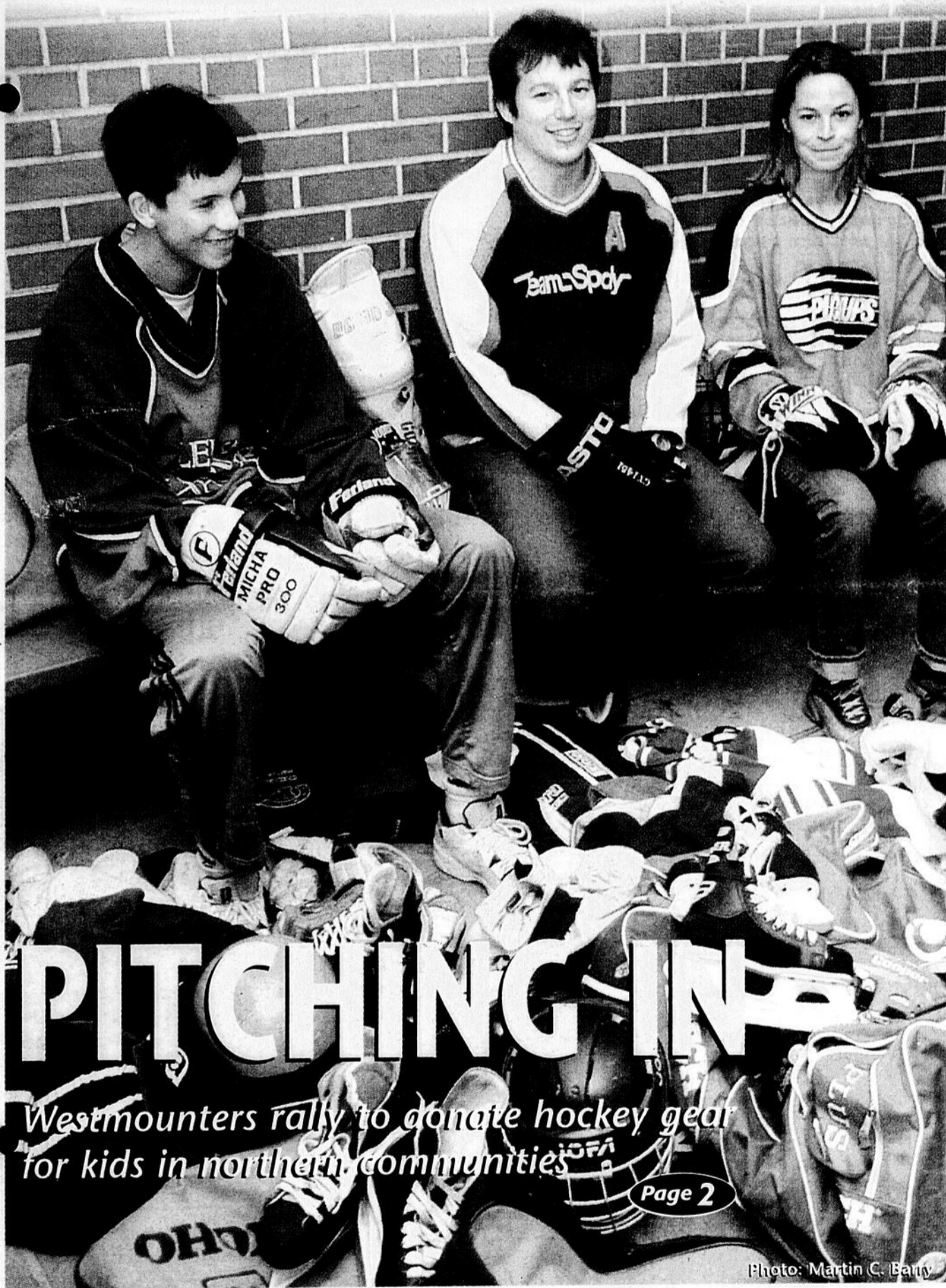




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## Local News

### City centralizes despite Tremblay pledge: Marks

Martin C. Barry

**C**entralization of the Montreal megacity is happening at a rapid pace—despite a promise made last year that decentralization would be occurring now, says Westmount borough president Karin Marks.

Making her monthly report to the borough council last Monday—the first anniversary of last November's megacity's election—Marks said the Centre City's bureaucracy downtown continues to grow.

"This is understandable; it simplifies their job," she said. "But it clearly is not what we were promised, even under the worst of circumstances."

One of the key pledges made by Mayor Gerald Tremblay during his election campaign last year was that decentralization of the megacity's services would take place if he were elected mayor. Since then, former City of Montreal districts that became boroughs have gained more autonomy by having some centre city services—such as urban planning—decentralized to them. But former suburbs like Westmount have seen no decentralization and have only lost some powers, such as taxation, which they once had as independent municipalities.

Since last year, according to Marks, the amount of bureaucratic red tape used by the megacity appears to have increased.

"Getting decisions made is much more complicated," she said. "For our own staff to get answers, it's more complicated—as it is for our citizens when they have to deal with people downtown."

But the problem is not the fault of individuals, Marks said. Based on her own experience with Centre City employees, "they were all very willing and certainly are capable," she said. "It's just a very cumbersome structure."

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# Westmounters send hockey gear to kids up north

Martin C. Barry

**Y**oung hockey players in northern Canada are being equipped to enjoy the country's national sport thanks to a program started with the help of a Westmount resident.

Ramezay Road resident Elizabeth Cundill started 'Game On,' an organization that collects used hockey equipment, three years ago in conjunction with two women from the Hudson Bay community of Povungnituk. A local group also lending a hand is the Tag Teen Centre.

If Westmounters who spend a lot of time at the arena with their own kids have been seeing a young woman recently pushing a trolley loaded with hockey skates, pads, pants, jerseys and other gear out the door, that's Cundill going about her good work.

Cundill, 30, a geographer who experienced the isolation of northern Canada while working there, knew there were kids there eager to play hockey but lacking in equipment—even though there are arenas.

"Some of the trouble with getting the kids to play hockey is that no one's really got equipment—and the economy's pretty depressed," she said. "A lot of people there are living on social assistance and the birth rate is really high. Being able to buy equipment for



**TAG Teen Centre director Jared MacSween (right) helps gather donated hockey equipment destined for northern communities.**

one child, let alone three or four, is nearly impossible."

Life is pretty dull up north, according to Cundill, which results in some serious problems. "They're dealing with a lot of social difficulties—a lot of sniffing, a lot of boredom, a high suicide rate, elevated high-school dropout rate, early pregnancies. The idea was just to get kids to stop being bored, give them a reason to have fun, give them an environment where they get to grow as kids. They get to build character.

Basically it's a prevention."

There's a drop-off point for equipment donations at the arena, as well as at Play It Again Sports on Decarie Boulevard just below Sherbrooke Street.

The donated equipment is lent out to the hockey players for each game, rather than given to them on a permanent basis. "It's the community's equipment," said Cundill.

In a typical year, \$40,000 worth of equipment is collected. This year, Cundill has selected the Association of Montreal Inuit (AMI) as the recipient. AMI will deliver all collected equipment to various Inuit communities in Northern Quebec by Sea Lift, a cargo ship that annually delivers bulk goods to northern communities.

Jared MacSween, director of the Tag Teen Centre, said that after watching Cundill picking up equipment over the past few years, he decided it was time he and the teens got involved.

"It's a lot of work for one person to do and I figured it's a good opportunity for the teen centre to get involved," MacSween said. "The whole concept of kids helping kids out I really believe in."

Cundill added that Game On and the teen centre share a similar philosophy: "It's when there's boredom that kids get into trouble," she said.

# Halloween contest was bigger and better

Westmount's annual Halloween house decorating contest was a great success once again, as an increasing number of local homes are being transformed into ghoulish delights for trick-or-treaters.

"It is getting to be more of a special event for the community," said Westmount Public Security Director Richard McEnroe, whose officers were out in full force last Thursday evening to ensure the safety of local kids. "More and more people are participating every year."

Judging the decorated houses were McEnroe, borough councillor John de Castell, former city councillor Margaret Lefebvre, and journalist Laure Sweeney.

The following homes won prizes for their innovative displays: 5 Willow Ave., 369 Prince Albert Ave., 16 Melbourne Ave., 12 Melbourne Ave., 348 Kensington Ave., 432 Strathcona Ave., 110 Columbia Ave., 41 Prospect St., 28 Rosemount Ave., 501 Mount Pleasant Ave., 110 Sunnyside Ave., 639 Belmont Ave. and 607 Victoria Ave. The following houses did not register for the contest but the judges felt they deserved to be recognized: 477 Prince Albert Ave., 30 Windsor Ave., 467 Victoria Ave., 311 Kensington Ave., 1 Prospect St., and 26 Rosemount Ave.

