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Local News

STATION 12 TURF MAY SHIFT EAST

Martin C. Barry

Starting in January, Police Station 12's territory could be extended east of Westmount into downtown Montreal, and the eastern portion of NDC would no longer be served by the Stanton Street station.

"It's not a done deal," Station 12 Commander François Folchitto told the *Examiner* last Monday. "But in the plans, what we see is that we would expand up to Guy Street." North of Sherbrooke Street, the eastern boundary of the station's territory would follow Côte des Neiges Road up to the intersection with The Boulevard. Some territory north of The Boulevard, now controlled by Station 19, would become part of the Station 12 beat. Heading south on Guy, the Ville Marie expressway would be the station's southern limit.

"If it does go as planned, we would lose part of the Notre-Dame-de-Grâce district," Folchitto added. Station 12's territory would extend no further west than Claremont Avenue.

The boundary changes are part of an overall reorganization of Montreal's neighbourhood police station system, which was implemented in 1997. Before the new boundaries come into effect, public hearings will be held, and the megacity's executive committee will make the final decision.

"If everything is accepted, it would probably start in January," said Folchitto.

He added that he believes the new territory will improve Station 12's efficiency. "It is an improvement because we are serving probably the same type of clientele," he said. With the new territory, the station's staff will increase from 29 to 47 officers. "This is the good part of the project," he said.

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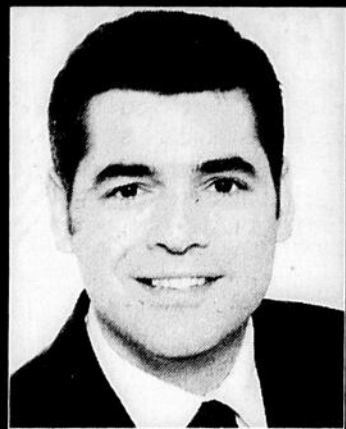


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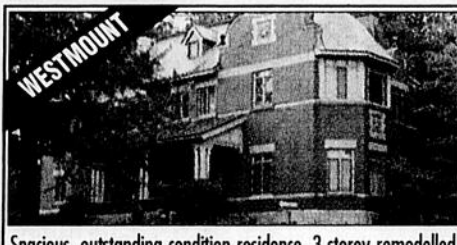
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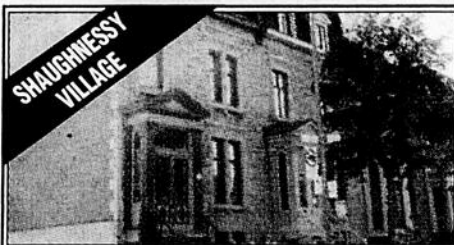
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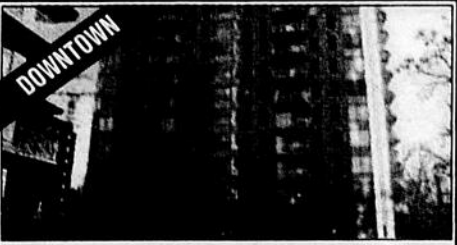
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TRENT SKEWERS 'HIGH PRIESTS' BEHIND MEGACITY

Martin C. Barry

Montreal as a megacity is being run according to principles like those of a religious doctrine, with "high priests" defending them, says former Westmount mayor Peter Trent.

Addressing a noontime gathering of the Westmount Rotary Club last week, Trent said the creation of the megacity in 2001 was based on seven false myths or "articles of faith" which he listed:

- The mega-unions won't be any problem;

- We won't catch the disease of mega-spending here;

- There will be economies of scale of five per cent;

- The number of bureaucrats will be reduced;

- Taxes will drop for 96.7 per cent of the island's citizens;

- Mega-mergers are necessary to compete internationally;

- Mega-mergers will free us from the scourge of fiscal inequity.

Because they are articles of faith, there must also be "high priests," two of whom Trent identified as former Montreal mayor Pierre Bourque and former PQ municipal affairs minister Louise Harel.

"Bourque has animist beliefs," Trent said. "He says things like, 'Montreal needs oxygen, and 'Montreal is the mother of the suburbs.'" Harel, the "high priestess of mergers, had a more orthodox liturgy," he added. "She believed in transubstantiation. She thought that the messiness of all these little cities



Photo: Martin C. Barry

Peter Trent speaks at last week's Rotary meeting

would be transubstantiated into a uniform nirvana, and we would have sort of a New Jerusalem, a heaven on earth, by these mergers."

Not only have there been no savings from the megacity, Trent said, but the prediction made by the Poitras Report, which he and other anti-mergerists released last year, is that the minimum cost per year of running the megacity will be \$200 million.

The number of bureaucrats running the megacity has increased by 236 person-years, he insisted, and taxes across the island have risen by \$96 million in the last two years. In Westmount alone, taxes have gone up 18 per cent, with reduced services.

Trent said the former PQ government's actions creating the megacity were immoral. "Morality, in my view, has to do with how you do

something, not what you do—because you could be wrong," he said.

"Why I think what happened is immoral is because the PQ government went about it ignoring the desires of the population. They rode roughshod over our democratic rights. They knew what's best for us and they just plowed ahead and did it, and that's what I can't forgive them. As well as an economic error, it's also a democratic error."

Since 1845, Trent pointed out, the norm in Quebec municipal affairs was to allow voluntary mergers, with rare exceptions such as the creation of the City of Laval. "So in my view, the megacity is not legitimate and Bill 9, by allowing us to demerge, will legitimize the megacity," he said.

"So those who wish to remain, fine, they will at least be able to vote, and those of us who wish to leave will be able to vote, and therefore we'll have the crown of legitimacy placed on the megacity which it doesn't currently have."

Asked when he expected that demerger referendums would take place, Trent predicted that by early spring 2004 registers should be open. "Whether we'll have a referendum in May or June, or whether it would be only in September or October of next year, I don't know," he said. "So I would say the maximum time before we have a referendum will be about a year, the minimum probably about eight months."

Police map could change

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Folchitto acknowledged that the main reason Station 12's staff is being increased is that the downtown territory is busier and more densely populated than Westmount and will require more manpower.

"That's why we're getting the officers," he said. "Seeing as I have more staff, I'll be able to improve the foot patrols, problems with traffic or what have you. I'm going to have people just on traffic or people on foot patrols all the time."

Asked if the downtown area is likely to differ from Westmount in terms of the cases police will be dealing with, Folchitto replied: "Not really. Mind you, there have been a few incidents around Cabot Square that would be a bit of a change, although we are already working there some of the time. For sure it's going to add (in terms of) criminality, but it shouldn't be a problem."

During the time the eastern part of NDG was one of Station 12's responsi-

bilities, relatively few incidents were reported there day by day compared to the number in Westmount, because of the comparatively small size of the territory in NDG. For a time, however, before a special program was implemented, Station 12 officers had their hands full at the Vendôme metro station where unruly youths regularly caused trouble.

Among the establishments in Station 12's new territory, a dance club for youths at the old Forum on Atwater Avenue, where all-night 'raves' are expected to be held, is starting to cause concern for residents downtown and in the eastern part of Westmount. The matter is currently being dealt with by Station 20.

"For sure that's going to bring more activity, but would that be a problem? I don't know," said Folchitto. "They have a permit, but so far they say they won't have those all-night parties, so I don't know if they're going to be having some or not. We'll have to deal with them when they occur."



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Événements communautaires

Concert au Victoria Hall

L'arrondissement de Westmount présente « Folies », un concert de musique baroque par le duo de violes de gambe *Les Voix humaines*, le dimanche 19 octobre à 14 h au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke O. Cet événement a reçu le soutien financier du *Conseil des Arts de Montréal* dans le cadre du programme Jouer dans l'Île. Info : 989-5353.



Hydro Westmount Émondage

Hydro Westmount poursuit son programme annuel de dégagement des lignes électriques. Des équipes d'émondeurs professionnels seront à l'œuvre dans les secteurs suivants : au nord de Côte Saint-Antoine, à l'ouest d'Aberdeen jusqu'à The Boulevard; et au nord de The Boulevard à l'ouest de Lexington jusqu'aux limites nord de l'arrondissement. Info : 925-1414.



Bibliothèque

Semaine de la bibliothèque publique

Procurez-vous à la bibliothèque la brochure des activités prévues pour souligner la semaine de la bibliothèque publique qui se tiendra du 19 au 25 octobre prochain.

Concours pour enfants

Rappel : la date limite pour participer au concours *Défi architectural de Westmount* est le vendredi 10 octobre. Info : 989-5229.

Conférence automnale

Elaine Kalman Naves, auteure de *Shoshanna's Story*, *Journey to Vaja*, et *The Streets of Montreal* lira des extraits de ses livres dans la salle Westmount le mercredi 15 octobre de 19 h 30 à 21 h. Info : 989-5386.

Conférence automnale

Venez rencontrer l'auteur Neil Bissoondath (*The Innocence of Age*, *Doing the Heart Good*, *The Worlds Within Her*) le mercredi 22 octobre de 14 h à 16 h. Info : 989-5386.

Festival interculturel du conte du Québec

Nous désirons inviter les adolescents (12 ans et +) à venir rencontrer le maître conteur britannique Ben Haggarty le dimanche 19 octobre à 15 h. Ce raconteur hors pair vous plongera dans une

Dates à retenir

Le 9 octobre - 19 h

Séance d'information publique
Budget 2004
Bureau d'arrondissement

Le 9 octobre - 20 h

Séance du Conseil
Bureau d'arrondissement

Le 15 octobre - 19 h 30

Conférence automnale
Elaine Kalman Naves
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Le 19 octobre - 14 h

Folies - *Les voix humaines*
Victoria Hall

Le 19 octobre - 15 h

Maître conteur Ben Haggarty
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Le 21 octobre - 19 h

Club de lecture anglaise
Fingersmith de Sarah Waters
Bibliothèque

Le 22 octobre - 14 h

Conférence automnale
Neil Bissoondath, Bibliothèque

Le 25 octobre - 9 h à 17 h

Collecte des résidus
domestiques dangereux
Stationnement
de la bibliothèque

Le 3 novembre - 20 h

Séance du Conseil
Bureau d'arrondissement

atmosphère de frayer avec ses contes de la nuit. Info : 989-5386.

Concours de décoration de citrouilles de l'Halloween

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Travaux publics Collecte de feuilles

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Community events

Concert at Victoria Hall

The Borough of Westmount is pleased to present "Folies", a concert of baroque music for viola da gamba by *Les Voix humaines* on Sunday, October 19 at 2:00 pm at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W. This concert is supported by the *Conseil des arts de Montréal* as part of the Jouer dans l'Île programme. Info: 989-5226.



Hydro Westmount Tree Pruning

Hydro Westmount is continuing its annual programme of clearing tree branches near power lines in the areas north of Côte St. Antoine, west of Aberdeen up to The Boulevard, and north of The Boulevard, west of Lexington up to the borough's northern limit. Info: 925-1414.



Library

Public Library Week

Join us for author lectures, contests and other special events from October 19 to October 25! Pick up our brochure at the Library for details.

Children's Contest

Reminder : the deadline for submitting an entry to the 2003 *Westmount Architectural Challenge* is Friday, October 10. Info: 989-5229.

Fall Author Series

Elaine Kalman Naves, author of *Shoshanna's Story*, *Journey to Vaja*, and *The Streets of Montreal*, will give a reading in the Westmount Room on Wednesday, October 15 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Info: 989-5386.

Fall Author Series

Join us for an afternoon with Neil Bissoondath, author of *The Innocence of Age*, *Doing the Heart Good*, *The Worlds Within Her*, and other works, on Wednesday, October 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Info: 989-5386.

