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Mayor outlines anti-merger strategy

By WAYNE LARSEN

Delays in the proposed amalgamation of local municipalities may be an encouraging sign, but Mayor Peter Trent isn't taking any chances and is keeping up the fight to maintain Westmount's autonomy.

Fresh from a brief tropical vacation, Trent said this week that the City has adopted a three-tiered strategy against the various proposals to have Westmount merged with neighbouring cities.

Besides the continued studies for an intellectual argument against amalgamation, a legal challenge and possible citizen involvement are also in the works.

"The level of intensity will increase locally, using the local media," he said, hinting that residents may soon be called upon to voice their views on amalgamation. "We're glad nothing has been done locally because this thing is taking a lot longer than anyone expected—which is not necessarily a bad thing."

On the legal front, Trent pointed out that the current case in which the Laurentian resort of Mont Tremblant may not be forced to merge with other towns is being watched carefully. That case is scheduled to resume in mid-March. "We're also looking at the legal issue in regard to what happened in Mont Tremblant, and we're looking at a parallel course to see what other legal challenges are possible," he said. "Our original advice was that there was absolutely nothing that could be

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Snowstorm? Fur-get about it!



WANNA BET THERE'S MORE SNOW? Tracey Azeff shakes on it with her pal Samson, the bull mastiff, at the Murray Hill dog run on Tuesday afternoon.

Milestone restoration project pleases WHA

By WAYNE LARSEN

The City of Westmount has taken preliminary steps toward preserving one of its oldest surviving structures—the 300-year-old milestone at the corner of Forden Avenue and Côte St. Antoine Road.

"It's part of the heritage of the city and it must be preserved," said Public Works Director Fred Caluori in confirming that the City has set aside \$15,000 in its capital works budget for the stone's restoration.

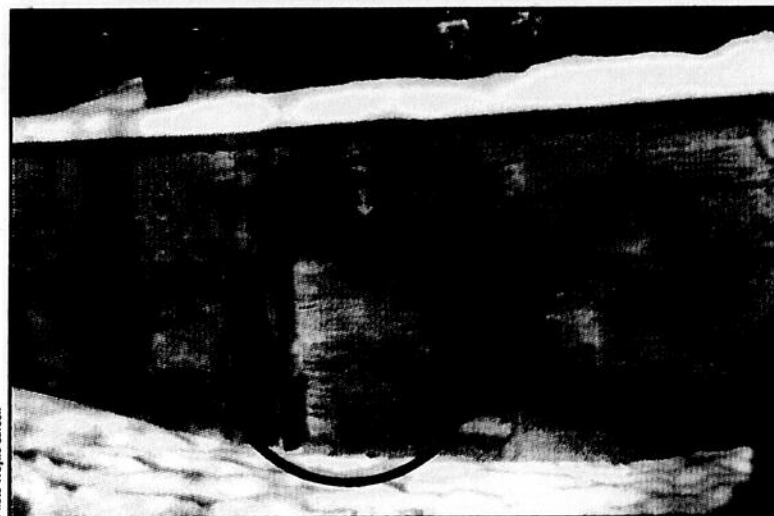
This announcement comes as good news to members of the

Westmount Historical Association (WHA), who have been asking the City to look into maintaining the milestone ever since WHA member Flora-Lee Wagner raised the matter at a city council meeting three years ago.

"I know \$15,000 may seem like a lot of money, but because the milestone is such a treasure of the past, it's worth it," said Andy Dodge of the WHA. "It's one of the oldest relics in Westmount."

Currently encased within the retaining wall on the northwest corner of the intersection,

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The barely-noticeable marker at the corner of Côte St. Antoine and Forden.

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Community Bulletin Board...

Thursday, Jan 27

Winter Tales to Warm Your Heart, an activity for children with storyteller Andrew Katz, will take place at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke, between 7 and 8 p.m. Places are limited, so please register early at the children's desk. Info: 989-5229.

Annual Used Book Sale at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene, one day only from 2 to 8 p.m. Book donations are currently being accepted. Pick-up of donated books available to those who cannot drop them off. Please phone 931-6202 for more information.

'Look Back in Anger' by John Osborne will be presented by *Untimely Ripped* at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater, at 8 p.m. with more performances on Jan. 28, 29, Feb. 3, 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 30 and Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for seniors and students. Info: (450) 682-2549.

Sunday, Jan. 30

Haimish Danish Breakfast Club at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm,

at 9 a.m. Speaker Brahm E. Silver's topic of discussion will be 'Keruv: A Mitzvah For Our Time'—a discussion on conversion, outreach, intermarriage and Jewish continuity. Breakfast will be served. All welcome. Info: 937-3575.

Monday, Jan. 31

Farfelu Craft Gallery, 39 Somerville Ave., presents the exhibition 'Tea For Two' featuring the work of the gallery's artists, through Feb. 14. Info: 488-3163.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

'You Can't Take it With You' by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, presented by the grade 10 students of St. George's School, 3100 The Boulevard, at 8 p.m. You will be treated to an evening of laughter and fun through the depiction of the lives of two specific families. Come and bring your family—everyone will enjoy it. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. Info: Lola Mendelson at 937-9289 loc. 229.

Thursday, Feb. 3

'Light Matters', an exhibition of paintings by Robbin Deyo and Mark Mullin opens at the McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave. with a vernissage at 6 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 488-9558.

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Saturday, Feb. 5

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Monday, Feb. 7

Open House at Westmount Preschool, 4350 Ste. Catherine (corner Hillside Lane), from 10 a.m. to noon. Info: 934-5636.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom's Entrenous Senior program continues with 'Public Safety' with guest speaker Westmount PSO James Novak. Brown bag lunch at noon, program at 1 p.m. 395 Elm Ave. All welcome. Info: 937-3575.

Romantic Valentine's Day Concert featuring members of the Villa Maria Music Department at 7:30 p.m. in the CND Mother House auditorium, 4873 Westmount Ave. Tickets are \$20, now on sale at Villa Maria. Reservations: 484-4950.

Saturday, Feb. 12

Westmount Concerts presents cellist Karen Kaderavek, violist Scott Woolweaver and violinist Julie Triquet performing works by Schubert, Mozart, Beethoven, Ravel and Martinu at Church of the Advent, 4119 de Maisonneuve, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$19.50, children 15 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Info: 481-9133.

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PLANNING AHEAD is also in the works for St. Andrew's Session at its meeting tonight. Amongst other matters to be tackled will be further to the work of reorganizing the way the congregation governs itself. The session chair is Drew Webster, the clerk Donna Fraser. Rev. Janis Campbell is minister of the congregation.



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BOOK REVIEW

Beaver Hall women artists chronicled in revealing study

Barbara Meadowcroft sheds light on an often-overlooked chapter in local art history

By WAYNE LARSEN

The original building is long gone, but 305 Beaver Hall Hill remains one of the most notable addresses in the art history of Canada in general and Montreal in particular.

It was there, in 1920, that a group of local painters rented studio space in a house nestled in the shadow of St. Patrick's Church in what was then the heart of Montreal's artistic community.

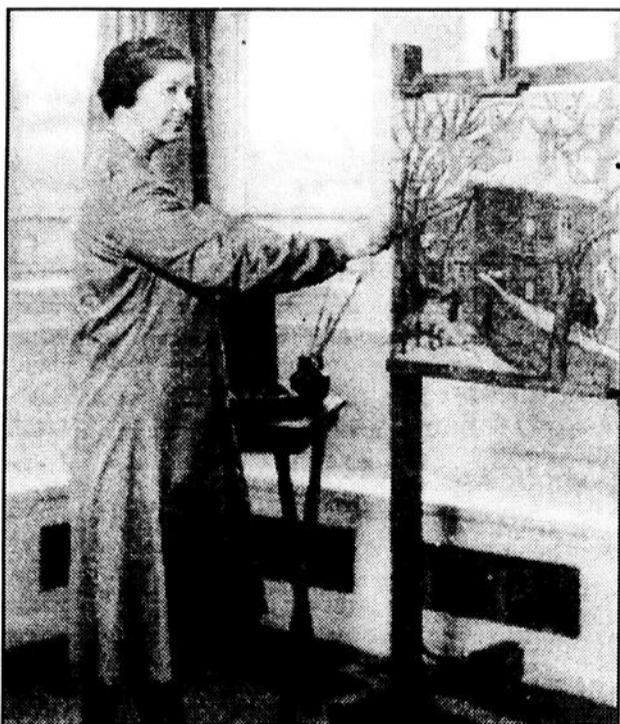
But over the past 80 years, the legacy left by what was informally known as the Beaver Hall Group has suffered what many consider to be the neglect of Canadian art historians; they have received nominal mention in most studies of the period but have never been the subject of a comprehensive book devoted exclusively to their lives.