The prizes awarded were donated by the following local sponsors: Tao Restaurant, Marché Metro, Le Transition Restaurant, Mess Hall Restaurant, Java U, Copoli Restaurant, the YMCA, Oink-Oink, LMNOP, Westmount Stationary, Phantasmagoria, Westmount Florist, Cipan Jewelry, and Fanny's beauty salon.



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# Fire station sale could benefit megacity—not Westmount

Martin C. Barry

**The Borough of Westmount is trying to find a buyer for its Fire Station No. 2, although what happens to the proceeds remains uncertain.**

While the Centre City has given its permission, borough president Karin Marks said there are currently no serious proposals. Westmount had previously been offered \$650,000 for the unused fire station at Victoria Avenue and The Boulevard.

"We are interested in finding out what the Centre City is planning in terms of where those funds will go if it does get sold," Marks said. "These days, with the amounts our budgets are being cut, that's very significant."

Marks explained that in the original law creating the megacity, all buildings of the merged municipali-

ties became the property of the new city. But there was no provision made for any money from the buildings' sale to remain with the boroughs.

"I think it became abundantly clear to the executive committee that there's no reason for anybody in the boroughs to sell any properties, no reason for them to develop any properties, if there's absolutely no benefit for the borough," she said.

"There are costs entailed on the part of the borough, and if there's absolutely no benefit for the borough, it becomes questionable. Why would we rush to do that? It certainly seems only fair that it's a building that belonged to the City of Westmount, and it certainly seems only fair that the proceeds should stay in the borough."

Marks said Montreal's executive

committee has decided to study the question and look at providing incentives for the boroughs to manage their own property portfolios. In Westmount's case, however, there are relatively few properties in question—compared to other boroughs like St. Laurent, which owns a large real-estate portfolio.

Three years ago, real estate developer Aaron Gelber hoped to purchase and include Fire Station No. 2 in a seniors' residence he was planning to build on The Boulevard just west of Victoria. He came close to closing the deal but called it off when nearby residents objected to the project and

Although vacant for years, Fire Station No. 2 is currently zoned as a single family dwelling, or for the development of a maximum of three individual condominium units. The borough council has promised that its present zoning status will not change.

Besides the most recent attempt to sell Fire Station No. 2, Westmount also tried to sell it in 1991. According to an borough-compiled inventory of buildings known to contain asbestos, there are unspecified amounts of the potentially hazardous substance in Fire Station No. 2—although there are currently no plans to remove it.

## Council nixes spot rezoning for body shop

Martin C. Barry

**The owner of a Somerville Avenue auto repair shop who wants to sell his holdings and retire has been told that an exception to Westmount's zoning bylaws cannot be made because of a longstanding policy against spot rezoning.**

Albert Darmo told the council last Monday evening that he has run Darmo Auto since 1950. Darmo, whose property is located in a low-density residential area in the Victoria Village sector, has been trying for several years to have it rezoned for higher-density development so that potential builders of multi-unit condominium projects might become interested.

With the area's current zoning, only a smaller housing project involving two-storey duplexes would be allowed. Darmo has received an offer from a major commercial establishment on Victoria Avenue which thought of converting his property into a parking lot.

Darmo said he'd be satisfied if council would rezone his garage for another commercial use not involving changes to his building. He said that his neighbours are not happy with his property's current use as a garage and are anxious to see it converted to another purpose.

"Considering that I've spoken with all the people in this area, nobody's against rezoning my property for something like that," he said. "People don't want a residence built too high, they don't want the garage there anymore, some people don't want parking. But I think this last idea would be a compromise."

Darmo claimed that as presently zoned, he would never get a decent amount for his property. "I wouldn't say it's worthless, but it would lose 50 per cent of its value allowing a developer to put two duplexes on there and not utilizing the rest of the property. This property is part of my retirement income and I'm afraid I just can't afford that."

Borough president Karin Marks told Darmo that a use change for a property requires rezoning of a complete zone. Otherwise it would be spot-zoning, "and we do not do spot-zoning in Westmount," she said. "We don't do it for anybody." Marks pointed out that Darmo's garage is located in an area zoned for residential use.



Albert Darmo at last Monday's borough council meeting

"You're there by exception," she said, noting that Darmo has an acquired right to run a garage in the zone. "The zone has been residential for many years, and as long as you are there you have a right to remain there. And if you sold it to a body shop you have a right to do that. But other than that, it is a residential zone."

Marks said that some residents expressed reservations about Darmo's property being used for parking, especially as council took measures to enhance the zone's residential character. She added that the Architecture and Planning Commission had gone out of its way examining Darmo's case because of the circumstances.

"It's not something we normally do—have the commission actually physically work out what would be the maximum use of a property," she told Darmo. "But because we realized you had a difficult situation there, they tried to do that."

"I think we all know that right now Westmount is a very attractive place for people looking for property and looking to build, and there is an opportunity to go in there and to have a nice-sized lot," said Marks. "But unless we were to spot-zone, we would have to change things for everybody in the area."

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## Événements communautaires

### Salon des métiers d'art

Venez visiter le Salon des métiers d'art de Westmount : exposition et vente le samedi 9 novembre et le dimanche 10 novembre de 10 h à 17 h, au Victoria Hall. Prix d'entrée : denrées non-périssables.

### Société d'horticulture

L'assemblée générale annuelle de la Société d'horticulture de Westmount se tiendra le mardi 12 novembre, à 19 h, dans la salle Westmount de la bibliothèque. Elle sera suivie d'une discussion avec Stuart Robertson. Info : 487-2245 ou w\_hs@hotmail.com.

### La galerie du Victoria Hall

La galerie du Victoria Hall aura bientôt le plaisir de présenter les œuvres d'Ann McCall. L'exposition *Le vent qui change* se tiendra du 14 novembre au 11 décembre prochain. Info : 989-5226

### Vaccination contre la grippe

Le CLSC Métro offre gratuitement le vaccin contre la grippe aux résidents admissibles de son territoire. Les cliniques auront lieu le vendredi 15 novembre au Victoria Hall, de 10 h à 15 h, ainsi que le lundi 18 novembre au Bureau municipal d'habitation situé au 80, rue Hillside de 13 h à 16 h. Info: CLSC Métro au 934-0354.

### Association historique

**Conférences automnales 2002.** Joyce Roberts, de la Congrégation de Notre-Dame, parlera de l'histoire de sa congrégation et de sa fondatrice Marguerite Bourgeois. Cette conférence aura lieu le jeudi 21 novembre, à 19 h, à la bibliothèque. Info : 925-1404 ou 932-6688.



## Bibliothèque

### Atelier de création littéraire

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### Club de lecture anglaise

Joignez-vous au club de lecture anglaise de la bibliothèque, qui se réunira le lundi 11 novembre, de 19 h à 21 h, afin de discuter du livre *Prodigal Summer* de Barbara Kingsolver. Les réunions du club sont

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**Le 14 novembre, 19 h 30**

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Le club de lecture française se réunira le mercredi 13 novembre, de 19 h à 21 h, afin de discuter de livres écrits par les auteurs russes Léon Tolstoï et Fédor Dostoïevski. Les réunions du club sont animées par Marie-Anne Poggi. Info : 989-5386.

### Rencontres d'auteurs automnales

Jack Todd, chroniqueur au quotidien *The Gazette* et auteur primé du livre *The Taste of Metal*, lira des extraits de son œuvre à la bibliothèque, le jeudi 14 novembre de 19 h 30 à 21 h. Info : 989-5386.

### Vente de livres de qualité

Les Amis de la Bibliothèque tiendront une vente de livres le samedi 16 novembre, et le dimanche 17 novembre de 11 h à 17 h, à la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount. Si vous avez des romans contemporains, des livres d'art ou des livres d'enfants en excellent état, que vous aimeriez donner aux fins de cette vente, veuillez les apporter à la Bibliothèque dès maintenant. Tous les profits tirés de cette vente serviront à acheter de nouveaux livres pour la bibliothèque. Info: Ann Morrillot au 932-3625.



## Community Events

### Westmount Artisans' Festival

Everyone is welcome to attend the Westmount Artisans' Festival: Exhibition and Sale on Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., at Victoria Hall. Admission: non-perishable food items.

### Horticultural Society

The annual general meeting of the Westmount Horticultural Society will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Library. It will be followed by a talk by Stuart Robertson (first WHS president, and gardening columnist for the *Gazette*) about forcing bulbs. The guest fee is \$5 per lecture. The yearly membership fee is \$15. Info: 487-2245 or w\_hs@hotmail.com.