Quebec Intercultural Storytelling Festival

Master British storyteller Ben Haggarty will send shivers down your spine as he tells bone chilling tales from the dark side in this special young adult storytelling session on Sunday, October 19 at 3:00 p.m. Ages 12+. Info: 989-5386.

Datebook

October 9 - 7 p.m.

Public Information Meeting
2004 Budget
Borough Hall

October 9 - 8 p.m.

Borough Council Meeting
Borough Hall

October 15 - 7:30 p.m.

Fall Author Series
Elaine Kalman Naves
Library

October 19 - 2 p.m.

Folies - *Les voix humaines*
Victoria Hall

October 19 - 3 p.m.

Master British Storyteller
Ben Haggarty, Library

October 21 - 7 p.m.

English Book Club
Fingersmith by Sarah Waters
Library

October 22 - 2 p.m.

Fall Author Series
Neil Bissoondath, Library

October 25 - 9 am to 5 pm

Household
Hazardous
Waste Collection
Library Parking Lot

November 3 - 8 p.m.

Council Meeting
Borough Hall

Halloween Pumpkin Contest

Celebrate Halloween by decorating a pumpkin at home and bringing it to the Library between October 5 and 24. You could win a prize! Pick up an entry form with our contest rules at the Library. Info: 989-5229.



Public Works

Autumn Leaf Collection

Clear plastic bags are available for leaf collection at the Borough Hall, Victoria Hall, Public Works and Westmount Library for \$3 per bundle of 10 bags. Bagged leaves must be left behind the sidewalk by 7 a.m. on Mondays until the end of November. Info: 989-5268.

Police deal with tire-slashing spree

Martin C. Barry

Dozens of cars parked on Westmount streets had their tires slashed or were otherwise vandalized over the course of a single evening last week.

Following the incidents on Sept. 28, which mostly involved tire slashing, police at Station 12 filed four reports of vandalism from Olivier Avenue, three on Thornhill Avenue, three on Mount Pleasant Avenue, two on Clarke Avenue, one on Greene Avenue, four on Elm Avenue, four on Montrose Avenue and two on Argyle Avenue.

By Oct. 4, as many as 40 similar incidents, some involving 'key' scratching, had been reported.

"We have an investigator who is on the case already," said Constable Julie Jutras, community relations officer at the station. She added that the special officer from the police department's central administration was put on the case because of the urgency of the situation.

"It's like somebody invaded Westmount to come and slash tires," Jutras said. "We don't have any suspects for all of those yet... If we can get any information or anything from some of the people who had their tires slashed, then we could investigate."

Slashed tires were involved in 35 of the cases. One of the vandalized vehicles, on Daulac, had all its windows smashed in. Asked if the incidents bore the earmarks of adolescent vandals, Jutras said: "I would think so."

"It's been a really rotten week," Jutras said, noting that other incidents reported throughout the station's territory last week brought the total number of cases to more than 60.

During an average week, there are usually no more than a half-dozen criminal incidents, most of them minor, reported on Station 12's territory. "This week was exceptional," she said. "It really went skyrocketing."

On Sept. 29, a theft from a car was reported on Metcalfe Avenue. There was another similar incident on Victoria Avenue, during which two laptop computers were stolen. On the same day, the contents were stolen from a vehicle parked at the corner of Sherbrooke Street and Victoria Avenue. Nearby, another car's license plate was stolen.

On Lansdowne Avenue, also on Sept. 29, a home was broken into. In Westmount Park near the corner of Melville Avenue and de Maisonneuve Boulevard that day, an armed theft took place involving four teenagers who confronted two others. "We have, maybe, a possible suspect in that," Jutras said.

Later the same day, a break-in took place at a store on Decarie Boulevard in the NDG sector of Station 12's domain.

On Sept. 30, there was a break-in on Park Place Avenue, followed by a theft from a car at the corner of Dorchester Boulevard and Greene Avenue. On Oct. 1, there was another theft from a car on Victoria Avenue, a break-and-enter on Clarke Avenue, and a car was stolen at the corner of Wood Avenue and Sherbrooke Street.

The same day, there was a break-in at a house on Claudioboye Avenue in lower Westmount. On Oct. 2, homes on Riverview and Lansdowne avenues were broken into. On Oct. 3, there was a theft from a car at the corner of Wood Avenue and de Maisonneuve Boulevard, another house on Claudioboye was broken into, followed by vandalism incidents involving cars at Ste. Catherine Street and Greene Avenue and on Clarke Avenue.

After the chaos of the previous days, not a single incident was reported on Oct. 4. "One clean day," Jutras commented. The day after, an incident involving a theft from a car was reported at the corner of de Maisonneuve and Wood. On Oct. 6, three reports were received of a pickpocket operating at the Atwater métro station.

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en les déposant dans le stationnement de la Bibliothèque de Westmount entre 9 h et 17 h. Les vêtements usagés et les vieux équipements électroniques seront également ramassés à cette occasion. Info : 989-5390.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Mark your calendar - Saturday, October 25 is Household Hazardous Waste Collection day in Westmount. Safely dispose of your leftover paints, solvents,

used batteries, pesticides, old and broken computer equipment, etc. in the parking lot of Westmount Library between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Used clothing and electronic items will be collected the same day. Info: 989-5390.

Découvrez votre arrondissement

Construit en 1898, rasé par les flammes en 1924, reconstruit l'année suivante dans le style Tudor qui caractérise également le bureau d'arrondissement, cet édifice municipal a vu danser plusieurs générations de Westmountais dans sa belle salle principale :

Victoria Hall (4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest)

L'édifice abrite le Service des événements communautaires. Outre la grande salle de spectacle, vous y trouverez de petites salles utilisées pour des activités sportives et culturelles ainsi qu'à l'occasion pour des concerts. Vous faites partie d'un groupe communautaire local? Vous pouvez y organiser des rencontres à caractère public et sans but lucratif (aucune location privée n'est autorisée).



Une galerie d'art, ajoutée lors de rénovations majeures en 1998-99, sert de vitrine exceptionnelle à plusieurs artistes de Westmount sélectionnés annuellement par un comité. C'est cette galerie qui relie Victoria Hall au conservatoire (présentement en rénovation), puis à la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount.

Le Bureau d'arrondissement - votre porte d'accès 989-5200.

Get to know your borough

Built in 1898, devastated by fire in 1924 and rebuilt the following year in the Tudor style that is also characteristic for the Borough Hall, this municipal building has seen many generations of Westmounters dance in its beautiful concert hall:

Victoria Hall (4626 Sherbrooke Street West)

The building houses the Community Events office. Its spacious concert hall and other rooms are used for leisure activities and occasionally for concerts. Private rentals are no longer available, but local community groups may use the facilities for public meetings and not-for-profit events.

An art gallery, added during a major renovation in 1998-99, showcases Westmount artists selected every year by a committee. The Gallery links Victoria Hall to the conservatory (presently under renovation) and the Westmount Public Library.

The Borough Office - your access to information 989-5200.

Celebrating Canada's Citizenship Week: Cultivate your Commitment to Canada

Canada's Citizenship Week is celebrated each year during the third week of October, and this year, it will be held during the week of October 13-19. This celebration is an opportunity to recognize the value of citizenship. Throughout the week, it is important to focus on the privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. It is a time to explore the nature of Canadian citizenship and the underlying values of respect, freedom and belonging that bring us together and make Canada such a great country to live in.

The theme for this year's celebration is Cultivate Your Commitment to Canada. There will be many activities held throughout the week and I encourage you to visit the Citizenship and Immigration website to get information on the events at www.cic.gc.ca. It is vital that youth become actively engaged in citizenship-based activities, to take an active role in their respective communities, to explore, to understand what it means to fully be a Canadian citizen.

MP

Lucienne Robillard



Canada is a magnet for immigrants; one of the most multi-culturally diverse countries in the entire world. On our doorstep lies the United Nations. For those who are new to our country, citizenship may mean everything. For the second generation and beyond, the importance of citizenship may get lost in the hectic scramble to succeed in school, at work, in life.

Canadian citizenship delivers rights: equality rights: equal treatment before and under the law, and equal protection and benefit of the law without discrimination; democratic rights: the right to participate in political activities, to vote and run for political office; legal rights: the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty, the right to retain a lawyer and be informed of that right, and the right to an interpreter in court proceedings; mobility rights: the right to enter and leave Canada, to move and take up residence in any province or territory; language rights: the right to use either the English or French language in communications with the Government of Canada; education rights: French and English minorities in every province and territory have the right to be educated in their own language.

Canadians must understand that citizenship gives us all these freedoms; and, with these rights comes the responsibility to participate in our community. Citizens bear the responsibility for helping to support the community by contributing to its life and vigour. Any democratic nation is only as strong as its citizens. Without active commitment and participation, the community suffers and grows weak.

Apart from our community duties, Canadians have the responsibility to understand and obey Canadian laws; to participate in Canada's democratic political system; to vote in elections; to allow other Canadians to enjoy their rights and freedoms; and, to appreciate and help preserve Canada's multicultural heritage.

By joining the Citizenship Week celebrations, you can help plant the seeds to cultivate a commitment to Canada in your community. Enjoy Canada's Citizenship Week!

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

HEY HOSERS, HOW'S IT BIN, EH? DEMERGERS, EH. COUNCILLORS DESERTING TREMBLAY'S PARTY.... FIGURING OUT HOW TO UNDO AN ILLEGAL MERGER WITH A LEGAL DEMERGER, EH?

GEEZ, CAN'T JUST SAY IT WAS ILLEGAL IN THE FIRST PLACE. GAME OVER EH. BUT WE GOTTA GO THE REFERENDUM ROUTE. AND THEY'RE BURNIN THE CANDLE AT BOTH ENDS — SETIN THE BAR HIGH. BUT I GUESS WE'LL GET IT IN THE END, EH?



Letters to the editor

Where do we turn?

To the editor:

I'm sure I'm not the only one who has noticed that many cars turn right on the 'straight-ahead' arrow at the corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria, and this even when there is heavy pedestrian traffic. It is obviously a low-risk occupation, as I have never seen anyone get a ticket.

In the Dark Ages before the MUC, a simple phone call to City Hall would have led to immediate police action, but, as you know, the MUC gave us better policing at lower cost, and the megacity will give us even better policing (if that is conceivable) at even lower cost (if that is conceivable).

One is led to wonder whether somewhere in the megacity (more for less)

organization, there is someone who has the authority to tell the police to do something about this—to tell the police to do anything, in fact.

J. Turgeon
Mount Stephen Avenue

Thanks to Fox volunteers and sponsors

To the editor:

On Sept. 14, the Westmount Terry Fox run raised \$9,000 for cancer research and had over 125 participants and 50 volunteers.

These community runs are extremely important for increasing the awareness of cancer research and the Terry Fox Foundation in general. Because of the increased number of community events like ours, total funds raised increased from \$250,000 in

Quebec to close to \$1 million in the past five years. Still, the profile of the organization remains low compared to Ontario, where over \$8 million is raised every year. In our continued efforts to raise money for cancer research, we extend a special heartfelt thanks to participants, volunteers, and corporate donors for making the second annual event a success. We would especially like to thank McDonald's, Subway Quebec, Coca Cola, Pekarna Patisserie Café, Mix 96, Cinq Saisons, Metro Fletcher, St. John's Ambulance, the Borough of Westmount, and the BlackWatch Cadets.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you out next year!

The Westmount Terry Fox Run organizing committee

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COUNCILLORS SKATING ON DEMERGERS

Uncensored

Tommy Schnurmacher



How can you tell you if a city councillor is really against the forced merger? You might try a straightforward approach and ask directly. Not a good idea. This method may sound sensible, but is, in fact, hopeless.

way you will be able to elicit anything resembling a direct response. You will however be greeted with a breathtaking display of some of the most nimble skating this side of Elvis Stojko.