Now, with the recent publication of 'Painting Friends: The Beaver Hall Women Painters', Westmount's Dr. Barbara Meadowcroft has made a significant contribution toward filling that long-standing gap with what amounts to the most complete portrait of the Beaver Hall Group to date—despite, as the title suggests, concentrating exclusively on the women within its ranks and their closest associates.

For the first time, the trials and tribulations in the lives of Nora Collyer, Emily Coonan, Prudence Heward, Mabel Lockerby, Mabel May, Kathleen Morris, Lilius Torrance Newton, Sarah Robertson, Anne Savage and Ethel Seath are brought to light through Meadowcroft's extensive research.

"Some people were amazed that there was no book on them," said Meadowcroft, a research fellow at Concordia University's Simone de Beauvoir Institute who spent more than a decade piecing together her material through letters, archival documents and more than 100 interviews with surviving family members and friends of the artists.

She has written extensively about some of these women in the past, including exhibition catalogues for Anne Savage and Lilius Torrance Newton retrospectives at the downtown Walter Klinkhoff Gallery—the venue now most commonly associated with the Beaver Hall women.



Ethel Seath working at The Study.



Dr. Meadowcroft's book, now in its second printing.

By maintaining a constant focus on the interaction between each of her subjects, Meadowcroft extends herself beyond conventional biography. She could have easily chosen to offer ten smaller, independent profiles with incidental references to the others, but by deftly interweaving each artist's activities she succeeds admirably in capturing the essence of their collective friendship.

The result is an often touching tale of camaraderie and mutual support in a period when female painters faced an uphill battle in their quest for acceptance in what was still very much a male-dominated art world. And in the case of these ten women—nine of whom never married (although Anne Savage almost became Mrs. A.Y. Jackson)—their relationships with each other were often the only encouragement they had.

Although 'Painting Friends' is an engrossing biography that makes no claim to be an academic study of the artists' work, it does offer an excellent cross-section of their paintings. Meadowcroft admits that she had a hard time choosing images for the book's 24 colour plates, but her diligence in this area has certainly paid off. From whimsical oil sketches to large canvases, Meadowcroft has carefully avoided reproducing most of the women's best-known works, often in favour of less prominent paintings that have been languishing in private collections. Of the chosen few, only Prudence Heward's masterful 'At the Theatre' has been previously reproduced with any consistency.

Also illustrating the text are a number of faded black-and-white photographs of the women, often in stiff family portraits or captured in action with brush in hand. The obvious age of these images serve as a constant reminder that these women were of an era long passed, and when viewed in contrast to the modern paintings they reinforce the fact that the work produced by this group was indeed ahead of its time, be it landscape, portraiture or still life.

Art historian Prof. Sandra Paikowsky of Concordia University agrees that the Beaver Hall women deserve their prominent position in local art history.

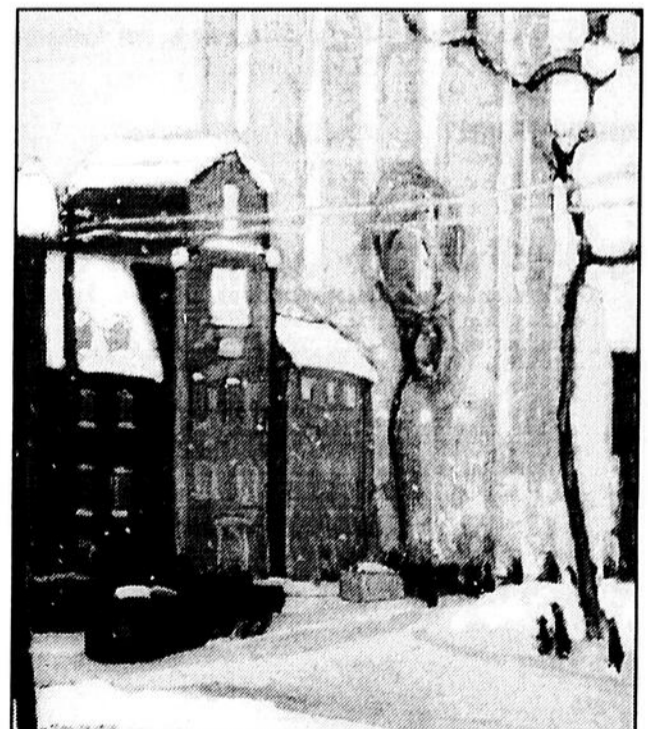
"They were very important—both for Montreal and Canadian painting—because they exemplified one of the first true commitments to modernity," Paikowsky said. "One can also look at the Group of Seven in doing that, except with the Beavers it was closer to a sense of international modernity. They also exemplified what became very typical of Montreal from the 1930s right up to the '70s and '80s, which was the notion of the collectivity—a group of artists working together and sometimes showing together, but also having an identity, not only for themselves but also for Montreal."

Westmount also figures prominently in the story of the Beaver Hall women, for several of them lived here at one time or another—in fact Mabel May's family owned 434 Elm Ave. from the turn of the century until 1950. Ethel Seath, who was a fixture at the helm of The Study's art program from 1917 to 1962, lived on Melville Avenue, while Nora Collyer and Kathleen Morris lived on Tupper and Windsor avenues, respectively.

Many seniors who attended Baron Byng High School in their youth will no doubt remember Anne Savage, who taught art at the school from 1922 to 1948. She was almost a Westmounter, having lived most of her life on Highland Avenue just over Westmount's northeast border. Another near Westmounter was Mabel Lockerby, who spent her last 20 years on neighbouring Vendôme Avenue.

In writing 'Painting Friends', Meadowcroft may have set out to tell the story of ten local women who faced adversity on many levels—including the restrictions placed on them by their own social class—but in doing so she has also succeeded in creating a vivid historical portrait of Montreal during an entirely different era, a city generations removed from the one we know today.

Painting Friends: The Beaver Hall Women Painters by Barbara Meadowcroft is published by Véhicule Press and is available at all major bookstores.



Beaver Hall Square as portrayed by Anne Savage in 1923.



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12:30-3:00 p.m. **Seniors' Carnival Luncheon**
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6:30-9:30 p.m. **Family Tobogganing**
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Friday, February 4th

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6:00 p.m. **Family dinner and bingo**
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Saturday, February 5th

10:00-12:00 p.m. **Broomball**
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6:00 p.m. **Family Skating**
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Sunday, February 6th

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Winter Carnival

Fire calls



From the fire hall

Monday, Jan. 17

6:00 a.m. 5731 Wolsley, Côte St. Luc: Assisted Côte St. Luc fire department with a house fire. Ventilated basement with a smoke ejector, removed debris from basement and picked up equipment afterward.
 8:12 a.m. 636 Clarke: Defective carbon monoxide detector.
 8:31 p.m. 5790 Parkhaven, Côte St. Luc: Cancelled en route.

6:28 a.m. 168 Côte St. Antoine: Defective alarm.
 11:49 a.m. 4867 Sherbrooke, apt. 2: Water leak due to defective washing machine.
 6:47 p.m. 85 Church Hill: Carbon Monoxide detector set off due to furnace being reactivated.

Friday, Jan. 21

6:35 p.m. 422 Metcalfe: Report of alarm sounding in area was a burglar alarm. MUC police attended.

Saturday, Jan. 22

8:53 a.m. 376 Victoria: Alarm set off due to burnt elevator motor.
 12:13 p.m. 245 Victoria: Alarm set off accidentally.
 12:40 p.m. 432 Metcalfe: Smell of smoke in basement traced to an accumulation of lint in clothes dryer.
 1:16 p.m. 4700 Ste. Catherine: Fire alarm set off due to broken sprinkler pipe in generator room.
 2:59 p.m. 4574 Sherbrooke: Strange odour in Westmount Public Library traced to a possible stink bomb.
 8:32 p.m. 6767 Côte St. Luc Road: Cancelled en route.
 9:59 p.m. 485 Strathcona: Burst water pipe in garage. Turned off water and advised owner to have a plumber attend.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

8:04 a.m. 168 Edgehill: Smoke detector set off by dust from renovations.
 4:40 p.m. 17 Melbourne: Defective smoke detector in basement.
 5:27 p.m. 1 Rosemount: Smoke detector set off by paper burning in ashtray near second floor elevator.
 10:56 p.m. 61 Aberdeen: Defective alarm.
 11:00 p.m. 62 Forden Crescent: Smell of gas traced to exterior leak. Gaz Metropolitan attended to repairs.

Wednesday, Jan. 19

3:47 a.m. 168 Côte St. Antoine: Defective alarm.