### 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 from November 14 to December 11. Info: 989-5226.

### Flu Vaccine Clinics

The CLSC Métro is offering free flu vaccines for eligible residents in its territory. The Clinics will take place on Friday, November 15 at Victoria Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Monday November 18 at the Hillside Municipal Housing Bureau from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Info: CLSC Métro at 934-0354.

### Historical Association

Fall Lecture Series 2002 – Nuns of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame

Joyce Roberts of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame will talk about the history of the first non-cloistered religious community of women in the New World, the Congrégation de Notre-Dame and its founder, Marguerite Bourgeois. Held on Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westmount Public Library. Admission is free for members, non-members \$5 at the door. Info: 925-1404 or 932-6688.



## Library

### Writing Workshop

Don't just think about it, write it! Children aged 9 to 12 and teens 13+ are invited to join Andrew Katz in this creative writing workshop on Saturday, November 9. The session for children aged 9 to 12 is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the session for young adults is from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. As spaces are limited, please sign up at the Children's desk. Info: 989-5229.

### English Book Club

Join the library's English book club from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, November

## Datebook

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Westmount Artisans' Festival  
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**November 14, 7:30 p.m.**

Fall Author Series, Jack Todd  
Library

**November 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Flu Vaccine Clinic  
Victoria Hall

**November 16 & 17, 11 a.m.**

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Library

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12 as they discuss *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver. The meetings are led by Carole TenBrink. Info: 989-5386

### French Book Club

The library's French book club will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13 to discuss books written by Russian authors Leo Tolstoy and Fyodor Dostoyevsky. The meetings are led by Marie-Anne Poggi. Info: 989-5386.

### Fall Author Series

Jack Todd, *Gazette* columnist and award-winning author of *The Taste of Metal*, will give a reading at the library on Thursday November 14 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Info: 989-5386.

### Quality Book Sale

The Friends of Westmount Public Library will be holding a book sale on Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library. If you have any contemporary novels, art books or children's books in excellent condition that you would like to donate to this sale, please bring them to the Library now. All proceeds from this sale go towards purchasing new books for the Library. Info: Ann Morrillot at 932-3625.

# Lorne Webster honoured at Action Centre fundraiser

Nora Gombos

**C**lub Atwater was abuzz last Tuesday evening as benefactors of the Action Centre gathered to raise funds for their favourite cause and recognize the outstanding community contributions of Westmounter Lorne Webster.

"He represents what all people should aspire to be," gala co-organizer Ginger Petty said of Webster. "He's an inspiration."

During the \$150-per-person cocktail gala and live auction, Webster was presented with a plaque which will be displayed above the entrance of a hall at the Action Centre bearing his name. The Lorne Webster Community Hall, Petty said, is a way for Westmounters to show their appreciation for Webster's philanthropy.

For decades, Webster has been known for his hands-on service to the community. He served as president of the Old Brewery Mission soup kitchen for 20 years, and was one of the key players in building the Patricia McKenzie Pavilion women's shelter, a wing of the Old Brewery Mission.

"He wasn't just organizing it, he was doing the work personally," Petty said.

A perfect example of Webster's selflessness, she said, occurred one Christmas Eve when she was out buying a last-minute present and discovered Webster on the street talking to a homeless man, trying to persuade him to go to the Brewery Mission for some food and shelter.

"Afterwards, when I came out of the shop, he was talking to another homeless man," Petty recalled. "He was away from his family and his Westmount house on

Christmas Eve to help people in need."

Opened in Ville LaSalle in 1998, the Action Centre caters to severely disabled people of all ages. It is Montreal's only bilingual drop-in centre for physically disabled people, and its survival is integral to the community.

However, without government aid to keep the Action Centre running, it is at the mercy of private donations. The centre was under the threat of being closed due to the lack of funds, but the roughly 170 people who attended last week's gala managed to raise \$58,000—which will keep the centre open at least until June.

About 80 per cent of the 150 members who use the facilities "live in poverty and have no place to go," Petty said, emphasizing that the centre improves their quality of life and provides a place for them to interact with other people.

"Without the centre, these people end up being alone," said Kevin Harrison, the fundraising coordinator. "They are prevented from working and going to school because of their disability, so they need a place to do activities and socialize during the day."

With the help of the Action Centre, the members even participated in the Canada Day Parade for the first time this summer, and Petty said their reactions to the experience were overwhelming.

"They don't really get out much," she said, adding that people often shy away from them on the street. However, the parade gave them the

opportunity to march with dignity and pride.

Fundraising for the Action Centre is ongoing. Contributions can be made by sending a cheque to The Action Centre, 2214 Blvd. Dollard, Ville LaSalle, Que. H8N 1S6.

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## A year of non-conformity

It has now been a year since the island-wide municipal election rocked the local political landscape, establishing a new face at the top of the megacity slag heap and relegating an overconfident incumbent mayor to the cheap seats in Montreal City Hall.

Though most Westmounters were dead set against an election taking place at all, the results of last Nov. 4 brought at least some good news, as the vast majority of those who voted did so in favour of the three popular city councillors who ran as like-minded non-conformists on the independent ticket. And once the proverbial dust had settled, the message from this community was clear—Westmounters would have no part of being merged with Montreal, and if forced to they would be have to be dragged, kicking and screaming, into the megacity fold.

This, of course, they have continued to do with great relish, and for the past year Westmount has grown used to its uneasy role as the island's primary malcontent. Westmount is no longer seen as Montreal's conservative bastion of wealth and sensibility, but rather its *enfant terrible*—the spoiled brat that refuses to share its expensive toys because it doesn't like the way the game is going.

This may provide ample fodder for editorial cartoonists, as the very idea of having a mayor-in-exile and borough councillors who don't believe in the borough are definitely absurd, but for Westmounters it remains no laughing matter—far beyond a possible compromise in quality service at the library or an overcrowded municipal pool on the hottest summer days. Westmount has faced this public-relations crisis with admirable mettle, and will no doubt continue to do so.

Non-conformity may have been celebrated in the 19th-century world of Emerson and Thoreau, but in 21st-century Westmount it has become an unpleasant fact of life. This is especially true now, as even more authority is being assumed by the centre city despite Mayor Tremblay's election promises to the contrary last year.

Commentary

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## AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL WESTMOUNTERS

The following is a letter to residents from borough president Karin Marks and borough councillors Cynthia Lulham and John de Castell on the first anniversary of their election:

Dear fellow-resident,

A year has passed since we were elected to represent Westmounters in the new municipal administration.

At the time we ran as independents, highlighting our strong opposition to Bill 170. We, like the majority of Westmounters, still believe the forced merger was a mistake.

In the interim, our mandate is to ensure your interests are promoted within the new municipal structure. We continue to be concerned about the impact—mainly negative—that the merger is having on Westmount residents.

We want to bring you up to date on some of the changes that have

occurred and those that seem to be on the horizon. With this in mind, we thought it would be helpful to provide you with an overview of the repercussions of the changes on the different areas and functions that used to come under the purview of the former City of Westmount.

### Fire

On the positive side, we have witnessed the same or better response times to fire alarms. On the other hand, the first responder system is under review; we no longer control fire inspections; and fire prevention week, an important locally run awareness builder of fire safety issues, was barely attended to.

### Public Security

For the time being nothing has changed. A committee, however, is now deliberating on the fate of our public security forces. Due to the fact that some boroughs have a force and

some don't, it has become a contentious issue.

While we have taken the lead on developing a joint dispatching system with several other boroughs, there has been no indication that the economies of scale which might result from our operating such a service would in any way be shared with the boroughs. All the savings would go into the City's pocket. As a result, here as in many other issues, there is no financial incentive for neighbouring boroughs to work together.

### Building and Planning

With the help of our Architectural and Planning Committee, we are still actively reviewing projects. Those projects over 25,000 square feet in size have the option of being reviewed by the center city. This means we maintain our jurisdiction over renovations, new house construction and projects like Selwyn House School, the expansion of Marché Metro and new

condos on Victoria and Ste. Catherine. As a result, Westmounters are able to have their say through borough council meetings, public consultations, demolition committee hearings, and if required, referenda.

Larger projects, like the McGill University Health Centre, come under the purview of the City of Montreal. These are reviewed behind closed doors by the center city Comité Consultatif d'urbanisme and then submitted to the Bureau de Consultation for public hearings. Citizens may attend and be heard at these but they are not held locally and are a much more formal entity than our local consultations. The final step in the process is for the Executive Committee to review the project and come to a decision.

No registry. No referendum. Limited public involvement.

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# Courts swayed by feminine mystique

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Tommy Schnurmacher



## Tired of having to work part-time while studying at university?

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That's what one canny 20-year-old woman did and it worked.