The responses will be athletic, graceful and artistic. They may even be downright poetic, but they will have nothing to do with the question.

Most of the councillors are skirting the issue not because they don't know

the answer. They're afraid of hopping off the fence.

If they even suggest they're in favor of demerger, they will thoroughly annoy mega-mayor Gerald Tremblay, who is their boss.

On the other hand, if the councillors admit that they are very happy with the way things are right now, thank you very much, their local constituents might get even more annoyed with them than they are already.

Most of the councillors would prefer a root canal to admitting how they really feel. They would much rather leave well enough alone. If voters are deluded enough to believe that the former mayors actually want their tatty old jobs back now they have seen City Hall in Old Montreal, so be it.

What do these guys really think when there isn't a microphone around?

The answer is as plain as day.

Almost every last one of them is staunchly in favor of the merger and thoroughly enjoying the new gig and the salary and pension that go with it.

Need proof?

Pay close attention to what they actually do say.

Sift through the usual twaddle about "meaningful decentralization" and "waiting for more facts before they can really make up their minds on so monumental a decision ... yadda yadda."

They are not waiting for more facts. They are waiting for the demerger movement to fail. They are waiting for the Charest government to make the hurdles even higher than they are already.

Read between the lines when they earnestly make all those dire warnings about the high costs of demerger. Watch their eyes as they insist that even if a borough manages somehow to demerge, it will never be the way it used to be.

Doesn't sound like someone too enthusiastic about undoing the merger, does it?

The majority of people realize the forced mergers are a dreadful idea. They can see that the main activity

that has been decentralized so far has been labor strife.

No need to despair. The current situation is not nearly as complicated as the councillors make it out to be and there is indeed a simple way to separate the men from the boys.

The councillors honest enough and brave enough to quit Tremblay's party and sit as independents? They are the ones truly against the forced merger.

The ones who continue to take their orders from the pro-merger tag team of Gerald Tremblay and Pierre Bourque are discreetly doing everything they can to stop the demerger movement while they pretend that they have yet to make up their minds.

Disney on Ice isn't the only place where you can see cartoon characters skating around.

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Old News

(from the examiner archives)



One Year Ago
October 3, 2002

HIGHRISE HOSPITAL: "Pavilions at the McGill University Health Centre will exceed the height of an 18-storey highrise apartment block that is currently the area's tallest building, say MUHC officials. The highest tower in the MUHC's proposed Glen Yards campus would rise 'just a shade under 200 feet total height,' Robert Hamilton, chief architect of the \$1.2 billion project, revealed at a public meeting in NDG last Wednesday. According to plans unveiled earlier this year, none of the MUHC's buildings was supposed to exceed eight storeys. But as it came out during the meeting at the Queen Elizabeth Health Complex, the density of each of the MUHC's institutional storeys will be nearly 16 feet—compared to a conventional building where it is about nine feet. In fact, the highest point on the campus will be as tall as a 22-storey building—20 feet more than the Château Maisonneuve apartment complex at the corner of Claremont and de Maisonneuve—dwarfing residential houses on surrounding streets and obstructing the view of Mount Royal from the south."

Five Years Ago
October 15, 1998

TOWNHOUSE PROJECT: "It's all over but the shouting, according to developer Jerry Winikoff, who is preparing to start construction of his

long-delayed townhouse project at the foot of Victoria Avenue. On Tuesday afternoon, motorists who use the parking lot in front of the Westmount train station returned to their cars to find the lot closed and a notice on their windshields informing them they will no longer be allowed to park there. 'Things are coming along very well,' Winikoff said of his negotiations with the City of Westmount. So well, he said, that he expects to be issued his long-sought building permit any day. In order to meet the City's requirements, Winikoff recently dropped two more units from the project. This leaves him with a new total of 16 townhouses—exactly half the amount con-

tained in the original proposal he submitted in August, 1997."

Twenty Years Ago
October 6, 1983

THE BITTER END: "Westmount's current city council orchestrated its last public meeting Monday night, ending the four-year term with swan songs in which council members warbled sweet praise upon one another and croaked bitter insults and retribution on anyone who had opposed or criticized them. These included THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER, its publisher, 'the public' and even one of their own colleagues, Alderman Brian



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As we brace ourselves for winter's onslaught, besieged to the bone, as it were by icy chills, we tend to ignore, even forget the fact that our circulatory system may need a boost.

While we can't run, jog and exercise the cold away, we may find a number of methods to stimulate and oxygenate our circulatory systems and as a result allow the transportation of heat—one of the functions the blood is most effective at. Blood is very effective in this function since it has a high capacity to store heat.

When the body is attempting to prevent heat loss, blood is directed away from the skin and towards the interior of the body to prevent additional loss. About 70% of energy expended during exercise appears as heat.

An increase in body metabolism boosts heat production up several times from resting value. A healthy circulation keeps us warmer in winter, cooler in summer. It brings nutrients and oxygen to the bones and muscles; it feeds the brain and all parts of the body, including the lymphatic system through the thousands of miles of veins and arteries that compose the human body.

This may be the perfect time of the year to consider new ways you can beat circulatory problems and boost your system.

Reflexology, pilates, and massage, time-honoured forms of exercise, stimulation and relaxation are important methods through which we improve and maintain healthy, healing circulation.

Yan Wang, who specializes in massotherapy for women in their homes and in her clinic says "that as massage stimulates and relaxes the body and the mind, the skin, blood and lymphatic systems are also stimulated. The circulatory system strengthens and builds aiding in cellular renewal and removing toxic wastes." Depending of the depth of massage movements used, the nerve endings can be stimulated or soothed. Increased circulation helps the exfoliation of superficial dead skin cells, tones the skin and encourages its renewal process."

According to Yan, the massage-stimulated blood flow helps nutrients to circulate more efficiently and can improve muscle tone, and restore mobility ensuring the elimination of wastes more effectively.

Maria-Elena Martoglio always wondered about the amazing effects that reflexology gave her on the few times she had tried it. "I was floating all day, I became interested in the map illustrated on the feet and how it relates to our internal organs. Applying pressure on the feet releases endorphines that have a calming effect—

we must be in a calm state in order to help our bodies to break up toxins that cause disease."

Reflexologist Maria-Elena explains that the pressure placed on the feet sends signals to the nervous system which in turn sends the messages to the brain. "The brain sends messages to the cells—adjustments which oxygenate the blood and improve circulation."

Preventing and addressing circulatory problems is something Ann McMillan, founder of Le Centre Pilates de Montreal is expert at. As the first certified Pilates trainer in Montreal and the only owner of a center that has a specialized rehabilitation program, Mrs. McMillan's techniques incorporate the principles of rehabilitation and physiotherapy in the pilates environment.

"Exercise stimulates excretion of synovial fluid necessary for the health of the joints and the prevention of arthritis. Pilates is a complete involvement of all joints which are mobilized in more directions of movement than in other forms of exercise. This movement lubricates the joints thoroughly."

According to Ann, "Joseph Pilates, who developed this field of exercise, said we were only as young as our spines. A stiff spine is indicative of problems of the digestion system and of blood circulation. Pilates keeps the fluid alive and in motion, it

helps the blood bring minerals into the joints and this facilitates the production of synovial fluid".

Oxygenation, nourishment, healthy arteries — helping that blood flow round and round — happy prospects for a healthy fall and winter.

DO YOU HAVE CIRCULATORY PROBLEMS?

Circulatory problems can come in many forms. Varicose veins are a condition in which veins that collect and return oxygen-depleted blood from distant reaches of the body to the heart become blocked or overly constricted. Interruption in normal blood flow can result in veins that are stretched, their internal valves malfunctioning. Constricted vessels can result in weakened arterial walls — aneurysms may form, trapping blood in the ballooned walls.

Cramp-like pain, muscle fatigue, aching in the leg may all be symptomatic of blocked arteries in the pelvis, thighs or calves known as atherosclerosis.

Other symptoms of circulatory problems include numbness in a finger, toe or other body part after exposure to cold weather followed by redness and pain when warmed. Scaling, itching skin, poorly healing sores and painful, hard veins may also be symptoms.

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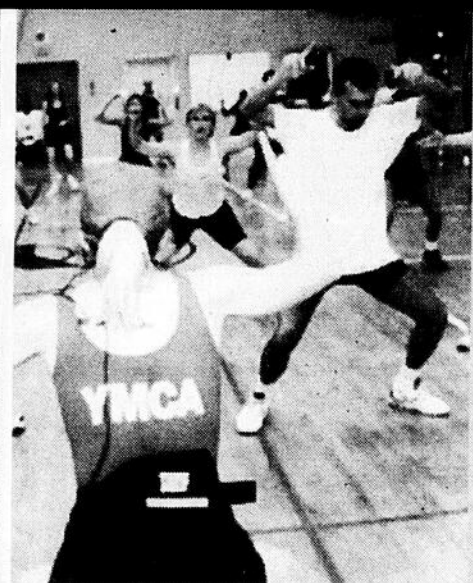
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Effective treatments for varicose veins

BY SARKA HALAS

Varicose veins are due to incompetent venous valves, which are due to weakness of the vein wall and poor venous tone. They are a superficial sign of more wide-spread venous insufficiency.

The veins become elongated, dilated and tortuous. The incompetent valves permit the reversal of blood flow. They may be associated with aching, fatigue or heat in the legs, or by wearing compression hosiery. For women the symptoms may be worse during menstruation.

Treating varicose veins is a long-term commitment, and it involves internal and external applications. The diet should be high in flavonoids, which includes multi-coloured fruits and vegetables. So... rbs high in flavonoids are hawthorn (*Crataegus oxyacantha*), yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*), and linden (*Tilia europea*). For venous insufficiency and associated oedema, butcher's broom (*Ruscus aculeatus*) and melilot (*Melilotus officinale*), are both potent vasodilators, which will permit the flow of blood. Melilot is contraindicated if you are on anti-coagulant medication (coumadin, warfarin), as it is a strong blood thinner.

Circulatory stimulants are also indicated for varicose veins, including ginger (*Zingiber officinale*), rosemary (*Rosmarianus officinale*), and prickly ash (*Zanthoxylum americanum*). Horse chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) is key to the treatment of varicose veins. It improves venous tone, probably due to the escin content. Escin reduces the localized oedema associated with inflammation;

it acts by decreasing capillary permeability to water; thus decreasing exudation into the intercellular spaces.

Externally, horse chestnut may be applied to the area, but not on broken or ulcerated skin. Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginica*), and marigold (*Calendula officinale*), may also be used.

Sarka Halas is a clinical herbalist with the health food store A Votre Santé, who just finished four years of training. Her main areas of interests are women's health, chronic disease and psychology.

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Mr. Wright:

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J-M.G.

The correspondent and I have spoken and met on several occasions.

Yes!! You have made an excellent analysis of the situation. Your cheque is not payment. Your cheque is not your receipt. Any cheque is simply a "promissory note." That is, you are giving your word that there is enough money in the bank account such that when it comes time to honour your promise to pay money to a third party, it will be covered. It becomes payment only when redeemed by the bank, and money is transferred from your account to another party. A bank is your intermediary.

After 16 years of hearing almost the exact same problem over and over, in all parts of the city, a small course in rental and civil code is in order.

Section "D" of the lease, the very last line states unequivocally: Proof of payment.

"The lessee is entitled to a receipt for the payment of his rent (Art. 1658 C.C.Q.)."

There you have it. Right in the law. A receipt is owed legally. Period.