Real Estate

By Reg Morden

RESULTS '99

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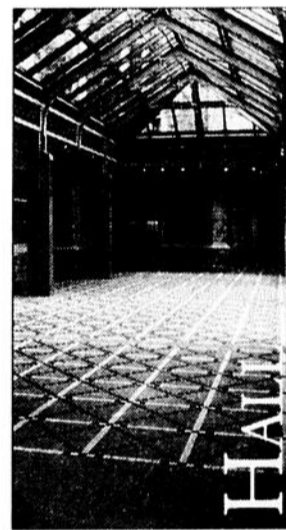
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The Gallery at Victoria Hall

Appel de propositions

La Galerie du Victoria Hall désire lancer un appel de propositions pour sa programmation de la saison 2000-2001 (septembre 2000 à août 2001). Cet appel de propositions s'adresse aux artistes et artisans qui sont des résidents de Westmount.

- Les propositions doivent inclure:
- 10 diapositives d'œuvres récentes
 - une liste des titres, dimensions, médiums et dates de création
 - un curriculum vitae à jour
 - un exposé de leur démarche artistique

Le tout doit être expédié au Comité de sélection Service des événements communautaires 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest Westmount, QC H3Z 1E2

La date limite pour soumettre votre proposition est le 31 mars 2000. Tous les candidats recevront une réponse écrite du comité avant le 30 avril 2000. Le matériel déposé sera retourné aux artistes. Pour des renseignements additionnels, veuillez communiquer avec le service des événements communautaires au (514) 989-5226.

Call for Submissions

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to announce a Call for Submissions for its 2000-2001 exhibition programme (September 2000 to August 2001). Artists and artisans who are residents of Westmount are invited to apply.

- Submissions should include:
- 10 good quality slides of recent work
 - an accompanying list of titles, dimensions, media and dates
 - an up-to-date résumé
 - an artist's statement

Please forward your submission to: Gallery Selection Committee Community Events Office 4333 Sherbrooke Street West Westmount, QC H3Z 1E2

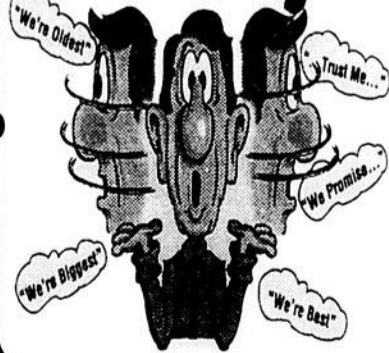
The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2000. The Selection Committee will advise all applicants in writing of their decision by April 30, 2000. All submitted material will be returned to the artist. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Events Office at (514) 989-5226.

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Have you recovered from the New Year celebrations? I hope so. After all the discussions about whether and when we were changing decades, centuries and the millennium, we concluded that it was next year. And we decided that the only way to ensure that we aren't making any mistake about it is to celebrate all year!

So you weren't a victim of the Y2K bug. You didn't want to take a plane and you did what everyone else did on New Year's Eve: you stayed home with family and friends, you opened a bottle of champagne and wished each other a happy millennium! We all did the same thing, even if we weren't optimistic about our chances of seeing the new millennium or the next century. That is, unless you listened to our historians and decided that it's really next year that everything changes. If this is the case, we should, God willing, be able to ask ourselves the same existential questions all over again.

In his year-end column, Leo Gervais, the editor of *The Westmount Examiner*, offered us all best wishes for the holidays and outlined his wish list for various people working in our riding. For myself, Leo wished that the PQ government would trip up again in order to provide me with subjects for my bimonthly column. Well, we're barely three weeks into the year 2000 and his wish has come true.

Indeed, the newspaper *La Presse* recently ran a headline stating that the megalomaniac management of the SAQ (Société des alcools du Québec) had spent \$135,000 to celebrate the opening of a new specialty store in our riding at the corner of Metcalfe and de Maisonneuve.

Under the store's previous name, 'Whiskey et Cie', it specialized over the last few years in different types of rare spirits and brandies, such as old cognacs,

single malt scotches from smaller distilleries, and eaux de vie made with almost every type of fruit imaginable. Now called 'Signature', the store sells old vintages and rare wines in addition to its line of spirits and brandies.

Yes, \$135,000 was spent to launch this new 'appellation incontrollee'.

Of this amount, \$50,000 was spent on the traditional grand opening cocktail and \$85,000 was used for a dinner to which 270 people were personally invited by Bernard Landry, our Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier, who is responsible for the SAQ.

It's not only the flu that is contagious at this time of the year; the SAQ president's megalomania is also catching. Bernard Landry, who has been suspected by many as having illusions of grandeur, is now officially contaminated.

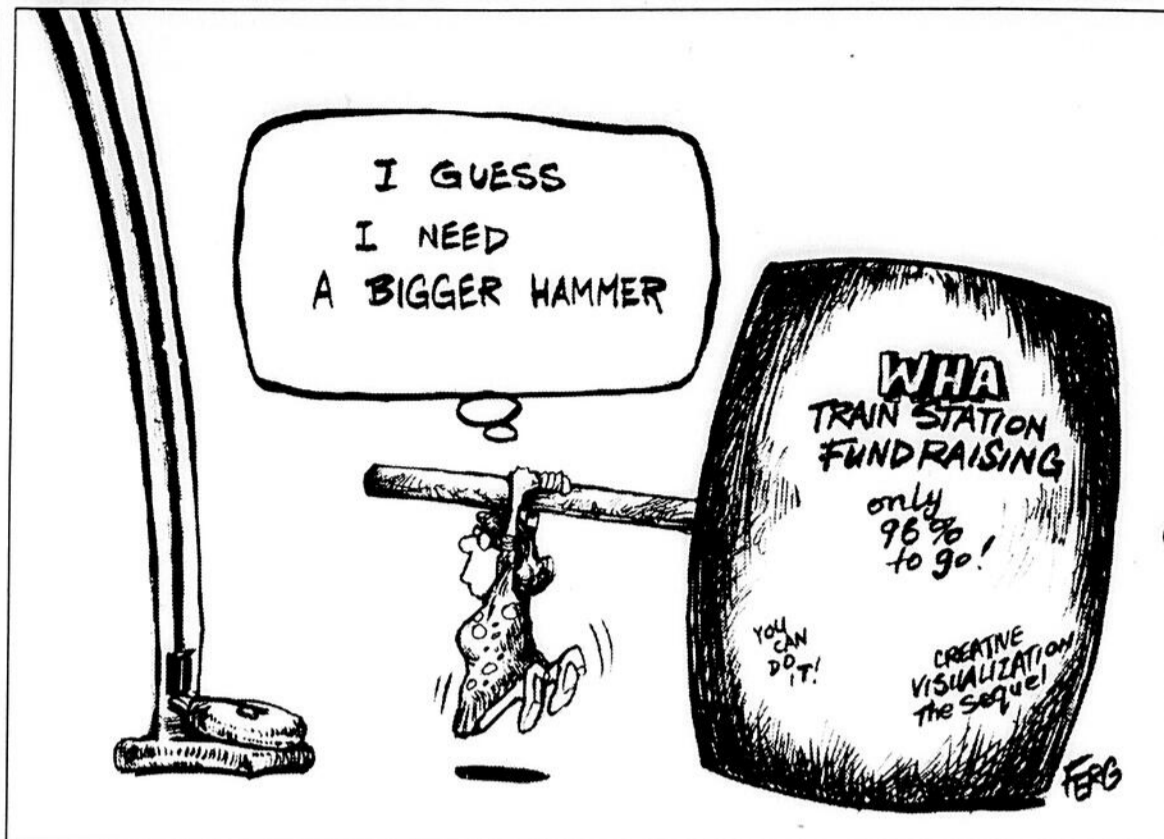
This is the same Bernard Landry who beat around the bush when he was questioned in the National Assembly about the construction of an \$8 million museum to recount the history of alcohol. Again in the National Assembly, this same Bernard Landry refused to recognize that the SAQ is a state monopoly because, he reasoned, wine is also sold in grocery stores in Quebec.

This is the same Bernard Landry who doesn't understand that it is not normal that in the past three years this crown corporation has gone from having six to 15 vice-presidents under the management of the president that he himself named. That is our Minister of Finance.

As Jean Chrétien would say, "Que voulez-vous?"

The winter season has harshly descended upon us, at least in the past few days, with the temperature falling below -25 Celsius. I hope that after a week like this one, winter will be over. Well, maybe not quite warm enough for getting the golf clubs out, but at least warm enough to stash away the down-filled clothing!

Since it's so cold and all we want to do is stay indoors, that Arthur Miller classic, 'The Crucible', at the Centaur Theatre is not to be missed.



FROM THE MAIL BAG



A matter of truancy

To the editor:

Now we all know how potentially disastrous it is when our children are truant from school, music lessons or any other responsibility conferred upon them, even if for no better reason than the development of their moral character and civic discipline—other than of course their all-important formation for life as taxpayers.

We also accept the principle of role models to inspire our young to greatness.