The hapless father, who had never even married the girl's mother, has just been ordered to pay his daughter \$700 a month while she cheerfully pursues her higher education at the University of Alberta.

Alberta Court of Queen Bench Justice Jack Watson granted her the cash—retroactive to last year. The politically correct judge had come to the preposterous conclusion that students are “unable

to work” and go to school at the same time.

Parents who stay married, of course, are under no legal obligation to pay for their children's university education.

Any divorced father, however, is open season.

That's just one tiny example of how men have become the victims of institutionalized discrimination, but the double standards are everywhere. When Paula Yates drowned her five children, she was depicted as a victim with serious mental problems. No one blamed all women.

When deranged killer Marc Lepine murdered 14 women at the Polytechnique, there was no discussion of his mental condition and all men were deemed responsible.

Men are criminalized as a class. When police arrive on the scene of a domestic squabble, there is never a presumption of innocence for the man. The police will often arrest the “bigger” person without a shred of evidence.

When a father misses out on a support payment, he is immediately dubbed a

deadbeat dad, but there are no sanctions against a wife who denies her husband his right to spend time with his own children.

Those who think women are incapable of violence are wrong.

Just check out [www.dadsusa.com](http://www.dadsusa.com) where you will discover some startling statistics in a report by Walter H. Scheider and Candis McLean.

They note that “of 1,262 American children murdered in families in 1996, women murdered 984 and men murdered 278; biological mothers murdered 768, biological fathers murdered 30.”

Disdain for men is rampant. If you won't take my word for it, make a point of reading *Spreading Misandry: The Teaching of Contempt for Men in Popular Culture* by Paul Nathanson and McGill University professor Katherine K. Young. It's an eye-opening book that does a spectacular job explaining how society routinely depicts men as evil or inadequate or both.

The co-authors insist that such stereotyping of men will have “disastrous con-

sequences” and they are absolutely right.

While you're at it, pick up a copy of *Women Can't Hear What Men Don't Say* by Warren Farrell, an Oprah Winfrey regular who once served on the board of directors of the New York chapter of the National Organization for Women.

Farrell's book points out beyond any reasonable doubt that women do not have a monopoly on victimhood.

Hundred of books have been written on the subjects of misogyny and male chauvinism. Misandry, however, is merely the hatred of men. The number of books on that subject can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

We do need and we do have shelters for abused women and children. We even have shelters for dogs and cats, but there are hardly any shelters for male victims of domestic abuse. That's not unfair. That's a crying shame.

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# 'Tis the season to be careful

## At Christmas time I like to visit a church that I haven't been to before, which isn't difficult to do, unfortunately.

This is an opportunity to compare services, using a known benchmark. I have come to expect certain things from a Christmas service: a large congregation, familiar music, crying babies, a collection plate, and a sermon about the Christmas message, of course.

Last Christmas we went to St. Stephen's, where once again we heard the story of the birth of a small boy from an ordinary family, who lived among us and attracted a great deal of attention by performing feats of



magic. The younger children in the congregation may have thought the minister was referring to Harry Potter, but I knew it was Jesus, having read the Book. Well, not all of it—long passages of the Bible, such as Ezra and Nehemiah, are virtually unreadable, and Chronicles is also heavy going, what with all the begetting.

The heating in the building wasn't working, but we all kept our coats on

and ignored the discomfort. The minister was cheery and informal, and not a bit like Alan Bennett's boring vicar from 'Beyond the Fringe' ('My brother Esau is a hairy man, but I am a smooth man,'). Bennett may have brought about the end of that style of ministry for all time.

There were a couple of Christmas songs I didn't know. One was in French, and one was of Canadian Indian origin. I enjoyed them, but not as much as the songs I know, of course. Usually, when we say “I don't know much about music, but I know what I like,” what we mean is “I like what I know.”


The major difference in this service was just before the collection. There

were envelopes on the pews into which you could stuff a bill or two to donate at the proper time. You could fill in your name and address, if you wanted the church to mail you a tax receipt, thus rendering unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, etc. I put a bill in the envelope, and replaced the envelope on the shelf, next to the hymn book, awaiting the collection plate.

This turned out to be a mistake, because of an innovation in the service. The congregation was unexpectedly invited to file out of the pews, take a candle from a waiting usher, and stand in a large circle inside the church. Then, while the electric lights were turned off, we all lit our candles

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# Honouring distinguished Westmounters with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal

**MP**



Lucienne Robillard

**G**ranting honours such as the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal is a tangible and lasting way to pay tribute to people whose achievements have benefited their fellow citizens, their community and their country.

This commemorative medal was created to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee as Queen of Canada. It was presented to approximately 46,000 Canadians. The Golden Jubilee Medal provides an opportunity to look back and recognize those who made Canada what it is today, and to look forward and recognize youth who are actively involved in our country's future.

I was honoured to present Her Majesty the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal to some exemplary citizens of our community: former city councillor Mrs. Barbara Moore,

Mrs. Mandeep Roshi Chadha, Mr. Robert C. Wilkins, Mr. Peter B. Ferst, Mrs. Suzanne Brilliant, Mr. Hans Fluehler, Mr. René Le Clère, and Dr. James C. MacDougall.

Our commitment to Canada is strengthened when we collectively pay homage to those who distinguished themselves by virtue of their talents and their service to the community and country.

I would like to congratulate all the recipients on this illustrious achievement. They are truly exemplary citizens!

November 11, from coast to coast, is a day that gives Canadians time for pause. Indeed, it's a day that gives us all an opportunity to reflect on Canada's history, as well as what Canada is, and stands for in the world today. Above all, it is an occasion to think about the valiant men and women who sacrificed their lives in the interest of their country - our country.

On Remembrance Day, we think about the more than 1.5 million Canadians who fought for Canada in the First World War (1914-1918), the Second World War (1939-1945) and the Korean War (1950-1953). We recognize the more than 100,000 soldiers who died, and the enormous sacrifices

made by their families - families split apart by war and tragedy. We also think about the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in the service of peace in such faraway places as Bosnia, and those who continue to defend our country and our interests today. At the same time, we recognize the significance of what it is they have fought for, namely the values, freedoms and way of life that we cherish and are privileged to enjoy today. This includes the liberties that we take for granted, our ability to actively participate in political, social and cultural life in Canada, and the rights that protect us - all embodied in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which governs our everyday lives.

As Canadians, we remember those who gave their lives for us by wearing poppies - the flower of remembrance. We recall the poem In Flanders Fields, written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae - a Canadian - during the second battle of Ypres, in the spring of 1915. We take part in Remembrance Day services and activities in our local communities. This includes observing two minutes of silence, which offers each and every one of us the chance to reflect privately on peace, and the forces that have shaped our country's great history.

As for myself, I will be attending next Sunday's Commemoration Service at War Memorial, in Westmount.

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one by one, each from a neighbour's flame, and sang 'Silent Night.' It was simple and effective. Then we blew out our candles, scraped the hot wax off our fingers, and returned to our seats.

My envelope had gone.

An enterprising neighbour must have seen me putting my twenty in, and taken a pre-emptive personal collection. And a very Merry Christmas to you, scumbag!

"Well," you may think, "he shouldn't have left it out like that." Or perhaps, "he was going to give the money away in any case, so it's no great loss." Others are thinking, "scumbag? That's a bit strong!"

All true. But I would advise the vicar to ask all of his congregants to check that they have all their belongings with them before they leave their seats.

You can't trust people, it seems, even at Christmas.

*George Bowser is one half of the musical comedy duo Bowser & Blue.*

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### Recreation

Facilities which bring neighbours together are the backbone of a community. Although our facilities vary in their physical quality, they are extremely well used. Westmount has traditionally had a policy of limited user fees in order to encourage such participation.

As part of the new city, however, Westmount's facilities are open to everyone. The library, which was built for a community of 20,000, has seen its membership skyrocket from 8,950 to 14,600, of which 6,000 are non-borough residents. For the first time in its 40-year history, the swimming pool had to be closed on three occasions due to overcrowding.

While an open-door policy is praiseworthy in principle, the reality is that our facilities were built to support a small, local, population base. They are now overtaxed, and we have seen a deterioration in a sense of community ownership.

### Taxes

Westmount has traditionally had a pay-as-you-go policy. This has been replaced by a borrow-and-spend approach.

At the same time, contrary to electoral promises, taxes have already gone up by an average nine per cent per single family home. They are expected to increase by at least another five per cent in each of the next six years.

### Services

On the surface, many services have remained the same. Garbage is picked up twice a week, recycling has continued and snow removal is unchanged. Yet there are danger signals on the horizon.