The landlord must give a receipt. It can be marked, "paid by cheque" as

legal protection until the cheque actually passes. But a receipt to protect both parties then exists.

Why the problem? Any competent landlord knows this law. All he has to do is have a small booklet that is signed upon payment. It can be prepared ahead of time. Computer programs exist to facilitate this task.

Or the tenant can bring a photocopy of the cheque, dated, and ask that the rental agent or landlord just signs right on this photocopy the time, day, and date of receipt. Simple isn't it? Landlord gets paid and the tenant has proof that his rent is up-to-date.

If the landlord still refuses to follow the law and give a receipt, send a registered letter reminding the landlord of the legal right to a receipt. Include your rent payment, noting that this is a one-time occurrence, plus state that you reserve the right to file an Application (demande) at the rental board for a specific performance order, rent deposit, court and service costs etc. This is a step that should not be undertaken without specific legal advice.

To make it easier: a) Ask for a receipt. b) Bring your own receipt to be signed. c) Registered letter as final legal warning (with payment this time). d) File at the rental board (last recourse).

I have just let out a huge sigh of relief. More people will read this column on rent payment than have ever heard me say these very same words in my entire life.

Keep this column on your fridge. Show it to your landlord. Read your lease—especially Section "D".

Happy rent paying.

• This is general info only. Please consult a legal expert or the rental board as needed. Ted Wright is the coordinator of Westmount Legal Clinic, every Wednesday at the Westmount YMCA, 4585 Sherbrooke W. 3:30 p.m. He can also be heard on Radio CINQ, 102.3, FM, Cable 88.3, every Saturday on Know Your Rights - Legal Show. 2:30 p.m. If you would like to ask a question, e-mail: tedquestions@yahoo.ca. Please include a phone number.

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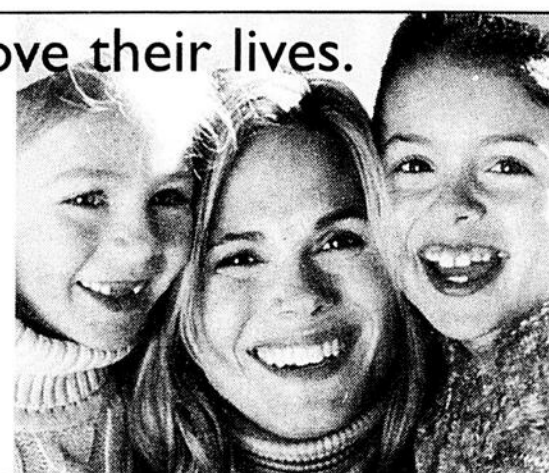
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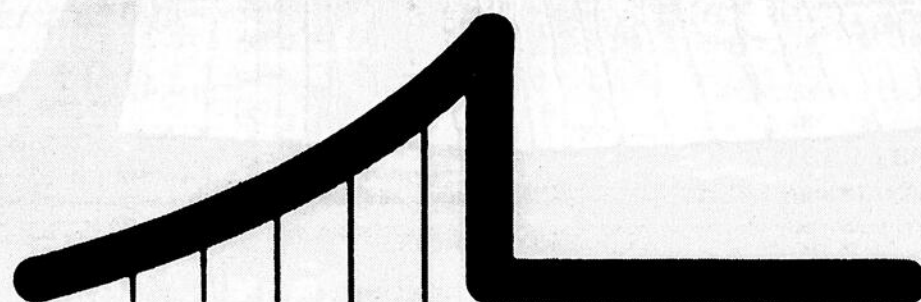
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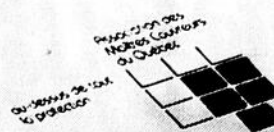
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Communication vital to successful recycling: St. Louis

Martin C. Barry

The Borough of Westmount will have no difficulty meeting a new goal set by the province for public involvement in recycling programs.

With an extraordinarily-high 92 per cent rate of participation measured among Westmount residents, the borough was recently cited by officials of the Montreal Metropolitan Community as the example to follow for recycling in the region.

Elsewhere on and off the island, recycling authorities say they are going to have difficulty meeting a 60 per cent participation target the

province has set for 2008.

The key to a good recycling program like Westmount's, which has been in place for a decade, is a good communication system to educate business and home owners about the benefits of recycling, says Westmount Borough Director Bruce St. Louis. "It doesn't just stop at picking up the blue box," he said.

"Recycling is a far more comprehensive program which you have to evolve into." Letting citizens know that the leaves they put out for pickup by Public Works crews are taken away for composting is also important, as is having in place a program to recover CFCs which are in old refrigerators often put out on the curb as junk.

According to a survey of Westmounters' recycling habits conducted every two years, the participation rate on certain streets like Murray and Shorncliffe has been measured as high as 100 per cent.

"Mind you, there are only six homes on the street," St. Louis interjected, referring to Murray Avenue, even though everyone on the street has been a faithful recycler since 1993.

"But even at that, if you have all six participating, it is reflective of how this communi-

ty sees the importance of recycling," he added. "There's no street I would say that is doing very poorly."

"Some people look at recycling as a feel-good thing," said St. Louis. "They put the blue box out and feel good about it. But it really has to be a meaningful program, and that's how we treat it. And I think it's really caught on here judging by the fact that 92 per cent of the community, based on a survey, participate. That's extraordinary."

But St. Louis insisted that credit for the Westmount recycling program's success belongs to residents more than anyone. "I give full credit to the community," he said. "They see the value in it, we see the value in it, and we've had that type of relationship for a very long time... The community has been extremely receptive and eager to participate."

However, other communities may be experiencing difficulties implementing their recycling programs because they haven't been promoting them long enough. "In other communities, some are just getting into the recycling game," he said.

"Some areas of Montreal didn't always have recycling over the years. It takes time to communicate with your clients, to show them the benefits of recycling, to set up your infrastructure, to have a communications plan for it. Some are further advanced than others in all of this."

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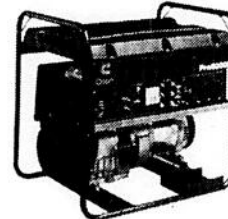
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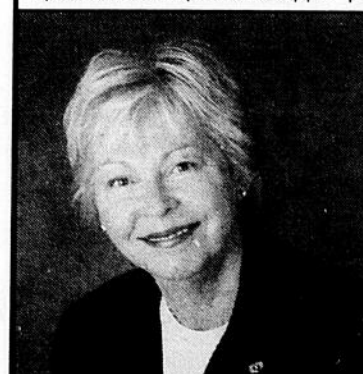
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(NOTE: The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings which were reported by the local offices of Sutton and Royal LePage Realties as having been accepted in September. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph on this page offers a picture of these trends over time.)

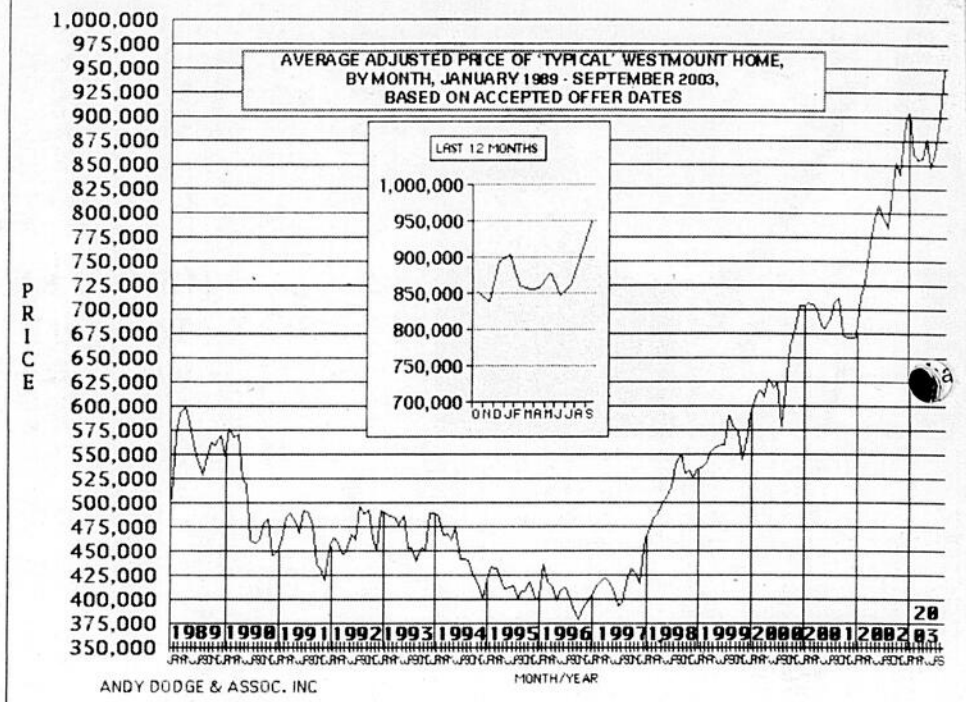
The Westmount real estate market was nothing but positive in September this year, with 14 sales reported by local agents, including four prices over \$1 million and only one less than \$550,000.

The average price of \$950,500 also marked the value of the "typical" Westmount house toward the \$1 mil-

lion mark, some 11 percent above its level of February-March and 16 percent higher than in September last year.

Volume was well above average and involved eight houses which had been on the market more than 80 days, an indication the buyers are beginning to settle for the kinds of prices sellers have been hoping to get for quite some time. Recently careful watchers have begun to notice some reduction in asking prices, and it appears this has been successful in convincing the buyers to go ahead and accept prices that many people could not have imagined only three or four years ago.

The news that the million-dollar sales are starting to move — there were four in August and a total of 14 since June 1 — should come as a consolation to those with more expensive Westmount properties, though still only five sales above \$2 million have been reported this year and none



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above \$3 million, despite the number of listings in that range.

It is still too early to tell whether the sharp rise in the fall market is a harbinger of things to come in the winter/spring of 2004, though most experts are saying there is little to hold back next year's prices. The sales reported in September are still averaging 23 percent above the new assessments and only two went for less than the 2004 assessments. The

tax rate will be an important determinant of how the higher valuations affect next year's prices.

Only two condominium sales were reported in September, so while volume and prices picked up among the residences, there does not seem to be further interest in the smaller abodes, nor in adjacent-Westmount properties, though the pace of downtown condominiums appears still to be strong.



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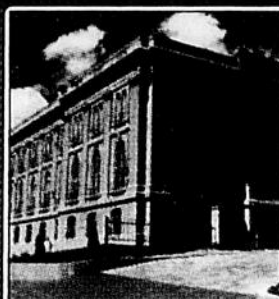
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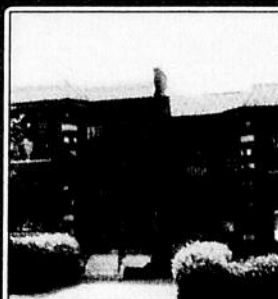
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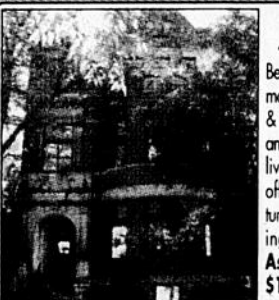
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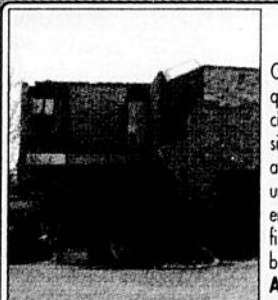
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Volume and prices down in June

Andy Dodge, CRA

(NOTE: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount real estate sales in June, 2003, filed at the Montreal Registry Office. A list of sales can be found above.)