But on the subject of truancy, our highest appointed role model is a disgrace when it comes to demonstrating honesty in government and the commitment to true leadership. The man I am referring to here is the Trudeauania-era nominee for senator representing the Anglo Quebec constituency, the (right or not so right) Honorable Senator 'for life' (if not for work), Mr. Michael Pitfield. A very cheap excuse is offered here similar to that other Liberal appointee from Toronto who preferred the easy life in Mexico to even a semblance of civic responsibility for the fat pay he collected from the Canadian taxpayers.

Both eligible for bureaucratic fat-belly pensions, indexed and all, Mr. Pitfield, like that other one who finally resigned in the face of a public outcry, we have here a truant role model with the true likeness of a Liberal sense of civic responsibility. By this I mean that it is legitimate for a senator to bilk the tax-paying people for all that he can get.

Yes, my fellow Westmounters, we are getting a bum ride here, and in an almost self-flagellating way we worship such outrageous truancy, it is indeed as pitiful as the self-flagellation we witnessed during the time of Khomeini in Iran. Now, if Mr. Pitfield was

unable for whatever reason to do the job for which he was appointed with such symbolic obligations as role modeling, and sober reflections for the benefit of the tax payers while warming the seat reserved for him exclusively in the Upper Chamber, then he should put it honor before his greed and resign his post so that someone responsible could be elected to fill this post.

As a bad suggestion, we could promote Mother Theresa Robillard to the job of doing nothing in the hope that doing nothing is less dangerous for Westmounters than being in charge of the public trough.

But maybe there are some citizens out there who had their fill of truancy in public office, and maybe someone out there would like to contest the wisdom of rewarding posts to members of the Shawinigan Falls Inner Circle Cult.

As to Mr. Pitfield, I recommend that we've had enough damage done to us, first by his being the chief architect of the deficit philosophy of management of the public trough, but most of all for having deep-throated on the people of Quebec a constitution that not even the Quebec Liberal franchise could accept, much less the majority of Quebecers.

Yes Senator, in your ability to deep throat, you of all Westmounters excel all, even President Clinton. Your truancy from the work for which you are so handsomely paid is scandalous and it is entirely the wrong role model, with the wrong message, now that tax time is once more coming down on the taxpayers with more vengeance than ever before.

So do us all a favour, Senator: resign!

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**Ten Years Ago**

January 25, 1990:

NO NO SMOKING: "Forty-seven percent of Westmount stores visited this week were found to be in violation of the city's no smoking by-law adopted five years ago. Of 47 commercial establishments on the north side of Sherbrooke street in the Grosvenor-Claremont strip, 22 did not have required no-smoking signs when inspected by public safety officers for National Non-Smoking Week. Most of the seven banking institutions along the street had hidden or faded signs even though they are now governed by new stringent rules for federally-regulated buildings."

Twenty Years Ago

January 31, 1980:

McTEER VISITS: "Maureen McTeer will be coming to Westmount Park School next Wednesday evening for a rally in support of St. Henri-Westmount Progressive Conservative candidate Claude Dupras, the only major event scheduled by any of the candidates so far in Westmount. The wife of Prime Minister Joe Clark will in fact spend much of that day in the riding, visiting St. Henri in the afternoon, then meeting campaign staff at Mr. Dupras' 4158 St. Catherine street headquarters from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The rally is scheduled to start at 8 p.m."

Thirty-Five Years Ago

January 29, 1965:

BUILDING PLANNED: "Construction is expected to get under way in July on a 12-storey apartment house to be built on the Kensington Avenue site of the Heather Curling Club. The property has been purchased by Montclair Construction at a cost of \$200,000. An earlier report said that the building would rise 15 storeys. The club recently awarded a contract for construction of new quarters in Hampstead."

Forty-Five Years Ago

January 28, 1955:

PULP FICTION: "The quality of fiction is steadily decreasing while non-fiction is improving each year, according to Kathleen Jenkins, Westmount librarian. Her comments on literary tastes were included in her annual report. A bleak picture was painted of the novel as far as quality was concerned. 'People often could not find enjoyable novels,' she writes. Exceptions to this downward trend were Dr. Wilder Penfield's 'No Other Gods', Gouzenko's 'Fall of a Titan', and 'Not As a Stranger' by Thompson."

Quebec courts are keeping busy

GLENN WANAMAKER

With the National Assembly in recess, the real political action these days is in the courts.

The latest to test the judicial waters, and to win at least temporary satisfaction, are Mont Tremblant residents opposed to Quebec's plan to forcibly merge the ski resort town with three neighbouring towns, including St-Jovite.

A Superior Court judge, ruling citizens may have been deprived of their constitutional right to self-expression, granted a temporary injunction that prevents any forced merger from going ahead.

A full hearing on the issues will be held March 13. But until then, the merger remains on ice and more importantly, Municipal Affairs Minister Louise Harel will be unable to move on merger plans for the Montreal Urban Community or any of her broader municipal reforms.

Meanwhile Val St. Francois residents, who challenged the government last year and won, say they are going back to court in an effort to turn what became a hollow victory into a real one.

Their anger with the government goes back to its decision to authorize Hydro Quebec to build new power lines in the Eastern Townships after the 1998 ice storm.

The authorization came through government decrees, which a judge ruled illegal. So to make legal what was illegal, the government passed Bill 42, which the citizens now hope to challenge.

Hydro is also involved in another case, brought by a coalition of environmental and consumer groups. These groups, via the courts, are trying to force Hydro, the Regie de l'Energie (set up to oversee energy pricing), and the government to come clean on a series of issues that affect public policy, including power costs and exports.

In another major case involving rights and public policy, the James Bay Cree have

entered round two of a legal fight with the forest industry and the government over logging in Cree territory.

And now a frustrated group of Gaspé residents, called l'Action des patriotes gaspésiens, is talking about a series of 'spectacular' actions, including a class action lawsuit or a trip to the International Labour Tribunal in Geneva, to protest what they call the 'economic genocide' of the peninsula.

FRIENDS ARE OKAY — Still on the politico-legal beat, Social Solidarity Minister André Boisclair has accepted the verdict of a Superior Court judge who ruled recently a 64-year old woman, suffering from multiple illnesses and confined to a wheelchair, should not be forced to repay \$57,000 in social benefits.

The ruling will not be appealed and Boisclair said the ministry will review all similar cases.

"I can assure recipients and organizations which defend their rights that all necessary measures have been taken so that a similar situation does not happen again," he said.

Boisclair's ministry had cold-heartedly pursued the woman because she shared her home with a 55-year old man, which welfare rules do not allow. It cut off benefits and tried to force her to repay benefits she had already received.

In reality, as the judge pointed out, the two were living in the same house for the purposes of helping each other out. The man, who has a mental handicap, took care of many household chores which she is physically unable to do. In turn, she helped him manage his personal affairs. He paid a small rent and lived in a separate room.

They did not form a couple, as ministry officials had maintained. They simply shared a modest home - two honest people, unable to perform some of life's chores on their own, trying to make a difficult life easier.

In the future, Boisclair said, "the ministry will closely study situations of mutual aid,

particularly those that involve people coping with functional limitations."

LIBERAL MENU — The Quebec Liberal Party has taken the calculated gamble that despite the souped-up rhetoric over Ottawa's referendum clarity act and the Bouchard government's retaliatory Bill 99, Quebecers still have no appetite to re-hash the same old stuff.

As a result, its MNAs will put in an appearance at the committee debate on Bill 99, an Act respecting the exercise of the fundamental rights and prerogatives of the Quebec people and the Quebec state, but not much more.

Liberal leader Jean Charest said last week he still believes Bill 99 smells like a "grand manoeuvre" to generate sovereignty fever.

Obviously, he's right. The PQ government is hoping it can restore vigour to the sovereignty movement over the next five months, beginning with the Bloc Québécois convention this week and culminating in the PQ's own convention in May.

By the same token, Charest passes up an opportunity to show how his beliefs differ from those of the federal Liberals and how they stack up against those of the Bouchard government. He's prepared however take the risk.

"It's a question of conviction. Do we want to be of the school which promotes squabbling and division, or of a party that is open to dialogue?"

"We think the way of defending the interests of Quebec, to really defend them, is to profit from the alliances (with the other provinces) to re-start dialogue," he said.

"What is going to enter into the vocabulary is the concept of co-management, of co-decision-making, of a federalism that will be different from what we have now, and the importance for us to build alliances with other governments. We're heading towards something very different from what we've known in the past."

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Westmount mourns Peggy MacCallum

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Westmount community lost a cherished member on January 16 with the passing of Marion Fenwick 'Peggy' MacCallum, widow of former Mayor Donald MacCallum. A memorial service for Mrs. MacCallum was held on Tuesday morning at St. James the Apostle Church. The following is the eulogy delivered by City Councillor Tom Thompson:*

"There are others here today who knew Peggy better than I did. I only got to know her in later years. However, in her final plans she asked me to speak at her service, and I am very honoured to do so.

