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# Scribes round up QSPELL honours

By KRISTIN MCNEILL

Westmount writers came up big last week as the Quebec Society for the Promotion of English Language Literature handed out \$6,500 in prizes at its tenth annual awards gala.

The non-fiction prize went to Wood Avenue resident William Weintraub, who wrote *City Unique: Montreal Days and Nights in the 1940s and '50s*. The book, about a "unique city in a unique period," was written in response to author Mavis Gallant's suggestion that a book be written about Montreal in the 1950s.

People always want to know about the seamy side of life, Weintraub said. His book has stories about gambling and houses of ill repute, and the audience laughed when he said juicy information can be found on page 66.

Weintraub is scheduled to give a reading from his book tonight, Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the library. (See page 2 listing.)

Irene Burstyn, 81, an ex-Westmounter — she recently moved to Barrie, Ont. — won the First Book Award for *Picking up Pearls*. This is the second year for

(See QSPELL, page 25)

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Photo by BERNIE O'NEILL

## Warm welcome for Snow Queen

The parade's 'Snow Queen,' Katie Kostiuk waves to an appreciative crowd during the third annual Santa Claus Parade, which wound its way through the streets Sunday afternoon, returning to Victoria Hall for a post-parade party complete with hot chocolate and live music. See more on the parade on page 21.

## books draws WMA dart

By SARAH MUSGRAVE

A vocal critic of practices at the Westmount Public Library is condemning the shipment this week of 100 boxes of books to the National Library in Ottawa and has asked for a meeting with the local library committee to get some answers.

However, Westmount's library director countered that there was nothing unusual about the shipment, since the material was not being used or is available from other sources.

On Monday, municipal association director John Johnston said he managed to view the books before they were picked up earlier in the week. He said much of the material was part of the local library's 100-year heritage and should not have been discarded.

"This is not part of the normal weeding process, it is the demolition of an archive," he contended. "We're going to be left with a public circulating library and any-

(See BOXES, page 25)

# Condo foes appeal to city

## More residents express fears about losing view of station

By SARAH MUSGRAVE

The City of Westmount is facing pressure to intervene as best it can to stop a housing development slated for railway land at the base of Victoria Avenue—even though the project will bring new life to the area and save the historic train station.

A key concern is that the view of the historic station will be lost to the community once it is surrounded by the new buildings.

In a meeting this week, members of the Westmount Municipal Association called on the city to consider reopening talks with Canadian Pacific to develop the remaining

17 acres of empty train yards in return for the land directly around the station. That way the area at the base of Victoria Avenue could become a small park, enhancing the view of the station.

Some say the potential residential project behind it would represent significant tax revenues for the city. They are calling for a public consultation meeting on the subject.

The significance of the station will be lost if the land around it is built up, according to Lansdowne Avenue resident Brian Puddington.

"It would be a tragedy if the site was not maintained. When it's built we're going to

walk by it and think, 'Is this what we've done?' We will be doing what we did to Braemar on The Boulevard. It lost its authenticity when it was hidden behind other buildings. No architect would have planned it that way," he said.

Puddington is the husband of city councillor Karin Marks, who sits on the architectural and planning commission. He said he is speaking out as an independent citizen with a concern for local heritage.

About 15 condos have already been sold in the townhouse project proposed by developer Jerome Winikoff, which has been in front

(See PROJECT, page 8)

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# Community Bulletin Board...

**Thursday, Dec. 11**

**Author, journalist and filmmaker** William Weintraub will read from his best-selling book, 'City Unique: Montreal days and nights in the 1940s and '50s,' at a meeting of the Westmount Historical Association on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. West. \$5 for non-members. Info: 925-1404.

**Friday, Dec. 12**

**Dramatis Personae**, Westmount's community theatre group, presents Tales From the Hearth, a special evening of prose and poetry reading at the Westmount Library on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Admission is a non-perishable food item to be donated to St. Stephen's Church. Info: 483-5033. **Annual Hannukah Dinner**, sponsored by Sisterhood and Brotherhood at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom, 4100 Sherbrooke St. West, on Friday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. Stories, dreidles, gelt and more. Adults \$18, children \$10. Reservations: 481-2388.

**Saturday, Dec. 13**

**Celebrate Christ in Song** in a benefit concert for the Adventist Relief Agency on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. at Westmount Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 571 Victoria Ave. Featuring several church choirs. Suggested donation \$5.

**Sunday, Dec. 14**

**Westmount Youth Orchestra**, directed by Anthony Rozankovic and Mark Simons, will give a free concert of popular music at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. West, on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. Music by Haydn and Bach. Seats are first come first serve. Doors open 1:30 p.m. Info: 938-9584. **JHUST** (Jews for a Secular Humanist Tradition) presents "Judaism beyond God: a new approach to Jewish survival," with Eli Rubenstein of Toronto, national director of the March of the Living, and Jeff Zolitor of Philadelphia, co-chair of the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, Sunday, Dec. 14, noon to 2 p.m., Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. Admission \$3. 484-5033.

**Tuesday, Dec. 16**

**Deirdre and the Sons of Usna**, a new play surrounding Celtic mythology by Amanda E. Million, will be given a public reading at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke West, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., by Westmount Play Readers. All welcome.

**Prof. Julien Bauer**, political science, University of Quebec at Montreal, will address men's association power breakfast Tuesday, Dec. 16 at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 1200 Côte St. Antoine Rd. Topic: 'Pape: An aberration, or just a Vichy representative?' Info: 937-9471.

**'Israel, Religion and the Jewish People: Orthodoxy, Conservatism and Reform at a Crossroads,'** is the title of a community forum to be held Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7:45 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave. Presented by Canadian Institute for Jewish Research and the Men's Association of the congregation. Panelists to include rabbis Leigh Lerner, Lionel Moses and Reuben Poupko. Admission free. Coffee and refreshments. Call 486-5544 for more information.

## Recycling means green Christmas

It's going to be a green Christmas in Westmount, according to councillor Tom Thompson. In the spirit of recycling, the city will collect natural Christmas trees again this year.

"We ask that people remove all decorations or tinsel and leave the tree on the lawn behind the sidewalk. Starting in January we drive

around and collect them for about a three-week period," Public Works director Fred Caluori explained.

The trees are mulched and used around evergreens in the nurseries. Residents who wish to pick up their very own bag of mulch can visit the City Yards on Bethune next month. Call first at 989-5311 and bring a container.

