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Mircea Cun was a happy chauffeur towing his son Daniel Fetea-Cun through thick snow. The family was visiting their old neighbourhood near Westmount Park on Sunday afternoon after heavy snowfall hit the region the night before. (Photo credit: Peter Braul)

## SAQ plans to close two local stores

WAYNE LARSEN

Westmount could be a lot drier next month if the Société des alcools du Québec (SAQ)

carries out recently announced plans to close two outlets currently serving the city's eastern sector — in Westmount Square and the Pepsi Forum.

The news does not sit well with the provincial liquor board's employees' union, which is calling on Westmounters to help fight the closures by phoning the SAQ's customer

service line and register their complaints.

According to union treasurer Alexandre Joly, employees were informed of the SAQ's

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# The Westmount arena/pool project

Approaching private schools to help offset the \$17 million price tag

ELISABETH FAURE

Set to start construction later this year, the Westmount arena/pool project is, in the city's own words, "the most important project the City of Westmount has put forward in its long history." This marks the first in a series of Examiner articles that will examine the \$37 million project in depth. This week's article looks at the role Selwyn House school may play in financing the arena.

The City of Westmount and Selwyn House are defending a possible fundraising arrangement for Westmount Park's new hockey arena that has some Westmount residents concerned.

At issue? A year ago, the city approached the school regarding the project. A Selwyn House newsletter describes an "opportunity" being offered to the school by the city, whereby the school would be granted access to the arena for its hockey and skating programs - in return for funds raised by the school. Selwyn House is considering a "focused Athletics Campaign" that would raise up to \$2 million for the arena.

Some residents, however, worry that this arrangement would give Selwyn House privileged status at the arena, at the expense of other schools - particularly public ones. "Selwyn House has been targeted (by Westmount)," says resident Mavis Young. Young has been following the school's involvement with the project. She questions whether the city is counting on big bucks from the all-boys school.

"Selwyn House isn't the only school we approached," counters city general director (and Selwyn House alum) Duncan Campbell. He says the city also spoke to St. George's and ECS. Campbell is clear that

no deal has been reached with any of the schools regarding funding, and all talks have been held in a transparent manner. "Everything we've been doing has been above-board - there's nothing hidden here."

Although Selwyn House is not the only school Westmount approached, it is the school that stands to gain the most. The school has a big hockey program, and current rink time used by St. George's and ECS is far less in comparison. "If you look at the arena's schedule, almost all of the school use right now is Selwyn House," notes Peter Weldon, who lives across the street from the arena.

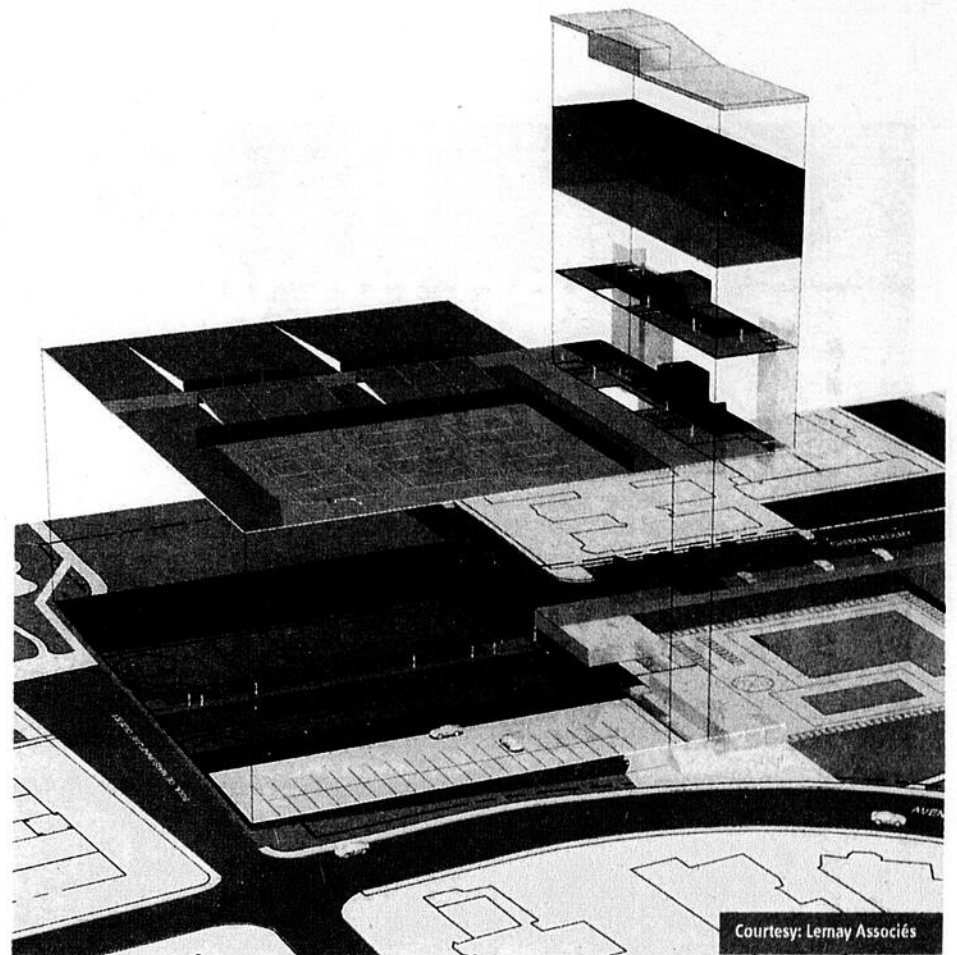
Principal Hal Hannaford agrees Selwyn House is a big client. "Right now, I think we're their (the arena's) biggest tenant," he laughs. The school currently uses both the Westmount arena and Verdun auditorium for its hockey programs, at an annual cost of roughly \$45,000.

Hannaford observes this would be an

*"The school wouldn't use ice during prime time - weekends or evenings - because that time is precious to the community."*  
- Selwyn House Principal Hal Hannaford

unusual project for Selwyn House. "We'd be going to our community to raise money for a facility that's not ours," he explains. But even though he says no deal is currently in place, he has an idea of what he'd like the city to offer in exchange for the school's hefty donation.

On Hannaford's wish list? A ten-year agreement for guaranteed, rent-free ice time ("we'd take as much as they'd offer us"), and a permanent dressing room during hockey season. Hannaford says the school would happily pay rent for the dressing room, if a spare room is available. And he says the school wouldn't use ice during prime time - weekends or evenings - because that time is "precious to the community."



Courtesy: Lemay Associés

"How will this be fair to Westmount citizens - especially kids who go to public schools?" asks Andy Froncioni, author of the "Westmount Watch" blog (www.westmountwatch.org). Froncioni lives near the arena and has criticized the project on his website.

Campbell defends approaching private schools like Selwyn House to help offset a project cost of \$17 million to taxpayers (\$20 million will come via grants from the federal and provincial governments). "Why not offset the cost? ... In a way, it's a service to the

citizens, because a significant number of their children go to these schools." Campbell's own son is a Selwyn House grad. Hannaford adds his school would consider hosting a summer hockey program that would benefit the entire community, not only Selwyn House students.

Whether the school commits to funding the new arena remains to be seen, but both the city and school are adamant that no backroom negotiations have occurred. "If there was anything going on, I would know about it," says Hannaford. "So stay tuned!"

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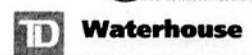
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# Journalist 'certification' is a disgusting proposition

Payette report sets up a very slippery slope for freedom of the press

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The Payette report on the future of information and the press in Quebec was a massive undertaking commissioned by the provincial government, ostensibly, to help further relations between the government and the working press in Quebec.

The major bone of contention comes from the potential creation of some sort of professional order of reporter that would be conferred upon them by the government, or some quasi-affiliated body that would somehow judge the applicant's 'worthiness,' of being named a reporter.