"This may appear too brief a comment about someone who has lived almost 85 years. Consider this: the last NASA spaceship was travelling at speeds that took it across Canada in nine and a half minutes. Certainly not the way life was when Peggy was born.

"My comments may appear too simple a statement about the life of Peggy MacCallum and how she answered the demands of this

world. However, brevity and simplicity underline the fortitude she demonstrated for so much of her life.

"Through an unfortunate accident, she had to overcome challenges to her personal health in those young adult years which we all now cherish so much. The fact that she did overcome that accident was a major achievement in her life. She often spoke fondly of Dr. Frances MacNaughton and the compassionate care she had received at the Montreal Neurological Institute. In fact, through the years, the Neuro was a great resource to her.

"A bright graduate of the Study School, Peggy's early days at McGill were filled with the excitement of fun, friendship, new ideas and a world of books. This period nourished what would be a lifelong, loving friendship in her marriage to Donald MacCallum, a McGill Engineering grad. He served his country in WWII and during a distinguished postwar business career, he also served Westmount—first as an alderman and then as mayor from 1975 to 1983.

"Although it might appear this strong-willed man had plenty of strength, Peggy was always at his side to support him. Even when he went off to war, Peggy found a way to serve as a volunteer on the home front. This commitment, familiar to many here, must have seemed like an eternity to young people.

"Peggy fondly remembered their travels to India and England and the far East and the special visitors she met in their Westmount days.

"As an Arts graduate from McGill, Peggy never forgot the exhilaration and renewal one obtains from reading books. But in her later years, she relied on talking books or human readers, since her poor eyesight denied her the pleasure of reading for herself. She probably rediscovered radio before the wider population did, although her eclectic station choice was usually a result of her poor vision.

"Today, young people, in fact most people spend as much time watching television as Peggy did enjoying music. Music was her one great pleasure.

Those of you who knew Peggy will remember her spark of independence—a spirit she won through overcoming significant personal challenges. Those qualities persisted in a lower key after the death of her husband Donald in 1989. That event changed her zest for life.

"Her opportunities to visit with the wide circle of friends she had so long enjoyed were limited as her health declined. You see, Peggy became part of the statistics that show Montreal to be the capital of hip in Canada—hip injuries, that is.

"Her health problems seemed so unfair for someone who had already endured more than her share of challenges. Thankfully, in the last decade, our community has seen medical developments that have eclipsed all previous medical history. While we are not always happy with the way these services are delivered to us, we have to admit that the advances have been miraculous.

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Peggy was in many ways a kind and exceptional woman : Thompson

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Peggy's treatment and recovery were made easier, thanks to modern medicine.

"Think, for a moment—if you were over 80, not mobile, legally blind, without family, how would you take enjoyment in your community or find comfort for yourself?"

"Donald and Peggy MacCallum had lived through difficult days in Westmount in the '60s and '70s. Those of us who turned to our local community, and saw so many caring and concerned volunteers in a genuine 'feel good' determined city, were able to forget the politics of the day.

We had hope. We were waiting for a better future.

"Peggy could not, in recent years, look forward to a better future as she sought relief from a life that held a good deal of pain.

"Her last words were as clear as a bell—a clarity some politicians should envy: 'No extraordinary measures to sustain my life.'

"Here was the independent spark that so many had come to know in her healthier years.

"We give thanks for her long and memorable life. Peggy was in many ways a kind and exceptional woman."

Trent believes PQ delay in reaching a merger verdict may be a good thing

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done—that municipalities could in fact be wiped out at the stroke of a pen—but we're getting some legal opinion that indicates there is an approach that would make a lot of sense."

There is a certain degree of optimism for the legal challenge because Westmount has enjoyed a good record in the courts, Trent said, citing the City's recent victory over the MUC in the 1988 property tax case as well as the ongoing case against the Quebec government over its controversial downloading policy—which he said is going well.

But above all, Trent said, the Quebec government's delay in reaching any decision in the matter may be a good thing for Westmount. "Whether or not their White Paper (on municipal mergers) will ever be published is anyone's guess," he said, summing up the situation with a quote from Cyril Northcote Parkinson: "Delay is the deadliest form of denial."

How's the market? Who said what?

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The Model in Perspective...

On Sunday, Feb. 27, Gail Bourgeois will conduct 'The Model in Perspective' from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students will spend a day in the studio with the model, using their choice of medium to render the figure in a convincing three-dimensional space. Vanishing points, scale, value and colour will all be investigated as tools for creating depth and atmosphere. The cost for this workshop is \$85 plus materials.

For mature students, Kathleen McFall offers 'Colour Expression' for water-colourists on Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. This workshop will teach the student how subjective colour choices can convey ideas and feelings more effectively, and how to create mood and atmosphere through the use of tonal range and intensity of colour. Cost is \$32 plus materials.

All workshops will be held at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave. For more information and registration, call 488-9558.

Marker dates back to the 18th century, at least

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the barely-visible stone dates back to the late 17th or early 18th century. It was erected on what was then the main thoroughfare to mark a mile from the Sulpician fort which still stands downtown at Sherbrooke and Fort Street. But WHA president Aline Gubbay has pointed out that since the stone was erected during the French regime, it probably measures a kilometre from the old fort.

Caluori said that the masonry work is scheduled to be carried out this year, possibly in late spring or early summer, and will most likely involve the temporary dismantling part of the stone wall immediately surrounding the historic marker.

"I'm delighted, because the stone was deteriorating, left open to wind and weather," Gubbay said this week. "It's such a happy thing that the City is doing."

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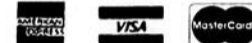
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New course at VAC

The Visual Arts Centre has announced a new workshop, one of three to be held in February—'Leaves Compared With Flowers', a flower and watercolour workshop with artists Elisabeth Galante and Kathryn Lamb, on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lamb and Galante invite fellow nature lovers to spend a day in the company of flowers, poetry and watercolour. The morning will be devoted to constructing flower arrangements of winter branches, berries and flowers to be used as subjects for the afternoon's painting session. The cost for this workshop is \$85 plus some materials, and previous watercolour experience is necessary. For more information, contact the Visual Arts Centre at 488-9558.

● St. Léon celebrates on Feb. 6

St. Léon de Westmount Church has announced that it will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this year with a series of special events, the first of which will take place on Sunday, Feb. 6 in the form of a celebration mass.

Music for this special mass will be an original composition by Denis Bedard, whose work has been sponsored by a number of parishioners and is dedicated to the memory of Humberto Santos, chair of the 100th anniversary committee at the time of his sudden death. Well known as the president of La Financiere Desjardins, Mr. Santos was succeeded by Paul Desmarais, Jr. as chair of the anniversary committee, which was created three years ago by St. Léon's Pastor, Yves Guillemette.

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À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR UN PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT NO 1272 INTITULÉ RÈGLEMENT MODIFIANT DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 978 VISANT À RÉGLEMENTER LE ZONAGE DANS LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT (DISTRICT R14 - CASERNE DE POMPIERS No 2)

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par la soussignée, greffier de la Ville :

1. Lors de sa séance régulière du 10 janvier 2000, le conseil municipal a adopté, par résolution, le premier projet de règlement no 1272 intitulé «RÈGLEMENT MODIFIANT DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 978 VISANT À RÉGLEMENTER LE ZONAGE DANS LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT (DISTRICT R14 - CASERNE DE POMPIERS No 2)»;

2. Une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le lundi 7 février 2000 à 19 h 45 à la salle du conseil, à l'hôtel de ville de Westmount au 4333 Sherbrooke ouest, Westmount, Québec H3Z 1E2;

3. L'objet de cette assemblée publique de consultation est d'expliquer le premier projet de règlement no 1272 dont l'objet est de créer le district R14 à même partie du district R2 partie 2 afin d'inclure l'immeuble situé au 680, avenue Victoria (et ses lots);

Le projet de règlement spécifie dans le district R14 ce qui suit:

- usages: bâtiment unifamilial résidentiel (détaché ou semi-détaché) et résidence pour personnes âgées. Tout bâtiment municipal qui existait avant le 31 mars 1977 et qui comporte une superficie de plancher d'au moins 6 000 pieds carrés (577,4 mètres carrés) au-dessus du sous sol, peut être modifié ou transformé en trois unités de logement au plus, à condition, que chacune des unités de logement ait une superficie de plancher d'au moins de 2 000 pieds carrés (185,8 mètres carrés);

- RSP maximum de 1,2
 - superficie d'implantation maximum de 40%
 - hauteur maximum des bâtiments de 3 étages ou 40 pieds;

4. Au cours de cette assemblée, le maire expliquera le projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désireront s'exprimer;