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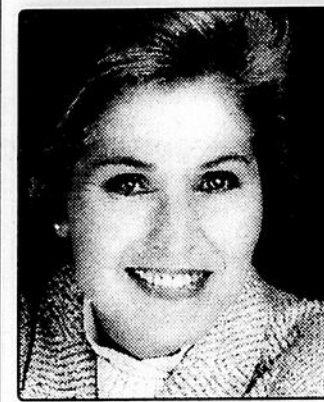
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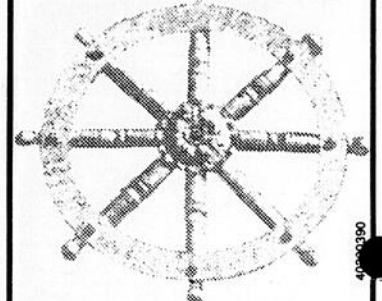
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# Not all following city's lead on budget

By SARAH MUSGRAVE

Not all municipalities are following Westmount's lead and waiting to factor in their share of a \$375-million bill from the Quebec government when drawing up next year's budgets.

Although some municipalities have followed suit, including Lachine earlier this week, others have factored the tax grab into their 1998 budgets. In Montreal West, for example, the owners of an average home will face more than \$300 in increased taxes, most of which goes to paying the bill from Quebec. Côte St. Luc also figured in the Quebec bill in a tax increase in its budget last week.

With no fixed date for a supplementary Westmount budget on the horizon, local landlords are in limbo as they anxiously

wait to find out what a possible 10 cent hike in the mill rate will mean to their revenues. Tax hikes can be passed on to tenants through rent increases. But as one Prince Albert Avenue landlord pointed out, they need to know soon in order to legally inform their tenants by the end of March. The increases aren't cumulative so if landlords don't declare them this year, they have to absorb them.

The mayor said a second bill will be sent out once the full impact of Westmount's \$2.75 million share is understood. He said the mill rate could rise as much as 10 cents per \$100 valuation, currently unchanged from 1997 at \$1.35. The burden of a possible increase on local taxpayers might be lightened by reducing other expenses like employee remuneration.

Westmount is presently at the negotiation

table hammering out new collective agreements with all four labour groups—blue collar, white collar, fire and public security. Meetings were to continue throughout this week, director-general Bruce St. Louis said.

## Talks with union

"Things are progressing well. There's nothing earth-shattering happening but the relations are very amicable," he commented. He added that independent of the collective bargaining process, the city is looking at a "whole pile" of cost-saving options.

The local unions have presented more than 60 suggestions for ways to save money without touching salaries. The Westmount Municipal Association has also forwarded a list of ideas to the city.

Premier Lucien Bouchard has set a Jan. 30 deadline for towns and unions to reach

agreements, or face legislation forcing a 6-per-cent payroll cut.

Trent, who has been pushing for legislation from Quebec, has said it doesn't necessarily mean salary reductions but other cuts to manpower costs like working longer hours.

The tax grab from Quebec also faces a possible legal challenge by the Conference of Suburban Mayors, which has contended that municipalities can only charge their citizens for services rendered, not to transfer money to the provincial government.

If Westmount refuses to pay it could be put into trusteeship, WMA director John Sancton noted. Last time that happened was 1989, when the city contested its share of MUC expenses. Provincial authorities came in and ordered that the cheque be issued, he recalled.

## Ex-mayor busy as playwright

May Cutler has two plays in production and is working on two more

By SARAH MUSGRAVE

It's hard to know what lurks behind May Cutler's sunny countenance as she describes her penchant for psychopathic characters—fictional, of course.

"The woman comes home to find a strange man sitting at her desk, rewriting her book. It turns into a hostage situation and you're wondering what he's going to do next. Is he going to kill her? And then you realize he wants to control her mind."

Seated in her inviting home on Mount Stephen Avenue, Westmount's multi-faceted former mayor outlines the plot of her recently-completed play, one of several projects she has kept on the backburner for years.

Now 74, she brims with excitement about her life after Tundra Books, the publishing company she sold almost two years ago. She says she was long looking forward to getting back to writing projects which she pursued on and off while vacationing or in the middle of the night when nothing could intrude on her thoughts.

Cutler's exponential energy has driven her



Photo by SARAH MUSGRAVE

Cutler at home on Mount Stephen Ave.

to create two plays which are currently in different stages of production. "Actually it's four," she admitted later in conversation.

"I've got another drama and another musical which aren't finished yet."

The first hits the stage in French at a reading this weekend in Montreal, which will hopefully be followed by an English production sometime down the road. The title, *The Man Who Killed the Man who Killed Jimmy Hoffa*, was inspired partly by the fact that her late husband was a lawyer for the Teamsters.

"I was very conscious when Jimmy Hoffa disappeared. The assumption was that whoever killed him was also killed. It's an examination of the psychopathic killer," she explained. "It's a play of ideas but it's structured like a thriller."

Cutler said she is particularly excited because renowned Quebec actor Jean-Louis Millette will be playing the villain. "He's been compared to Peter Lorre. He's so spooky," she enthused. Well-known actress Monique Mercure came on board after reading the script to portray the frightened school teacher who comes face to face with evil. The second play is a family-oriented musical which takes its title from one of the

(See *PLAYS*, page 20)

## Dow shuts offices

By KRISTIN MCNEILL

Dow Chemical of Canada has closed its Montreal offices, located for the past 17 years at Westmount Square.

The closure is part of a move to consolidate all the company's North American offices at one site, Dow communications manager Terri McNeill said.

The move has resulted in a handful of layoffs plus the transfer of some employees.

The company occupied about 10,000 square feet—one full floor of the office building—since 1980. The Westmount office was Dow's only Quebec site besides its manufacturing complex in Varennes, northeast of Montreal, which employs about 65 people.

Chicago is destined to be Dow's only North American site which will take care of administration. The company is the fifth largest chemical company in the world and manufactures chemicals and plastics. Dow Chemical Canada currently employs about 2,000 people.

Before the office closed its doors, about 18 sales representatives had already started to work from their homes. "Dow began moving its sales force into a 'virtual environment'," McNeill said. This means that the company can take advantage of technological conveniences, like laptop computers, fax machines, and video conferencing, to do business away from the office and reduce overhead. It also enables sales representatives to spend more time with the clients.

McNeill said none of the field sales jobs were lost as a result of the closing its Westmount office. Three administrative and secretarial jobs were eliminated.

## Doctor hailed for schizophrenia findings

By KRISTIN MCNEILL

A local doctor has been honoured with an important award for his research into schizophrenia.

Dr. Samarthji Lal of The Boulevard has received the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Distinguished Scientist Award for Schizophrenia Research, a \$50,000 prize given annually to a Canadian scientist who has achieved international recognition for research into the causes, psychopathology, treatment and prevention of schizophrenia.

Lal is recognized for introducing the use of the drugs apomorphine and clonidine as pharmacological probes as a way of evaluating how well dopamine, a naturally-manufactured chemical, is working in the brain.

"Abnormal functioning of dopamine is believed to underlie the developing symptoms of schizophrenia," he said.