Westmount experienced the slowest June since 1975, in terms of residential real estate registrations, indicative of the extremely tight market reported by agents this past spring.

While the 19 deeds of sale is only one less than the maximum monthly volume this year, recorded in April, June is usually the heaviest month of the year as families prepare their moves and whatever renovations are necessary in their new abodes for the summer months. Usually the prices are somewhat lower as younger families make up the bulk of purchasers, and certainly this was the case this June as the average of the 19 sales was \$619,503, compared to an average \$813,265 in 17 sales in May.

Only two of the sales involved prices more than \$1 million, the highest at 65 Belvedere Road which went for \$1,600,000, the other just over the million-dollar mark at 341 Côte St. Antoine Road. On the low side were three sales for less than \$400,000, the lowest at 109 Lewis Avenue, which sold for \$300,000. Another four sales were between \$400,000 and \$500,000, and in fact more than half of the sales were for less than \$550,000, somewhat surprising for

Westmount these days.

Three sales recorded prices more than double the municipal assessment, the highest markup registered for 17 Willow Avenue, which sold for a declared value of \$643,000 while only evaluated at \$244,400. While all the sales were above the 2001 assessment, 3641 The Boulevard barely squeaked by with a price of \$578,000 compared to an assessment of \$555,000.

Three condominium sales were registered in June, including one transformed duplex at 458-60 Strathcona Avenue, an apartment at 4476 St. Catherine Street and the first resale of a condominium at the new building on Côte des Neiges Road near the intersection of Belvedere Road. The second quarter of 2003 saw 11 condo sales with an average markup of 64.2 percent over the 2001 municipal evaluation, the highest level since the valuation roll came into force in January 2001.

Two other sales were registered in June, including a property classed as a triplex at 458-60 Strathcona Avenue, and another very close by on Sherbrooke Street which contains professional offices. The duplex at 334-36 Olivier Avenue is counted into the residential sales for statistical purposes.

Sales registered in June involve transactions negotiated in every earlier month of the year, fairly evenly spread between February and May, but with at least two reported by agents in January and one in June.



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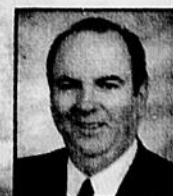
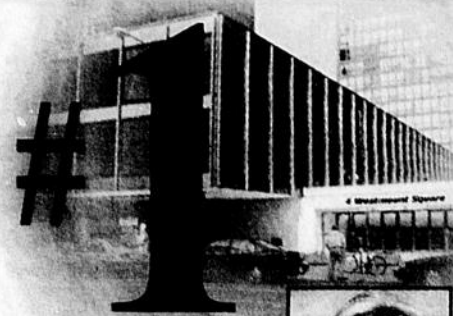
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Going to the dogs

The remains (shredded skin and a smear of flesh) were discovered by yours truly some time later on Sunday evening, on the newly shampooed carpet. The cats were perched on the bed pillows, studiously cleaning paws and teeth, and just as studiously looking oh-so-bored. The dog was splayed across the bed pretending to snooze, although major beard-twitching suggested a jolly good chortle. So much for Mum's Sunday supper. But I am tickled pink at this 'joint ops'. It means there has been a true bonding now between the household quadrupeds.

Long bursts of rain and falling temps suggest summer's end and the end of mosquito season. But beware! It is really important to complete the course of heartworm pills. Think of them as 'morning after' pills, rather than preventative medicine. They work by killing any heartworm larvae that have become established in your woof's bloodstream during the last

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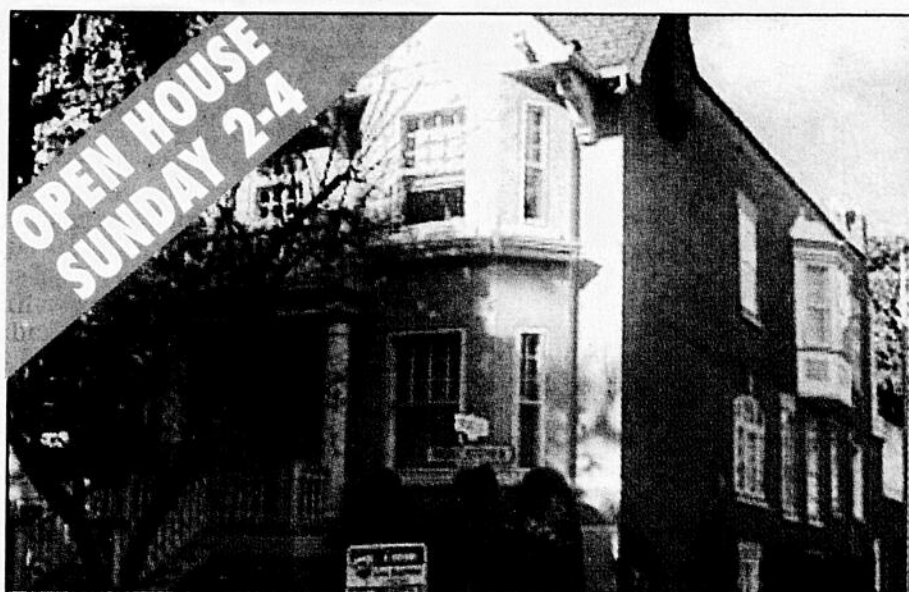


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Decked out in their distinctive pink caps and T-shirts, a group of local breast cancer survivors has spent the past few weeks running through the streets of Westmount in preparation for the annual CIBC Run for the Cure, which took place downtown last Sunday afternoon.

Most of the 17 women participating in the Nike Survivors Clinic every Friday evening at the Running Room on Sherbrooke Street, have never run before.

Recognizing the link between exercise and cancer prevention, the goal of these cancer survivors is to get stronger and fitter through running and walking. They hope to use their experience to encourage more women to exercise and practice good health as a means to help prevent breast cancer. They are determined to channel their experiences into helping make a positive impact on the lives of others who might face breast cancer in the future.

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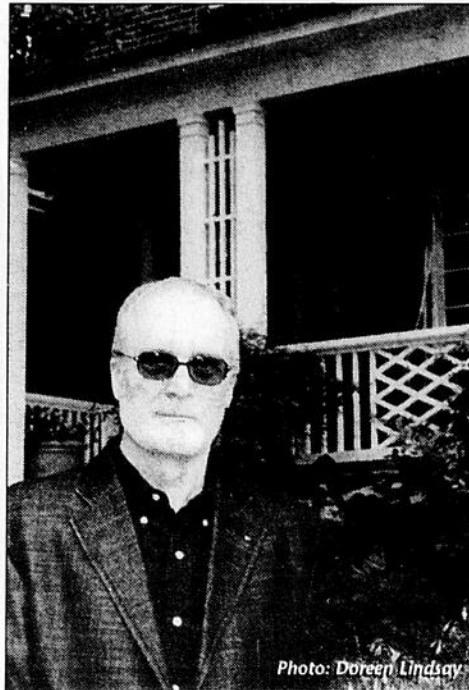
Westmount native Leonard Cohen lionized by writer Rigelhof

Darlene Cousins

Guest speaker Terry Rigelhof kicked off the Westmount Historical Association's fall lecture series on Sept. 25 with a look at Leonard Cohen—filling the Westmount Room of the local library with those eager to learn more about one of this community's most famous sons.

Newly elected WHA president Doreen Lindsay served tea and oranges in homage to a line in Cohen's song 'Suzanne' before Rigelhof—who teaches at Dawson College and is a regular contributor to the Globe and Mail's book section—took the audience on a lively romp through Cohen's old digs in upper Westmount by reading from Cohen's 1964 novel 'The Favourite Game,' as well as his own book, 'This Is Our Writing.'

Cohen, who grew up at 599 Belmont Ave., used his childhood neighbourhood as the setting for 'The Favourite Game,' which includes familiar landmarks such as Murray Hill Park. Rigelhof has long regarded 'The Favourite Game' as "one of the ten best Canadian novels of the 20th century," and compared the work to J.D. Salinger's 'The Catcher in the Rye.' He also recalled how a Globe and Mail article he wrote three years ago played an integral part in having the book reprinted in trade-paperback format by McClelland & Stewart for



T.F. Rigelhof in front of the Cohen family home on Belmont Avenue

Canadian readers.

Rigelhof looked at Cohen's formative years at Roslyn School—where he "studied piano, clarinet and hypnotism—preferring hypnotism," through his years at Westmount High (then housed in the current Selwyn House building), and at McGill, where literary figures Louis Dudek, F.R. Scott and Irving Layton would have an impact on the young poet.

He went on to share biographical facts about Cohen that even fellow Roslyn/Westmount High alumni may not have known, from the Cohen family's arrival in Montreal in 1883 and their strong influence in the Westmount community—both Cohen's grandfather and father had served as president of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

A collector of Cohen memorabilia, Rigelhof ended the evening by treating the audience to rare live recordings of Cohen reading his poetry in the 1950s and early '60s. He then

opened the floor to questions, which prompted a few members of the audience to share reminiscences of Cohen as a young man.

• The next lecture in the series, which focuses on Westmounters who have made a considerable impact on Canadian culture, takes place on Thursday, Oct. 16 with a look at the life and work of landscape painter A.Y. Jackson, with guest speaker Wayne Larsen, editor of the Examiner and author of 'A.Y. Jackson: A Love for the Land'.

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Contactivity marks Seniors Community Centre Week

Martin C. Barry

More than 100 members of Westmount's Contactivity Centre and their guests attended a spaghetti lunch at the senior citizens' centre in Westmount Park Church last Thursday to celebrate Seniors Community Centre Week.

Across the province at the same time, senior citizens' centres were also opening their doors and inviting the public to come in and see activities senior citizens get involved in.

"Our special way of celebrating the week is to have this spaghetti lunch," said Mary Stark, Contactivity Centre's director. The lunch was served by members of Westmount's Public Security Department, Montreal police officers from Station 12 and fire inspectors from Westmount's fire station on Stanton Street.

"The seniors love it when they get to

interact," said Stark, as the PSOs, police and firefighters busied themselves serving tables. "Often the seniors know those people because it is a small-town atmosphere. So it's a chance for everyone to just get together and celebrate the fact that we have this centre for everyone to benefit from."

Despite the large turnout, last week's event at the Contactivity Centre didn't attract as many seniors as the annual Christmas dinner, which usually draws more than 120 senior citizens. On a typical Thursday, according to Stark, 30 to 50 members show up for lunch at the centre.

"Once a month, we have a birthday celebration, which is tied in with the Thursday lunch, and we celebrate the birthdays of anyone who was born that month, as well as anyone else who comes along," she said. "We have entertainment and we usually have large crowds for that, too. Luckily it's a big room."

Westmount Borough President Karin Marks, who attended the lunch as a special guest, told the seniors that Westmount has many different activities for young children and families, but one facility she is most proud of is the Contactivity Centre.

"We support it because we feel that it provides a tremendous service to the community," she said. "Every community appreciates its elderly—the people who make the community, the people who worked for it to create it, and the people who now deserve to reap the rewards of community."

"It's very important that a community has some kind of an organization, or several organizations, to support and celebrate their seniors," she added. "In many communities, you have a lot of people who



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Local seniors enjoy a spaghetti lunch at Contactivity Centre last week.



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are alone at this time in life, and bringing people together and having activities and opportunities for them to learn and share together is crucial. It's up to the community. Every community has to provide that."

The Contactivity Centre is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. While any senior citizen can join, 60 per cent of the centre's members are Westmount residents. A program of nearly a dozen courses offered at the centre includes line dancing and Tai-Chi.

Once a month, there are also out-of-town excursions. There's also a bridge group and an arts and crafts group, and a very active crew of volunteers who assist other seniors in the community.