Some journalists – especially those who are nervous about bloggers, videographers and other media newbies potentially taking their jobs and/or livelihood – like the idea. The Fédération professionnelle des journalistes du Québec (FPJQ) love the idea, but that's because, by and large, they, too fear being usurped by quote-uncquote uncertified journalists.

One French-language commenter called the potential certification 'hateful,' and worried that he would worry about any 'certified' journalists'

credibility, rather than the other way around. The idea, he said, was 'incredible,' to him, saying the government is trying to 'take the public for idiots.'

The Quebec Community Newspapers Association issued a statement this week slamming aspects of the report, including the idea that a 'certified' journalist would have to have some kind of French educational aspect to the 'certification.'

Here's the problem with that. It's a nice theory, and would work in theory – much like communism.

The reality is that every newspaper in Quebec – be it English, French, bilingual, Italian or Greek – requires that its editorial staffers boast at least a working knowledge of French, and Concordia University, which boasts the province's top English journalism program, requires that graduates possess a university-level knowledge of French before going out into the workforce.

So, since the educational aspect is window dressing, it stands to reason that the government is more interested in keeping its friends close and its enemies closer. Given the repressive



regimes in Tunisia, Egypt, Iran and elsewhere and their commitment to keeping their thumbs on the media – especially those that dared criticize them – then any move in that direction should set off alarm bells for any person who doesn't agree 100 per cent with our government. Given Premier Jean Charest's recent approval numbers, that's a lot of dissent.

Moreover, it would create two different classes of people in Quebec, much as our 'public' health system has done for those who

can afford private health care. Creating a 'protected' class of journalists does little except inure those in the 'protected' class to the government. It also assumes press organizations and newspapers don't have the competence or the vision to hire whom they choose; but rather whom the government chooses for them.

Many of the report's points are worthy, especially those concerning increased government transparency, but for the most part, Payette's report is simply insulting.

# A three-month delay for information is unacceptable



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On October 25, 2010 Westmount resident Patrick Barnard, a staunch critic of the City's proposed arena/pool project, filed an official request for access to information with City Clerk Mario Gerbeau. The request asked for, among other things, the amount of money that had been paid to National Public Relations for aiding with the arena/pool project, the results of the soil testing in the area of the arena, and whether anyone had registered with the Registre des Lobbyistes as a Lobbyist for Westmount regarding grant money from the provincial and federal governments for the arena/pool project.

Article 47 of the Quebec Access to Information Law stipulates that the person in charge must, promptly and not later than *twenty days from the date the request was received*, either grant access to the document or respond to the applicant and explain why it cannot be provided or why there is a reasonable delay in providing it.

And while certain answers to specific questions asked were provided, the request for the above questions was neither granted nor acknowledged until Barnard filed a formal

complaint with the Commission d'accès à l'information du Québec on February 4, more than 3 months after the original request had been made.

Barnard had repeatedly visited City Hall to request the information, explaining that filing a formal complaint with the City was not what he wanted. Mayor Trent had even promised to grant him the information during a January 10th council meeting, and yet, only when a formal complaint was filed was the information about the amount of money spent on employing the services of National Public Relations to help with the arena/pool project finally divulged.

Coincidentally, The Gazette is currently running an entire series on the Access to Information Law and the hurdles that journalists and common citizens have to jump through and the unreasonable delays and stall tactics they

encounter while trying to gain access to what should be public information. In the article, media lawyer Mark Bantey is quoted as saying that it's time for the government to introduce a public interest clause in the access law, which can override any of the exceptions to granting access that are laid out in the law. I believe revisions need to be made as well.

As I have said before in this column, information is currency and it belongs to the public; it's not the government's prerogative (whether national, provincial or municipal) to do with it as it pleases - concealing it being one of those choices.

Why the City chose to take 3 months to reveal that it used NPR to lobby for the arena/pool grant and how much it paid them (\$22,773 before taxes, which in the larger scheme of things, is a drop in the \$17-million

bucket) is anyone's guess. Why the results of the soil testing are still being kept secret, I don't know. The implication floating around that Westmount residents can't understand the complexity of such studies is ludicrous and insulting to say the very least. Westmount boasts some of the most educated, well-read residents on the island of Montreal. If anyone could understand the complexities of such results, it would be them.

At the risk of getting too preachy, I will say it again. Transparency is vital for government accountability.

*Thomas Paine in Rights of Man stated: "It is monarchical and aristocratical government only that requires ignorance for its support."*

Perhaps it's not that the City has anything to necessarily hide that worries me the most, but that it so callously thinks itself justified in doing so.

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# Westmount pool will re-open this summer

*Rescheduling of arena construction allows one more season*

■ WAYNE LARSEN

Last year's reports of the Westmount pool's demise were, as they say, greatly exaggerated. Local swimmers and summer sunbathers are welcoming this week's news that the municipal pool will open for one more summer despite the start of the new Westmount Recreation Centre project.

The nearly 50-year-old pool was closed for good last Labour Day weekend, as construction on the new project was to be underway by this summer. But a few slight delays and modifications to the planning process have pushed the pool's demolition back to next September — allowing for another summer of use for Westmount swimmers.

"The swim team is very happy," said city councillor Patrick Martin, who came up with the idea of keeping the pool open while consulting with some construction experts last Thursday night.

"By rescheduling some of the work, we found we could keep the pool open for another summer," he said, adding that work inside the current area could be carried out this summer while the pool remained in use.

Mayor Peter Trent announced the pool's

temporary reprieve at Monday's city council meeting while giving a status report on the Westmount Recreation Centre project.

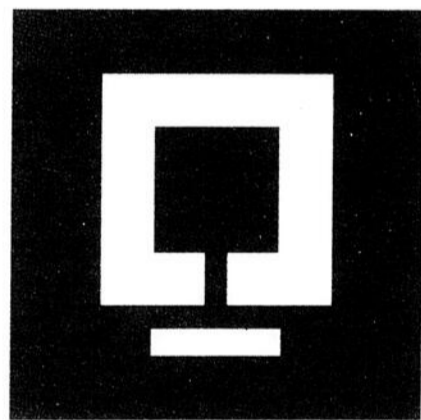
Trent cited a delay in the complex plans for the "innovative nature of the underground concept" as well as some delays with cost estimates as primary reasons for the rescheduling.

"At least these unforeseen delays do allow us to avoid closing the Westmount swimming pool this summer as originally planned, as the demolition of the pool will be delayed until September," Trent stated. "This will mean the loss of only one season of pool use, with the new pool slated to open in 2013."

Trent also announced that the City is now going ahead with the hiring process for a project manager, who should be in place by next month. Once a project manager is confirmed, a definite construction schedule will be established, as well as the announcement of a public meeting to inform residents on the latest developments and to give them access to the project plans.



Last September the pool's lifeguards posed for The Examiner for what was then deemed to be the final closing of the pool, but it appears that rescheduling of arena construction has now allowed for one more season. (Photo credit: Wayne Larsen)



# SAQ

The SAQ outlets at Westmount Square and the Pepsi Forum are both slated to close in March.

## SAQ plans to close two local stores

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decision back in early January. He said the announcement caught everyone by surprise and was met with an immediate outcry.

"We have argued with our SAQ executives that these stores are profitable," Joly stated last week. "They contribute more than \$6 million per year to the revenue of the SAQ. Nevertheless, they want to close them both."

"By digging a little deeper we have found out that it doesn't

matter if the stores are profitable or not; they only want to save on some lease costs and they argued that the sales will go to the store on (Sherbrooke Street between Victoria and Grosvenor avenues) or to Marché Atwater. We doubt it."

Joly added that "it's crucial that the smaller local stores stay open," as they draw customers to the area. In this case, he said, merchants in Westmount Square and along Greene Avenue could be adversely affected if the Westmount Square outlet were to close.

