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## ZERO TOLERANCE

Westmount gets tough with graffiti vandals

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### Local News

## WESTMOUNT MAY LOSE ITS OWN POLICE STATION

Martin C. Barry

**W**ith a major reorganization of Montreal's network of neighbourhood police stations said to be in the works, Westmount's Station 12 is being mentioned as a strong candidate for merger.

According to news reports last week, neighbourhood police Station 11 in NDG and Station 12 on Stanton Street in Westmount would be combined. If that scenario were to unfold, one of the two will disappear.

Since last year, the police union has been clamouring for a major reorganization of the neighbourhood stations. According to the union, police officers have been complaining that they don't have enough resources for the number of stations in the neighbourhood policing system.

In the evening shifts, the police force is stretched to its maximum, leading to inadequate service. Because each neighbourhood station requires at least one officer to be on duty inside, the number of officers out on patrol has been reduced as a result.

Montreal police spokesman Miguel Alston said the department would not be commenting on the situation until the matter was dealt with by elected officials. But Alain Legault, a spokesman for the Police Brotherhood, confirmed that the union is looking for revisions to the neighbourhood policing system some five years after its initial implementation.

In February of 2002, according to Legault, the police union presented a proposal for the restructuring of the police department which was linked with the merger of all the cities on the island of Montreal.

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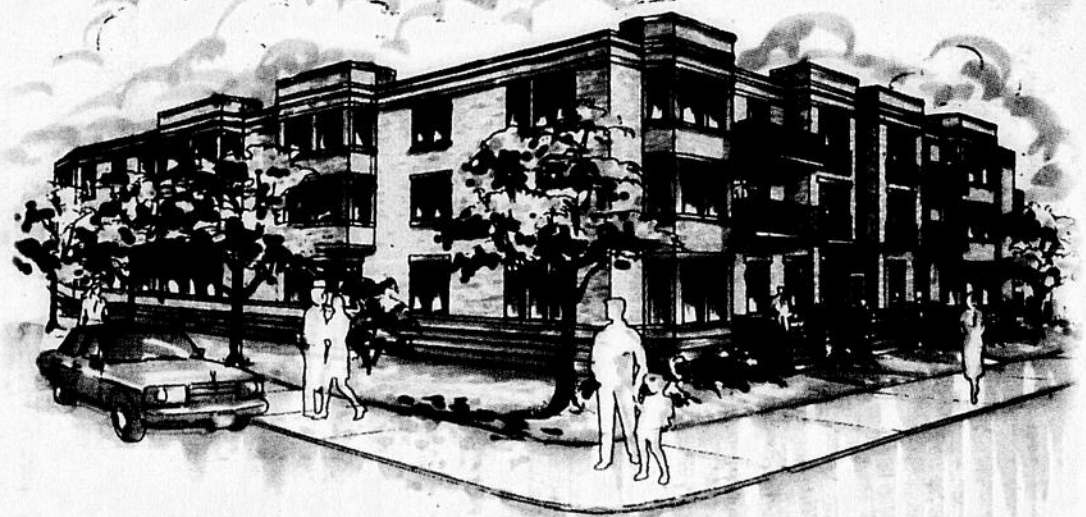
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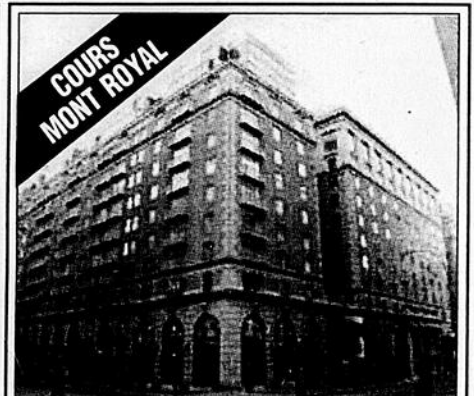


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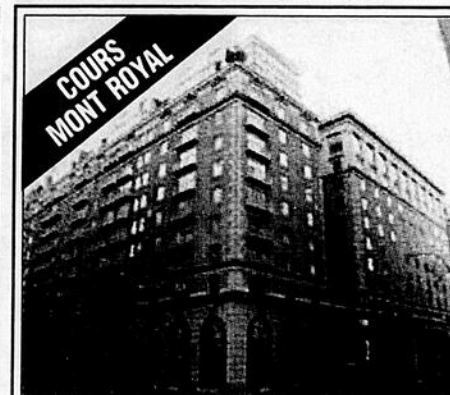
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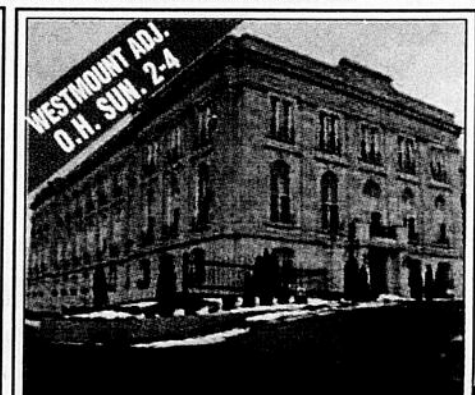
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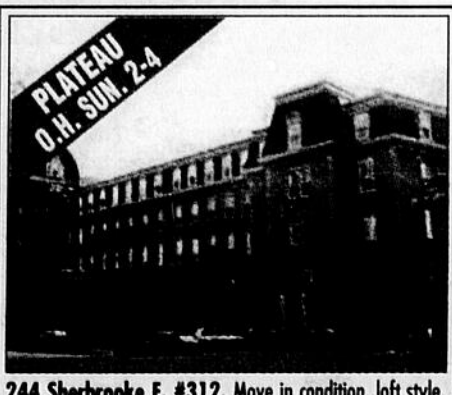
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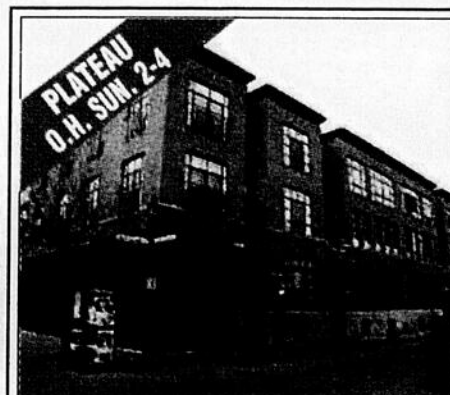
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# GRAFFITI PROBLEM RESURGES IN WESTMOUNT

*Borough officials warn vandals of 'zero tolerance' policy*

Martin C. Barry

**D**espite a strict 'zero tolerance' policy being enforced by Public Security Officers throughout Westmount, graffiti vandals are continuing to deface public and private property throughout the borough.

Westmount Borough Director Bruce St. Louis said in his report to council earlier this month that the men's wash-room in the art gallery at Victoria Hall was vandalized by graffiti on Feb. 21. A security videotape possibly recording the incident has been turned over to police, and maintenance staff are paying special attention to the area.

"A note to the vandals," said St. Louis. "If after reviewing the security tapes you are ultimately identified, the 'zero tolerance' policy will be applied and charges will be laid."

Like St. Louis, Public Security Director Richard McEnroe is warning that graffiti in Westmount will not be taken lightly.

"If we catch somebody, they will be charged," he said. However, because of the repetitive nature of the incidents, he added: "To clean it is just an exercise in futility."

A tour of a number of locations in Westmount earlier this week with PSO Greg McBain (pictured on page one) gave some indication of the extent of the problem. A brick wall at the end of a back alley just off Sherbrooke Street near Kensington Avenue bore colourful evidence of a recent graffiti spree.

PSOs have virtually given up keeping track of graffiti incidents painted on the pillars of the Ville Marie Expressway in lower Westmount, which have become a favourite target for spray-painting.

Walls in lanes behind businesses on Ste. Catherine Street have also become especially susceptible to graffiti. According to McBain, some graffiti vandals have started etching glass windows, costing local businesses thousands of dollars to replace large glass panes.

Borough Councillor John de Castell, chairman of the Operational and Environmental Services Committee, told council last week: "I take exception to even using the term graffiti because it implies that there's some aesthetic validity. At least some people like to argue that."

Tagging, as some call the trademark signature of each sprayer, is vandalism, insisted de Castell.

"There's no art involved," he said firmly. "Anybody who wants to dispute that can see me after and try to convince me, but I think we're making a big mistake by referring it as graffiti, which has other connotations."

Regarding the individuals behind the graffiti incident at Victoria Hall, de Castell said: "I'm sure that you're out there somewhere."

The fine in Westmount for vandalizing property with graffiti is \$600, not including administrative costs. When cleaning and repair costs are assessed and billed to the perpetrators, the resulting penalty can reach as high as \$1,000, de Castell added.

"I hope it's a very rich vandal or that they have wealthy parents," he added. "In any case we hope that this will become known and that this behaviour will stop, because we'd much rather not have to pursue anybody for this kind of thing."