Lal believes schizophrenia is under-researched. "It's a big problem because one percent of the population will develop schizophrenia in their lifetime. That means about 300,000 people in Canada," he said.

Many of the treatments are not satisfactory. "Part of the problem is we don't know the cause."

Schizophrenia is defined as a mental disease characterized by disconnected thoughts, feelings and actions and often marked by delusions. Lal says it's an abnormality of perception which results in hallucinations and hearing voices.

Patients often suffer from paranoia and fear that someone is out to kill them, for example.

Thought disorders are evident in fragmented speech, and people suffering from the disease are often apathetic.

Lal does clinical work at the Montreal

General Hospital, where he is the director of research in psychiatry. He helped found the Douglas Hospital Research Centre, a leading

Canadian institution into psychiatric research, and is the acting director of the Centre for Research in Schizophrenia at the hospital. Lal also lectures occasionally at McGill as a professor of psychiatry, almost 30 years after he started his clinical work there.



Samarthji Lal

Lal is conducting other research associated with schizophrenia, namely the side effects of drugs used in treating schizophrenia, such as the bluish discoloration of the skin and involuntary movements. He is also conducting a study into an older and less known drug, levomepromazine, which is known for its sedative effects in treatment-resistant schizophrenia.

## Station 12 police files

By DAVID GOLDBERG

# Boy awakes to find thief in car

### Man runs off after being hit in back by 12-year-old

A brave 12-year-old Westmount boy is unhurt after scaring off a man who may have been trying to steal the car in which the boy was sleeping.

The incident began at 5 p.m. on Dec. 3. A 41-year-old Westmount woman parked her car outside of Westmount Park Elementary School at 15 Park Place. She left her 12-year-old son in the back seat and went inside the school to collect another of her children from the Westmount Park School Daycare. While his mother was in the school, the boy fell asleep. He later told police he awoke to see a stranger sitting at the wheel of the car.

Police say the man apparently

had no idea the boy was in the car. He got a bigger surprise when the boy struck the man in the back.

The startled man grabbed the woman's purse and fled north through Westmount Park.

"The boy came in yelling to his mother," said Colleen Blenman of the daycare, who said at first they thought the car had been stolen.

Police say the purse was found at 6:25 p.m. in a Westmount Park School washroom garbage can. The wallet, which contained \$90, a driver's licence and credit cards, was missing.

The suspect is described as a white male, 5 ft. 11 in., who was well built and had curly hair. He wore black clothes.

## Program to help the homeless

The MUC Police, along with Canadian Tire stores, have begun a program to help keep the homeless warm this winter.

The police are asking the public to donate used or unwanted sleeping bags for the homeless. The sleeping bags can be dropped off at any Canadian Tire store. Each store has a large, metal wire box near the entrance.

The bags will be distributed to the homeless by MUC Police officers.

## Fire calls



From the fire hall

### Monday, Dec. 1

10:22 a.m. 6500 Kildare: Cancelled.  
4:40 p.m. 6001 Côte St. Luc: Cancelled en route.

### Tuesday, Dec. 2

1:48 p.m. 4 Westmount Square: Report of black smoke caused by workers adjusting the boilers on the building's 21st floor.

### Wednesday, Dec. 3

3:17 p.m. 4269 St. Catherine: Alarm set off due to power surge in the electrical room.

4:11 p.m. 21 Stanton: Three ceiling tiles were smouldering after a light fixture was placed on them.

8:03 p.m. Sherbrooke and Victoria: Car on fire; a white BMW with the fire in the motor compartment; fire was extinguished with an inch-and-three-quarter line; owner contacted towing service and area was washed down; fire caused approximately \$10,000 worth of damage to car.

### Thursday, Dec. 4

10:10 a.m. 4800 de Maisonneuve: Alarm set off by workers cutting metal in the garage; workers were advised to do the cutting outside.

12:37 p.m. 95 Côte St. Antoine: Report of smell of gas; area checked with gas meter but no readings found;

Gaz Metropolitan workers on scene; suspected cause of smell may have been cooking in kitchen.

### Friday, Dec. 5

10:38 p.m. Front of 4 Westmount Square: Report of unattended propane tanks which were being used to tar garage floor.

### Saturday, Dec. 6

1:46 a.m. 5790 Parkhaven: Cancelled en route.

3:00 a.m. 221 Clarke: Water leaking from ceiling light fixture in bathroom due to defective ceiling pipe; electricity was shut off as a precaution; the water was diverted into bath tub using a plastic cover; superintendent advised to call a plumber and an electrician.

7:39 a.m. 122 Aberdeen: Report of smoke in room and burning smell; there was no fire; suspected cause may have been dust from heater.

6:32 p.m. 4656 Sherbrooke: Alarm set off by burnt food.

### Sunday, Dec. 7

2:09 a.m. 4000 de Maisonneuve: Smoke on tenth floor; cause at that time believed to be from a defective transformer for a fluorescent light fixture.

3:36 a.m. Melville and de Maisonneuve: Garbage can on fire.

5:35 a.m. 4000 de Maisonneuve: Return to above address for report of smoke on tenth floor; cause discovered in building's garbage room which contained remnants of burned chair; a tenant on the floor accidentally set the chair on fire with a smoking material.

# Hungry robber gobbles up purse

A man stole the purse of a 63-year-old Westmount woman this week, telling her he needed the money because he was hungry.

The woman was walking along Sherbrooke Street near Wood Avenue at 8:45 p.m. on Nov. 7.

The victim approached her and asked for an address.


He then told the woman to hand over her purse and wallet because

he wanted to eat.

The suspect grabbed the victim by her arm and pulled the purse off her shoulder. With the purse in hand, he ran off, going north.

He is described as a white male, 25-30, 5 ft. 9 in., with curly hair. He wore a dark, dirty bomber-style jacket, running shoes and jeans.

The purse, which was not recovered, contained \$150 in Canadian and U.S. currency, and a passport.



## Sylvie Lafrenière

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En cette fin d'année, j'aimerais profiter de l'occasion qui m'est offerte pour remercier toutes les personnes avec qui j'ai eu le plaisir de travailler. **Mes clients**, les nouveaux et les anciens, qui m'ont choisie comme agent avec mes débordements d'enthousiasme et mon optimisme intarissable, pas toujours basé sur la réalité du marché! Ce fut une année extraordinaire pour moi et j'ai beaucoup appris dans tous les domaines.

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## Sinterklaas visits

Brandon and friends sing along with Sinterklaas, the Dutch Saint Nicolas, at Garderie Narnia on Melville Avenue. Sinterklaas has visited the Garderie for the last 13 years. According to legend, he arrives by steamboat and leaves the children chocolate in their shoes while they sleep. He also gives out Dutch ginger cookies called Speculaas. "This is an annual visit that the children look forward to at Christmas time. It's a very international Christmas," says Barbara Kaiser, founder and director of the school. "We celebrate the different traditions according to the nationalities of our kids, so it varies year to year," Kaiser adds. The children also experience a Hannukah celebration, along with other traditions from various cultures.