Several customers have said they will also be inconvenienced, as the two outlets slated for closure are relatively close

together, leaving no other SAQ in the immediate area.

"I agree that this store should not close," said one customer who was coming out of the Westmount Square branch last week with three bottles of wine. "I buy all my wine here; it's right on my way home," he said. "Does this mean I'll have to get it at a supermarket now? I don't think they even carry this brand!"

According to Joly, public opinion could make a difference. "To prevent these closures, we encourage the citizens of Westmount to express their opposition by calling the SAQ's customer service at 514-254-2020."

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# McBain named to new Public Security post



WAYNE LARSEN

One of the more familiar faces on Westmount streets over the years, veteran Public Security Officer Greg McBain, has been appointed to the newly formed position

of Assistant Director of the unit.

The announcement was made by city councillor Gary Ikeman at Monday's council meeting.

"I'm very proud to be working for the City of Westmount, and I'm looking forward to serving the City in this new position," said McBain, who has been on the job for nearly 18 years. As for his future plans, he says he feels it is important for Public Security officers to maintain strong ties with residents, and he intends to strengthen those ties.

"We really want to get closer to the people in this community," he said. "I plan to get more involved."

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# The end of an era at Henrietta Antony Inc.

## MARILYNN VANDERSTAAY

After 52 years of offering the finest in antiques, Westmounter Henrietta Antony is closing the high-end antique business Henrietta Antony Inc. she has operated since 1959.

Last week she listed the building at 4192 Ste. Catherine St. W. for sale, planning to focus her attention on developing her Sutton estate, Chapelle Ste. Agnès Vineyard.

For antique aficionados, the news means they will have a once in a lifetime opportunity the kinds of quality antiques at great discount pricing that made the business so successful.

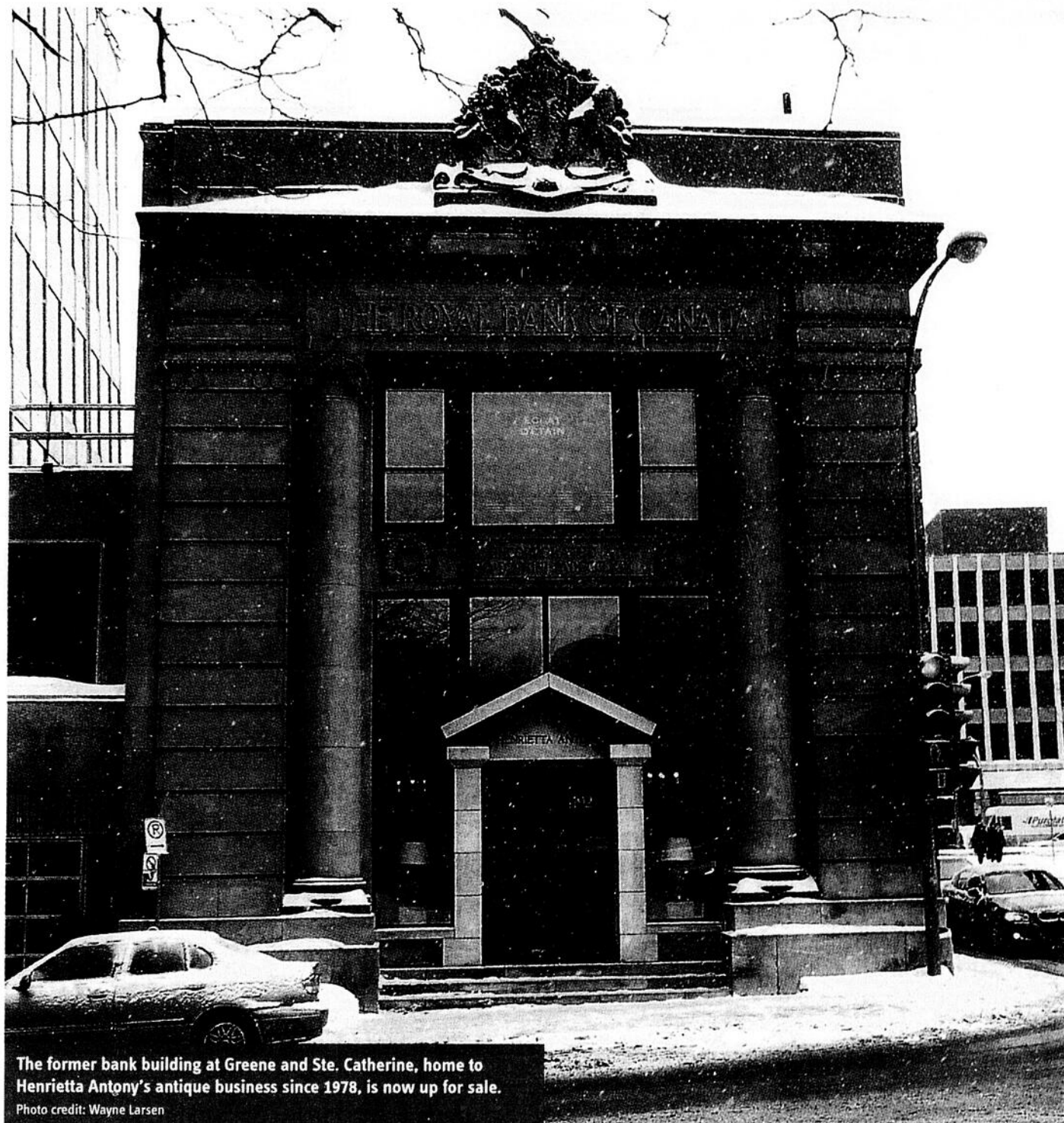
"In 52 years I have never had a sale, but now, with selling the business and the work in Sutton, I am liquidating the inventory at prices collectors will never see again," said Antony.

Antony's story is in itself worthy of noting. At just 17, she and her parents and siblings escaped postwar Czechoslovakia. She spent a year and a half in a refugee camp before the family was miraculously able to reunite and make their way to Canada. A year later, she moved to Montreal, where she found her first job making lampshades for minimum wage. The enterprising Antony watched and learned the way of doing business and in 1959 she opened her first store on Greene Avenue, where she offered both handmade lampshades and antiques. The business grew and in 1978 she moved to the former Royal Bank building on Ste. Catherine Street W.

That year too she purchased a home on Olivier Avenue, which in typical Antony style she remodeled to accommodate herself and her three children, and built a coach house to warehouse her antiques.

Antony continues to be a very active woman. Always avant garde, in 1989 she was the first woman member of the Rotary Club of Westmount, where she became very involved. Every year she offers visits to her vineyard for residents of the Manoir, the club's senior residence. Always the entrepreneur, Antony hosts events, including gala weddings, at the estate in Sutton.

And yes, she continues to offer custom lampshades to her clients.



The former bank building at Greene and Ste. Catherine, home to Henrietta Antony's antique business since 1978, is now up for sale.