5. Le projet de règlement comporte des dispositions propres à un règlement susceptible d'approbation référendaire;

6. Le projet de règlement s'applique au district existant R2 partie 2;

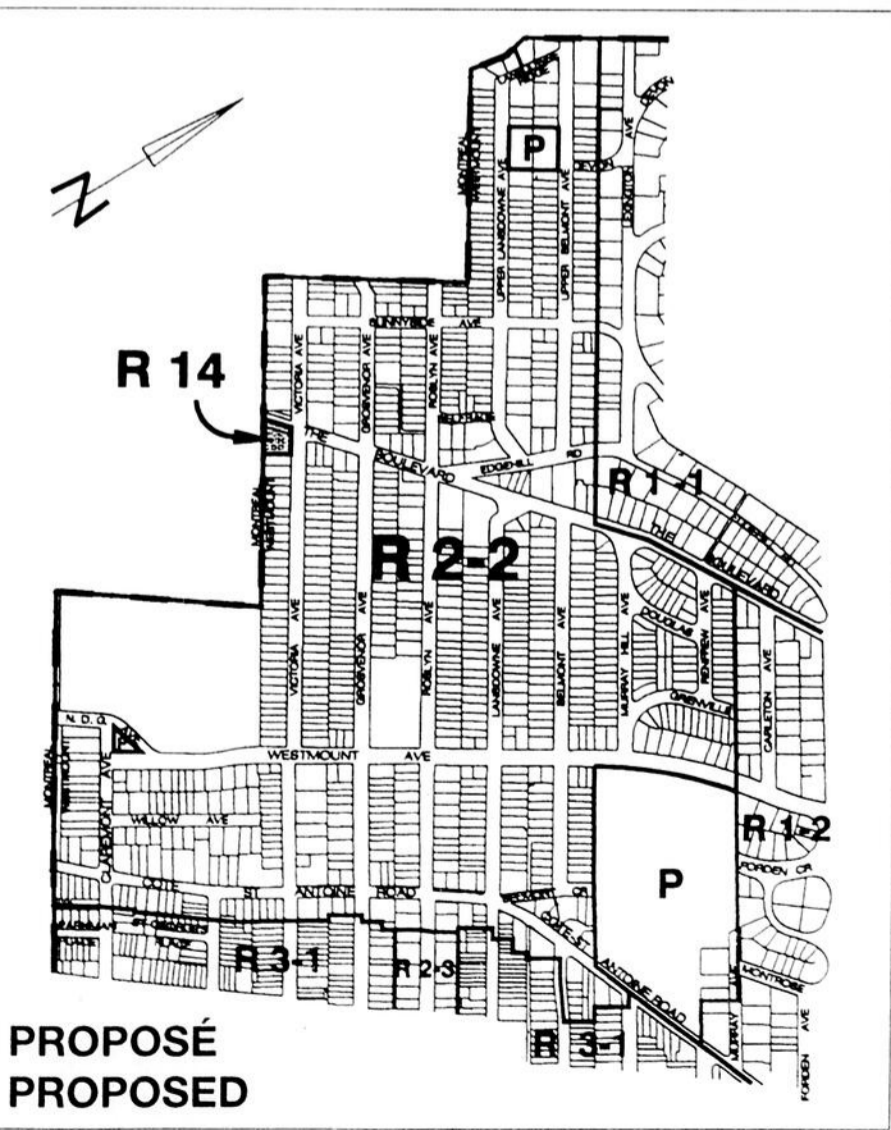
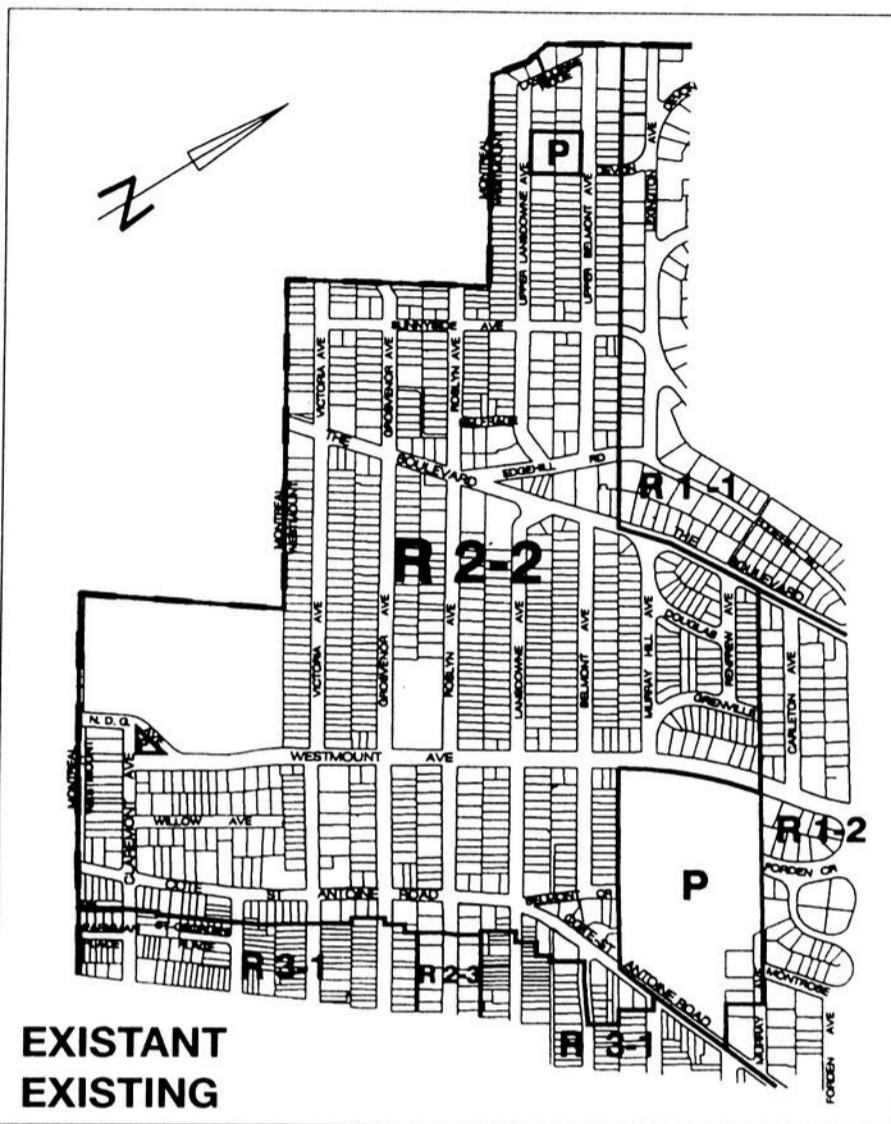
7. CROQUIS DU DISTRICT EXISTANT ET CROQUIS DU DISTRICT PROPOSÉ:

Les croquis du district existant, ainsi que du district proposé sont reproduits ci-dessus:

8. Le premier projet de règlement no 1272 peut être consulté au bureau du greffier, à l'hôtel de ville, au 4333 rue Sherbrooke ouest, à Westmount, Québec, durant les heures régulières de bureau du lundi au vendredi inclusivement de 8h30 à 16h30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec ce 27e jour de janvier 2000.

Me Marie-France Paquet
 Greffier de la Ville



TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY A FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1272 ENTITLED BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 978 TO REGULATE ZONING IN THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT (DISTRICT R14 - FIRE STATION NO. 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk:

1. At its general meeting held on 10th January 2000, the Municipal Council adopted by resolution, a first draft By-law No. 1272, entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 978 TO REGULATE ZONING IN THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT (DISTRICT R14 - FIRE STATION NO. 2)";

2. A public consultation meeting will be held on Monday, 7th February 2000, at 7:45 p.m., in the Council Chamber, at Westmount City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 1E2;

3. The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the first draft By-law No. 1272, the object of which is to create a new district R14 to include the building at 680 Victoria (and its lots);

The draft by-law provides in that district R14 for the following:

- Uses: Residential one-family building (detached or semi-detached), and residence for senior citizens. Any municipal building which existed prior to the 31st day of March 1977, and contained not less than 6,000 square feet (577.4 square meters) of floor area above the basement may be altered, modified or changed into not more than three dwelling units provided, however, that each dwelling unit has not less than 2,000 square feet (185.8 square meters) of floor area;

- maximum FAR of 1.2
 - maximum site coverage of 40%
 - maximum building height, 3 storeys or 40 feet;

4. During this meeting, the Mayor will explain the draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion;

5. The draft by-law contains provisions making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum;

6. The draft by-law concerns existing district R2 part 2;

7. SKETCHES OF THE EXISTING DISTRICT AND OF THE PROPOSED DISTRICT:

The sketches of the existing district and of the proposed district are reproduced above;

8. The draft By-law 1272 may be consulted at the Office of the City Clerk, at City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Québec, during regular office hours Monday to Friday inclusively 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, Québec, this 27th day of January 2000.

Me Marie-France Paquet
 City Clerk

More Community Bulletin Board...