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NOTICE

Please be advised that all administrative borough offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Monday, October 13, 2003. The Westmount Public Library will also be closed Sunday, October 12 and Monday, October 13, 2003.

Lucie TOUSIGNANT, avocate
Directrice du Bureau d'arrondissement
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A STORY OF STRENGTH AND SURVIVAL

Elaine Kalman Naves deftly weaves an unforgettable account of her mother's struggles and triumphs

Darlene Cousins

Many children grow up hearing their parents' admonition of "When I was your age..." which is generally followed by a lecture on what a privileged existence they lead.

In most cases this is met with eye-rolling, sighing disregard. However, when the parent in question is a Holocaust survivor, the effects of these reminiscences can be long-lasting and traumatic. Montreal-based journalist and award-winning author Elaine

Kalman Naves ('Journey to Vaja') traces the story of her tumultuous childhood in her new book, 'Shoshanna's Story: A Mother, A Daughter, and the Shadows of History' (McClelland & Stewart). The Shoshanna of the title is Kalman Naves's mother, Anna Kalman, a Holocaust survivor.

There must be a genetic mechanism that springs into place when a parent tells a story of their past. This mechanism sets off the embarrassed, bored, and frustrated modes in our systems regardless of whether the story revolves around the parent walking uphill through a blizzard in January to get to school or, as we learn from Kalman Naves's book, narrowly evading death at the hands of Dr. Josef Mengele at Birkenau, the annihilation complex of Auschwitz. Being the child of a Holocaust survivor is no different. Kalman Naves writes in her compelling narrative of the difficulty she has had living with the barrage of stories and coming to terms with her family's history.

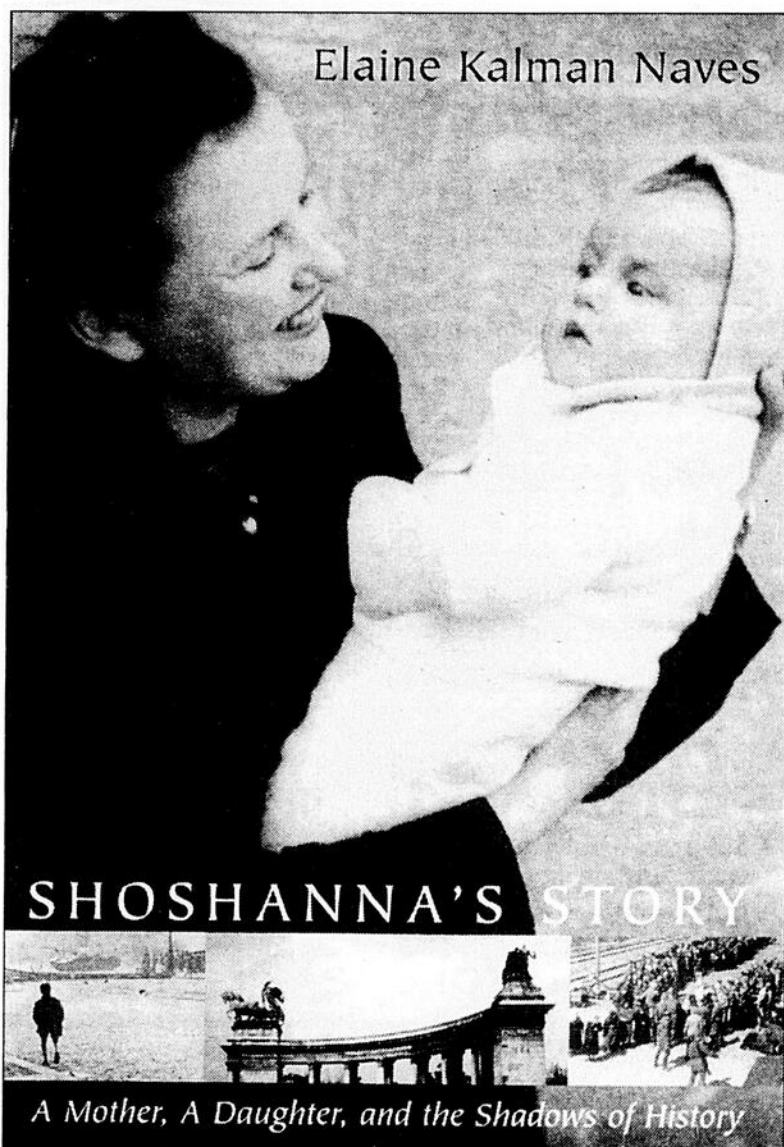
Told both through the eyes of a child growing up in Hungary and from the stories of Shoshanna, Kalman Naves reconstructs the events that led her mother and her family from Nazi-occupied Hungary to the Auschwitz concentration camp, back to Hungary and the revolution of 1956, then to England and finally suburban Ville d'Anjou in 1959.

Anna Kalman suffered immeasurably at the hands of the Nazis—losing her entire family with the exception of one sister, who emigrated to Canada and Kalman later followed. We all know the outcome of World War II, but there are enough plot twists and doses of outright suspense in 'Shoshanna's Story' to make this book a hard-to-put-down, riveting read.

Kalman Naves brings to life events which, although should never be forgotten, are quickly fading into history as the number of living witnesses sadly dwindles.

Kalman Naves realizes through her own daughters' acceptance and appreciation of Shoshanna's storytelling, the importance of reclaiming this history as part of her own history. Luckily, Kalman Naves, unlike many of us, had the wisdom to accept her mother's stories—and not only listen to them but record them for the benefit of us all.

• 'Shoshanna's Story: A Mother, A Daughter and the Shadows of History' is published by McClelland & Stewart Ltd. and is available at most bookstores. Elaine Kalman Naves will read from the book at the Westmount Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m.



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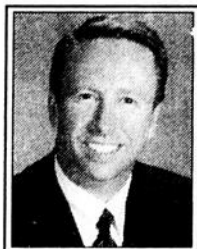
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Schools participate in breast cancer march

Noah Sidel

Thousands of cheering and screaming high school girls marched their way through Westmount last Tuesday en route to Beaver Lake on the Girls for the Cure walk against breast cancer.

Along with Westmount's ECS and The Study, students from Sacred Heart, Trafalgar, Villa Maria and Dorval's QAA raised \$242,360 in this, the eighth year of the event.

"We're really very excited because this year's (amount) brings us to a

grand total of over \$1 million from these six schools since this started," said Cynda Heward, president of the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation.

Starting from various points around the borough, and in the case of Villa Maria and QAA, NDG, the just—over 3,000 girls walked five kilometres, ending on the hill that overlooks the lake in Mount Royal Park. There, the girls celebrated and cheered as the grand total was announced and the day wrapped up.

On the way to the park, the girls

cheered and sang songs as cars honked at them all the way down The Boulevard.

"I think this is great. It's a good way of expressing our support for breast cancer research and it's going well," said The Study student Audrey Lapalme as she walked with some friends a few metres behind the leaders of the pack.

QAA's Nadia Saroli and Matthew Miskak were the first teachers to make it down The Boulevard with the students.

"I think it's wonderful. We started off with some activities to get the students pumped up and cheering, and now they're so enthusiastic about raising money, it's fantastic," Saroli said.

Heward said the event is important for the West End community.

"There's the education element first and foremost. The girls are learning about some life choices they can make at their early ages that can help fend off breast cancer or any other cancer in the future," she said.

"Things like not smoking, not drinking a lot of alcohol, eating well, exercising; the things we take for granted as regular diet and exercise can go a long way towards prevention."

Another important aspect of this particular event is that the actual participants have a big role in organizing it.

"They own this event," Heward said. "They really take ownership of it and they're really proud of it. They take ownership of it every year, and it's usually the first event or school activity that the new slates of student councils work on, so they're quite enthusiastic."

"We're raising money to find a cure for breast cancer," said Caitlyn Dalton, the president of the Villa Maria student council. "It's really important because we all come together to fight for a cause that unites women everywhere. We're all all-girls schools, and the statistics say that one in nine women are affected every year, so a lot of people will know may be affected one day."

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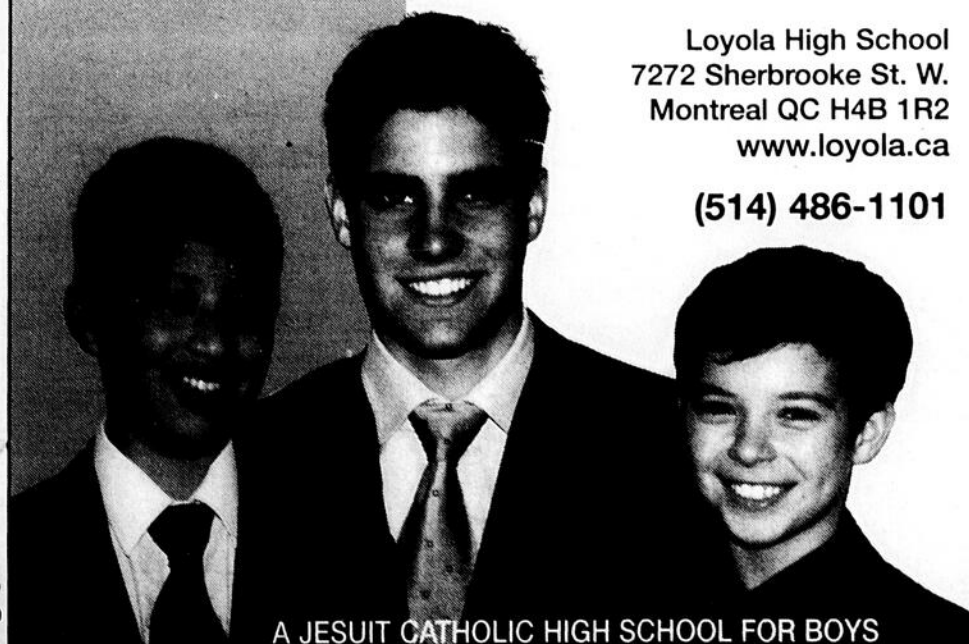
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Westmount pioneers electronic waste collection

Westmount is marking Canada's Waste Reduction Week at the end of this month with a first drop-off for e-waste—the worrisome computers and other electronic equipment which often contain toxic materials.

Earlier that week, the Healthy City Project is presenting a breakfast meeting featuring one of Quebec's leading experts on problems being created by 'throw-away' electronic equipment.

In the latest pioneering recycling step, on Saturday, Oct. 25, Westmount is organizing its own collection of some computer and other electronic materials. Pentium computers and printers will be directed to a refurbishing company for re-use. Other materials accepted—cellphones, VCRs, cameras, video games consoles and games—will be for metal recovery and recycling purposes.

TV sets are excluded, however. "We are still looking for a way to deal with them," said Westmount's environment coordinator Marina Peter, who organized the new collection which is believed to be the first e-waste drop-off in Quebec. It takes place alongside the fall visit of the Household Hazardous Waste trucks to the library parking lot.

"How to deal with the tonnes of disused electronic equipment is one of the most stimulating challenges of our time, so we are very encouraged that Westmount is taking this initiative," said Healthy City Project environment chair Jennifer Patton.

"It is a welcome step forward, but big challenges remain. Treating computers, TVs and the like as expendable cannot be accepted forever. The classic 3R rules are being forgotten. There

has to more emphasis on Reduction and Reuse ahead of Recycling."

To focus on these challenges, the Healthy City Project is holding a breakfast meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 22 in Victoria Hall, with the theme "Electronics are toxic waste, too." Guest speaker will be Dr Michel Séguin, a founder of Waste Reduction Week in Québec and a member of the provincial task force working with manufacturers and municipalities to reduce the e-waste problem. He is also executive director of the Réseau des Ressourceries du Québec, the province-wide network of not-for-profit organizations which transform different types of waste into resources.