Although the budget for services is likely to remain the same this year as last, library revenues are down \$40,000 because non-Westmounters are no longer charged an annual fee equivalent to the fee paid by Westmounters as part of their tax bill. Our public works budget has been cut by 40 per cent, which, in turn, will lead to significant delays in road repair and municipal building renovation. Westmount has maintained the quality of this community by careful, scheduled, on-going maintenance and upgrading rather than crisis management. Now, we will have to delay this planned approach and will end up falling into the 'do only what needs to be done' style.

### Summit Park

Over the years Westmount has received awards for its management of our urban forest and our landscaping around the periphery of Summit Park. Yet the City of Montreal wishes to treat the three summits of Mount Royal as one, and hire a senior bureaucrat, who in turn will hire a staff to develop plans impacting the heart of our community. Our carefully-negotiated agreements among dog walkers, bird watchers, and residents are in jeopardy. We risk having much less control over this local treasure.

### Structure and Staffing

Efficiency seems to mean centralizing decisions within an ever-growing bureaucracy at the city centre. For the most part, human resources, finance and other support functions are now managed downtown. Borough person-

nel—those that are left—are overworked, responding to multiple bosses. Lines of authority are unclear, meetings are endless and requests for information are unending.

In its effort to have uniform policies across the island, local decisions are often overruled. Downtown may now create policies and bylaws which we would deem inappropriate to our needs such as imposed organization charts and hiring policies. City of Montreal staff are also now responsible for tax collection and no longer will negotiate any kind of terms for citizens experiencing economic difficulties. What we are hearing is that it is also significantly more difficult for residents to deal with insurance claims related to such things as fallen trees because they are now dealing with a much bigger bureaucracy.

Westmount's loss of its legal status means we no longer have our own bank account. Consequently there are inevitable delays as we seek approval for contracts related to Hydro repairs and other maintenance contracts.

### Sense of community

In analyzing the situation, our major concern centres on an intangible.

Citizen involvement is at the heart of a community. It is difficult to measure but it represents the life-blood of Westmount. Our sense is that we are witnessing a decline in resident participation in borough life. Attendance at borough meetings has declined and residents do not feel welcome at the City Hall in Old Montreal. They are not given access to the chamber during council meetings and have to watch proceedings on television. More importantly, they do not have an effective outlet for entering into a dialogue with the elected repre-

sentatives beyond our borough.

Although we have not seen any positive effects for Westmount in this merger, we the elected officials, along with the administration, have worked hard to cooperate and share any information and experience which might be useful to other boroughs, particularly the nine new boroughs of Montreal.

In the year ahead, we will continue to work along with you to ensure that Westmount's voice is heard and that the nature of our community is respected. We have to admit, however, that we are facing an uphill battle.

**Karin Marks**

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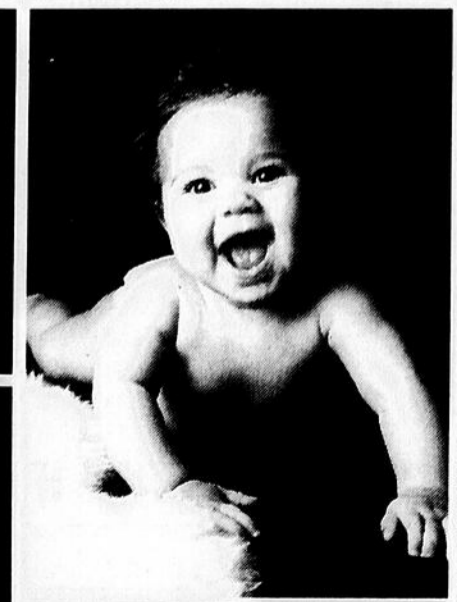
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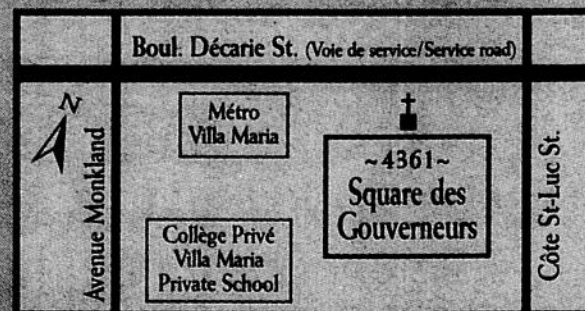
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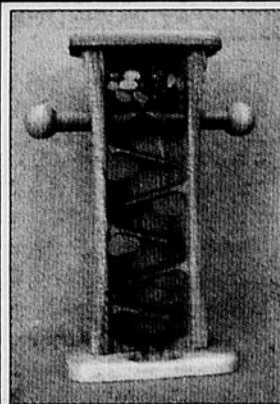
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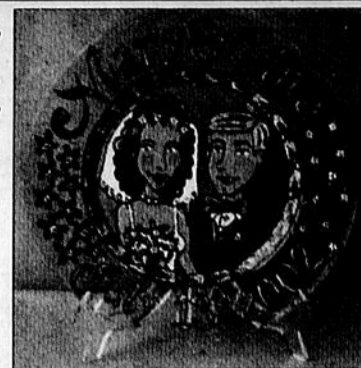
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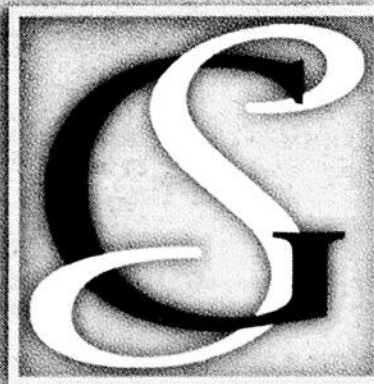