## Couple still hoping for return of pets

A Westmount couple is still clinging to a thin ray of hope that their pet cat and dog will be returned to them.

Ginger, a 16-year-old part Samoyed and Smarties, an 11-year-old black and white cat, went missing almost a month ago from the back of a home on Mount Pleasant Avenue.

In a last ditch-effort to retrieve the animals, Helen and Tony Rother have been contacting every veterinarian in the city to check if the duo have shown up for a visit.

"We went around delivering the letters by hand and now we have about 25 more to mail now

that we have a postal service again," Helen Rother said this week.

The family feared the pets had been taken to be resold to a laboratory for animal experimentation.

However due to the animals' outdoor lifestyle and Ginger's limp, which have attracted attention in the past, the family suspects they may have been "rescued" by a concerned passer-by.

A caller to THE EXAMINER said he had often noticed the animals because they appeared to be neglected, but he had no clue as to their fate.

## Familiar face retires

A familiar face at City Hall in recent years, Adrien Emond has retired after 31 years of service with the City of Westmount.

The security guard's devotion to his duties was marked by city officials last Monday night. "When this council continued its debates until 2 a.m. you were always there, putting in the extra work," Mayor Peter Trent commented.

Tuesday was the last day of work for Emond, who started his career with the city in 1966 as a labourer and watchman at the City Yards. He moved to the City Hall annex on Stanton Street in time for the October Crisis in 1970 when soldiers were stationed there due to the political unrest at the time, he recalled.

With the death of his wife, Lucie, in May, Emond said he has put his retirement plans on hold until after the holiday season. He said he intends to spend some time up north in the Laurentians where he enjoys outdoor activities like fishing.



Photo by SARAH MUSGRAVE

Adrien Emond 31 years on job.

Emond's retirement seems to be part of a trend.

In his budget speech earlier this month, councillor David Laidley announced the city will reduce its roster of permanent employees by eight through non-replacements of workers who take normal retirement. At the end of 1998 there will be 269 permanent employees on the municipal payroll. There were 297 in 1994.

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## EDITORIAL

# Day late, dollar short?

The concern being voiced this week over losing the view of the old Westmount train station will most likely turn out to be another case of too little too late—in fact about a year too late, which is when the for-sale signs went up on the property at the foot of Victoria Avenue. That's when an editorial appeared in this space calling on the city to revisit the issue of the old train station and what to do with it, and to bury the hatchet with nearby residents who blocked a city-hall plan to make the station part of a new police and fire building.

No new plan was forthcoming, which meant the inevitable happened. Someone else came along and got an option on the land and is poised to build something on it. Few would have imagined that any project would so greatly block the view of the old station. Yet few others seem able to offer a plan to save the station, whether it's in plain view or blocked by townhouses.

The station reminds one of an old rocking chair that's been sitting out in the garage for 10 years. You don't have the inclination to fix it up, yet you can't bear to throw it out. Then somebody comes along and decides to donate it to charity or put it out for the garbage truck and suddenly you're running out the door yelling, "No no, you can't take it! It's a family heirloom!"

It's worth outlining some of the objections to the train station development, and what the counter-arguments might be.

1. *Blocking view of the station:* Even though the station has been more or less left to rot these past 13 years, some residents are saying the view of the station is part of Westmount's civic heritage and must be preserved. The counter-argument, of course, is that the building is sitting there empty, unheated, and boarded up, with a fence around it. It cannot continue for long in its present state. Even its protection under federal heritage legislation does not compel its owners, CP, to maintain it. This development has a built-in Catch-22. If it goes ahead the station is saved. If it doesn't it isn't.

2. *Who will pay for restoration and upkeep?* Many residents seem hopeful about the prospect of the station being in local hands, but question whether the Westmount Historical Association, a small group that of course has never tackled a project like this before, is in over its head. More specifically there is concern that local taxpayers will end up paying the lion's share of the restoration and future upkeep. Perhaps they're right. Nevertheless if the development now in the works goes ahead, there will finally, after years of debate, be a realistic prospect for the building to be saved. Detractors don't seem to have their own plan, nor do they have public support from city hall—two things that might make their objections have a bit more resonance.

3. *Is this best in the long-term plan for the area?* Another concern, no doubt correct, is that if there existed an overall plan for the development of Westmount's side of the Glen Yards, as well as the property surrounding the train station, the train station would likely be something of a gateway to this new neighbourhood. Sight-lines and more greenspace would be preserved, with the station still visible from up Victoria Avenue or on St. Catherine Street beyond the Glen. The problem, of course, is that there is no real long-term plan for the area, in part because the property's owners and the municipality don't see eye to eye on the height or density of the buildings. Westmount's side of the Glen Yards might never be developed, at least in any of our lifetimes, with this difference of opinion. CP is not interested in building a few clusters of townhouses with lots of greenspace around them.

So where does that leave us? Residents have to ask themselves how passionate they are about the train station and its importance in the community. To mount some opposition at this point, with the shovels almost in the ground, would be difficult. Their only hope would be that potential buyers or financiers might see the project as unpopular and turn away. One has to wonder how much passion is there when the building has been allowed to sit for as long as it has.

There's also a passion among some residents in the area to see their corner of Westmount rejuvenated, with new families coming in and a solution to the decaying station, which is an embarrassment to some. Combine that with the tight purse-strings at city hall. They've been burned by this sight in the past and don't seem to want anything to do with it. They also face a Quebec "tax reform" that will hurt the local budget at the same time that a substantial amount of money is going to have to be spent upgrading the city's arena and sports facilities. It would be difficult to convince them that buying the station and land is in the public interest. — **Bernie O'Neill**



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### FROM THE MAIL BAG



## Making history by hiding station

**To the editor:**

Is this how it is?

CP wants to unload the preserved historic building onto the Westmount Historical Association—since they can't demolish it.

A developer wants to cram 24 houses, 18-feet wide, onto the surrounding land, leaving a narrow view of the station from the front. Other developers are no doubt in the wings, waiting to clutter build on the land to the south and west.

The city, burned out by the citi-

zen's rejection of its attempt to incorporate the preserved building into a fire and police station, and mindful of taxation clouds above, wants nothing to do with it.

The citizens want and like the vista of the station, and the idea of its existence, but do not seem to have any great emotional commitment towards preservation. (Though one suspects they will become vociferous as the open space and vista disappear under concrete and condos.)

The Historical Association is

excited at the idea of the preservation of the station, BUT...