The concrete pillars beneath the Ville Marie Expressway in lower Westmount have long been a favourite target of spray-paint vandals.

## Float readied for parade

Martin C. Barry

**F**or the fifth straight year, Westmount will have a float in Montreal's St. Patrick's Day Parade, which takes place this Sunday.

Passes to ride on the float or march in the Westmount contingent behind are now available at the Community Events office.

The day before, on Saturday, March

15, volunteers are invited to help decorate the float with green ribbons and shamrocks at the Public Works yard from 10 a.m. to noon. Green balloons will be added the next day. Help will also be needed in removing the decorations afterwards.

"Everybody is welcome," said Community Events Coordinator Maureen Lafrenière.

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## WMA hosts landlord-tenant workshop tonight

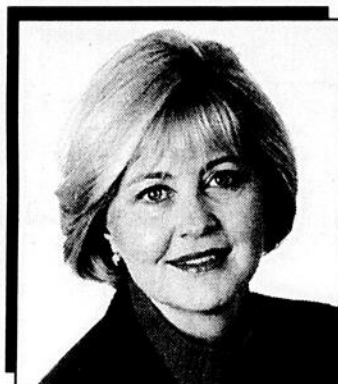
Just three weeks after its successful landlord-tenant workshop in Victoria Hall, the Westmount Municipal Association has announced it will be holding a second such meeting tonight, March 13, in the same venue.

With rent increases topping the list of concerns, the WMA has organized

tonight's workshop due to popular demand. The workshop begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Club Room at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W. Experts from the rental board and legal clinic, among others, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss concerns of both landlords and tenants.

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# Hats off to the Sarah Cook celebrity fundraiser

*Around Westmount*

Marilynn Vanderstay



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To date Clint Eastwood, Bruce Springsteen and Celine Dion have donated hats for auction. The event will also include an exhibition only collection of hats that includes hats worn by Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Mila Mulrony, the Queen Mother and members of the Cirque de Soleil. Proceeds of the event will go to the

Sarah Cook Fund of the Cedar's Cancer Institute for the renovation and upgrading of the oncology department at the Montreal Children's Hospital.

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The artist used only two colours in the works; red for its emotion and energy value and yellow for its light and warmth and that seemed to light a

spark in participants at the vernissage Sunday evening who were quite excited about the artist's works. The exhibition continues at the Java U, 4914 Sherbrooke Street West until April 2.

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Mr. Gary Furlong  
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"For small stations the number of policemen is very low and we thought it was not very secure for them to be that low a number," he said.

"We were part of the process that recommended the merger of the police stations, but for now we are waiting for a recommendation to be made by the police department. We don't know which way they are going to go."

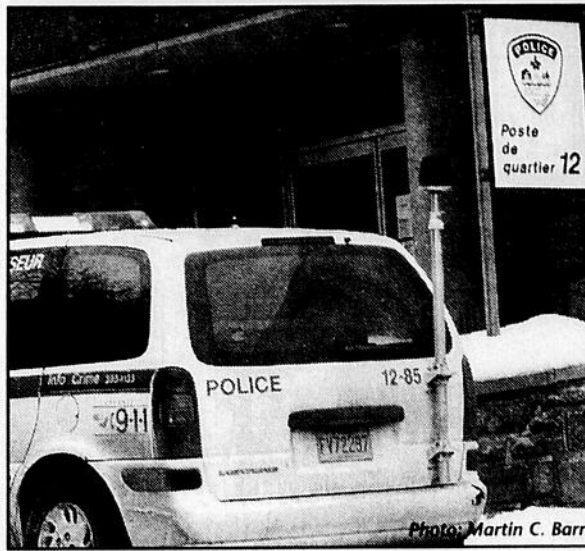
In the meantime, some elected officials are already beginning to express views on where a station serving both NDG and Westmount should be located. If there is going to be one station, it should be in NDG, insisted Loyola city councillor Jeremy Searle.

He said the location of Westmount's Station 12, near the borough's eastern border with the downtown area, doesn't meet the requirements of NDG, which stretches several miles westward.

Searle maintained that the geographic location of the future station will be most important. "If you do it at one end of the area, the other end will only ever be visited by a police car when it's their patrol turn," he said. "Which is perhaps once or twice a day—and then you'll have an incredibly high concentration at the other end. Whereas if you put it at the geographic centre, the beneficial effect of increased patrolling is spread out over a far greater area. In other words, if you have a station in the eastern end of NDG, you would have incredibly good policing in Westmount and in NDG."

Westmount borough councillor John de Castell, speaking on council's behalf while Borough President Karin Marks was on vacation this week, said the possible closing of Station 12 wouldn't necessarily mean a reduction of police presence and services to Westmounters.

"If they're just going to dispatch the same



Westmount's Station 12 could be merged with Station 11 in NDG.

number of police officers from a location to the west, I don't think that's going to particularly upset Westmounters," he said. But if Westmount were to receive less service from another location, that would be a problem, he added.

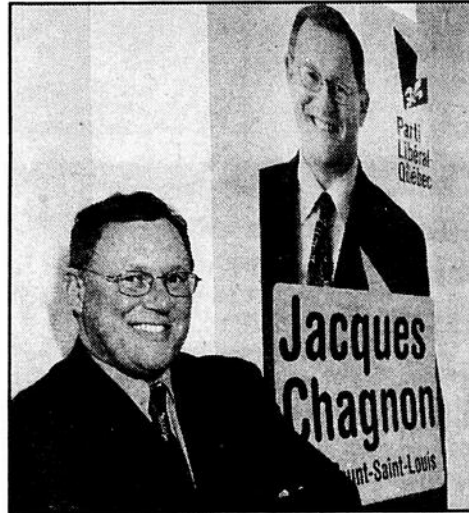
"I think it's more important that we get the services that we require from the police department. It's much more important than whether or not the building is used the same way."

The impending situation "is not ideal, that's for sure," de Castell acknowledged. "But this is still speculation. Reducing it down to its basic level, we're not for any plan that reduces police services to Westmount... What is ultimately most important is the visibility and representation on the streets."

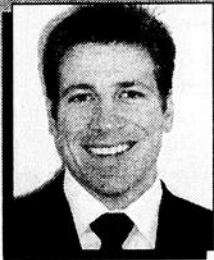
## Chagnon ready for action

Wasting no time in kicking off his election campaign, incumbent MNA Jacques Chagnon opened the Liberal campaign office for the Westmount-Saint-Louis riding yesterday, immediately after the April 14 provincial election was announced.

"We have been preparing for months," Chagnon declared yesterday. "Our campaign office at 1541 Sherbrooke Street West is all set up, our volunteers have been contacted, and we are ready."



Chagnon with campaign poster




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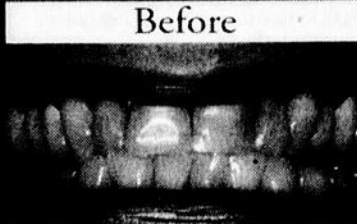
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## They finally called an election

All eyes have been on the provincial capital this week as the much-anticipated election has been announced for Monday, April 14.

Traditionally, Quebec provincial elections have always been much more colourful than their federal counterparts, from the darkest days of the oppressive Duplessis regime through to the ever-present issue of independence under the Parti Québécois.

In Westmount, this coming election represents what is widely believed to be the last gasp of hope for those committed to restoring their city's full municipal status. The whole theory of demerging may be scoffed at by some—especially PQ supporters—but if this borough's most vocal voters have their way, it is sure to be the main platform issue for candidates in the Westmount-St. Louis riding.

As a result of several factors—Bill 170, which brought about forced municipal mergers, the current health-care crisis throughout the province, and the unexpected emergence of the Action Démocratique Party as a force to be reckoned with—this has turned into the most widely anticipated provincial election in recent memory.

Although we are still in the very earliest stages of the campaign, with only three confirmed candidates in place—incumbent Liberal Jacques Chagnon, the Equality Party's Don Donderi and Denise Laroche for the PQ—there is the promise of much political activity in Westmount over the next few weeks. Candidates representing a wide variety of fringe parties are sure to be stepping forward to toss their hats into the proverbial ring, just as they always do around this time.

Will Westmount's much-publicized opposition to the PQ and Bill 170—so predominant that even its borough councillors were elected on a strict de-merger platform—make the PQ think twice about even trying to win a seat here?

This may sound unlikely, but it nearly happened the last time around. In the November 1998 provincial election, the PQ barely even bothered to run a campaign in Westmount, figuring no one would vote for them anyway. The candidate who did run on their ticket, by his own admission, did so without the full support of the party and was barely able to scrape together the means to run a small grassroots campaign. Of course he didn't stand a chance against the strong Liberal machine and the inevitable Chagnon landslide, but nevertheless the situation did raise the ire of a few Westmounters who were insulted by the PQ's apparent lack of respect for their votes.