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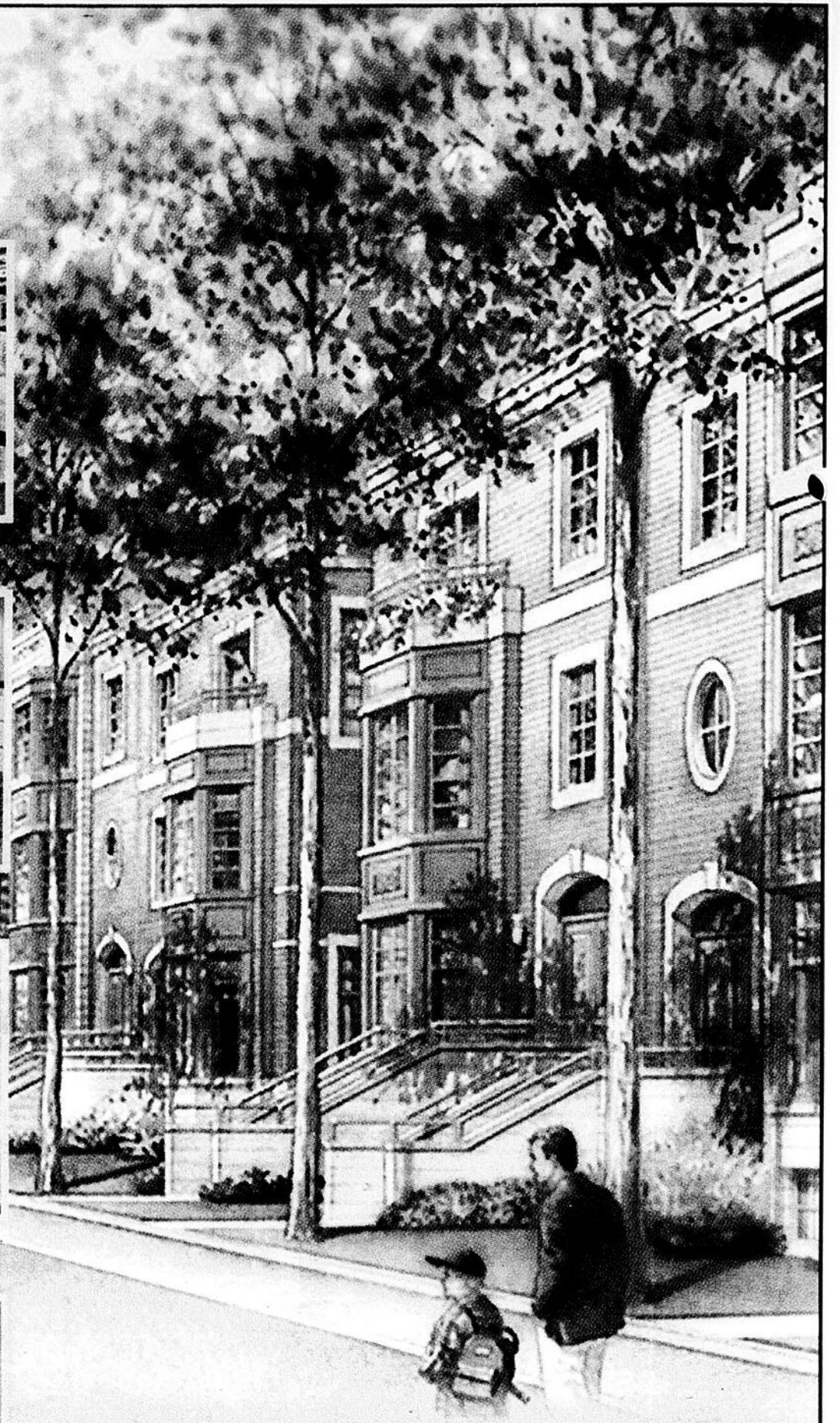
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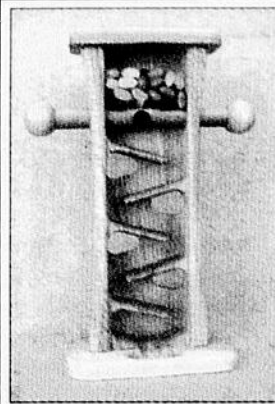
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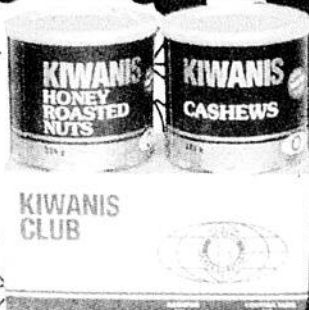
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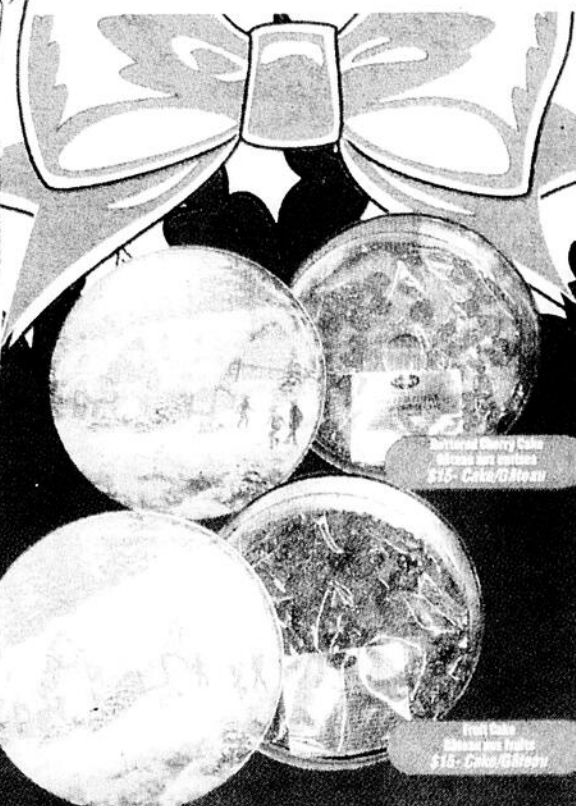
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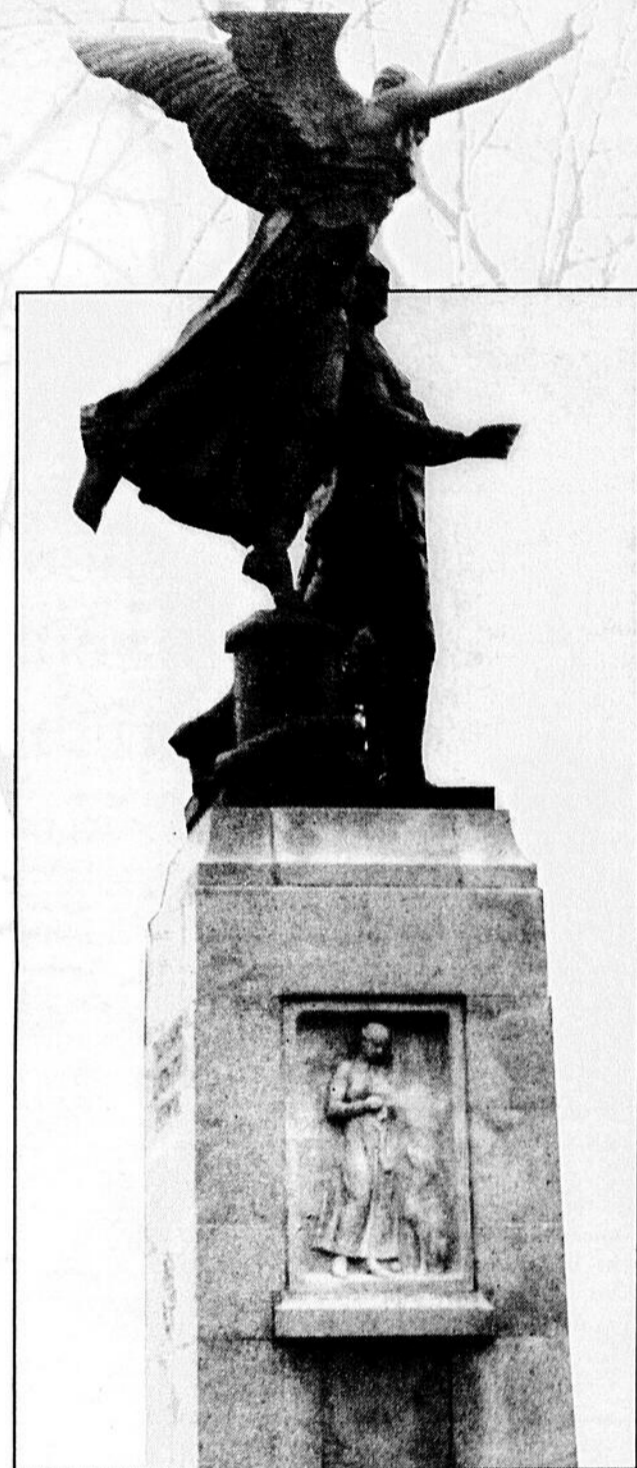
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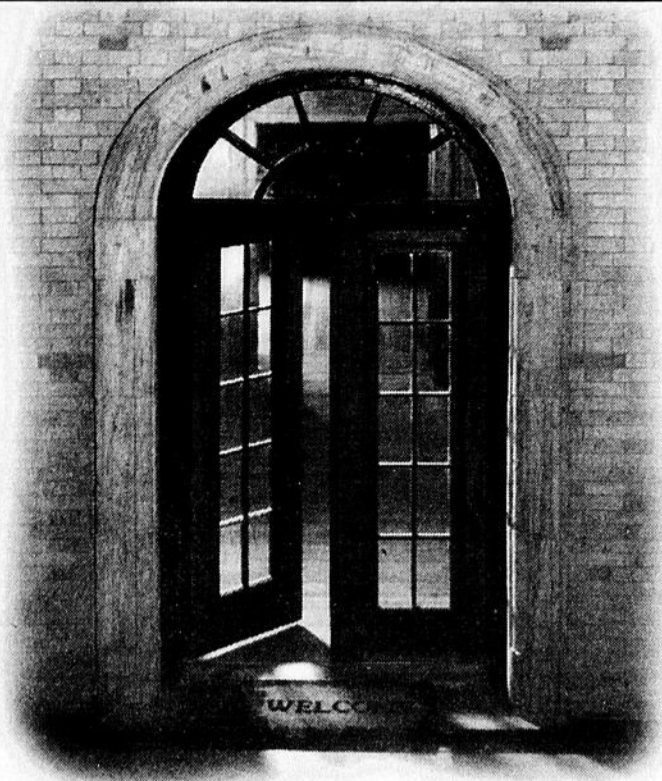
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## Claire Laporte exhibits her homage to Township trees



'Pins Noirs' by Claire Laporte

Marilynn Vanderstay

**W**hile walking with her husband on Mount Royal this summer, Claire Laporte came across the perfect location to exhibit her art—the heritage building known as La Maison Smith.

"The setting is very appropriate," she says of her exhibition, which takes place tonight and tomorrow evening. "My exhibition is all-natural, and this house is the perfect all-natural spot."

Laporte's collection of 45 coloured drawings are a reflection of the artist's view of the pine trees from her window in her studio in Austin, on Lake Memphremagog, where she spends five months a year. Over the last 18 months Laporte has captured in her art the wonderful pine and apple trees for which she has developed a passion over the last 13 years.

Her works are a study of the changing light and shapes of the trees. In addition to single pieces, the artist has created several series of six or seven images. One of her favourites is the series 'The Invisible Forest' in which the viewer can see faint traces of a forest.