When is a historic building a historic building? If it is surrounded by fence or a sound barrier on the railway side, and condos most of the rest, then will it have lost its integrity, its historic perspective as well as its landscape perspective?

Would Westmounters want it in its diminished form? Do we care?

**Lee Taylor**  
Claremont Avenue  
WESTMOUNT

## Council must act to save view

The following letter to Mayor Peter Trent and city council was forwarded to The Examiner.

I am a supporter of the Mayor and Westmount city council. I am especially supportive of the work that has been done by this council to preserve the architectural harmony of Westmount. This letter is to encourage you to do anything that is within your power to ensure that important views of Westmount Station will not be obliterated.

Westmount Station's importance is more than just the building itself. It is also the prominent space that it occupies and the public's view of the site.

I feel that in terms of our pre-

serving Westmount as a community that many of us love dearly, we can learn from the experience of the Braemar house on The Boulevard where the house was preserved without preserving a view of it. In so doing, one of Braemar's most important elements was pillaged by real-estate developers and lost to the public forever.

In their book "Montreal's Little Mountain," Aline Gubbay and Sally Hoof describe Braemar as "... a design so rare in Quebec that its presence in modern Westmount affords a special delight to the eye... Its spectacular setting, at the highest point of all the early houses... Built of brick... this big house

in its splendid grounds..."

This was written before the site was ravished. No longer is Braemar a delight to the eye, in a spectacular setting or on splendid grounds. I urge you to do anything that you can to ensure that the Westmount Station site does not get similarly desecrated.

I ask you to do anything in your power to preserve both Westmount Station and the views of the position that it occupies so that future generations will have an opportunity to truly appreciate its history and its place in our community.

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## Old News

(from the examiner archives)



Five years ago  
December 10, 1992

**LIBRARY FLIES:** Three out of four Westmounters have approved one of the costliest building projects in their history. In the city's poll of citizens last month, 77 per cent voted Yes to spend \$7.5 million on renovating and expanding the Westmount Public Library. Mayor Peter Trent announced at Monday's city council meeting. "Our view is that 77 per cent is overwhelming," he declared. "So as far as we're concerned the library is a go."

Fifteen years ago  
December 9, 1982

**ON STANDBY:** Westmounters may lose yet another transit outlet if Westmount station is abandoned as a commuter station in the newly integrated rail system. The news came at Monday night's meeting of city council along with much concern by citizens over the entire question of deteriorating transit service here, in particular poor MUCTC bus service. Graham Pugh asked the mayor if the station was threatened with demolition. He was told that "at present time they seem keen to keep it open because Via Rail will still use it for long-distance travel."

Thirty-five years ago  
December 14, 1962

**SINNERS AND SKATERS:** Sunday morning restrictions on the use of city rinks brought out some reasoned suggestions at a Westmount Municipal Association meeting. City council had come up with the answer that there would be no relaxation of existing rules unless there was a strong reason to do so. The City has no intention of going into competition with the churches. But everyone laughed when someone said, "You can't force people to go to church by keeping skating rinks closed!"

Forty-five years ago  
December 12, 1952

**BIRD FOR THE BARD:** Able Seaman Johnny Henson of 55 Clandeboye will arrive home from Korea just in time for his turkey dinner Christmas Day. If he asks his wife where the 20 lb. bird came from he may be in for a bit of a surprise—Mrs. Henson was the winner of The Examiner's Limerick Contest, sponsored by local businesses. Her efforts in the Western Taxi Limerick are as follows: For service that's right on the beam, You can't beat the good Western team, With cars always ready, And drivers so steady, They merit your highest esteem.

Fifty-five years ago  
December 10, 1942

**FAT WANTED:** An adequate supply of fats and oils is necessary in the war effort. The need in Canada with its expanding explosives program has now become so critical that every housewife, cook and chef is called on to increase the amount of waste fat and bones that can be salvaged. No amount, not even a spoonful, should be wasted. Scrap fats, for which one cent a pound should be paid, should be put in separate containers and bones placed in another.

# Ban on land mines a triumph

It was only last year that Canada hosted an international strategy conference and launched what became known as "The Ottawa Process." That October, when my colleague, the Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Foreign Affairs, challenged the international community to develop a treaty banning anti-personnel landmines for signature by December 1997, many believed that Canada was either out of its depth or naively optimistic about its ability to spearhead such a massive global undertaking.

The desire, however, to fulfill the goal set out by Canada soon took on a life of its own, crossing many boundaries. In the months that followed, an extraordinary coalition of hundreds of NGOs, international organizations and governments came together and worked towards mobilizing countries to commit to a treaty that would end, forever, the use of these indiscriminate weapons that kill or maim thousands of civilians every year.

As you know, last week was very significant to all of those across the world who have dedicated their energies towards this important cause. More than 120 countries came to Ottawa and signed the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use,

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Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, showing that we did not misjudge the international will to rise to Minister Axworthy's challenge.

This treaty will come into effect once it is ratified by at least 40 countries. However, this next phase of the process began as soon as Prime Minister Jean Chrétien presented Canada's instrument of ratification to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, making Canada the first country to both sign and ratify the treaty. It is widely expected that the treaty will be ratified sometime within the next two years.

During the three-day conference, Prime Minister Chrétien also took the opportunity to announce that Canada will contribute \$100 million over the next five years to help meet the goals of the treaty. This contribution will also go towards imple-

menting Ottawa Process II, whose key goal is to greatly expand the humanitarian assistance for landmine victims, to help with their medical care and to help rebuild their lives. Other goals include working towards universal adherence, early entry into force of the treaty, and assistance to countries which lack the means to fully implement their commitments under the treaty to clear mines and eliminate stockpiles.

There is no doubt that last week's signing in Ottawa marked a historic occasion. For the first time the majority of nations of the world agreed to ban a weapon which has been in military use by almost every country of the world. For the first time, a global partnership of governments, international institutions and non-governmental groups came together, with remarkable speed, to draft the treaty that was signed.

And for the first time, those who fear to walk in their fields, those who cannot till their lands, those who cannot return to their own homes, all because of landmines, can begin to hope. The signing of the treaty to ban landmines is, without doubt, the triumph of the forces of good in life.

# School offered fast track to McGill

In the late 1880s, a sense of movement and expansion could be seen and felt everywhere.

A jump in school enrolment led to the consideration of a specially-built schoolhouse. A parcel of land became available beside the Stanton Street School and in 1886 a fine brick building, with provisions for 200 students, was opened and proudly christened the 'Côte St. Antoine Academy.'

A good public school, city services, together with plenty of open spaces for sports—all this attracted, in particular, families with young children. The result was that only eight years after it had been built the Côte St. Antoine Academy was bursting out of the classroom spaces which had seemed so generous such a short time ago.