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Monday, Feb. 21

The Westmount Municipal Association will meet at 7 p.m. in Victoria Hall.

Ongoing

Clouds... An exhibition of photographs by Lola Gordon at Galerie Tournesol, 5175B Sherbrooke, through Feb. 28. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 2 to 6 p.m. Info: 482-8794.

Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater, invites you to come and join our chess club every Thursday afternoon between 4 and 6 p.m. Instruction at all levels with Michael Yip, author of 'Checkmate University'. Info: 931-2304.

The Alpha Course, a 10-week course exploring 'The meaning of life' Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30, starting on Jan 29 at West-End Christian Fellowship, 386 Lansdowne. All welcome. Info: Dr. Ron Smith at 488-6193 or Tom Moorehouse at (450) 699-9363.

'Millennium Dream Totems', a joint art exhibition sponsored by the Visual Arts Centre and the City of Westmount featuring the work of Westmount students, is currently on display at the McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria and the Gallery at Victoria Hall, 4626

Sherbrooke, through Feb. 17. Info: 488-9558.

Women's amateur acappella choir is now auditioning new members. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings in Westmount. Varied repertoire (folk, international, madrigals, etc.). For more information, please call Connie at 488-5231.

Tumbling Tots: Centre Greene believes that free play is an important part of a child's development. If you do too, join us with your toddler on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. During winter's bleakest months, why not take advantage of Centre Greene's warm and safe indoor park and welcoming environment. Light snacks, coffee and tea provided. \$3/drop-in. Info: 931-6202.

Open Court Volleyball at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene: Every Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. members of Westmount's Protective Services play volleyball in the gym. If you are interested in joining the fun, call Inspector DeVries at 989-5405 or Centre Greene at 931-6202.

Shaar Hashomayim Duplicate Bridge Club, 450 Kensington, on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. Lunch at 11:45. \$7.50 per person. Info: Barbara Bronstein at 938-1405.

Help Wanted: Gain work experience. Many Westmount seniors can't go out in winter for fear of falling, but you can help. Become a friendly visitor, have a cup of tea and listen to some great stories.

Call Contactivity Centre today at 932-2326.

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

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

Ballroom Dancing at the Westmount Y. Glide into spring with fancy footwork and new friends every Monday night. Level I at 9 p.m., level II at 8 p.m. \$40 for members, \$65 for non-members. Info: 931-8046.

Belly Dancing at the Westmount Y. Dare to be a little different and have fun too! Tuesday nights until March 21. Beginner class at 7 p.m., Intermediate/Advanced class at 8 p.m. \$50 for members, \$70 for non-members. Info: 931-8046.

Beyond the Borders

Volunteers are needed to assist at Mount Sinai Hospital, 5690 Cavendish in Côte St. Luc. Call the volunteer department at 369-2222 local 1331 and enlist your time.

Women's morning and evening yoga

classes. Join anytime. Queen Elizabeth Health Complex. Info: Martha at 485-2182.

A Call To Prayer, a series of workshops on prayer, to be held at the Church of St. Michael & All Angels, March 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. and March 11 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 15556 Cabot in Pierrefonds. Info: 626-4451.

The St. James Literary Society presents 'The New Millennium: Blacks in Quebec Society' with guest speaker Rev. Darryl Gray, Union United Church pastor and former U.S. senator, on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 7:45 p.m. at the McGill Faculty Club, 3450 McTavish. \$5 for non-members. Info: Allan Raymond at 489-8741.

First Friday Cribbage at the Scottish Centre of Montreal, 1610 Stephens in Verdun, on Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. \$5 per person and all are welcome. Info: 768-1301.

'Brass Times Ten' featuring the brass section of the MSO will perform at Christ Church Cathedral, Ste. Catherine and University, on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 5 p.m. Freewill offering. Info: 843-6577.

The Animal Rescue Network is holding an adoption weekend at Walmart, 5400 Jean Talon W. on Jan. 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Danielle at 489-3290.

RÔLE DE PERCEPTION TAXES MUNICIPALES 2000



Westmount

MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTION ROLL 2000

Conformément à l'article 503, de la Loi sur les cités et villes, (L.R.Q., chap. C-19), avis public est par les présentes donné à tous les contribuables et résidents de la Ville de Westmount et à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés:

QUE le rôle de perception des taxes municipales (taxe foncière générale et taxe sur les immeubles nonrésidentiels) de la Ville de Westmount pour l'année 2000, préparé par le Trésorier, a été déposé le 24^e jour de janvier 2000, au bureau du Trésorier à l'Hôtel de Ville de Westmount, 4333 rue Sherbrooke, où il sera à la disposition du public pour fins de vérification par les personnes intéressées ou leurs représentants. Les comptes de taxes seront envoyés dans les délais alloués et 50% des taxes sera dû et exigible le ou avant le 1^{er} mars 2000 et le solde de 50% le ou avant le 1^{er} juillet 2000. Lorsqu'un versement n'est pas fait dans le délai prévu, le solde, incluant le deuxième versement, devient immédiatement exigible.

Les contribuables qui n'auraient pas reçu leur avis de taxes peuvent en obtenir une copie à l'Hôtel de Ville de Westmount, tenant compte du fait que les taxes municipales doivent être payées à leurs dates d'échéance respectives, peu importe si un avis de taxes a été reçu ou non.

Donné à Westmount ce 24^e jour de janvier 2000.

Luc Ménard,
Trésorier

Pursuant to Section 503 of the Cities and Towns Act (R.S.Q., chap. C-19), public notice is hereby given to the ratepayers and inhabitants of Westmount and to all whom it may concern:

THAT the Collection Roll of Westmount for the year 2000 prepared by the Treasurer covering the municipal taxes (General Real Estate Tax and Tax on non-residential immovables) of Westmount, was deposited on the 24th day of January 2000 in the Office of the Treasurer at Westmount City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke, where it will remain open for examination by persons interested or their representatives. The tax billing will be sent within the allotted delay and the first instalment, representing 50% of the tax amount, will be payable on or before March 1st, 2000, and the second instalment on or before July 1st, 2000. Where an instalment is not paid within the prescribed time, the balance, including the second instalment, becomes immediately due.

Ratepayers who may not have received their tax notice may obtain a copy at the Westmount City Hall keeping in mind that municipal taxes must still be paid on their respective due dates whether or not a tax notice has been received.

Given at Westmount, this 24th day of January, 2000.

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CAMPS AND EDUCATION

New device claims to shield dangerous cell phone waves

BY DAVID GOLDBERG COURTESY OF THE MONITOR

Wave Shield, a new device on the market that claims to block dangerous electromagnetic waves of radiation from cellular phone users, is now available exclusively

from an NDG company.

EcoSpectrum owner Eric Coulombe said the small shield, which affixes to the listening area of the phone, can block out between 90 to 99 per cent of the rays. The Wave Shield has been tested and certified

by the Kansai Electrical Corp. and the American Society of Testing and Materials.

"The Wave Shield is made from a mesh material called Shieldron and was developed in Japan," said Coulombe. "It's the only product in the world that reduces the radioactive rays."

The analogy Coulombe used is that of two North magnets, which repel each other when placed side by side. The Wave Shield pushes the rays away from the earcup and out of the back of the cellular phone. It also keeps the phone from heating up, which happens when the user is on the line for calls of 20 minutes or more.

There has been a debate raging over just how dangerous the electromagnetic waves actually are. There is no concrete proof that cell phone use causes cancer, but there is plenty of concern by medical researchers about the possibility of adverse effects.

"This is similar to where smoking was years ago when the research wasn't completed. We just don't know how this will show up in the children and grandchildren of cell phone users," said Coulombe. "But there have been reports of tumours, headaches, fatigue, memory loss and problems with the immune system."

While the device protects users from the waves, it does not affect the phone service.

"We are only blocking the radiation, not the signal," said Coulombe. "If we completely covered the antenna like when we did an experiment where we covered the antenna with the Shieldron cloth, we would block out the whole signal and the phone would not ring."