A resident of Upper Lansdowne Avenue, Laporte was a printmaker for many years, but raising young children made the technique difficult to work with, so she started drawing. She uses a variety of media, oil pastels, charcoal, wax crayons and gold paint on paper to create her expressionist drawings. She loves what she does and believes that this is the best collection she has created to date.

La Maison Smith, located between Belvedere Avenue and Beaver Lake, is in fact the perfect venue for Laporte's exhibition. Built in 1858 for merchant Hosea B. Smith, the house is one of the few remaining examples of the rural and agricultural past of Mount Royal. Over the years the property has served as the home for the park's commissioner, as a police and first aid station throughout the 1940's and 50's, a museum and art centre in the 60's until 1989 when Les Amis de la Montagne signed an agreement with the City of Montreal that gave the organization long-term management of the heritage house.

Today the house is the head office for Les Amis de la Montagne and a centre dedicated to the conservation and promotion of Mount Royal. One of the rooms is available for different functions such as Laporte's exhibition.

*Claire Laporte's collection will be shown Thursday and Friday evening, Nov. 7 and 8 from 5 to 10 p.m. La Maison Smith is located at 1260 Chemin Remembrance. Parking is available at the second parking lot after Beaver Lake. For information call 489-9435.*

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## An eclectic week and the end of an era

**T**he McClure Gallery launched the exhibition of recent works by Quebec artist René Derouin last week with a vernissage at the Visual Arts Centre.

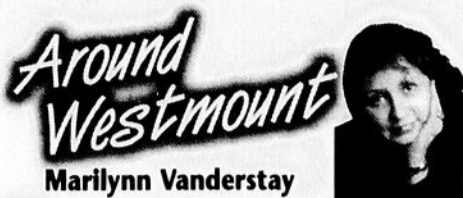
In his series of drawings, paintings and sculpture created over the last two years, Derouin has developed a visual language based on graphic motifs found in nature. The artist has used a rich diversity of media, black and white drawings and watercolours on paper, a woodcut series, bronze and ceramic sculptures and polychromatic wood reliefs to create the small and large format works. The exhibition continues at 350 Victoria Ave. through Nov. 23.

### Cheering sick children with art

The Montreal Children's Hospital will be hosting a vernissage for Westmount wall artist Nina Favetta's most recent rooms on Friday, Nov. 8 from 12 to 2 p.m. Favetta painted the whimsical murals in various rooms where the young patients receive treatment and tests.

One of the rooms that will be highlighted will be the X-ray room that was financed by Westmount Rotary Club members Ray Jones, Christine Pickrell and James Griffin as part of the service club's 70th anniversary project. Other rooms were painted in honour of George and Dora Pickrell, founders of Westmount Florist. Many of Favetta's works are on panels that can be relocated to the Montreal Children's Hospital's new facility.

Westmount artist Daniela Z,kina's work is currently featured in the



Westmount Public Library showcase through November. Her illustrations are from two children's books published this year. 'Cigale, Corbeau, Fourmi et Compagnie', 30 Aesop Fables, retold in French for 10- to 12-year-olds by Guy Dessureault, is illustrated with her pen and ink drawings. 'Maia et l'oiseau' a story by Angele Delaurois, includes her colour illustrations. Z,kina's original gouache painting commissioned by a group of Montreal libraries for the poster for their summer fantasy reading programme has been framed and is now hanging in the downstairs entrance to the children's section.

The West End Gallery will host a vernissage for 'Retrospective' the Greene Avenue gallery's first exhibition this season on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. The exhibition focuses on six Jewish painters including former Westmount artist Ernst Neumann, who established their careers in the 1930's and 40's. As first generation Canadians with modest means these artists persevered in the post-Depression years and won the respect of their peers and community. They are acknowledged for their contributions to the development of modern art in Canada. The exhibition continues until Nov. 20.

### The end of an era

One of the last vestiges of Canada Post's personalized service comes to an end this week, and it was not a decision of Canada Post. Door-to-door service in the apartment building at 4400 St. Catherine St. W. will be terminated as of Nov. 7, and the mostly senior tenants will have to go downstairs to pick up their mail from a Canada Post mailbox. The reason, cites man-

agement of the Corporation Placements Hillcath, is that the present mail slots in the apartment doors do not conform to the Quebec Building Code. In order to meet the specifications, Hillcath will start modifying the doors Nov. 11.

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# Cooking for your canine friends

**Bridget Blackader**

**T**he old adage says the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

Despite implications of being bare-foot and pregnant in the kitchen, it remains true that womenfolk continue

to do most of the meal prep. Our reward is that this makes us #1 in our dogs' hearts. Absolutely. Oh, yes.

But I have long wondered about how a dog feels, eating the same kibble week in, month out. And I decided the answer is B-O-R-I-N-G. So our house has been experimenting for months,



## Going to the dogs

and I think we can safely say it can be easy and cheap to provide continuous taste sensations, while maintaining a healthy balance of food elements and doggie weight.

Heaven knows, although dogs are technically carnivores, we all know the list of presumed (by the dog) edibles is endless, from corn cobs and pine cones to grass, bark, beetles, rubber bands, and on and on.

OK, so the first recommendation is that our woofs get two meals per day. This prevents anyone going to bed or getting up hungry. It's a lot easier on the system, and for some medium and many larger dogs, it also lessens the chances of stomach torsion, which can kill.

The only real no-nos are onions (implicated in haemolytic anaemia), chocolate in any form or strength (toxic), and bone-in poultry or fish (brittle bones easily pierce digestive

tract walls). There may be a connection between pork and pancreatitis, and there's a new possible connection between grapes, raisins, and bad outcomes. Apart from that, common sense goes a long way - low salt, low sugar (teeth rot), relatively low fat - dogs can use a little more than we should have.

Start with water. Drowning kibble in room temp or warmer water, is comforting. Even tastier is some beef, chicken, or veggie stock, for a scrumptious thin gravy. A generous squirt of tomato juice, or last night's beef or veggie soup is yummy. Either way, it's confirmed your darling is being fully hydrated - most of us do not drink enough water.

Out of time or imagination? Sprinkle on some herbs and serve with pride.

Think also of dollops, swirls, and plunks. Every dog I know enjoys a couple of tablespoons or a small palmful of: pesto, plain yogurt, cottage cheese, a cooked egg. Yogurt also has the added plus of restoring intestinal flora after antibiotics or diarrhea.

Shredded or cubed cheese, a chopped apple or other fruit are also great extras. And what joy to share veggies with the family! Anything with garlic is heaven—and garlic helps repel fleas and summer insects. A cold day will be much improved with a handful of hot oatmeal. The idea that we're all eating the same thing has enormous attraction for most woofs.

There are two keys to all of this. One is that any extras are presented in the dog's bowl, at the dog's mealtime. Otherwise, you risk accusatory or mournful eyes staring you down throughout your meal! The other is, that meals with or without extras, should not exceed usual amounts. The more goodies you add, the less kibble should accompany them. The great plus is that you will have noticed we can eat all of this stuff too! So there is no particular need to make special or substantially different stuff for the dog. And, once you have started regularly adding nummy-wums, not every meal requires them. A plain kibble with water and herbs meal will become its own taste treat.

If you wish to prepare extras in bulk (up to one half the regular kibble meal can be substituted with home-cooking), do so in bulk once a week or so, freezing it in bags of 2-4 servings. A good generic base is: brown rice, or brown rice and pot/pearl barley, or brown rice and spinach noodles. With this as about 1/3 the total, add about 1/3 as shredded or cubed meat or fish (thawed, fresh, tinned and drained are all OK). Complete the dish with about 1/3 veggies or fruit. Change tastes between weeks with different herbs, garlic or pesto, tomato juice, mustards etc.

A favourite in our household is 'Pemmican.' In a large pot, half cook one cup each brown rice and barley. Add 3/4-1 lb lean ground beef and continue cooking, breaking up meat. Add 1 chopped apple and 1/2 tin drained cherries or 1/2 packet cranberries to final few minutes of cooking. Drain just enough to keep it moist. Add black pepper and lots of parsley. Mix and bag and freeze. Sunflower or pumpkin seeds or some chopped nuts make an exquisite meal.

So there you have it. Food and love are such great companions, eh?

*Bridget Blackader is president of the Westmount Dog Owners Association.*

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## City centralizes despite Tremblay pledge

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Marks noted that in the annual budgets for the boroughs to be released later this month, Westmount's capital works budget will probably be cut 10 per cent, in addition to reductions endured since last year. Funding for capital works could easily end up 40 per cent lower than it was when Westmount was a city.

"We're really suffering, and we're suffering more in many cases than most other boroughs," she said. "What it means is that effectively we will not be able to do the kind of long-term planning, the kind of effective planning, that I think we always have had."