The school had already acquired a proud academic record, one aspect of which was a new Certificate, 'Associate in Arts,' available to qualified students in their

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final year. The certificate, recognized by both McGill and Bishop's universities, opened the way to a senior university entrance examination and the possibility of a university arts degree.

Mary Harvie was the first Academy student to receive the certificate. In these early years of women's admission to McGill, when the first women were only grudgingly admitted to college classes, Côte St. Antoine Academy students, male and female, were given every encouragement to follow through with their studies as far as they were able.

This enthusiastic support for the best in education, available to all, reflected the deep conviction of many residents, especially those of Scottish background. Standards of education in Scotland had reached a particularly high level since the 18th century when Edinburgh, with its philosophers, educators, writers and theorists, was looked to as the 'Athens of the North.' From Scotland too came the new economic theories which set commerce in the forefront as a civilizing force in society, providing the wealth which would in turn stimulate the arts and sciences. The carriers of these movements were to be the middling ranks of society, 'being too rich to be servile to the great yet too poor to tyrannize the humble.'

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## MORE FROM THE MAIL BAG



# Parade brought out spirit in everyone

To the editor:

If the turnout at Sunday's parade was a barometer by which to measure Westmount's community spirit, I was overwhelmed. Judging from comments received Sunday, everyone enjoyed themselves.

The success of an event such as this one is attributable to the efforts of a tremendous group of volunteers, and the behind-the-

scenes work of city employees, particularly Richard McEnroe, director of Public Security, the MUC police and the staff of Victoria Hall. City councillors Cynthia Lulham and Karin Marks were on hand and their help was very much appreciated.

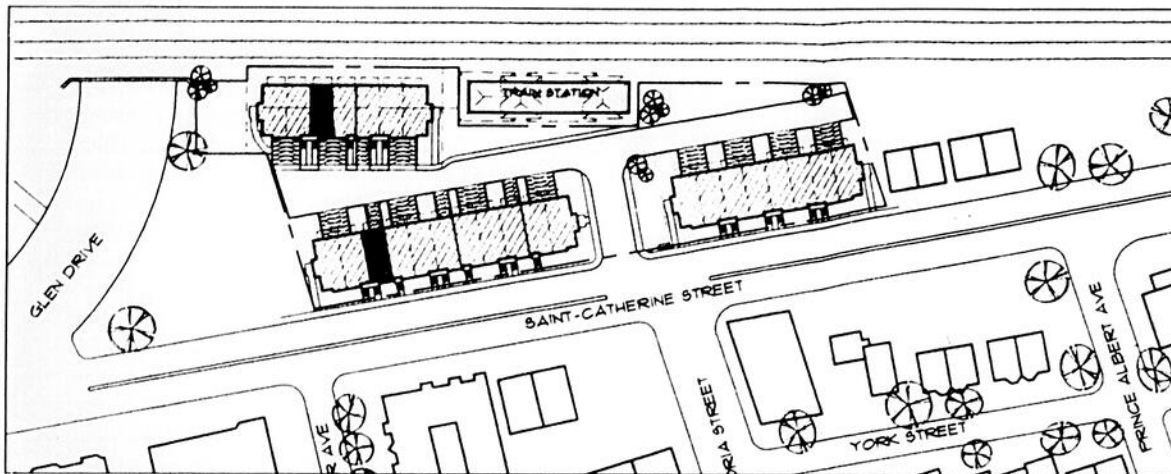
I would like to thank the City of Westmount, CJAD, the Sherbrooke/Victoria Avenue merchants, Ginger Petty, residents

and local businesses for their support of this year's parade.

Finally, in acknowledgement of my family, my mother and my right hand, Lisa Connolly, who bear the brunt of the storm, I am forever grateful.

Kathleen Duncan  
Lansdowne Avenue  
WESTMOUNT

# Project means '24 new families'



Site plan shows how three groups of condos would sit near old station. Two units blocked out indicate reduced number of units in plan after modifications ordered by city last week.



Model illustrates view of station from St. Catherine Street following construction.

(Continued from page 1)  
of the local Architectural and Planning Commission for months. Winikoff said he was suddenly asked to make changes last week which nearly put the project in jeopardy. In order to conform with bylaws, the project had to be pared down from 26 to 24 units. Lighthall Lane, which runs between the homes, will become city property.

Back on track this week, Winikoff said he intends to deliver the homes in the spring.

"We're talking about 24 homes, that's 24 new families injecting life into the area," he said in response to criticism of the project. "The southern part of Victoria Avenue needs a shot in the arm, and this will be a great improvement over a parking lot, an empty field and a dilapidated station. And this project is the only thing that can save that station from its derelict condition."

At about \$180,000 apiece the condos represent reasonably-priced housing for young families or people who are downsizing in an otherwise high-end market.

If the project conforms to city bylaws, city officials have said they have no choice but to issue a building permit.

Talks between Canadian Pacific and the city for the undeveloped area turned sour three years ago when an agreement could not be reached on height and density restrictions. Plans for a major residential and commercial development on the Montreal side of the train yards were unveiled this summer, but the Westmount acreage was left blank.

CP is still interested in developing the rest of the land, according to CP spokesman Michel Spénard.

"I'm sure there's a willingness to talk about it if it means movement on the Westmount side. As it

stands right now, we are still talking to Mr. Winikoff about his project," he said this week.

The situation is a bit of a Catch-22 because the station's future hinges on a housing development planned on the adjacent land, according to WMA president Bridget Blackader.

"If the project goes through then we save the station itself and the land on it. If the arrangement doesn't go through then the whole deal's off and nothing's saved," she commented.

The donation of the station to the WHA is still based on the completion of a deal with Winikoff, Spénard confirmed. If that does not go through, the building would still be protected under the Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act. However it will continue to deteriorate in the meantime.

The historical association estimated it will need a total of \$850,000 to restore and maintain the 1907 building. WHA members

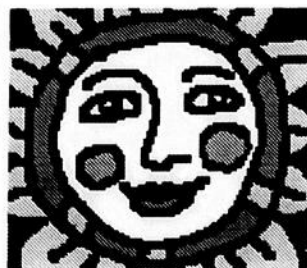
had said the money would be raised through public and private donations, including a hoped-for contribution from CP and the City of Westmount. The 2,000-square-foot station would become a history centre for the district and a meeting and exhibition space.

At last week's council meeting, WHA member John Johnston asked council if the city intended to donate money to the refurbishment project.

The mayor responded that it is not city policy to finance projects over which it does not have control. Although he said the administration would meet with the WHA, his final words were less than encouraging. "I've said on a number of occasions that we wouldn't want to acquire the station if we didn't know what to do with it and we didn't consider \$1 a good price," he said.

Plans for the fundraising campaign will be available tonight at a monthly meeting of the WHA scheduled for 7 p.m. at the library.

