Sherbrooke. Asking \$289,000.

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POINTE ST. CHARLES

Loft on 2 levels. New project condo starting \$155K taxes incl. Private terrace (view of downtown), parking, mezzanine website: www.ecocite.ca

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Don't judge a book by its cover - Come and see! Open House Sun. Nov. 24th, 1-3 p.m. \$589,000

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