Marks raised the possibility that basic street maintenance—a service for which Westmount has always stood above most other municipalities on the island—could be slowly compromised.

"We haven't been a community that waited until the potholes were so large that they damaged our cars," she said. "We did things on a fixed schedule looking at what made sense, and over time we're going to be able to do that less and less because we won't have the resources to do that."

"That, as far as I'm concerned, clearly diminishing the services we give to our citizens. And that's what we keep hearing—there will be no diminishment

of services. That is a diminishment of services. The only thing is that it's not something you can see from day to day. It's something we'll experience over the long term."

Marks said that in being subjected to such drastic budget cuts, Westmount is being penalized because of its effective management style and pay-as-you-go formula. As a city, Westmount generally did not borrow, but instead regularly maintained and upgraded its resources. Westmount managed its finances relatively debt-free by paying at least half its expenses from taxes, the other half from a working fund.

But last year when the Transition Committee was laying the groundwork for the megacity and boroughs, it chose to look only at borrowing habits to determine a base level for future budget spending. Westmount ended up with a 30 per cent capital works spending cut right out of the gate.

Marks said the additional 10 per cent cut forecast for this year could have been as high as 36 per cent if the executive committee downtown had decided to apply a new calculating formula. "When they looked at many of the boroughs and realized they could not possibly cut that much, they decided they would only make it 10 per cent less than last year's amount," she said.

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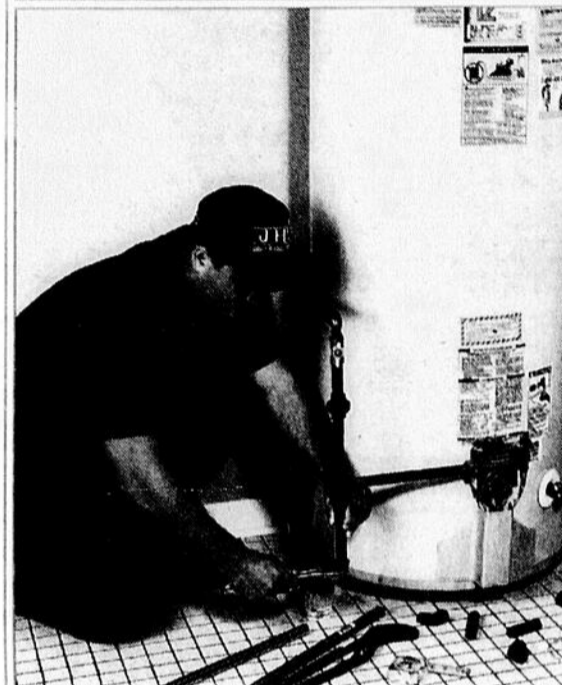
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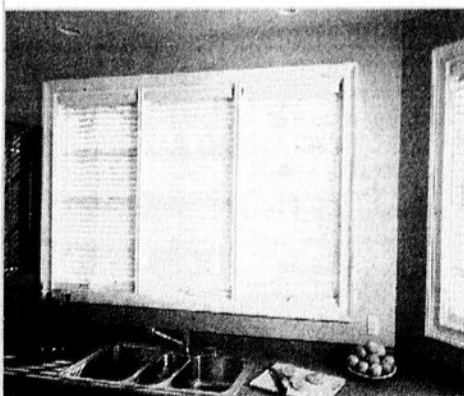
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# Bulletin Board

Deadline for submissions is Monday at noon preceding the next publication.  
No exceptions. Submissions may be edited or omitted for space.

## Thursday, Nov. 7

Catherine Bergman, author of Quebec bestseller 'From the Japanese' will give a talk about her experiences and the people she met during her years in Japan, at 7 p.m. at Nicholas Hoare bookstore, 1366 Greene Ave. Info: 933-4201.

Founders' Day Celebration Weekend at Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School, 525 Mount Pleasant Ave. Continues through Sunday, Nov. 10. Info: Advancement and Alumnae Relations Office at 935-6620.

The Atwater Library presents author Sandra Gulland, who will read from her novel 'The Last Great Dance on Earth.' Wine and cheese at 6:30, reading at 7 p.m. 1200 Atwater Ave. Free admission, all welcome. Info: 935-7344.

## Saturday, Nov. 9

WARM Writers presents teacher and workshop leader Doreen Adams, who will speak on 'The Short Story and The Creative Trigger' from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. W. Free for WARM members, others \$5 donation. Info: Jeanette Paul at (450) 468-5410 or warmwriters@canada.com.

St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, The Boulevard at Roslyn, holds its fourth annual Harvest Moon Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Features a wide variety of handicrafts, baked goods, jams and jellies, pickles and other homemade confections, as well as an art gallery, collectibles and antiques. A light lunch will be available.

Westmount Artisan Festival at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: non-perishable food items.

Rummage Sale at Church of the Advent, corner Wood Ave. and De Maisonneuve, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 933-6839.

## Sunday, Nov. 10

The Leisure Institute of Shaar

Hashomayim presents Dr. Sharon Sepinwall of McGill University, who will speak on 'Stressed: It's Just Desserts Spelled Backwards' at a luncheon meeting. \$4 for Leisure members, \$5 for non-members. 450 Kensington Ave. Info: 937-9471.

Westmount Artisan Festival at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: non-perishable food items.

Camp MaroMac Open House Reunion at Roslyn School, 4699 Westmount Ave., from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Features a video presentation and refreshments. Info: 485-1135.

## Monday, Nov. 11

Marriage Information Meeting at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., at 5:30 p.m. Couples considering intermarriage or conversion by one partner before marriage are invited to learn of Temple's policies and practices. Info: 937-3575.

## Tuesday, Nov. 12

The Westmount Public Library's English Book Club meets at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the novel 'Prodigal Summer' by Barbara Kingsolver. Discussion is led by Carole TenBrink, M.A. All welcome to attend. Info: Donna Lach at 989-5386.

The Westmount Horticultural Society holds its Annual General Meeting on 7 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. W. After the AGM, gardening columnist Stuart Robertson of the Gazette and CBC Radio will discuss forcing bulbs. All are welcome. Annual membership (Jan-Dec) is \$15, guest fee \$5. Info: 487-2245.

La Leche League meets at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave., at 1 p.m. to offer information and support for pregnant and nursing women. Info: 278-8009.

The University Women's Club of Montreal holds its 12th Annual Dinner and Fundraising Auction at the Atwater Club, 3505 Atwater. Cash bar at 6 p.m., din-

ner from 7 to 9 p.m. \$23 plus tax. RSVP: Roxanne Stanners at 735-4982 or Karin Van de Water at 288-1281.

## Thursday, Nov. 14

The Westmount Public Library's Fall Lecture Series continues with guest speaker Jack Todd of the Gazette, author of 'A Deserter's Story: The Taste of Metal,' who will give a reading in the Westmount Room of the library, 4574 Sherbrooke, at 7:30 p.m. Info: 989-5386.

Christmas Craft Sale and Bazaar at Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve (corner Lansdowne) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas gift section, homemade baking, crafts, children's knitted outfits, etc. Info: 932-2326.

Book Launch for 'The Creation—According to the Midrash Rabbah' by Rabbi Wilfred Suchat at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave. at 7:30 p.m. Info: 937-9471.

## Friday, Nov. 15

Kabbalat Shabbat For All Ages at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., at 5:45 p.m. Bring a friend or the whole family and enjoy Shabbat songs with an upbeat contemporary sound. Info: 937-3575.

## Saturday, Nov. 16

PQSPB presents its annual Great Bird and Nature Fair at Westmount High School, 4350 Ste. Catherine, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Info: (514) 637-2141.

Fall Book Sale at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Joseph Coyle at 484-3986.

## Sunday, Nov. 17

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Fall Book Sale at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A wide variety of books in excellent condition for reasonable prices. Info: Joseph Coyle at 484-3986.

## Monday, Nov. 18

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Leigh Lerner at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. Rabbi Lerner will speak on 'What Makes the Psalms Great Literature? How to Read the Psalms with a Whole Heart.' Brown bag lunch at noon, lecture at 12:30 p.m. Free of charge, open to all. Info: 937-3575.

## Tuesday, Nov. 19

The Westmount Public Library presents Marcello Di Cintio, author of 'Harmattan: Wind Across West Africa,' who will read passages from his book and talk about his journey across West Africa at 7:30 p.m. All welcome to attend. 4574 Sherbrooke St. W. Info: Donna Lach at 989-5386.

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., presents 'Music and Meditation: The Inner Journey—Part II' at 7:30 p.m. This evening explores how to apply a spiritual approach to life's challenges and ways we can connect with the eternal as a daily source of strength, guidance and inspiration in times of adversity. All welcome, free of charge. Info: 937-3575.

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