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## Indicators point to seller's market

Ads are beginning to appear in local papers begging for properties to sell, a clear indication that the once-sorry buyer's market is quickly turning into a seller's market, real-estate consultant Andy Dodge said in his monthly report. Three of the 15 Westmount sales recorded in the November list were for the full asking price. Eight sales took place in the last week of November. Indications are, according to Dodge, that December—usually one of the

slowest months—will see no let-up, as buyers rush to pick up what is left on the market before the spring brings higher prices. Minimum price in November was \$270,000, the highest minimum since April 1995, and prices ranged up to \$870,000. Four sales were over \$500,000 and two more were in the \$400,000-\$500,000 range, thus further indication that there is life after \$400,000. Applying the average price:valuation ratio to the average valuation

of \$438,210, it shows a 'typical' house is going to sell above valuation and move closer to \$450,000 at the start of the spring market. Agents are crediting pent-up demand which was developing during the lead-up to the 1995 referendum and during the hesitation which followed that vote, and also by the indication that mortgage rates have bottomed out and are now on their way up. A stronger job market and more confidence in the future are also helping.

## Building inspections beefed up

By SARAH MUSGRAVE

Planning to slap up some aluminium siding on your turn-of-the-century mansion? How about propping up that sagging porch with fishwire and crazy glue? Think again!

The city will be cracking down on inspections to make sure fewer homes fall through the cracks when it comes to building permits, says councillor Karin Marks.

In a new program under way this month, fire inspectors have been cross-trained as building inspectors to make every set of eyes as multi-purpose as possible. Once the new policy is fine-tuned, there could be as many as seven inspectors on the streets versus one part-time and one full-time building inspector.

"Council and myself in particu-

lar had been complaining for some time that we were not effective enough in maintaining standards. I certainly noticed things were being done without approval or differently than the way they had been agreed to. It was almost an exercise in futility," she explained.

Sometimes people simply don't realize they need permits for certain kinds of work. Others simply don't bother with the process. "People who went through the proper procedure were being penalized because others were going ahead without permits."

Westmount is more vigilant than other communities in order to preserve the unique architectural character of the area, Marks said.

"I know these are difficult times but to maintain the quality of the housing stock keeps the value of

everyone's houses up across the board."

Inspectors tour major sites on a regular basis, but that doesn't leave a lot of time for spot checks while passing by. Sometimes unacceptable construction jobs were noticed too late and were already completed by the time inspectors made their appearance. The work had to be ripped out and redone and the city has wound up in costly court cases.

Plans for interior work take about one week to be approved. Exterior work usually takes two weeks because it has to be reviewed by the Board of Inspections and the Architectural and Planning Commission, according to the department's Mark Bibeau. A copy of the city's guidelines are available at City Hall.

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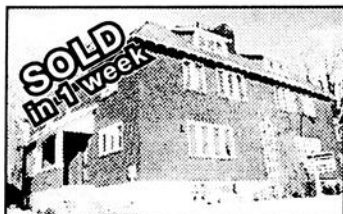
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# Project means '24 new families'



Site plan shows how three groups of condos would sit near old station. Two units blocked out indicate reduced number of units in plan after modifications ordered by city last week.



Model illustrates view of station from St. Catherine Street following construction.

(Continued from page 1)  
of the local Architectural and Planning Commission for months. Winikoff said he was suddenly asked to make changes last week which nearly put the project in jeopardy. In order to conform with bylaws, the project had to be pared down from 26 to 24 units. Lighthall Lane, which runs between the homes, will become city property.

Back on track this week, Winikoff said he intends to deliver the homes in the spring.

"We're talking about 24 homes, that's 24 new families injecting life into the area," he said in response to criticism of the project. "The southern part of Victoria Avenue needs a shot in the arm, and this will be a great improvement over a parking lot, an empty field and a dilapidated station. And this project is the only thing that can save that station from its derelict condition."

At about \$180,000 apiece the condos represent reasonably-priced housing for young families or people who are downsizing in an otherwise high-end market.

If the project conforms to city bylaws, city officials have said they have no choice but to issue a building permit.

Talks between Canadian Pacific and the city for the undeveloped area turned sour three years ago when an agreement could not be reached on height and density restrictions. Plans for a major residential and commercial development on the Montreal side of the train yards were unveiled this summer, but the Westmount acreage was left blank.

CP is still interested in developing the rest of the land, according to CP spokesman Michel Spénard.

"I'm sure there's a willingness to talk about it if it means movement on the Westmount side. As it

stands right now, we are still talking to Mr. Winikoff about his project," he said this week.

The situation is a bit of a Catch-22 because the station's future hinges on a housing development planned on the adjacent land, according to WMA president Bridget Blackader.

"If the project goes through then we save the station itself and the land on it. If the arrangement doesn't go through then the whole deal's off and nothing's saved," she commented.

The donation of the station to the WHA is still based on the completion of a deal with Winikoff, Spénard confirmed. If that does not go through, the building would still be protected under the Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act. However it will continue to deteriorate in the meantime.

The historical association estimated it will need a total of \$850,000 to restore and maintain the 1907 building. WHA members

had said the money would be raised through public and private donations, including a hoped-for contribution from CP and the City of Westmount. The 2,000-square-foot station would become a history centre for the district and a meeting and exhibition space.

At last week's council meeting, WHA member John Johnston asked council if the city intended to donate money to the refurbishment project.

The mayor responded that it is not city policy to finance projects over which it does not have control. Although he said the administration would meet with the WHA, his final words were less than encouraging. "I've said on a number of occasions that we wouldn't want to acquire the station if we didn't know what to do with it and we didn't consider \$1 a good price," he said.

Plans for the fundraising campaign will be available tonight at a monthly meeting of the WHA scheduled for 7 p.m. at the library.

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# REAL ESTATE

## Indicators point to seller's market

Ads are beginning to appear in local papers begging for properties to sell, a clear indication that the once-sorry buyer's market is quickly turning into a seller's market, real-estate consultant Andy Dodge said in his monthly report.

Three of the 15 Westmount sales recorded in the November list were for the full asking price. Eight sales took place in the last week of November. Indications are, according to Dodge, that December—usually one of the

slowest months—will see no let-up, as buyers rush to pick up what is left on the market before the spring brings higher prices.

Minimum price in November was \$270,000, the highest minimum since April 1995, and prices ranged up to \$870,000. Four sales were over \$500,000 and two more were in the \$400,000-\$500,000 range, thus further indication that there is life after \$400,000. Applying the average price:valuation ratio to the average valuation

of \$438,210, it shows a 'typical' house is going to sell above valuation and move closer to \$450,000 at the start of the spring market.