Now, despite pre-election promises from both the Liberal and Equality parties that if elected they will do what they can to facilitate a municipal de-merger—as long as there is ample public support—the ADQ is no doubt eager to re-enter the waters in Westmount-St. Louis. After all, the political climate has shifted considerably since their initial appearance on the local ballot four and a half years ago, and it will be interesting to see how many Westmount votes they can lure away from the established Liberal, PQ and Equality parties under these new circumstances.

In the last election, the Liberals came first in Westmount, while the PQ finished a distant second, followed by the ADQ and the Equality Party. As this campaign heats up over the next month, we are sure to witness much of the same emotional exchanges and controversial statements that highlighted previous elections—maybe even more.

Commentary

Wayne Larsen

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## Letters to the editor

### Where is the de-merger issue?

To the editor:  
The past weekend reflected the apparent futility of hearing anything about the issue of demerging the municipalities which had voted against this undemocratic refusal by the PQ to respect the outcome of referendums held within these municipalities. Nor does the issue of de-mergers appear on the agenda for a proposed debate between the party leaders. The PQ and ADQ strongly support the forced mergers while Mr. Charest and his can-

didates were silent on the matter at their election kick-off in Quebec City.  
The CBC policy of excluding the Equality Party from the leader's debate dates back to 1994, even though Keith Henderson, the Equality Party leader, had three sitting MNAs and was fluently bilingual. Mr. Byrd, the CBC 'English VP' in 1994 was unavailable to any public inquiries so the debate was a sterile one between Messrs. Parizeau and Johnson. The lack of a full debate became obvious in 1995 when Mr. Parizeau called a referendum without understanding the consequences if a large percentage of the population

'opted out' by using partition to become an 11th Province.  
When will ex-Mayor Peter Trent and his group stand up and demand recognition from the CBC, as another "fool's debate" avoiding a key issue like de-merger could have even more disastrous effects on real estate values than the "near-miss" in 1995. The partition alternative must be brought out in this campaign.  
An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, so let's ensure that these party leaders understand the consequences of their refusal to discuss it.  
W. A. Sullivan  
Sherbrooke Street

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# FOR PQ, IT'S LOBSTER SEASON AGAIN

*Uncensored*

Tommy Schnurmacher



**Quebec Premier Bernard Landry is hoping to prove that he is as good a fisherman as old angler Jacques Parizeau ever was.**

Basking in glowing poll numbers, Landry has made a point of assuring the electorate that he will not commit to having a referendum. Don't believe it for a second. It's nothing but a shameless and transparent ploy to lure referendum-allergic francophones back into the Parti Québécois fold.

Many were hesitant about voting for a party that would waste most of its time, energy and money to devise stratagems on how to whip up support for sovereignty. That's why so many feder-

alist and separatist alike were so drawn — albeit briefly — to the Action démocratique du Québec.

With the ADQ in trouble, Landry figured out just how to pull off a three-peat. He knows the hardline nationalists will vote for him anyway. But how does he attract voters who hate the very idea of having another a referendum?

Simple, figures Landry. Tell 'em that you won't necessarily have one.

Party members, who only a few months ago had resigned themselves to the prospect of certain defeat, see that a victory is now well within their grasp. Even the usual hardline suspects are keeping their mouths shut.

It's the old 'nudge nudge, wink wink' approach. The separatists know full well that Landry will call a referendum provided they stay mum until the election is in the bag.

Watch for even the most militant of party stalwarts to smile as they play along with the ludicrous fiction that a third-time triumphant PQ would be shy about holding a referendum.

Make no mistake — Landry is no Lucien Bouchard. Landry will indeed do everything in his power to achieve Quebec independence. Once the party is back for a third term, that is. He realizes full well that now is not the time to spell out all the details. Now is the time to coax the lobsters into the pot. That's why the PQ has suddenly opened the vaults.

Each PQ promise is simple. Each promise has a number. Day care will stay at \$5 a day. Parents can opt for a four-day work week. Family medicine groups will operate seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Numbers for everyone.

But there are other important numbers to remember. First of all, there are barely more than 800 days left for Landry's self-imposed sovereignty countdown. Secondly, 66-year-old Grandpa Landry's lips are practically drooling at the prospect of getting his own limousine to represent an independent Quebec at the next Summit of the Americas to be held in Buenos

Aires in 2005.

You can't start checking out Argentinean seating arrangements in two years without getting to work ASAP.

The PQ is still dedicated to total independence for Quebec. Other than Landry's obfuscation for electoral purposes, they don't hide it much. Article one of the party's program still concerns itself with sovereignty.

This past weekend, delegates from Laval seriously suggested that United Nations observers be invited to Quebec during its transition to sovereignty.

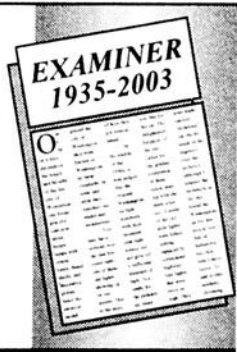
Unless current poll trends drastically change, the PQ could very well remain in power until 2008.

They won't have to worry about a fourth term. They'll be too busy planning a third referendum.

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**Old News**

(from the examiner archives)



**One Year Ago**  
March 14, 2002

**LOSING PATIENCE:** "The Westmount Municipal Association is starting to lose patience with the Quebec Liberals over promises that were made to allow municipalities to de-merge. WMA president Kathleen Duncan said that recent statements by Liberal Municipal Affairs Critic Roch Cholette that merged municipalities might be expected to pay the cost of their de-merger were not in the spirit of a pledge Liberal leader Jean Charest had previously made. 'Quite frankly, Montreal is partly de-merged now,' said Duncan. 'We've got nine boroughs that have been born right out of the former Montreal, so if that can happen, we can certainly have de-mergers occur island-wide. We absolutely expect the Liberals to uphold their promise. We want our democratic right restored, and we want to be able to have power over our taxation, over the staff that are employed here within our community, and the right to make our own local laws.' Since Bill 170 was passed last year to create amalgamated cities in various parts of the province, the Liberals have been saying that if they take office in the next provincial election, they will implement measures that would allow merged municipalities to be consulted, leading possibly to their eventual de-merging from the mega-cities."

**Five Years Ago**  
March 19, 1998

**SAFER ARENA:** "The Westmount arena will be safer and available year

round once major renovations are completed this week, according to Public Works director Fred Caluori. New boards will be installed around both rinks in the building, and the refrigeration beneath the skating surfaces will be converted from a direct to indirect cooling system. 'This has nothing to do with the air quality of the arena,' Caluori said yesterday in reference to a recent study by the Montreal Regional Health Board which found high levels of carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide in the air at many local arenas. The quality of air in Westmount's arena remains healthy, and continues to be tested twice a week."

**Ten Years Ago**  
March 11, 1993

**TOP SCORER:** "Westmount may have lost its best manager when it fired chief librarian Rosemary Lydon three weeks ago. The Examiner learned this week. Miss Lydon scored the highest mark of all city department heads and managers at a two-day management course held by the city last year, participants revealed. 'They made a big deal out of it, because she even outscored director-general Manley Schultz in overall management skills,' sources said. The news was confirmed by Miss Lydon this week, as city council refused to reconsider its decision despite the start of petitions, an onslaught of protest letters and a special plea by the Westmount Municipal Association. 'It's a terrible thing,' said WMA president Stanley Baker. 'It's the state against the people.'"

**Forty Years Ago**  
March 15, 1963

**NEW TRUCK:** "The Westmount Fire Department is this week testing a new \$50,000 aerial ladder truck prior to formal acceptance. A second model, exactly similar, will arrive in two weeks. These will replace the two present trucks, one of which partially collapsed at a fire last year. The other is rented. The new aerial ladder trucks feature the most up-to-date safety features and controls."

## McGill University in the spotlight

**MP**

Lucienne Robillard



**Last Monday was an eventful day for McGill University. First, I had the opportunity to participate in a press conference announcing the funding of \$8,531,832 under the Canada-Quebec Infrastructure Works Program for renovating its Percival Molson Stadium, which can currently seat nearly 19,500 spectators.**

The work will involve reconstruction of the press box, installation of food stands under the north balcony and the addition of 380 seats at the bottom of the south stands. The project also provides for various kinds of renovation work, including repairs to the north stands, replacement of 17,000 benches and seats, replacement of the playing field turf and work on the lighting system. The project will also include the addition of communications and signage equipment, construction of built-in furniture and repair work—particularly in the locker rooms, restrooms and stairways.

Percival Molson Stadium has enjoyed an important role in the history of both amateur and professional sports for some 80 years. It remains one of Montreal's largest gathering places and continues to be actively used for sports and other events. It is home to McGill's Redmen football team and has hosted the home matches of the Montreal Alouettes pro football team since 1999.