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507 Claremont	Bailiff acting on behalf of Nadia Nabavi	Charles Maryoussef & Mélisa Hakim	\$650,000	\$725,400
4473 de Maisonneuve	Aldo Vesnaver	Mark L. Lesk & Natalie Amar	\$997,000	\$547,400
457 Elm	Artashes Toumanov	Sylvie Pouliot	\$1,030,000	\$897,800
1109 Greene	Christine Marsan	David Freiheit & Marion Van Horn	\$640,000	\$397,700
19 Grenville	Marc-André Lavoie & Heidi Hollinger	Warren Garfield	\$1,500,000	\$1,224,800
563 Grosvenor	Nancy Willis-Gallop	Geracimos Hionis & Cynthia Campbell	\$800,000	\$713,600
4 Hudson	Suzanne L. Fortier & Stephen C. MacCulloch	Andrea Joan Whitworth & Robert Kriebler	\$2,250,000	\$1,453,500
594 Lansdowne	Richard Ouellette	Ralph Beaveridge & Linda Allen	\$1,635,000	\$979,200
434 Metcalfe	Jennifer Miller & Andrew Kerklaan	Suzanne L. Fortier & Stephen C. MacCulloch	\$1,450,000	\$1,017,600
33 Rosemount	David T. Nicholson	Martin Roy & Emily Watt	\$1,200,000	\$1,442,900
37 Surrey Gardens	Jean Saine & Lise Gohier	Sam Benatar	\$3,800,000	\$2,429,800
433 Wood	William Weintraub & Magdalena B. Landau	Luc Saint-Arnaud & Julie Bernier	\$830,000	\$627,600
<b>DUPLEXES</b>				
85-87 Hollowell	Paul Gratton	Nathalie Gehring	\$590,000	\$583,900
<b>TRIPLEXES</b>				
3163-67 St. Antoine	Marie-Claude Morin	Christos Mourelatos	\$745,000	\$254,900
<b>CONDOMINIUMS</b>				
343 Clarke, Apt 4	Sharon Harvie	Anne Vézina	\$465,000	\$381,400
399 Clarke, Apt. 2D	Gregory Baizer	Michael Farley	\$425,000	\$335,400
4175 St. Catherine, Apt. 1201	Brian Sutton	Ernestine Shapera	\$670,000	\$630,700
<b>COMMERCIAL PROPERTY</b>				
4633-33A Sherbrooke	Joseph Kolam & Abdolmajid Tandel	Oleg de Vreeze & Ludmila Egorova	\$589,000	\$530,000
<b>SHARE SALES</b>				
65-67 Hollowell, 53.2%	Steven Joo & Julie Laurin Robitaille	Elizabeth Hasse	\$510,000	\$271,2671
535-37 Prince Albert, share	Martin Roy & Emily Watt	Gregory Baizer	\$570,000	\$292,4402

1Occupancy of 65 Hollowell and one parking space. Valuation is 53.2% of \$509,900.

2Occupancy of 537 Prince Albert. Proportion is not defined in deed, but agent's listing suggests proportion is 60%, thus valuation is 60% of \$487,400.

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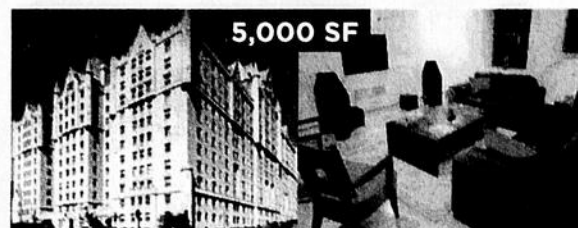
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NO 1 WOOD AVENUE \$1,395,000

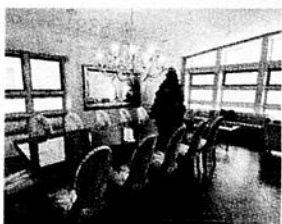


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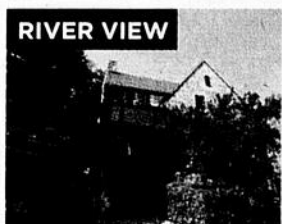
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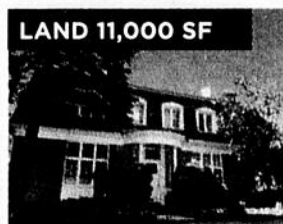
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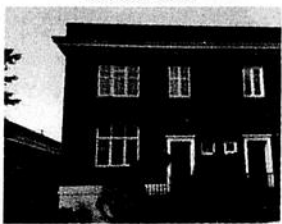
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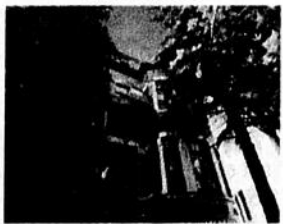
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50 Chesterfield 21 de Casson 4292 Dorchester 528 Mount Pleasant	Andrew Thomas Ridout Malcolm Anjer Trust (4 trustees) Dominique Grambin Alexander Porritt, Gillian Ritchie & The Porritt Family Trust	Ikuvuer Nartub & Catherine Eggers-Denis Alexandre Semionov & Sherry Rafai Far George Vesnaver & Maria Candido	\$813,000 \$1,230,000 \$560,000	\$735,700 \$755,300 \$564,000
75 Rosemount Crescent 627 Victoria	Robert L. & Merna Flood Consedine Valerie Benaim	Kim Thomassin Michel Waechter & Josée Roussin Harley Greenspoon & Marcy Beraznik	\$1,740,000 \$1,400,000 \$1,000,000	\$885,000 \$1,396,900 \$813,000
<b>CONDOMINIUMS</b> 352 Grosvenor	Martine Janser	Danny Bilodeau & Rafeef Dajani	\$600,000	\$335,000
<b>COMMERCIAL CONDOS</b> 4006 St. Catherine	Walter Fischer "in trust"	7698232 Canada Inc.	\$495,000	\$465,300
<b>COMMERCIAL PROPERTY</b> 1366 Greene 1368 Greene	Paul Kastel Paul Kastel & Anthony Nevin	7709595 Canada Inc. 7709595 Canada Inc.	\$1,581,500 \$2,481,000	\$922,300 \$954,600
<b>VACANT LAND</b> Land, Lexington and Edgell	4352530 Canada Inc. & 4352521 Canada Inc.	9230-1662 Quebec Inc.	\$3,700,000	\$2,210,3761