Pierrefonds-based Reboot Quebec, Westmount's partner in this month's collection, has developed a business in refurbishing pentium-class computers for sale at nominal prices to schools and non-profit groups. Greene Avenue Community Centre was a recipient last year. Several Westmount schools have been recent donors. Microsoft contributes software.

Tax receipts will be issued for pentium computers with working monitors. Reboot will take older computers for recycling and will waive its usual \$5 administration fee. Reboot executive director Scott Glass says that equipment that cannot be refurbished is sent to Noranda where the precious metals and other materials are recovered.

His is one of several start-ups, most in the socio-economic sector, refurbishing late model computers, but this is believed to be the first time a public drop-off has been offered by a municipality.

"While perhaps better than adding toxic pollution to landfills," Patton

added. "we must work towards better solutions for our old equipment. Twenty years ago, many cars only lasted two or three years. Now they are good for five or ten. Why can't computers last for at least as long as cars? Technically they could, but the obsolescence-factor is difficult to reconcile. That's the kind of task Dr Séguin will be speaking about."

• The lecture is on Wednesday, October 22, 7:45 for 8 a.m. at Victoria Hall; details 935-6983. The e-waste will be collected at the same time as the Household Hazardous Waste collection on Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the library parking lot; details 989-5390.

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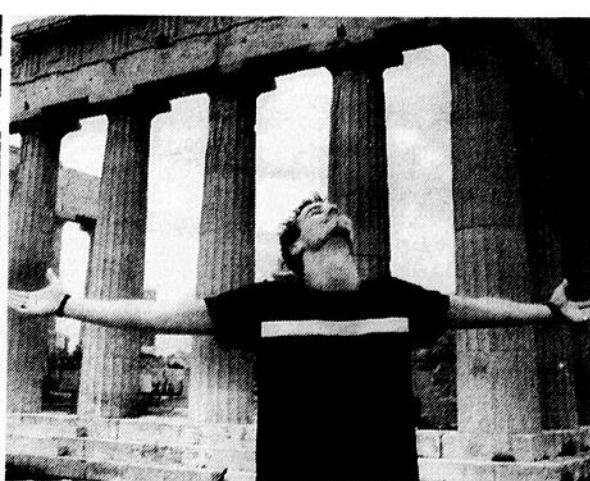
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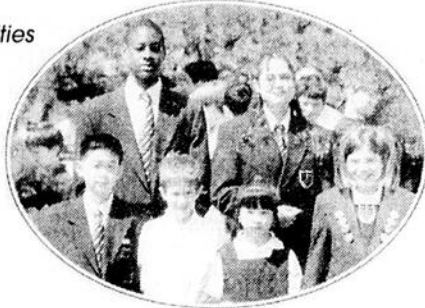
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Marilynn Vanderstay



Make plans now to attend the concert of classical music performed by **Les Voix Humaines**, a viola da gamba duo, Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. in the Lodge Room at Victoria Hall.

The professional, high-quality concert is being hosted by the Borough of Westmount to give residents the opportunity to enjoy the talents of Susie Napper and Margaret Little, who will perform a series of duets on the viola da gamba, a bowed stringed instrument that is unusual in that the fingerboard is fretted like a guitar.

Musical selections will include the works of Marais, St. Columbe, Couperan, Jenkins and Tellmann. The concert is sponsored by the Conseils des Arts de Montreal, part of the Jouer dans l'Île. Reservations are not necessary. Admission is free.

"We are very pleased to have a concert of this caliber in Victoria Hall," said Community Events Coordinator Maureen Lafrenière. "We hope Westmount will come to hear this concert in their neighbourhood." Phone the Westmount Community Events office for more information at 989-5226.

Westmount artists Jane and Pierre Desjardins left Montreal Wednesday en route to Paris where they will exhibit their art at the Everart Gallerie from Oct. 13 to 25. This is an encore exhibition for Pierre, who exhibited at the gallery last fall. This year he will present a new collection of pieces that will include his horizontals done in pointillism style, two Maurices, of course, and a variety of horizontals inspired by Van Gogh. Jane's collection of 32 works includes everything from realism to abstract. When they return in November they will just have time to catch their breath before preparing for a joint exhibition at the Arts Club that will run from Nov. 18 to 23. The vernissage will be held on Nov. 18 at the Club on Sherbrooke Street W. from 5 to 8 p.m. Phone Jane or Pierre at 934-4690 for more information or the Club at 933-6405.

Back from Hungary

Local photographers Doreen Lindsay and Gabor Szilasi recently returned from Budapest, Hungary where Szilasi took part in an exhibition of Canadian artists at the Hungarian House of Photography. Szilasi was recognized as the honorary artist in the mature artist category. He is exhibiting 35 photos of Quebec and a small collection of five black-and-white photos taken in Hungary before he immigrated to Canada in 1956.

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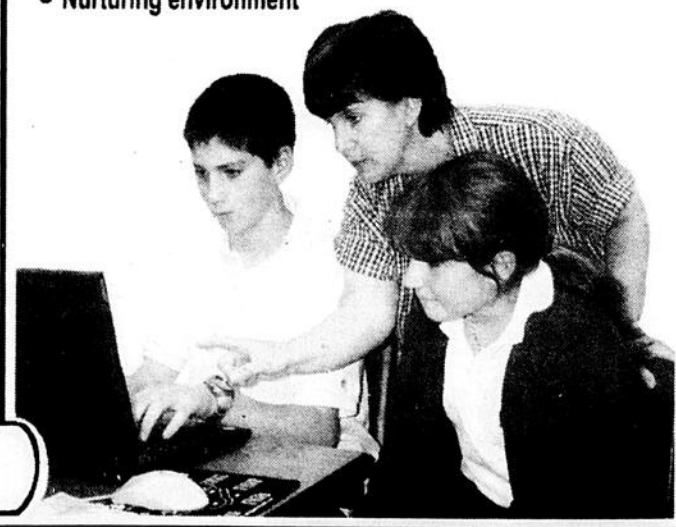
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Westmount stays in-house

Borough says it can't conform to Hockey Quebec guidelines

Noah Sidel

With the exception of one age group, young Westmount hockey players will not be playing inter-city hockey this winter.

According to Westmount inter-city hockey director Jon Kronmeyer, the borough just doesn't have enough players to make competitive teams. Nor does it have the will.

"We don't have enough kids that are willing to play inter-city hockey, we have just enough to make one and a half teams at each level," Kronmeyer said. "The majority just want to play Saturday morning hockey; they don't want to commit to travelling."

The problem, Kronmeyer said, is that the Hockey Quebec governing body's rules are not flexible enough to accommodate a small, distinct community like Westmount.

"The parents seem to be frustrated, but most of them understand our situation," he said. "Our battle now isn't so much with them, but with Hockey Quebec to understand that our situation is a little more unique than other areas. We just don't have enough parents and kids that want to travel, and you'd hope that Hockey Quebec would understand our position—but they don't. We're just not able to follow their rules."

According to the HQ regulations, a hockey association must take its total amount of players at a given level and divide by 12, except in Bantam, where it's by 15. At the Atom level, for example, with 60 kids registered, Westmount would have to ice two inter-city teams and three house league teams if they followed the rules.

Kronmeyer said it would be no problem to have one travelling team,

but that there aren't enough Westmount players and parents available to fill two because of outside circumstances.

In Bantam, because of the different formula, Westmount is allowed to have one competitive team with a two-team house league. The Bantams are the only group with that distinction.

House league director Bruce Stacey felt this was the best way to go. "With Hockey Quebec's rules, Westmount wasn't able to conform because we just don't have the numbers. Even if we did, our teams would not be com-

petitive at all, and we feel that's not to the benefit of our kids," he said.

The Sports & Recreation Department did grant releases for some kids to play in NDG and other areas that have bigger numbers at the competitive level.

"I don't think this will change the skill or quality of our hockey," Kronmeyer said. "It's unfortunate that we have players who deserve to play in their own borough (but are) forced to play elsewhere because of a ruling body that doesn't understand our situation."

Lawn bowlers enjoy last fling

Marilynn Vanderstey

The rain may have deterred the 65 members of the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club from actually playing their matches, but it did not stop them from enjoying their tenth annual last fling dinner at the club Saturday evening.

New member Lizzie Fontana took it upon herself to enlist a kitchen crew of members Sybil Hackett, Cora Hackett, and Betty Asselin to prepare the sumptuous feast of chicken and baked ham and all the accouterments. In addition to overseeing and cooking the meal, Fontana brought home baked bread for both the dinner and individual loaves for all the members. Right into the spirit of

the evening she also sewed aprons for all the kitchen staff and servers to protect the bowling whites the members would have been wearing had they played. New president Lorraine DeRoche did her part by preparing a decadent cherry and whipped-cream dessert.

After the meal, DeRoche changed hats and became the MC for the presentation. She handed out song sheets of old favourites, sung with words written by lawn bowlers about the game. The Lawn Bowling Chorale led the members and guests in a sing-along. It is fair to say that the membership of the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club enjoys more fun and laughter than almost any other official group in Westmount.

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Gryphons deliver in critical game

Ben Raby

It's not often that your punter is hailed the hero of a football game. Then again, it's not often that he attempts to fake a punt, let alone succeed at doing so, with 90 seconds remaining in a game your team leads.

Last Wednesday, Selwyn House Gryphons punter Casey Auerbach did just that in Selwyn's 21-20 victory over the College Bourget Voltigeurs at Percival Molson Stadium. Auerbach earned a Gryphons first down with a 15-yard pass to Ton-Jin Quan, in the process, sealing the win.

With the Gryphons leading by one and facing a fourth and long situation from their own 50 yard line, Selwyn lined up to punt, hoping to pin Bourget inside their 40. Auerbach had

other ideas. With everyone expecting a punt, including Selwyn head coach Mike Maurovitch, Auerbach took it upon himself to throw the ball.

"This was not planned," the punter said. "When I received the snap, I realized that they were sending a heavy rush, so I looked up field assuming I'd see one of my guys open. Fortunately I was able to find (Quan)."

"Casey is smart and athletic, but that play took tremendous courage," coach Maurovitch said after the game. "The interesting thing is that Ton-Jin was probably the last guy who should have been receiving that pass."

Auerbach, a Westmount native who also serves as a wide receiver, earned kudos earlier in the fourth quarter as well when he was on the receiving end of a 50-yard touchdown pass from Gryphon quarterback Beno Shell Schnitzer. The touchdown pulled Selwyn within one at 20-19, pending the extra point. In an unorthodox move however, the

Gryphons lined up with 9:30 remaining for a two-point conversion, looking for the lead as oppose to a possible tie.

"The players actually came to me with the suggestion that we go for two," coach Maurovitch admits.

Wisely, he went along with his players, and watched from the sidelines as Phil Clark scampered in from two yards out for the convert and the go-ahead score.

"I look like the genius afterwards, but it was the players who initiated this one. Sometimes as a coach you have to listen to your players and do what they want."

The Voltigeurs had plenty of time to regain the lead, but the Gryphons defense was up to the test, putting a halt to any hopes of a Bourget comeback. With just over three minutes remaining in the game, Bourget began marching up field but their drive was cut short when Gryphon Michael Bowey recorded his second interception of the afternoon.

"This was a very well played game and our guys should be proud," said Maurovitch. "To come back the way

they did was great to see," he said referring to the 20-7 deficit the Gryphons were forced to overcome in the second half.

Maurovitch also credited his offensive line for bouncing back from a shaky start. "When our quarterback was sacked early in the game, I think it really bothered some of the guys on the O-line, and I think they took it upon themselves to avoid it from happening again... They may not always get the recognition they deserve," he says of his offensive linemen, "but on this day they really worked well as a unit."