Completion of this project, aimed at enhancing the stadium's historical value and preserving its heritage and architectural design, will also serve to make the site safer, ensure a more

secure financial situation for the Alouettes within the Canadian Football League and provide the team with a sports facility that can meet the expectations of its constantly growing number of fans. Once restored, the stadium will attract a wide variety of sporting events and shows likely to generate substantial economic benefits for the community. It is additionally important to underline that all renovation work will be done haven taken into consideration the important environmental aspects of such a project.

Moreover, I also had the privilege and the honour to participate in the official installation of Heather Munroe-Blum as Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University. Born in Montreal and raised in Ontario, Professor Munroe-Blum served most recently at the University of Toronto as vice-president, Research & International Relations from 1994 to 2002 and as a governor of the University of Toronto. Dr. Munroe-Blum has shown herself as a leader in her field of epidemiology, and in her career as an academic and as an advocate for innovation and research.

Through her efforts, Dr. Munroe-Blum has helped shape public policy for higher education, research, and innovation. No one should be surprised that McGill University should attract someone of the highest calibre as its principal. The University, after all, attracts the best and the brightest from around the world for its faculties and its student body.

Above all, I am especially proud that a woman of such calibre has been assigned this important responsibility with an elite university such as McGill, which is recognized locally, nationally and internationally for its standard of higher education.

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# FIGHTING TO RETAIN AUTONOMY

**N**ot once during Westmount's March 3 borough council meeting did Borough President Karin Marks state in words how much things had changed for Westmount since the creation of the megacity.

Nor in fact did she say how much energy is being consumed in the constant fight for local control of so

many areas once taken for granted.

She didn't have to. Those attending the meeting could deduce - probably in dismay - how so many of the key items in the councilors' reports focused on painstaking submissions and appeals, even having to "beg" for additional capital works funds, simply to maintain the fundamentals of the community.

While control of Summit Park has been given to the City of Montreal, "we've been promised it will be passed down (to the boroughs)," Marks said.

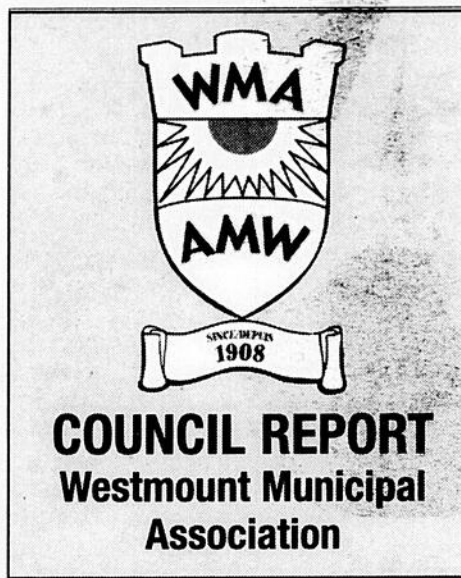
### Looking for \$1.75 million

Last week, Marks and borough staff met with the megacity budget committee to request "our share" of \$23 million being allocated by Montreal for additional capital works projects.

Westmount's request for \$1.75 million would restore the historic greenhouse, "a piece of our heritage that would have been done without the merger." The greenhouse is in bad shape, she said, and was slated for repair and restoration as the third phase of the library and Victoria Hall renewal project that began more than a decade ago.

The greenhouse has become a well-known Montreal landmark and its preservation will benefit all, Marks said.

By providing the money, she added, the megacity would help correct the mistake that had been made in unfairly slashing Westmount's capital works budget without taking into account the pay-as-you-go system practiced by the former municipality.



These included the fight to retain control over the preservation of the Summit, the borough's appeal to the megacity's budget committee for funds to restore the greenhouse, and creation of a new membership system for use of the pool and tennis courts to deal with the over-crowding due to universal access.

### Controlling the Summit

Thankfully, a Quebec plan to create an arrondissement historique - a "natural district" for the preservation of Mount Royal - appears to delegate to Westmount the control of its local summit, which it has always enjoyed as an autonomous municipality, Marks said.

The decision follows a year of submissions by the Westmount borough in fierce opposition to initial proposals for control of the entire summit area by a central authority.

### Peace: a debate from the heart

It was a most unusual debate. The megacity council set aside its regular business at the last meeting to debate a resolution calling for no war with Iraq without a United Nations resolution. "Very rarely do you hear people speak from the heart rather than along party lines," Marks said.

In the end, the resolution passed with only two dissenting votes. Marks pointed out how Westmount councils had traditionally made a point of not expressing themselves on issues outside their jurisdiction. In this case, however, "we felt we should take a position," she said.

### Identifying Westmount goals

At the borough level, council members and staff met last week to identify long-term and short-term goals "that are most important for our community," Marks said. The meeting continued a long tradition.

The borough's priorities, she said, were based on a blueprint from last year's Westmount Summit. The meeting was especially important following the creation of the megacity, she said, because council members are anxious to maintain the team approach involving the staff. "This is quite different from how it works in the City of Montreal."

### Repeating the call to decentralize

Marks concluded her monthly report by saying the need to further decentralize services bears "constant repetition"

She took advantage of a chance meeting with Montreal Mayor Gérald Tremblay to bring up the topic once again, she said. "He assures me that my concerns are the same as many in his party, so I hope this will encourage him to move forward," she said.

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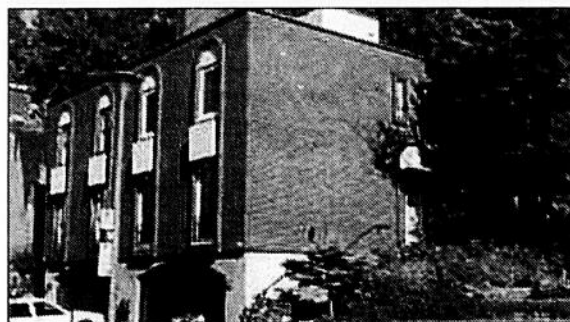


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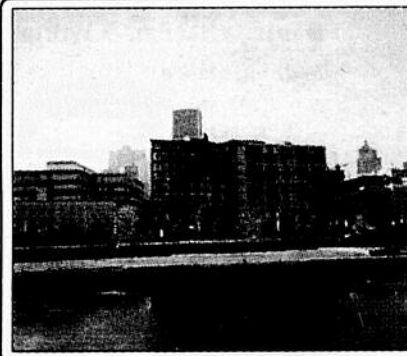
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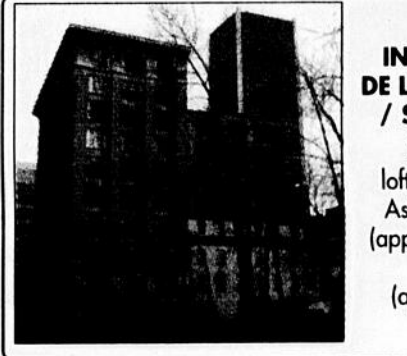
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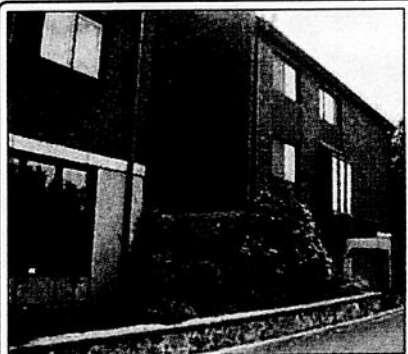
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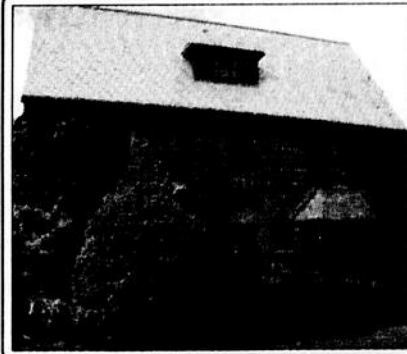
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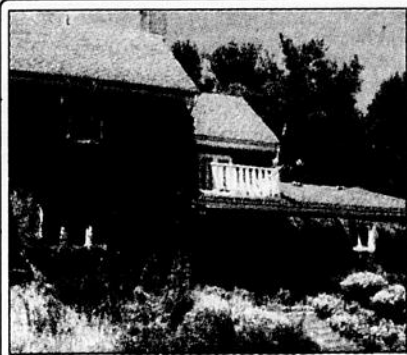
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243 Clarke	Alcino de Sousa & Genevieve Reiher	Stephen C. Casey	\$495,000	\$323,600
536 Clarke	Patricia Calmels & Barbara Werth	Tuan Anh Nguyen & Anh Tuyet Caothi Nguyen	\$637,000	\$454,600
596 Côte St. Antoine	Jean Daniel Arbour & Danielle Bruneau	Alain Mérette	\$610,000	\$318,500
4140 Dorchester	Evik Asatoorian	Isabelle Marie Madeleine Anne, Baronne de Mévius	\$635,000	\$297,000
25 Forden	25 Forden, Inc. (Linda Zunenshine, Pres.)	Mark Wiltzer & Jacqueline Gelber	\$1 <sup>a</sup>	\$1,569,500
658 Lansdowne	Naomi Wershof	Norman Charles Gold & Allison Joy Lightstone	\$1 <sup>b</sup>	\$448,700
762 Upper Lansdowne	Michelle Ann Cormier	John Carr & Madeleine Colaco	\$899,500	\$539,200
28 Oakland	9108 5282 Quebec, Inc.	Jean Daniel Arbour & Danielle Bruneau	\$805,000	\$568,900
9 Rosemount	Ronald Thomas Riley	Sophie Desmarais	\$1,300,000	\$648,500
41 Rosemount	Benn Mikula & Nicole Rolland	Roderick John Egger & Margaretta Nivone Lyman	\$1,595,000	\$762,400
48 Rosemount	Judith Anne Blanchard	Heather Munroe	\$1,650,000	\$789,800
452 Strathcona	Succ. Parker Bancroft Reid	Magdy Mekhael & Monica Marti	\$575,000	\$358,200