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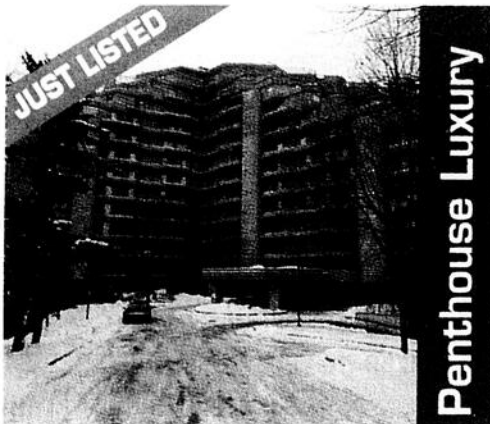
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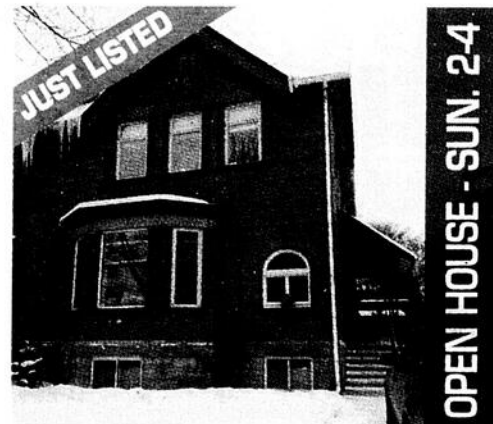
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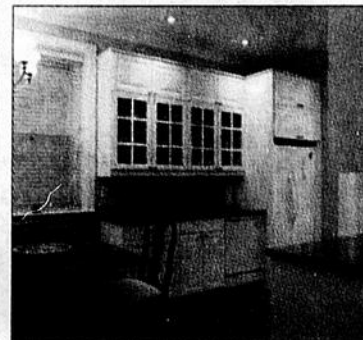
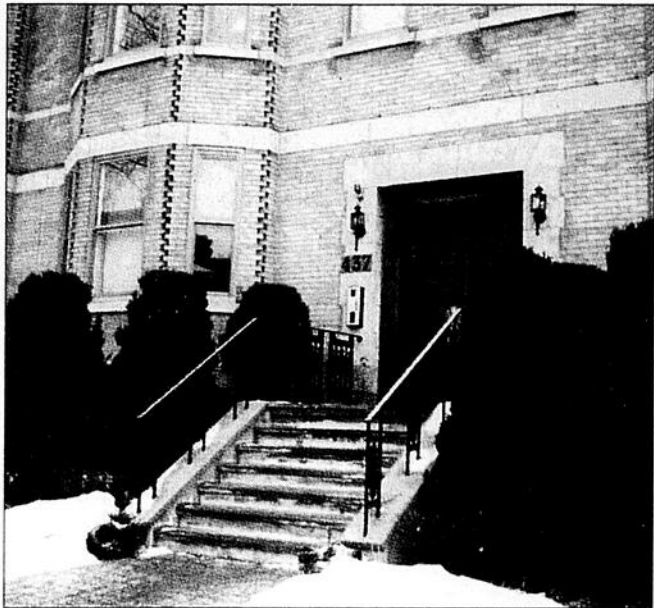
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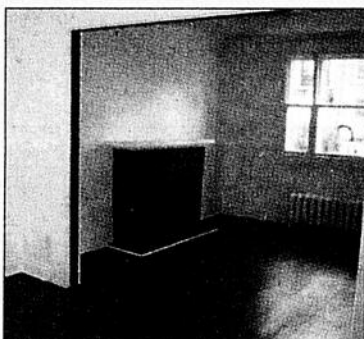
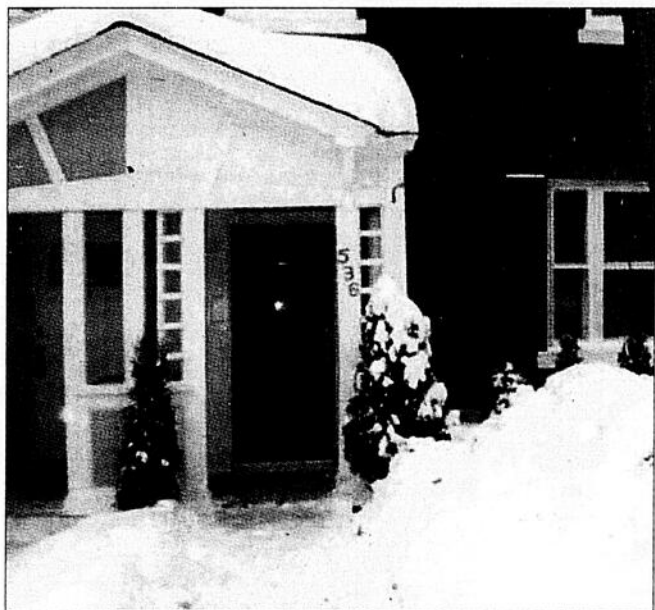
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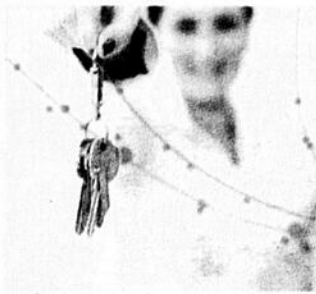
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### SOLD at 95% of asking price - Westmount Adj. - Grosvenor

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# Volume and prices were both strong in November

■ ANDY DODGE

Prices and volume were both strong in November sales, with two sales over \$2 million and another six between \$1 and \$2 million, among 14 single-family dwellings.

Eight other real estate transactions were closed in the month, including a full duplex and full triplex (most of these sell in shares these days), two shares of duplexes and three condominium apartments.

The home sales list was topped by the sale of 37 Surrey Gardens, once the home of Jean de Grandpré, which changed hands for \$3.8 million, the fourth-highest price for a house in Westmount this year. On the low side was 1109 Greene Avenue, at \$640,000 only \$10,000 less than 507 Claremont Avenue, but the two were well below the next-lowest price, \$800,000, for 563 Grosvenor Avenue.

The biggest markup was recorded at 4773 de Maisonneuve Boulevard, whose \$997,000 sale price was 82 percent above its tax value. Two houses went for less than the 2007 municipal assessment, including 33 Rosemount Avenue which sold for only \$1,200,000 though the city gave it a value of \$1,442,900.

The duplex at 85-87 Hollowell Street

brought the lowest price among one- and two-family dwellings, \$590,000, while a triplex on St. Antoine Street sold for slightly more, \$745,000.

Overall, the one- and two-family dwellings sold for an average \$1,302,800, almost 32 percent higher than the average valuation of the 14 sales. On that basis the "typical" Westmount house would sell for \$1,315,847, the best adjusted price on a monthly basis since August.

Condominiums included two apartments in older buildings on Clarke Avenue, both in the \$400,000 range, plus one on the 12th floor of Château Westmount Square, 4175 St. Catherine Street West, which sold for \$670,000. The shares of duplexes both sold in the \$500,000 range, for 65 Hollowell Street and 537 Prince Albert Avenue.

The only commercial property to sell involved the former duplex at 4633-33A Sherbrooke Street West, \$589,000 or 11 percent above its city evaluation.

*NOTE: The preceding article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in November 2010, provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found on page 8.*

*For a look at December, turn to page 18.*

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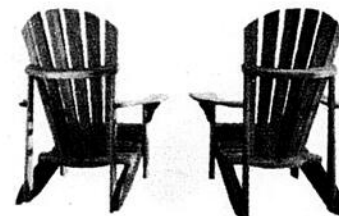
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### Foursquare Classic in Ayer's Cliff

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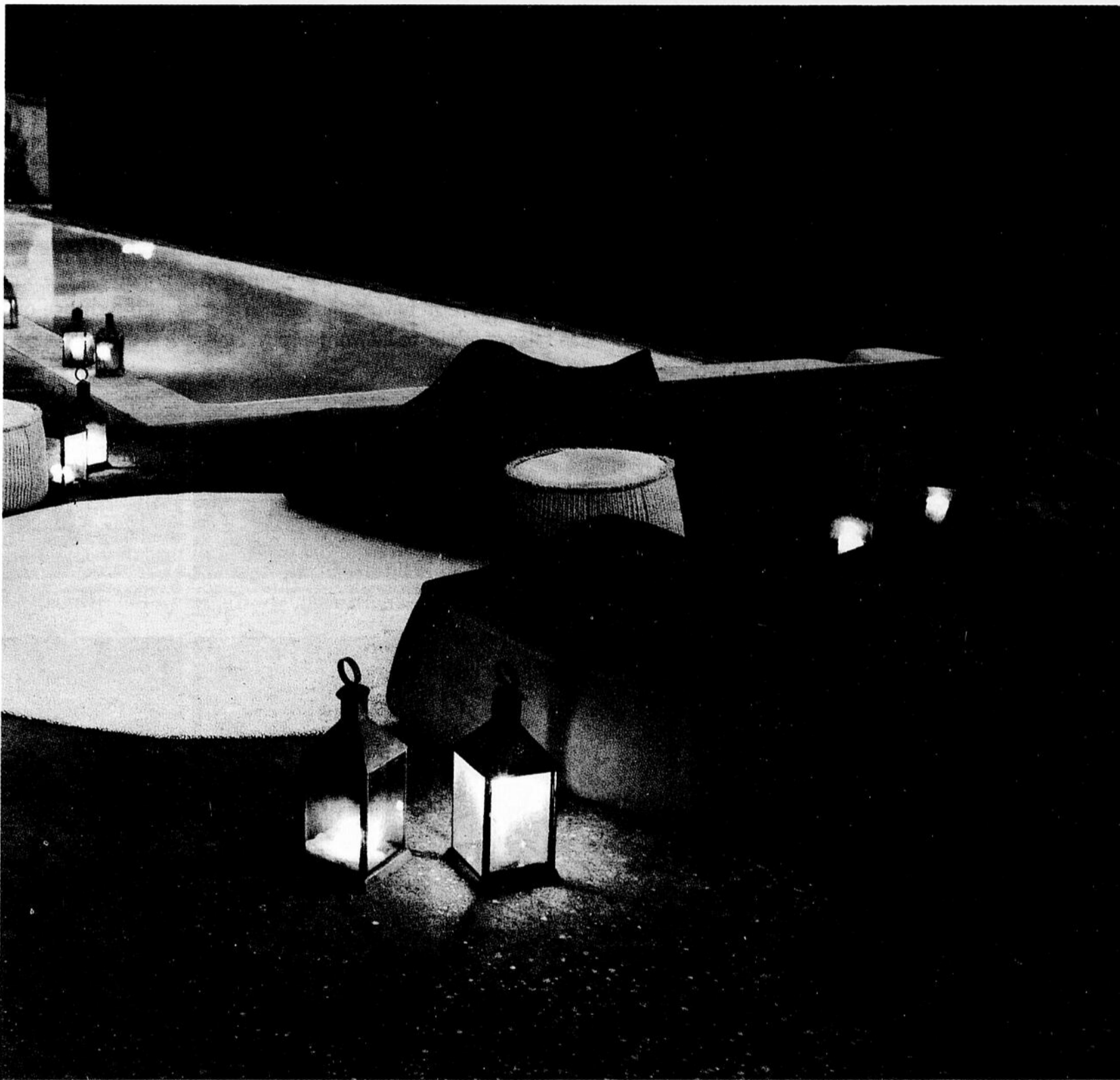
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## Rotarians host first annual poker tournament