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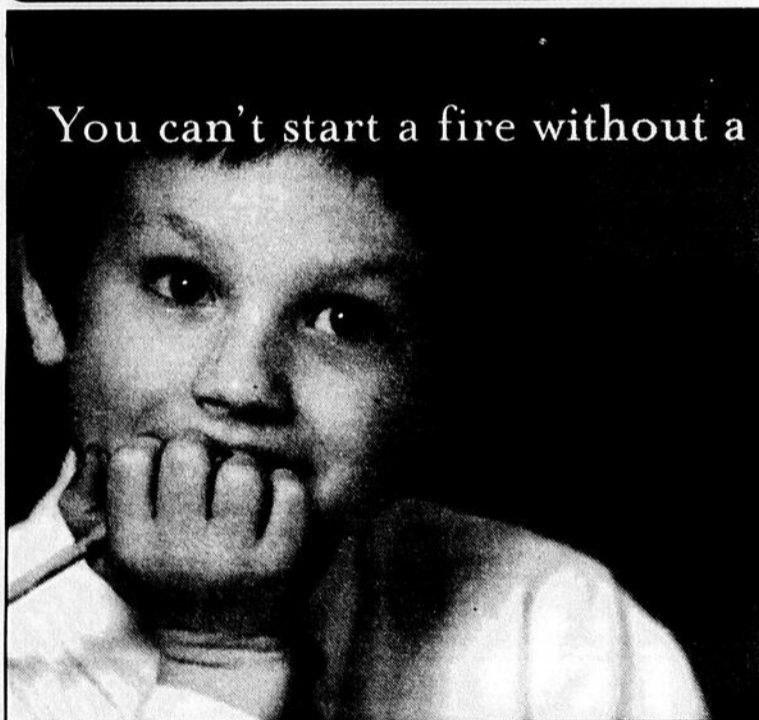
Westmount Y hosts indoor rowing event

The Westmount YMCA is organizing and hosting the first ever Quebec Indoor Rowing Championships, which will be held on Sunday, Feb. 20.

Although this will be a competitive event where various professional and recreational rowing and canoeing clubs will be represented, the organizers are also approaching this event as an opportunity to attract the local community and raise awareness of the Westmount Y.

The championships are open to male and female participants of all ages and proficiency levels (novice or elite). Medals will be awarded for each gender and age category, as well as for the overall men and women categories. In addition, all rowers will receive a certificate of participation. All races are 2,000 metres and will be held every 20 minutes, with the first race beginning at 2:20 p.m. Concept II is the official indoor rowing machine of the Quebec Indoor Rowing Championships, and each rower's score—winner or not—will be entered later this year in the Concept II Indoor Rowing World Ranking on the Concept II Website (www.concept2.com).

Entry fee for this event is \$5 per person, which includes free access to showers and locker rooms. Registration deadline is Feb. 14. For more information, contact Rod Macdonald at 931-8046 ext. 238.



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Address

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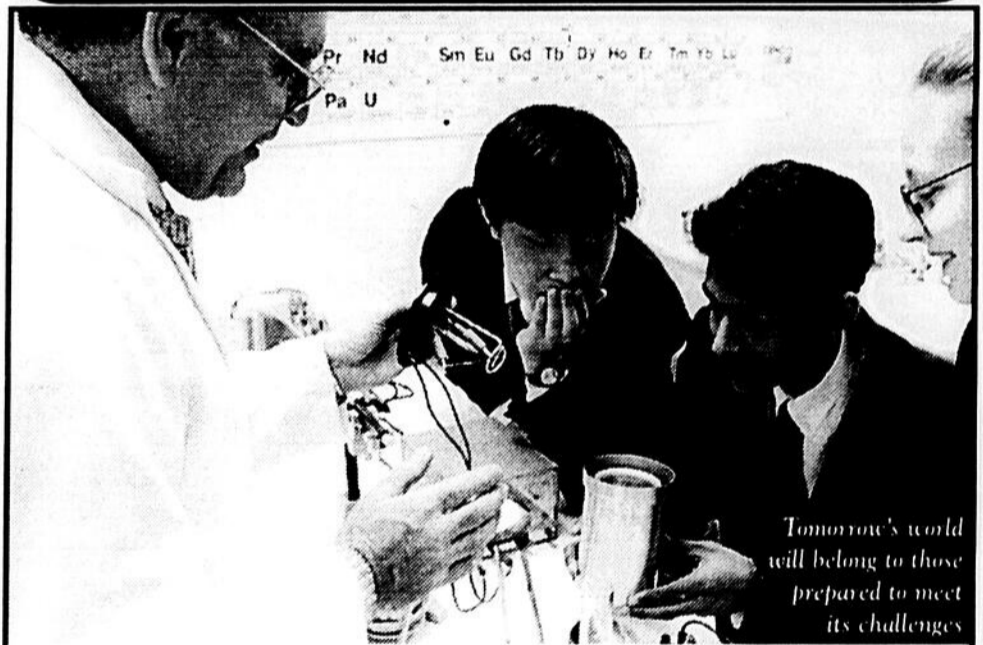
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Centaur delivers with 'The Crucible'

By LEONARD J GERVAIS

There may be nothing more personally harrowing than being falsely accused by your peers and then put to trial by a mob of ill-thinking, Puritan religious zealots who have the power to hang you.

This predicament is the central theme of 'The Crucible', American playwright Arthur Miller's seminal work on the 1692 Salem, Massachusetts witch trials now playing at The Centaur Theatre.

This version of 'The Crucible' is deftly directed by Centaur's Gordon McCall (who usually parades around the theatre as its artistic director). It is evident he can direct, and he has some great actors to work with.

Foremost of these is Douglas Campbell, whose performance as the misguided Deputy Governor Danforth is worth the price of admission. His deep, resonant voice is at once menacing and authoritative, and his very presence adds to every scene, especially during the second act as he questions the supposedly-possessed Abigail Williams, (played with the perfect combination of vulnerability and venom by Emma Campbell) and her friend Mary Warren, (played by

Amy Sloan with stunning realism—Sloan convinced this critic she really was teetering on the edge of what most of us call sanity).

The whole 20-member cast, in fact, should be commended since with McCall's pacing they weave a taught tapestry of solid acting (with gushes to brilliant) into a tight drama that leaves the audience on the edge of their seats and had people talking positively about the show long after the curtain went down.

Another thing my companion for the evening mentioned, with reason, was the fabulous set design and lighting. The stage magically transformed from a forest to a bedroom to a courthouse in what seemed mere moments. Cudos to Set Designer John Dinning, Lighting Designer Luc Prairie and their colleagues for a superior job.

I have been attending the Centaur for more than 15 years as a theatre-goer and a critic, and rarely have I enjoyed a production as much as this one. In short, if you miss 'The Crucible', you should be hanged.

'The Crucible' plays until February 6 at the Centaur Theatre, 453 St-Francois Xavier, Old Montreal. Box office: (514) 288-3161.

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WYO seeks local musicians

The sound of classical music has returned to Westmount. After the end-of-year break following the Christmas Concert, which saw Victoria Hall filled to capacity, the Westmount Youth Orchestra (WYO) has started its spring season with regular rehearsals at Victoria Hall.

The coming season promises to be exciting: the WYO will attend the MusicFest Quebec 2000 and will hold its annual concerto competition. In addition, anyone interested in learning about the functioning of the WYO is invited to visit or bring their instrument to an open rehearsal on April 8.

There will be several performances this year. The WYO will treat citizens to a Mother's Day concert on May 14 at 3 p.m. in Victoria Hall. There will also be the customary free concerts on Family Day, St. Jean Baptist Day and Canada Day. The WYO rehearses every Saturday morning between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Victoria Hall under the guidance of their coaches Margaret Lysy, Jean McRae, Julia McFarlane, James Darling and conductor Mark Simons.

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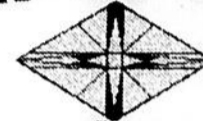
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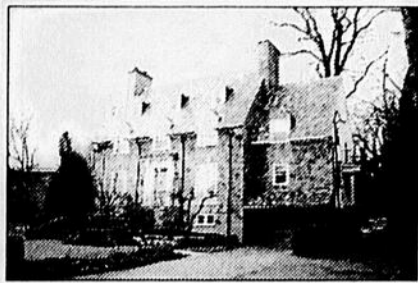
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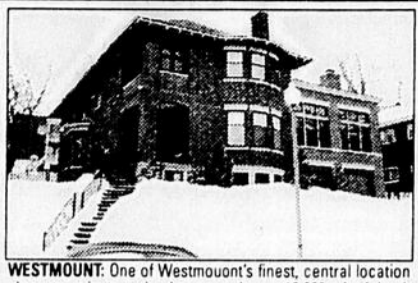
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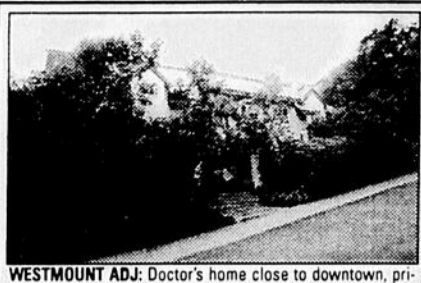
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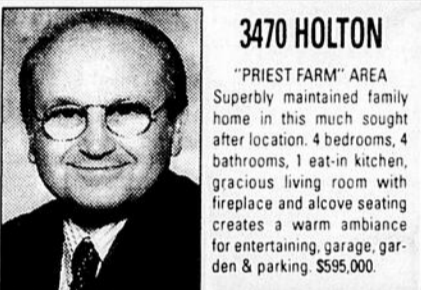
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