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531 Claremont	Vladimir Jelinek	Kyriakos Polymenakos & Aikaterini Kourounakou	\$535,000	\$290,600
237 Clarke	Claude Lemire	Société en commandité Yeshuot (MLBM Sales Ltd.)	\$569,000	\$407,400
9 Côte St. Antoine	Janice Dalglis	Melanie Allaire & Patrick Beaumont	\$527,500	\$372,500
379 Elm	estate Rina Archambault	Maziar Rejaee	\$449,000	\$346,700
790 Upper Lansdowne	Lisane Labelle	Renaldo Battista & Lynn Barwell	\$650,000	\$468,400
4353 Montrose	Stephanie Miller	Pierre Falardeau & Agnes Coquet	\$530,500	\$365,000
39 Rosemount	Robert Gillespie	Daniella Szefflan & William Bell	\$1 <sup>c</sup>	\$625,000
42 Sunnyside	Marc Andre Elie	Ivan C. Velan & Penelope Turley	\$1 <sup>d</sup>	\$1,025,000
49 Sunnyside	Irwin Lande, Glenn J. Feldman & Issie Wiseman	Sugra Ghani	\$1,075,000	\$1,154,600

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### Million-dollar sales highlight November-December list

Andy Dodge, CRA

(NOTE: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount single-family residential property in November and December, 2002, filed at the Montreal Registry Office. A list of sales can be seen above.)

**The highest price for residential property in Westmount since the 2001 sale of 80 Sunnyside Avenue was registered in November last year, when 25 Forden Avenue changed hands for a declared \$3 million.**

The three-storey brick structure sold for almost double its municipal assessment, but in fact four other sales went for more than double, including three million-dollar sales on Rosemount Avenue.

Then in December, 42 Sunnyside Avenue sold for a declared value of \$2,065,000, again just over double its municipal evaluation and the highest of the month, while 49 Sunnyside, just across the street, went for just over \$1 million, less than its municipal evaluation and including a very large piece of land. Then 39 Rosemount Avenue changed hands for a declared \$1,095,000, making it the fourth house on that street to sell in the two-month period, all for more than \$1 million.

In November, the lowest price

involved 22 Burton Avenue, but the \$335,000 price was the only sale in the two months to sell for less than \$400,000. In fact, the next-highest price was the low for December, 379 Elm Avenue which went for \$449,000.

While the three Rosemount sales in November were all for more than double their 2001 tax assessment, in fact the highest markup of the two-month period went to 4140 Dorchester Boulevard, which sold for \$635,000 while assessed at only \$297,000. In August a sale on Melbourne Avenue came in at 132 percent above valuation, but otherwise this is the highest markup for residential properties this year.

The hefty number of over-double valuations in November pushed the average markup for that month to 76 percent, the highest monthly markup compared to the 2001 valuation roll, and the average of the 14 sales is \$974,750. In December the average markup dropped back to 48 percent and the average price to \$832,889, but this is still some 30 percent higher than the figure for early 2002, when the market was suffering from post-September 11 jitters.

The Examiner has obtained the list of non-single-family sales for the last six months of 2002 and will be analyzing those next month.

### February sales drop 16 percent in Montreal region

**A**ccording to statistics published by the Greater Montreal Real Estate Board (GMREB), a total of 4,822 sales were recorded last month, a decrease of 16 per cent compared to the 5,745 sales recorded in February 2002, which historically was a record-breaking month for the board.

In February, the total sales dollar volume of units sold was down two per cent to \$747 million, compared with \$767 million in February 2002.

"The year 2002, and especially the first quarter, was exceptional for the real estate market," said Michel Beauséjour, chief executive officer of the GMREB. "Many consumers chose to buy sooner in order to benefit from several positive factors, such as all-time low interest rates and strong job growth, while, at the same time, the vacancy rate was below one per cent and stock market returns were weak or even negative. That explains the anticipated decrease in the number of sales in the early months of 2003, in comparison with 2002. But if we were to compare with 2001, we would see an increase in the number of real estate

transactions."

As of February 28, there were a total of 20,900 residential listings on the SIA/MLS, compared to 25,202 at the same time period a year ago.

"With 7,000 new listings coming on the market in February, our inventory remains steady, but properties put on the SIA/MLS system are being sold very quickly. Nowadays, sellers and buyers alike stand to gain if they use the professional services of a real estate agent who is a member of the GMREB, and who, by virtue of his membership, has access to the up-to-date information contained in our database," said a GMREB spokesman.

In February 2003, the average price of single-family homes in Greater Montreal was \$153,000 compared with \$133,000 in February 2002. This is not necessarily a true indication of the actual price of single-family homes in all sectors of the Greater Montreal area, but rather an indication of the trend in the average cost of properties located in the areas covered by the GMREB.

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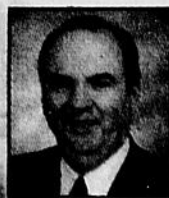
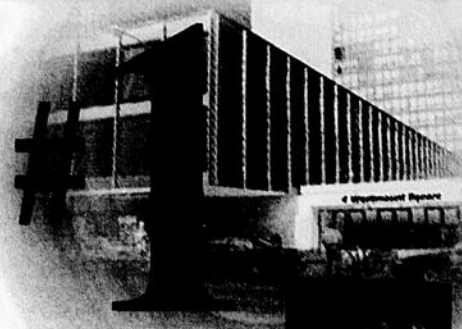
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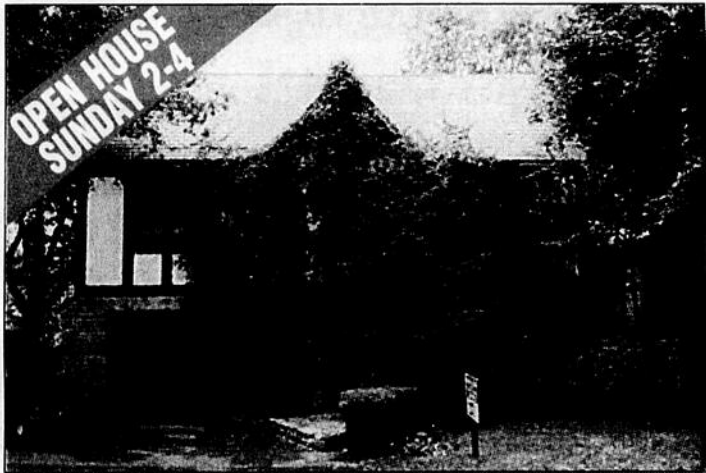
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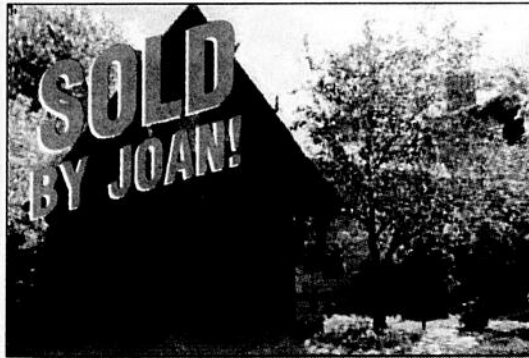


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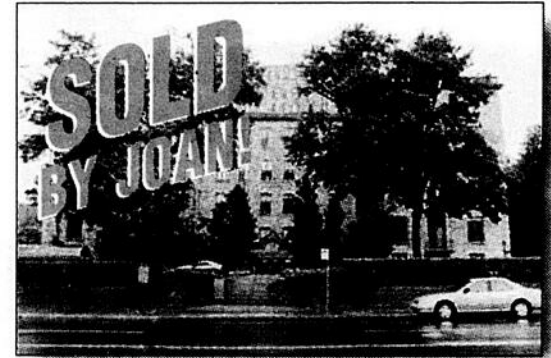
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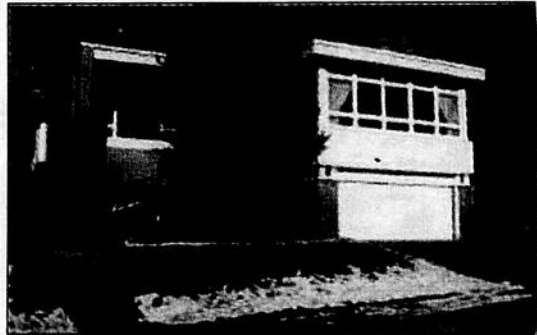


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# February Sales: Skies clouding over

**Andy Dodge, CRA**

(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 January. 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 at the right offers a picture of these trends over time.)