■ MARILYNN VANDERSTAAY

The Rotary Club of Westmount is hosting its first annual fundraising poker tournament on Thursday, **February 24** from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Officers Mess of the Black Watch of Canada, 2067 Bleury Street.

Unlike traditional poker tournaments where the game is all about winning money, in the spirit of Rotary this poker tournament is all about the game of poker and fun. Players win chips which at the end of the evening will be cashed in for raffle tickets that will be drawn that evening for prizes donated by members and the community.

Organized by members Charles Bierbrier and Bryn Jones, the event promises to be a fun evening of the game without the pressure of winning. The cost is a \$100 donation to The Rotary Club of Westmount. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be served. For more information or to reserve you space email [info@rotarywestmount.com](mailto:info@rotarywestmount.com) or phone Roberta at 514.935.3344.

### WMA LOOKS AT CYCLIST SAFETY

The Westmount Municipal Association will address the timely topic of Factors Affecting Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety in Westmount at its next board meeting that will be held in the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke Street West, on **February 21** at 7 p.m. "This promises to be a very interesting presentation, prepared by Masters students in the School of Urban Planning at

McGill," said member Paul Marriott.

The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. Refreshments will be served. For more information go to <http://www.wma-amw.org/blog/?p=152n> or phone 514-939.2123.

### WHA LECTURE FOCUSES ON WESTMOUNT SQUARE

The Westmount Historical Association will launch its spring lecture series Greene Avenue Talks on Thursday, **February 17** at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Public Library. Speakers France Vanlaethem, associate professor at the School of Design at UQAM, and Phyllis Lambert, founder of the Canadian Centre for Architecture, will present the history of Westmount Square.

"Westmount Square was designed by the world-renowned architect Mies Van Der Rohe and opened on December 13 1967," said Association president Doreen Lindsay. "The unusual combination of residential and office towers established an urban oasis as a model for urban living. Brilliantly sited, the complex relates to commercial Ste. Catherine Street West and to the late 19th century houses in the area of Boulevard de Maisonneuve, Wood and Greene Avenues. Phyllis Lambert will discuss the philosophy leading to the expression of this Modernist vision. France Vanlaethem will explain the history of the projects for the site and why the commission went to Mies Van Der Rohe."

Price for non members is \$5 at the door. Refreshments will be served.

## Who wants to adopt an Alouette? Westmount High does!



(Photo credit: Peter Braul)

Alouettes' All-Star defensive end Anwar Stewart was at Westmount High School last Thursday for the CN Adopt an Alouette program, to talk about decision making, setting goals and self respect to 300 students.

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# Place Kensington fashion show wows residents

MARILYNN VANDERSTAAY

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After two years of research, seasoned

clothing manufacturer Schwartz has designed a line of haute fashion for women and men that is not only chic but also functional. Organizer and program director Doreen Friedman skillfully described the full fashion line reminiscent of the kind of fashions we enjoyed in the 1980s created from hand painted silk, knits, viyella and even ultra suede while residents Evelyn Adam, Miriam Berger, Margaret McCaig, Michel Moreault, Tillie Minkowski, Peggy Kay, Pauline

Ouimet and Patricia Yuill proudly modeled.

Schwartz is marketing the line directly through fashion shows in residences and in homes. For more information phone 514-487-7111.



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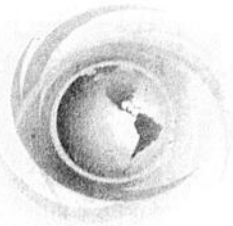
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## FRANCINE CHASSE: A GUARDIAN OF HISTORY FOR MORE THAN A DECADE



**"You know, it's not just about being passionate about history. The fact is that I live in a small house - not in a heritage home - and people are often surprised by that, and I don't really have to say much more. History and our heritage reflects who we are, a way of being and a way of life, really. It's a way to learn and to understand. It's a different way of seeing things."**

You'll forgive Francine Chasse for being a little excited when she starts talking about historical heritage and her role in protecting it, among other community projects she currently has a hand in. On her kitchen table, observers can see a scattering of documents relating to the Maison Baptiste Jamme on St. Charles Boulevard in Kirkland, which is currently being used as a notary's office.

"Once, I passed in front of it and it access had been blocked off and the house had been barricaded, and that really annoyed me," she said. "So, I did some research and found it had been classified as a heritage home and that it had been abandoned."

The property, the old creamery and the bread oven had been destroyed when the shopping centre (its parking lot was built around the home) was built, but the home was preserved, thanks to Chasse and her persistence. It was her first battle of the kind, but it was far from the last.

Today, the tiny woman has become a go-to reference for West Island local history. She was one of the founding members of the Ile Bizard/St. Genevieve Historical Society, and served as the society's first president from 2002 to 2005, was a key part of the West Island Heritage Bicycle Trail and has set up a youth program designed to help St. Genevieve young people better recognize and understand local heritage buildings and the events that helped shape them.

She fought, to no avail, to preserve the Manoir Benjamin-Viger and have it brought back under municipal control. Can't win 'em all, right?

But it's her combative nature that allows her

to keep fighting the good fight despite being in constant pain. In 1992, Chasse was diagnosed with fibromyalgia, which causes her crippling pain - and forced her to quit her job as director of a local day-care centre -- and also suffers from tinnitus, an inner-ear condition that makes her very sensitive to sound.

"With my tinnitus, everything makes it worse. Stress, caffeine, alcohol, whatever stimulant is out there. You know, I like to drink coffee. I shouldn't, but you've got to live your life, also," she said.

Life isn't all about overcoming pain, though, for Francine Chasse. She recently completed her bachelor's degree in art history after a decade of study, and is considering going after her master's degree.

Chasse's office is a tribute to her passion for our collective cultural heritage; the walls sport her drawings and photos. On the floor, tableaus from her last exhibition still sit, wrapped up. The jewel of her study is on the bookshelf: ancient photographs, purchased from antiques dealer.

"I found them in a shoebox," she said. "It's so sad... they're forgotten people."

Behind the photos are letters sent from soldiers to loved ones in both world wars. One was written in 1914; the other in 1945. Chasse hopes to display the photos and letters sometime in 2012.