The Gryphons, now 3-1 and in a first place tie with the previously undefeated Voltigeurs, also received touchdowns from Westmounters Sean Brophy and Justin Moretti. Brophy reached the end zone on a 22-yard reception, while Moretti registered a one-yard TD run.

Selwyn House has won three straight since an opening week loss, and now finds itself in a very familiar place four weeks into the season—atop the league standings.

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All of their events, including the last fling dinner, are filled with singing, laughter and a bounty of love and friendship. The singing was followed by an encore performance by Penny Gelineau, who once again performed her winsome rendition of 'Are You Lonesome Tonight?' while dressed as a cleaning woman, complete with a mop. The audience roared with laughter as Gelineau performed an explicit animated version of the song to which she had rewritten the words. Gelineau first performed the routine at the gala celebration Vaudeville Show last year.

On a more serious note, recognition and congratulations were given to members Jeanne McDonald and Rosalie Parsons Brown, who won the Jean Henderson Trophy in the TMR invitational at the beginning of September.

Longtime member Emily Bentley and one of the original organizers of the last fling got up and shared the history of the end of season event. "The last fling started with just four members who got together 11 years ago to celebrate the last fling with an after-game dinner and event. At that time they handed out medals made of cardboard as prizes."

DeRoche took over as president in August from Pat Camacho. When asked what her goals are for her two-year term she replied, "I hope to enlarge the coaching opportunities for new members on a regular basis so they can learn the techniques of the game. Everyone in the community is invited to come out Wednesday evenings starting in May to try out the game and to have an introductory lesson. We also offer an evening of instruction and games for non-sighted players once a week." For more information about the game or membership call 488-1624.

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Thursday, Oct. 9

October Borough Council Meeting at the Westmount Borough Office, 4333 Sherbrooke W., at 8 p.m. Preceded at 7 p.m. by a public information meeting on Westmount's 2004 budget. Residents are welcome to attend and ask questions about the budget. Info: 989-5251.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Samedi Greene presents Musical Kidz with Jennifer, for kids aged two to six and their parents, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. \$1 per person. Info: 931-6202.

Adoption Day for beautiful cats and kittens at Naturanimal Pawtisserie, 4932B Sherbrooke W., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Linda at (450) 681-7764.

WARM Writers (Writers Association for Resourceful Minds) presents 'Grassroots to Academic Hybrid Writing for Different Audiences', a talk by literacy specialist Linda Shohet, at 2 p.m. in the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke W. WARM members free, non-members \$5 donation. Info: geocities.com/warmwriters.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

The Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave., presents the launch of 'A.Y. Jackson: A Love for the Land' by Wayne Larsen, from 6 to 8 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

The Westmount Horticultural Society meets at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke W. The topic is Gardens of New France, a lecture and slide presentation by Bruno Stenson and Diane McCready, featuring the gardens of Chateau Ramezay and Maison St. Gabriel in Old Montreal. Yearly membership (Jan. - Dec.) is \$15, guest fee \$5. All are welcome.

The Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave., presents K. Gordon Neufeld, who will be signing his book 'Heart Break and Rage' from 2 to 3 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

The Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave., presents Nancy Holmes, who will read from her book of poetry 'The Adultery Poems' at 7:30 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

The Westmount Public Library's Fall Author Series presents Elaine Kalman Naves, who will read from her new book, 'Shoshanna's Story' in the Westmount Room at 7:30 p.m. 4574 Sherbrooke W. All welcome to attend. Info: Donna Lach at 989-5386.

Thursday, Oct. 16

The Westmount Historical Association's Fall Lecture Series presents 'A.Y. Jackson in Westmount' with guest speaker Wayne Larsen, editor of the Examiner and author of 'A.Y. Jackson: A Love for the Land', at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke W. Free for WHA members, \$5 for non-members at the door. Info: 925-1404 or 932-6688.

Héma-Québec, in collaboration with the firefighters of Station 76, will be holding their annual Blood Donor Clinic from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Westmount fire station, 19 Stanton. Our objective is 110 pints.

Saturday, Oct. 18

St. Matthias' Church's Fall Rummage Sale, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 131 Côte St. Antoine Road. Clothing, household articles, sporting goods, books, linen, toys, etc. Info: 933-4295.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

The Westmount Public Library's English

Book Club meets at 7 p.m. to discuss the novel 'Fingersmith' by Sarah Waters. Everyone is welcome to attend. 4574 Sherbrooke W. Info: Donna Lach at 989-5386.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

The University Women's Club of Montreal presents 'Tapping Your Creative Forces' with guest speaker Boris Brott, artistic director of the McGill Chamber Orchestra, at 6 p.m. at the Atwater Club, 3505 Atwater. Reservations: 935-1362.

The Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave., presents Joseph Mensah, who will read from his book 'Reading Black Canadians: History, Experience, Social Conditions' at 7:30 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

The Westmount Public Library's Fall Author Series continues with Neil Bissoondath, author of 'Doing the Heart Good', 'The Innocence of Age', 'The Worlds Within Her', etc., who will read from his work in the Westmount Room at 2 p.m. All welcome to attend. 4574 Sherbrooke W. Info: Donna Lach at 989-5386.

"Electronics Are Toxics, Too": The Healthy City Project's breakfast meeting as a prelude to Westmount's first drop-off e-waste collection. Speaker: Dr Michel Séguin. 7:45 for 8 a.m. at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W. Details 935-6983.

Thursday, Oct. 23

The Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave., presents a poetry reading with Susan Robertson and Seymour Mayne et al (Mosaic Press), at 7:30 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

Ongoing

Westmount Toastmasters: Take the fear out of public speaking each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W. Info: 367-5986.

Quebec Writers, Federation Fall Workshops run from Sept. 29 to Nov. 24. Evening writing workshops with professional writers include Creative Nonfiction (Ann Charney); Screenwriting for TV (Frances Gallagher); Fiction writing (Claire Rothman); Poetry (Carmine Starnino); Feature Film Writing (David Sherman); Personal Writing (Joel Yanofsky); Film and Television Documentary (Tanya Tree); Short Story (Nalini Warriar). Workshops take place at the QWF office, Suite 3, Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., unless otherwise indicated. Info: 933-0878.

Singers Needed: Experienced singers are invited to join Chorale Nouvelle de Montreal under Robert Frederick Jones. The fall programme will include Fauré's Requiem. The rehearsals, in English, are held Monday evenings downtown. Info: 486-3669.

Hallway of Artists at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., features an exhibition by Carolina Echeverria from Sept. 22 to Oct. 22. Gallery hours are Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., then at 8 p.m. Info: 937-3575.

Yoga for Kids, ages 5 to 9 years, classes with parents. Saturdays at 2 p.m. at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. Register now for the fall session. Info: Clearlight at 933-8671.

The St. Matthias' Church Choir is recruiting children 7 to 12 who would like to learn to sing, earn pocket money and participate in organized activities, including trips. For information, please contact the church office at 933-4295.

The Mankind Project meets on a regular basis at 7:30 p.m. at the Westmount YMCA, 4585 Sherbrooke W. All men are welcome. Info: 923-4694 or 637-8370.

The Atwater Library's Book Sale Room is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. Quality used books at reasonable prices. 1200 Atwater. Info: 935-7344.

St. Margaret Day Centre is looking for volunteers to assist seniors in use of computers, Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Info: Chi at 932-3630 ext. 3024.

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

Mary's Recovery, a non-profit bilingual self-help group for people seeking help in dealing with fear, anger, stress, depression, anxiety, panic attacks and phobias meet every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 485-2194.

The Montreal Camera Club meets each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve, entrance at rear. Slide shows, competitions and workshops. Visitors welcome. Info: (514) 637-2767.

Around Westmount

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That exhibition, which runs until Oct. 21, will overlap with the Magyar Exhibition the couple is curating here in Montreal from Oct. 9 to Nov. 9. The month-long celebration of Hungarian culture, presented by the Canadian Hungarian Artists Collective, will feature the works of 32 Canadian artists of Hungarian descent including Szilasi and his daughter, Andrea Szilasi. The second annual exhibition will present painting, sculpture and photography, art furniture, textile work and ceramics. The vernissage is this evening at Espace Adagio of the Delta Montreal Hotel, 475 President Kennedy Avenue from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Hollinger opens photo studio

It looks as if noted international photographer and author Heidi Hollinger is home to stay for a while. The Westmount resident, who has spent a lot of time abroad—particularly in Russia, where she photographed the images for her coffee table book 'The Russians Emerge'—has opened a portrait studio on Sherbrooke Street. "I have had demands from corporate clients to people who want me to photograph their children to open a studio, so I have," says Hollinger.

Westmount artist turns 99

Finally, last but not least, birthday congratulations to noted Westmount artist Eva Chait who celebrated her 99th birthday Thursday, Oct. 2. In typical Eva style, the birthday girl filled her home with family and friends, many of whom she has known most of her life, and friends of friends she had never met, for an impromptu party.

"Eva is still enjoying life," said her nephew, Westmount author Gordon Berger. "She is still very involved in her community. Every day she goes to the Centre Paul, where she continues her tradition of helping people." Happy Birthday Eva!

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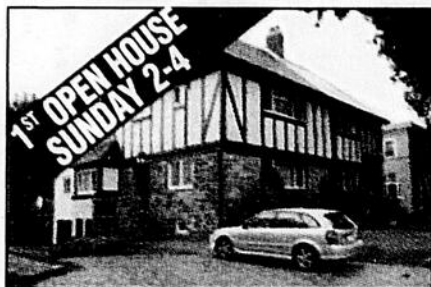


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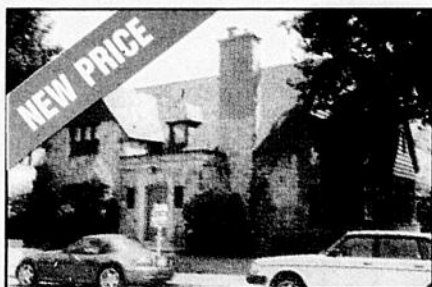
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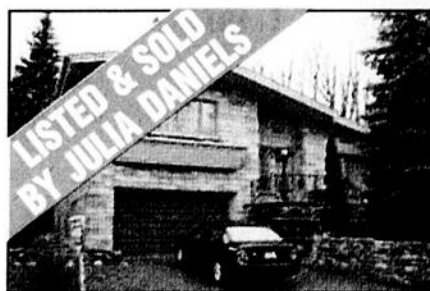
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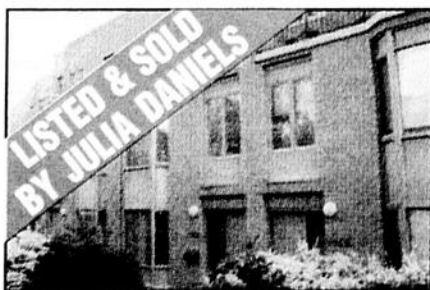
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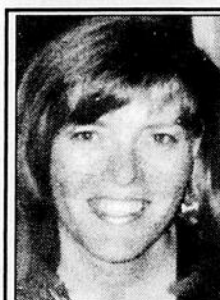
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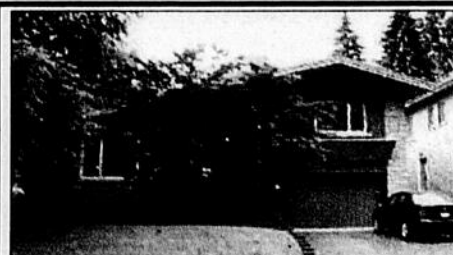
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