**P**rices still appeared to be going up in February, but real estate agents right now are beginning to sound warning signals as buyers start to worry.

The upcoming provincial election, signs of war in Iraq, a climb in interest rates and a sudden surge in supply are all helping to cloud what had been sunny skies until the last week or two.

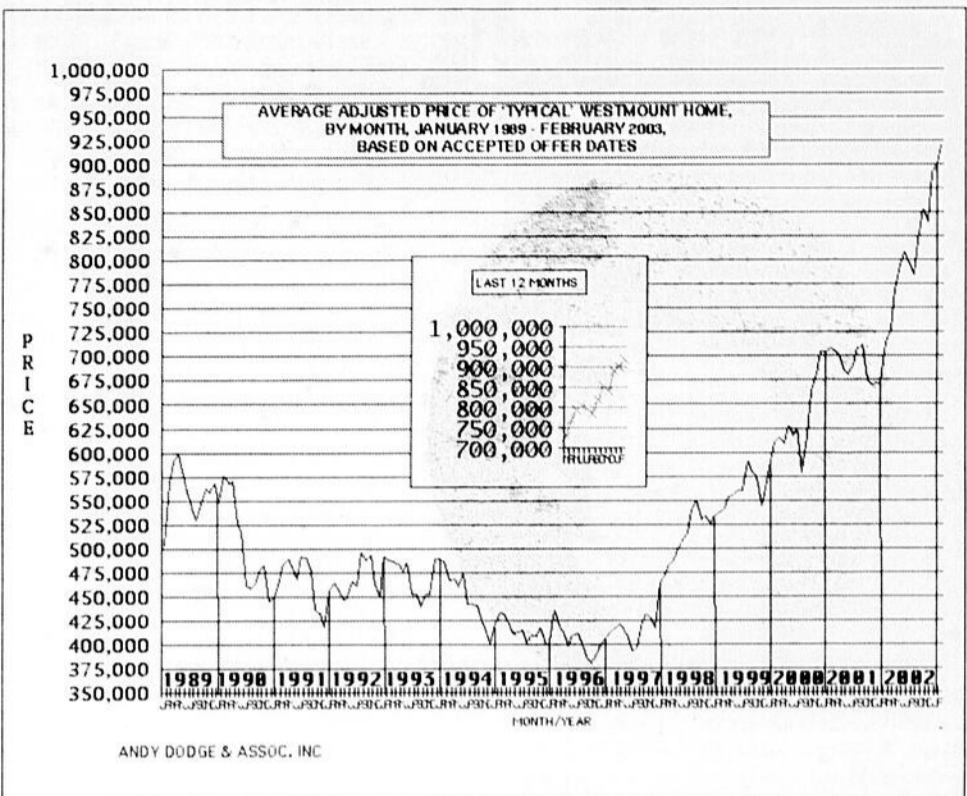
The latest reports from local brokers shows 10 sales, a figure down sharply from 18 last February or the historical average of 18.9 for the month. All the prices were between \$470,000 and \$975,000 and the average was \$758,800, historically high but without any million-dollar-plus sales to pull the figure up, compared to three which graced the January list. With one home selling for more than double its municipal assessment and another for a 28-percent markup, all the other markups were between 40 and 96 percent, with an average 66 percent. This means that the 'average' Westmount house with a valuation just over \$536,000 would have a market value over \$900,000.

Five of the 10 properties sold in February had been on the market more than 100 days and the average time on the market jumped from 58 to 160 days, despite the fact that at least 34 new listings were announced in the month. While it is normal for vendors to wait until February/March to put

their houses on the market to catch the spring buyers, it is possible those buyers will be slow to materialize, wanting to wait until they are more certain of the future before putting down a substantial amount of cash for a Westmount home.

While all of January's sales had been single-family dwellings, buyers got back to less expensive real estate in February, including two condominiums, one condo-townhouse and three shares of duplexes. In general markups were similar to one- and two-family houses, but none of the six sales was for more than \$350,000.

Three houses just to the east of Westmount sold in February as well as one each in the other adjacent-Westmount districts. Prices generally ranged from \$450,000 to \$720,000, so not too much lower than inside Westmount.



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**New membership system for pool and tennis**

In its struggle to deal with the strain on recreational facilities resulting from universal access, Westmount has adopted a fee program for use of the pool and tennis courts in keeping with the system used in some other boroughs.

"Our solution is to deliver the best possible services," Marks said, noting that the pool was built over 40 years ago when more people went away for the summer.

Under the new system, 600 pool memberships will be available at an annual cost of \$15 per person or \$30 per family. Guest passes for non-members will cost \$3 a day. Westmount residents will be able to purchase memberships at the pool registration May 14. The balance will be made available to residents and non-residents on June 4.

For use of the tennis courts, 400 memberships will be available at varying rates and may be purchased by residents on April 14 and by residents and non-residents on May 5. Guest passes will also be available for \$3.

**St. Pat's and Cape Ann**

Those wishing to join Westmount's float in the St. Patrick's Parade this Sunday can pick up passes at the Community Events office in Victoria Hall. Volunteers able to help decorate the float on Saturday should call the office at 989-5226, borough councillor Cynthia Lulham said.

The annual Cape Ann/Westmount hockey tournament takes place at the Westmount arena March 28-30, she said. More than 300 players are expected to participate.

**Zero tolerance**

The tape from a security camera outside the men's washroom at Victoria Hall has been turned over to police following vandalism by graffiti on Feb. 21, borough councillor John de Castell said. Those caught will be charged and faced with fines up to \$1,000.

**Westmount worked on pesticides bylaw**

Westmount was invited to participate in the drafting of a proposed megacity pesticides bylaw, de Castell said. As a result, borough horticulturist Claudette Savaria has been a member of the working group, which "was very good for us because Claudette is so conversant with our bylaw."

Comparing this early version of the megacity bylaw to Westmount's, he noted that among other differences, Montreal's bylaw does not contain a general ban on the application of pesticides - even by permit - over the summer months as does Westmount's. On the other hand, the proposed law would require residents to obtain a permit for all applications of dormant oil (used on trees and shrubs in the spring to kill over-wintering disease), a procedure deemed acceptable in Westmount.

"The reason we're not so worried about (the bylaw)," he said, "is that it allows us to adopt it as a base line so we can exceed certain conditions where there is a scale." One of the main problems he foresees, however, is the difficulty of enforcement in boroughs that do not have a public security service. The bylaw is slated to undergo extensive public consultation.

"It's been handled very well by (megacity councillor) Alan DeSousa, he concluded.

Submitted by the Westmount Municipal Association to keep the community informed on issues relating to Westmount's changing complexion as a borough within the megacity of Montreal.

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**Rotary Clubs donate computer to New Hope seniors' centre**

**Westmount Rotary Club president Sandy Hight and social worker Karen Christoffersen from Montreal West's Westward club recently teamed up to present, on behalf of the two clubs, a shared donation to Diane Doonan, executive director of New Hope, a NDG senior citizens' centre.**

A gift certificate was to pay for a new computer and printer for the Regent avenue community operation, whose volunteers have served persons over age 50 from all over the Montreal area for 25 years.

Doonan said at the outset that New Hope's purpose was to counter isolation of members, currently numbering 165, mostly women, and typically of 75 to 80 years.

About 90 volunteers, working anywhere between a half-day to four days per week, visit seniors in their homes, provide meals-on-wheels, oversee fel-

lowship in the Robert Campbell Memorial Church building where talks and consultations are available on such things as wills, crime prevention, food preparation (meals are served), and other programs conducted by experts in various fields.

Hon. Warren Allmand, former Liberal MP and cabinet minister, is among the many retired persons who volunteer.

The centre is experiencing growing needs as the population ages, Doonan said. Limited personal means often result in seniors choosing between medicines and food. Needs are met primarily for persons referred by other agencies, rather than by intervention. Ada Visser, MSW, assesses referrals.

Upon the presentation, Christoffersen invited interested persons to visit the centre to view the facilities and observe the work being done. Doonan began with New Hope in 1990 as volunteer coordinator.