Marie-Hélène Verville

### Francine Chassé

a guardian of history for the last 13 years

File photo, Jacques Pharand

### Francine Chassé three questions

- 1 Who is your role model? «My mother-in-law, for her intellectual curiosity, her strength, her energy and her ability to impress people.»
- 2 What is your biggest accomplishment? «It may come off as boring, but having finished my bachelor's degree, after 10 years of study, one or two courses at a time..»
- 3 If you could do just one thing to change the world, what would it be? «There are many things, but I would love for people to see art as more than just a pastime.»

Ile Bizard resident Francine Chasse, pictured here in 19th-century garb in 2009, has committed her adult life to preserving local architectural and cultural heritage.

## December was a lackluster month

ANDY DODGE

Land at the corner of Edgehill Road and Lexington Avenue changed hands in December, but so far the registration has not resulted in new construction on the land, one of few large development lots left in Westmount.

Three subdivided lots sold to a numbered company whose president is identified as Ryad Bedjaoui, from another numbered company run by Hanif Nanji. The lots involve a total of 2,037.54 square metres of land or almost 22,000 square feet which has some construction restrictions imposed by a former owner. It was once the back yard of the McConnell family residence at 80 Sunnyside Avenue, but the

mansion was sold off in 2003 and the land sold to Mr. Nanji's company in 2006. At the time, he paid about \$108 per square foot for the land; this time, the \$3,700,000 price tag brings the rate to \$168.70 per square foot, higher than the \$132-\$137 rates per square foot for land sold in 2009 on Surrey Gardens.

Sale of the land was the highlight of the December transfers, which included only six home transfers and one residential condominium, along with the sale of two commercial properties and a commercial condominium.

Six house transfers in December ranged from \$560,000 for 4292 Dorchester Boulevard, a townhouse adjacent to the 4282 Dorchester apartment building, to \$1,740,000 for 528 Mount Pleasant Avenue, a semi-detached home directly

opposite Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School. The Dorchester house sold just under its 2007 municipal evaluation, the only markdown of the month, while the Mount Pleasant house sold for almost twice its \$885,000 valuation, the highest markup of the month.

The six sales, in fact, represent the lowest monthly volume of one- and two-family dwelling sales since March of 2009, when buyers were pondering whether or not the world economy would survive. They bring the total for the year to 187 sales transactions, way up from 2009's 149 transfers, but about the same as the 183 in 2008.

Sale of 352 Grosvenor Avenue brings the number of condo sales in the fourth quarter of 2010 to eight, with an average price of \$571,112 and an average markup of 25 percent compared to the

December average for house sales of 31 percent.

Paul Kastel, one of Greene Avenue's most revered merchants until he closed down his gallery in 2006 (he has now launched an "online gallery"), sold the two buildings he owned (one with his business partner, Anthony Nevin) to a numbered company which paid out just over \$4 million for the pair. A commercial condominium at 4006 St. Catherine Street, just west of Atwater Avenue, also sold in December.

A complete review of the 2010 sales will be published in an upcoming issue of The Examiner.

NOTE: The preceding article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in December 2010, provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found on Page 10.

# Can you identify this Westmount Street Scene?

■ ELISABETH FAURE

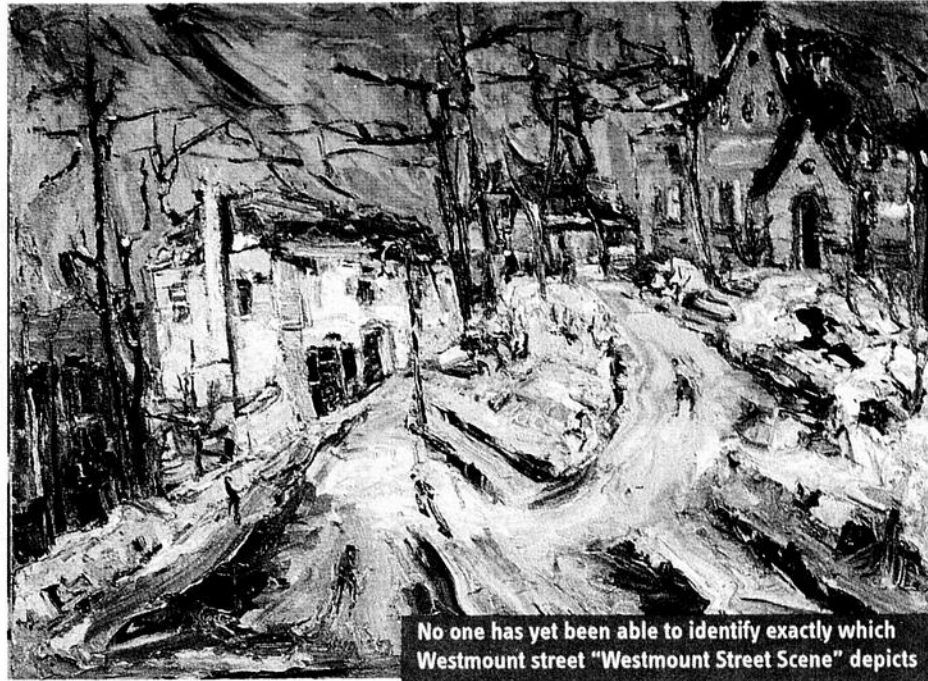
The family of a well-known Montreal painter is hoping a new exhibition of his work may help to solve an enduring mystery behind one of his paintings - with a Westmount connection.

The late Sam Borenstein's work will be on display at a month-long exhibition at New York City's Yeshiva University Museum in the Chelsea district. "It's often hard to expose paintings outside of their native city," says Joyce Borenstein (herself a well-known artist) of organizing her father's show. Speaking to the Examiner after a trip to New York to oversee the unpacking of the art, Borenstein reports, "everything looks fantastic, I'm really excited."

The show took years to plan, and Borenstein says it's wonderful seeing her efforts coming to fruition. "Hopefully, it will really speak to New Yorkers," she says, noting, "beautiful art has a universal quality."

A Jewish artist who began his 40-year career in the 1930s, Sam Borenstein was known for his vibrant and colorful work. "He was full of life, a very emotional person," says his daughter, "and his paintings are really wild and creative and original, like he was."

Known for his landscapes, he loved to paint outdoors, and would set up his easel in all seasons - even during snowstorms. "He was creating poems, or odes, to nature," says his daughter. "He really was very excited to be alive and he wanted to



No one has yet been able to identify exactly which Westmount street "Westmount Street Scene" depicts

communicate that to his audience."

Amongst the 30-plus paintings on display (some donated from various permanent collections, many from the Borenstein family collection) is a 1963 piece known only as, "Westmount Street Scene". It is this painting to which a mystery is attached. No one has yet been able to identify exactly which Westmount street it depicts.

"My husband and I love to take long walks," says Borenstein. "We have walked around Westmount for hours with a photograph of that painting, but we've never been able to figure out exactly where my father was standing when he painted it."

Suspects include Forden Crescent and Summit Circle. But Borenstein admits she has

never been able to conclusively identify the painting's location. "It remains a mystery to us."

Borenstein hopes Examiner readers may be able to help solve the mystery once and for all, and adds it's well worth a trip to the Big Apple for Montreal art-lovers who want to see the painting in person.

"We'll have guided tours, lectures, and on February 27th, we're holding a vernissage," says Borenstein. She and her sister will be in attendance, and an Oscar-nominated movie she made about her father (The Colours of My Father) will be screened. "The movie is my tribute to him," Borenstein is thrilled the exhibition is giving the film a second life.