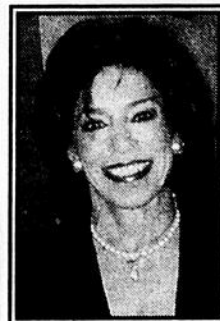
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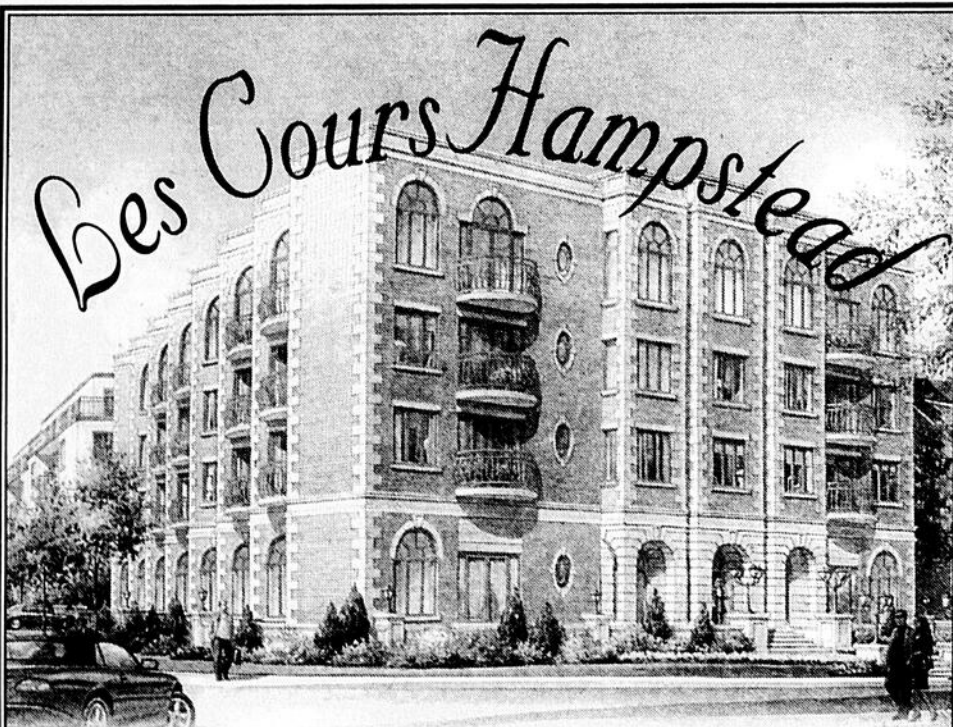
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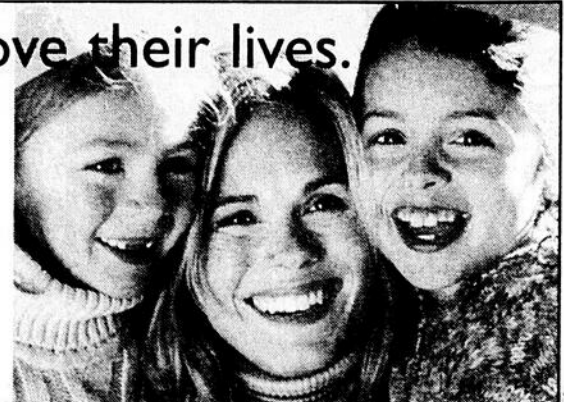
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Sunday morning, the float will be stationed somewhere on René Lévesque Boulevard between St. Marc and St. Mathieu streets before the parade begins. The parade route will be travelling from Fort Street eastward to St. Urbain Street.

Built on a flatbed trailer pulled by a truck, the float will be mounted with photographic panels depicting historic buildings in Westmount, including the greenhouse, the library and

Victoria Hall.

"We're making 60 passes available," said Lafrenière, adding that priority will be given to seniors. The turnout from Westmount for the parade each year has been strong. "We had dozens last year," she said. "I can't remember the count, actually, but it was a good turnout."

Westmount's presence in the parade last year included live musicians on the float playing Irish instruments such as the bodhan (hand-held drum)

and flute, as well as a group of local Boy Scouts walking behind.

"We're actually also inviting any community groups that would like to march with any signs or banner, or just walk with the float or ride on the float," said Lafrenière.

Starting at about 11 a.m. Sunday, car pools will be transporting residents downtown. Although the westbound lane of René Lévesque will be closed so that marchers and floats from all over

can gather there, the eastbound lane will remain open, allowing anyone being driven downtown to disembark. Parking, however, won't be allowed.

"Anybody who can get themselves there, that's a huge help," said Lafrenière.

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# SKIER DAVIS SEIZES THE DAY

**Karl Raudsepp-Hearne**

**Westmount native Alex Davis recently scored his first double-gold loppet triumph.**

What's a loppet, you ask?

The 25th annual Keskinada Loppet Nordic and freestyle ski race was held in Hull this February, and despite

unusually difficult circumstances, the 20-year-old Davis won two gold medals in his age category, placing sixth and 11th overall in the classic and freestyle races respectively.

A straight-A Queen's University student in his third year of Engineering Physics, Davis wasn't even sure if he'd be able to compete in this year's 25-km races.

"I had a major exam Monday, and I was sick all weekend," he said. "After the classic on Saturday I stayed up all night studying, barely slept and was sick as a dog by race time Sunday."

Despite this penchant for extreme studies, Davis was pleasantly surprised by his strong showing in Sunday's freestyle race.

"Like most Quebec skiers I prefer the Classic ski style," Davis said. "But I like both... right now my passion is all for skiing."

Davis cited his highly successful ski teammate senior Chris Bolton as a role model. "Chris is a chemical engineer who studies full-time and trains when he has a free moment, which means rarely. When we compete against other colleges, they all have heavy-duty sponsors and train full-time. But Chris will go in there and just clean up, wearing his regular old Queen's jacket."

Because of this focus on studies at

the expense of practice time, Queen's rarely fields the nation's top team. "Queen's is in Kingston," Davis said with a laugh, "not a snowy place." Despite these disadvantages, Davis has vowed to lead his team to a stronger showing this year. In the meantime, he'll continue to apply his growing scientific expertise to the sport he loves.

"My teammates laugh at me, but I'm constantly trying to use science to improve my race times: cutting down on wind resistance, maximizing the efficiency of my motion, experimenting with the best chemical combination of wax on snow—it all helps."


It's too early for Alex Davis to say what he'll be doing after he graduates. "Maybe an MBA, then something with new energy sources, like fuel cell technology," he said.

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## Dawson students react to Holocaust horrors in words and images

**Colin Bateman**

**A group of students of Dawson College are currently preparing art and poetry for the fifth annual Holocaust exhibition, which will take place at the end of this month.**

"Students come searching for answers, but I don't give answers," said professor and developer Judith Kalman, who teaches the Literature of

the Holocaust course. "I teach the students to ask questions."

According to the Kalman, students leave with the firm belief that while it is important to ask questions, there are no definite answers as to why the Holocaust occurred. It is also imperative not to demonize, she said, but instead see what happens when racism takes over and democracy is lost.

Mike Iny took the course last year, and said it changed how he sees the world. "We compared the average day of a child living during the Holocaust and an average day of our childhood," he said. "In a scary way, it made me realize how fortunate I've been."

Students read a wide array of literature, including essays, survivor accounts, short stories and poetry written by Jews, non-Jews, survivors, and perpetrators. They are also given a chance to view the art of the Terezin concentration camp.

The art component of the course was implemented to give the students an opportunity to express their emotions in light of the disturbing time in history. Many students linked what they learned about the Holocaust to their own lives and religion.


"One Muslim student used Arabic writing in his piece with a translation next to it," said Kalman. "Another project had a First Nations genocide connection. It is very powerful."

The project is influenced by the work of American poet Barbara Helfgott-Hyatt, who turned the accounts of American soldiers into poetry. The students choose lines of prose that have a particular meaning to them, and from there create art pieces using everything from collages to computer art.

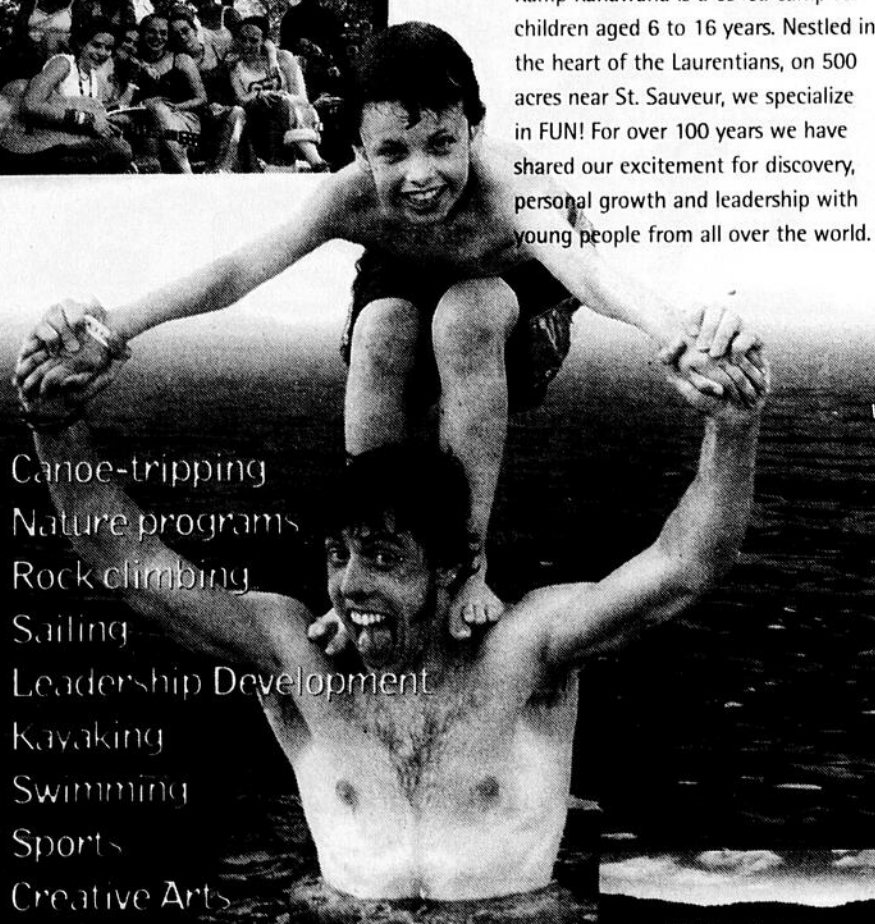
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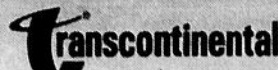
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## Saturday, March 15

**Jewish Women's History** Week Shabbaton at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., continues with an Israeli lunch following Saturday morning service, and a presentation on Jewish music by Dr. Sabina Ratner and Israeli folk dancing led by Arlene Segal. Reservations for \$7 lunch with Freda at 932-2177.

## Sunday, March 16

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## Tuesday, March 18

The Westmount Public Library's English Book Club meets to discuss Tracy Chevalier's 'Girl With a Pearl Earring' at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. 4574 Sherbrooke W. Info: 989-5386.

## Wednesday, March 19

The Montreal Camera Club presents 'Composition in Close-Up Photography,' an evening with Maria Zorn, at 7 p.m. in Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve. Tickets are \$15. Info: Marc-André Plourde at 394-3027 or www.montrealcameraclub.com.

## Thursday, March 20

The Westmount Historical Association's Spring Lecture Series continues with an in-depth look at Hazelhead, one of Westmount's earliest country houses, on Metcalfe Avenue. Guest speakers are current owner Bill Williams and architect Peter Lanke. 7 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke W. Free for WHA members, \$5 at the door for non-members. Info: 925-1404 or 932-6688.

## Sunday, March 30

**Primavera Concert** at Congregation de Notre Dame, 4873 Westmount Ave., at 2:30 p.m. Featuring spring music with Janusz Wolny, Louise Le Cavalier, Raphael Paquette, Carmen Piculeata and Magdalena Wolny. Admission is \$35. Info and reservations: Francine at 323-6894 or 277-0276.

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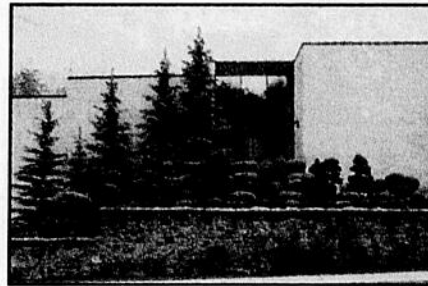
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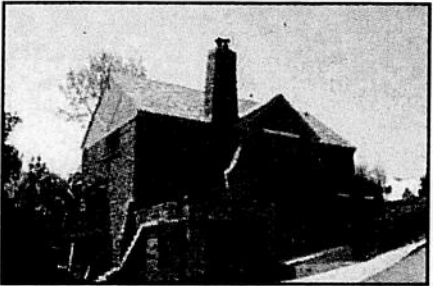
**St.-Sulpice.** Elegant 6+1 bdrm, 5 1/2 bath residence renovated with style, high ceilings, elevator, 2 garages. \$2,295,000.



**Belvedere.** Unique custom-built home with 5 bdrms, 5 1/2 baths. Floor to ceiling windows. \$1,795,000.



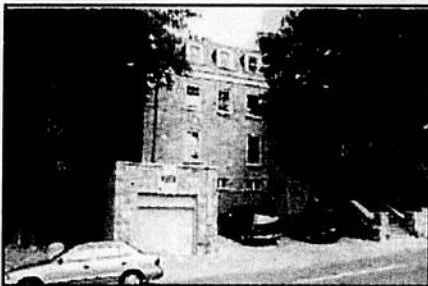
**Carleton.** Well updated 6 bdrm family home, woodwork, stained glass, fireplaces, C/A, garage. \$1,650,000.



**Belvedere Circle.** Detached executive stone residence. Recently renovated. Great city **VEWS** from every level. \$1,450,000.



**Cedar.** Superb detached 3+1 bdrm split level totally and tastefully renovated, C/A, new kitchen, 3 1/2 baths. 2 car garage. \$945,000.



**Cedar.** 3 storey renovated stone mansion with over 5,000 sq.ft. living area. Zoned professional / residential, garden, garage. \$990,000.



**Upper Lansdowne.** Charming detached executive home, 4+1 bdrms, 2 car garage, private garden. \$995,000.



**743 Upper Roslyn.** Fully renovated with state of the art kitchen, 2 1/2 baths, new baths, garage, garden. \$849,000 or \$4,600/mo



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**The Boulevard.** Extra spacious updated 3 storey, 5 bedroom home, beautiful woodwork, oak floors, garden. \$649,000.



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**JUST LISTED 301 Grosvenor**

Charming 4 bdrm cottage, 2 1/2 baths, oak woodwork, parking. \$525,000.



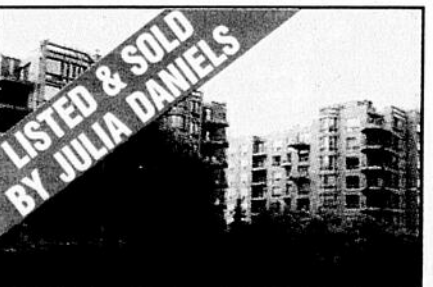
**448 Argyle.** Top floor condo in a turn of the century townhouse. 2 bdrms, 2 baths, fireplace. Gorgeous renovations. \$379,500.



**Le Château.** Prestige downtown location near the Ritz. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. 1,550 sq.ft. \$449,000.



**Fort de la Montagne.** 9th floor 3,200 sq.ft. 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms. \$1,115,000. Also 3 bdrms at \$699,000, 2 bdrms at \$399,000.



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**Aylmer.** Bright 1 bdrm steps to McGill, fireplace, balcony, parking. \$214,900.



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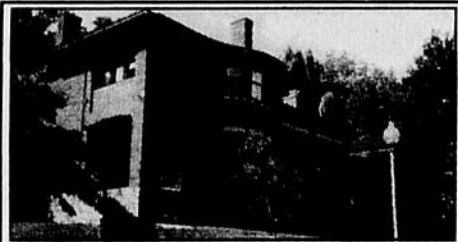
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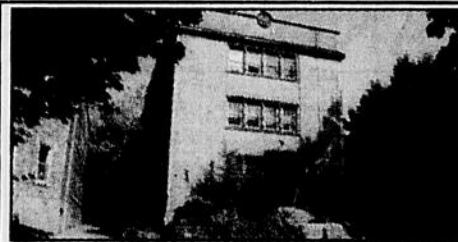
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**Westmount:** Fabulous find on a desirable street near schools, transport, parks. Detached cottage with 4 bedrooms, master ensuite. Renovated baths, woodwork, finished basement with playroom, extra bdrm. and 2 car in-house garage. Must visit this sun-filled charming home. Asking **\$798,000.**  
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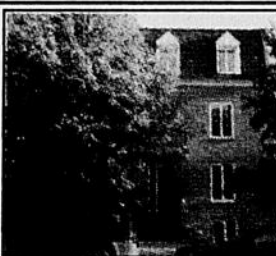


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**UPPER WESTMOUNT - NEW LISTING:** Detached stone split level bungalow. Gracious centre hall layout. Fabulous room sizes, bright, sunny 3+2 bdrms, A/C, 2 car garage, huge playroom. Pool size lot. **\$1,795,000.**



**WESTMOUNT ADJ:** Detached 5+1 bdrm home close to all amenities, parks, shopping. Ground floor den, large kitchen plus breakfast nook. 2 car garage, finished bsmt. **\$579,000.**

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