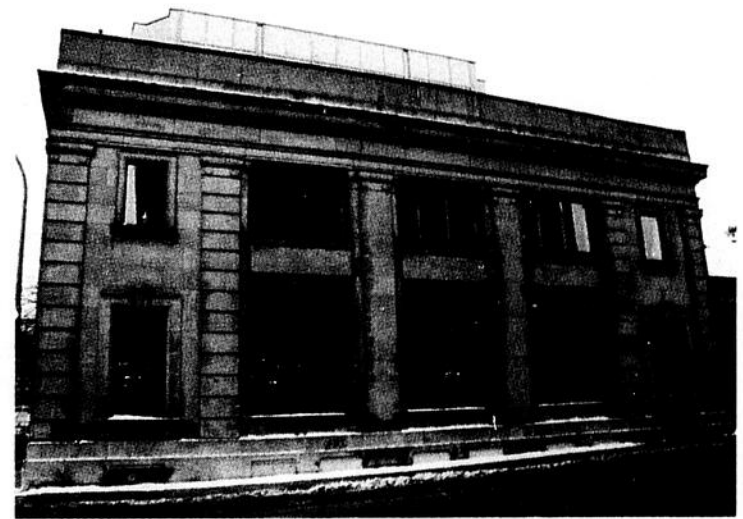
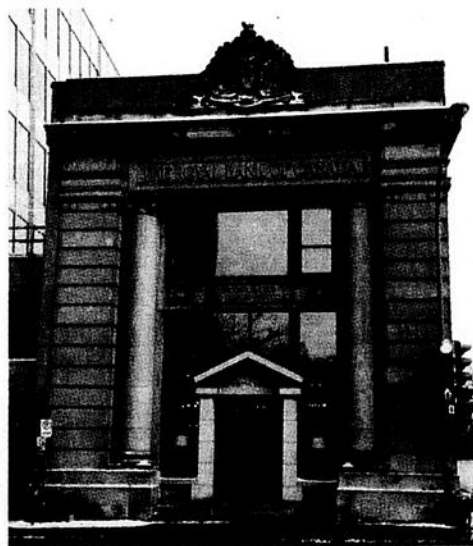
Whether or not the riddle of "Westmount Street Scene" ever gets resolved, Borenstein guarantees art-lovers will find plenty to discover at the show.

But solving the mystery would certainly be a bonus: "If that scene still exists, if the house hasn't been torn down, we could actually locate exactly where my father stood," says Borenstein.

"Sam Borenstein and the Colours of Montreal" runs from February 6th - May 8th at the Yeshiva University Museum, 15 West 16th Street, New York City. The February 27 vernissage is from 2 - 4pm. Visit <http://www.yumuseum.org/index.php?pg=1> <http://www.yumuseum.org/index.php?pg=1> for more information.



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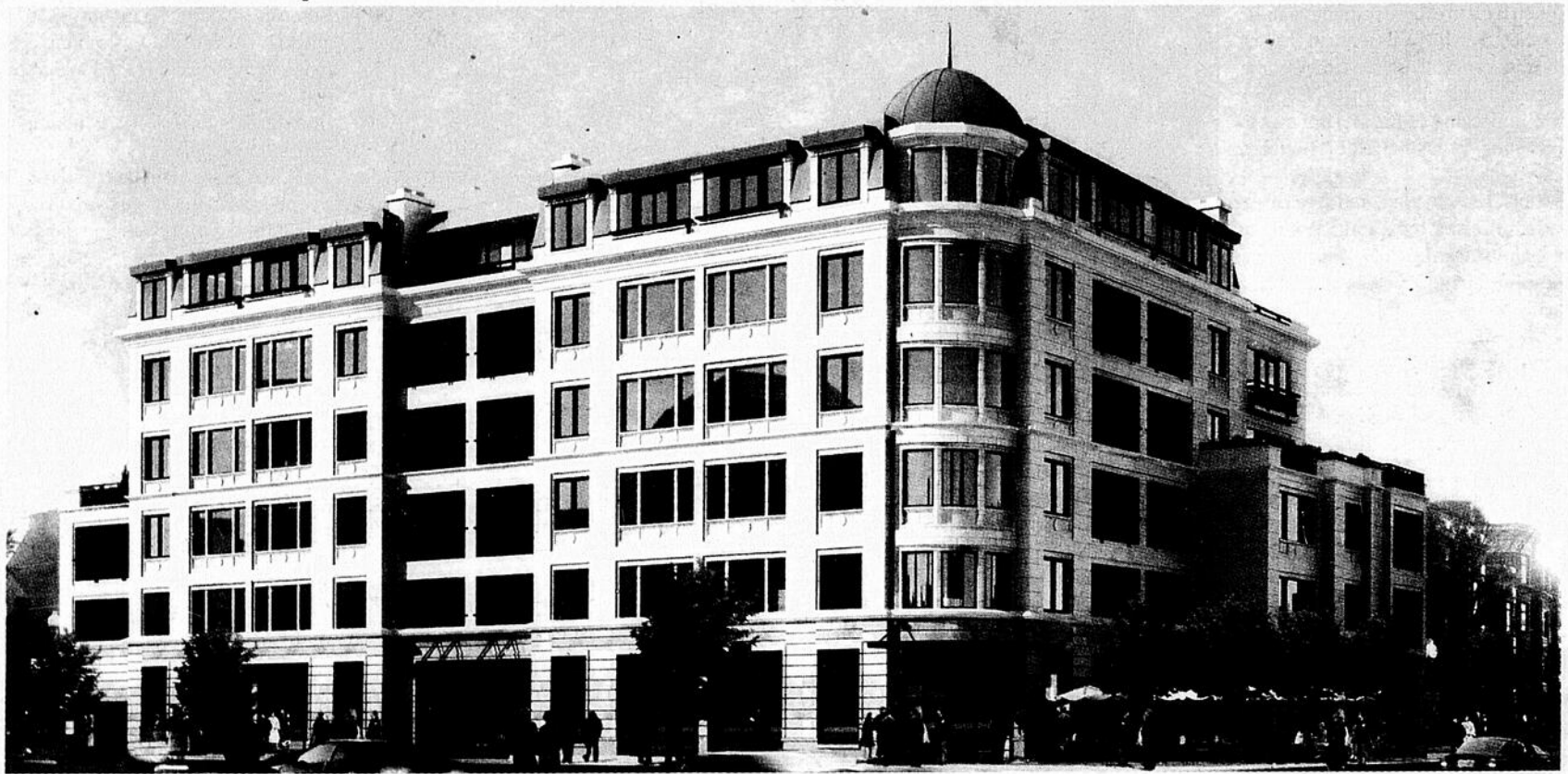


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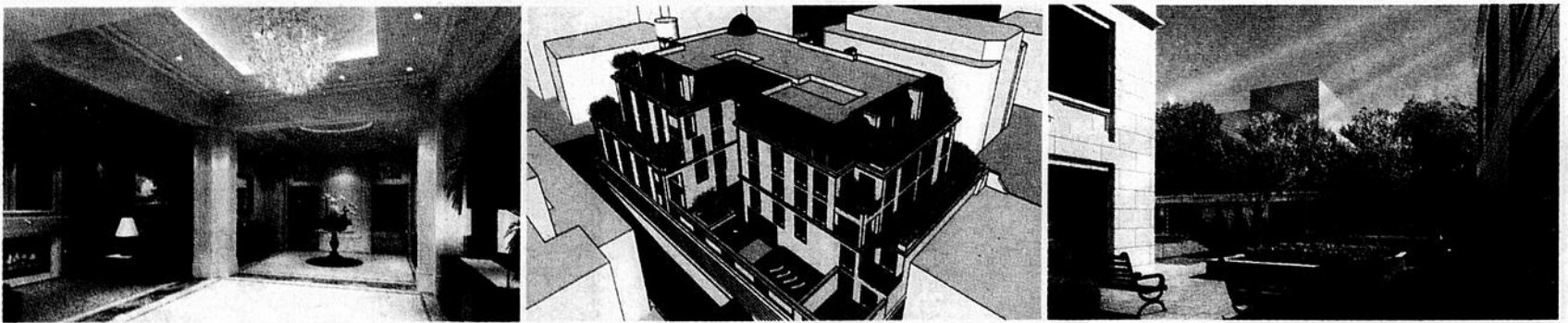
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