Agents are crediting pent-up demand which was developing during the lead-up to the 1995 referendum and during the hesitation which followed that vote, and also by the indication that mortgage rates have bottomed out and are now on their way up. A stronger job market and more confidence in the future are also helping.

## Building inspections beefed up

By SARAH MUSGRAVE

Planning to slap up some aluminium siding on your turn-of-the-century mansion? How about propping up that sagging porch with fishwire and crazy glue? Think again!

The city will be cracking down on inspections to make sure fewer homes fall through the cracks when it comes to building permits, says councillor Karin Marks.

In a new program under way this month, fire inspectors have been cross-trained as building inspectors to make every set of eyes as multi-purpose as possible. Once the new policy is fine-tuned, there could be as many as seven inspectors on the streets versus one part-time and one full-time building inspector.

"Council and myself in particu-

lar had been complaining for some time that we were not effective enough in maintaining standards. I certainly noticed things were being done without approval or differently than the way they had been agreed to. It was almost an exercise in futility," she explained.

Sometimes people simply don't realize they need permits for certain kinds of work. Others simply don't bother with the process. "People who went through the proper procedure were being penalized because others were going ahead without permits."

Westmount is more vigilant than other communities in order to preserve the unique architectural character of the area, Marks said.

"I know these are difficult times but to maintain the quality of the housing stock keeps the value of

everyone's houses up across the board."

Inspectors tour major sites on a regular basis, but that doesn't leave a lot of time for spot checks while passing by. Sometimes unacceptable construction jobs were noticed too late and were already completed by the time inspectors made their appearance. The work had to be ripped out and redone and the city has wound up in costly court cases.

Plans for interior work take about one week to be approved. Exterior work usually takes two weeks because it has to be reviewed by the Board of Inspections and the Architectural and Planning Commission, according to the department's Mark Bibeau. A copy of the city's guidelines are available at City Hall.

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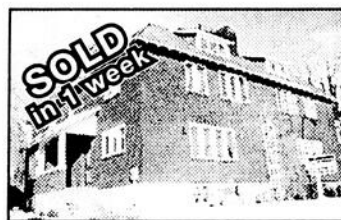
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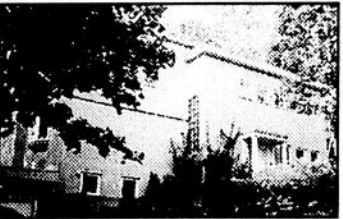
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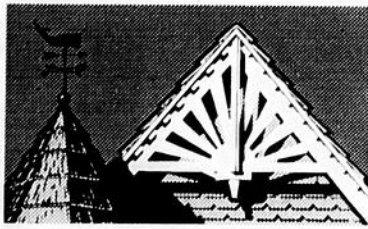
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## BUILDING



### P·E·R·M·I·T·S

The following are building and plumbing permits issued recently by the City of Westmount:

**Friday, Dec. 5**

- 1220-1238 Greene: 105284 Canada Inc., plumbing, \$8,400.
- 39 Windsor: Yael Benguigui, fireplace, \$5,000.
- 603 Clarke: M. Levy, plumbing for three washrooms, \$5,000.

**Thursday, Dec. 4**

- 534 Clarke: Barry Richard, plumbing, \$7,000.

**Wednesday, Dec. 3**

- 559 Argyle: Mrs. Lee, gas conversion, \$300.

**Tuesday, Dec. 2**

- 658 Belmont: Jeff Kerstein, windows, \$4,400.

**Friday, Nov. 28**

- 587 Lansdowne: O. Corning, bath, \$500.
- 48 Belvedere Place: Mona Polachek, retaining wall, entrance, \$50,000.
- 418 Claremont: Mr. Vladimir Turek, alterations to garbage room and recycling room, \$2,000.
- 235 Metcalfe: Entreprises Braxo Inc., new exit, \$3,000.
- 645 Lansdowne: Claire Sheiner, alterations to master bathroom, \$9,000.

**Thursday, Nov. 27**

- 134 Clauboye: Manuel Galego, gas conversion, \$4,400.
- 441 Prince Albert: Mrs. Johanna Mackay, basement windows, \$1,000.
- 5 Lansdowne Ridge: Gail Karp, water entrance, \$2,500.

**Wednesday, Nov. 26**

- 88 Somerville: 150864 Canada Inc., bathroom, \$3,500.
- 364 Kitchener: A. Barkun, bathroom, \$2,000.
- 467 Victoria: Mr. Benveniste, replace 7 plumbing fixtures, \$5,000.
- 625 Belmont: Michael Richards, washroom plumbing, \$2,000.

**Tuesday, Nov. 25**

- 621 Carleton: Mr. Zukerman, install 18 plumbing fixtures, \$8,000.
- 597 Roslyn: David Cape, modifications to basement, walls and washroom, \$8,500.

**Monday, Nov. 24**

- 1500 Atwater: Alexis Nihon Plaza, Le Bag, store renovations, \$6,000.

**Friday, Nov. 21**

- 21 Willow: Mr. David Tait, new windows for dining room, \$2,500.
- 1 Westmount Square: SITQ, restoration of offices, 7th floor, \$60,000.
- 663 Victoria: Mrs. Stephanie Allan, kitchen renovations, \$7,000.
- 25 Burton: John Shingh, fireplace, \$3,400.
- 23 Burton: Elizabeth Russel, fireplace and chimney, \$3,300.
- 21 Burton: Elizabeth Russel, fireplace and chimney, \$3,800.

**Thursday, Nov. 20**

- 4325 Montrose: M. Jacques Vachon, install fireplace and stove, \$854.

- 462 Argyle: Bruce Case, gas conversion, \$4,400.
- 89 Hollowell: Michael Hannen, gas conversion, \$4,200.

**Wednesday, Nov. 19**

- 570 Lansdowne: Helen Matheson, drywall, \$2,000.
- 4 Westmount Square: SITQ, renovate, enlarge offices on second floor, \$225,000.

**Tuesday, Nov. 18**

- 60 de Lavigne: OACI, kitchen sink, \$800.

**Monday, Nov. 17**

- 495 Lansdowne: K. Pendergast, water service, \$500.
- 597 Roslyn: Mr. and Mrs. David Cape, replace two plumbing fixtures, \$3,000.

**Friday, Nov. 14**

- 3250 Cedar: Mr. Stan, Mrs. Miner, retaining wall, \$2,200.
- 200 Kensington #323: A. Zarchettin, connect apt 323 and 325, \$6,500.
- 200 Kensington #216: A. Zarchettin, connect apt. 216 and 218, \$6,500.
- 200 Kensington #904: A. Zarchettin, replace window on apt. 904, \$2,100.



This house at 8 Forden Crescent was the highest-priced transfer registered in the month of August, selling for \$750,000, well below its municipal valuation of \$1,180,100.

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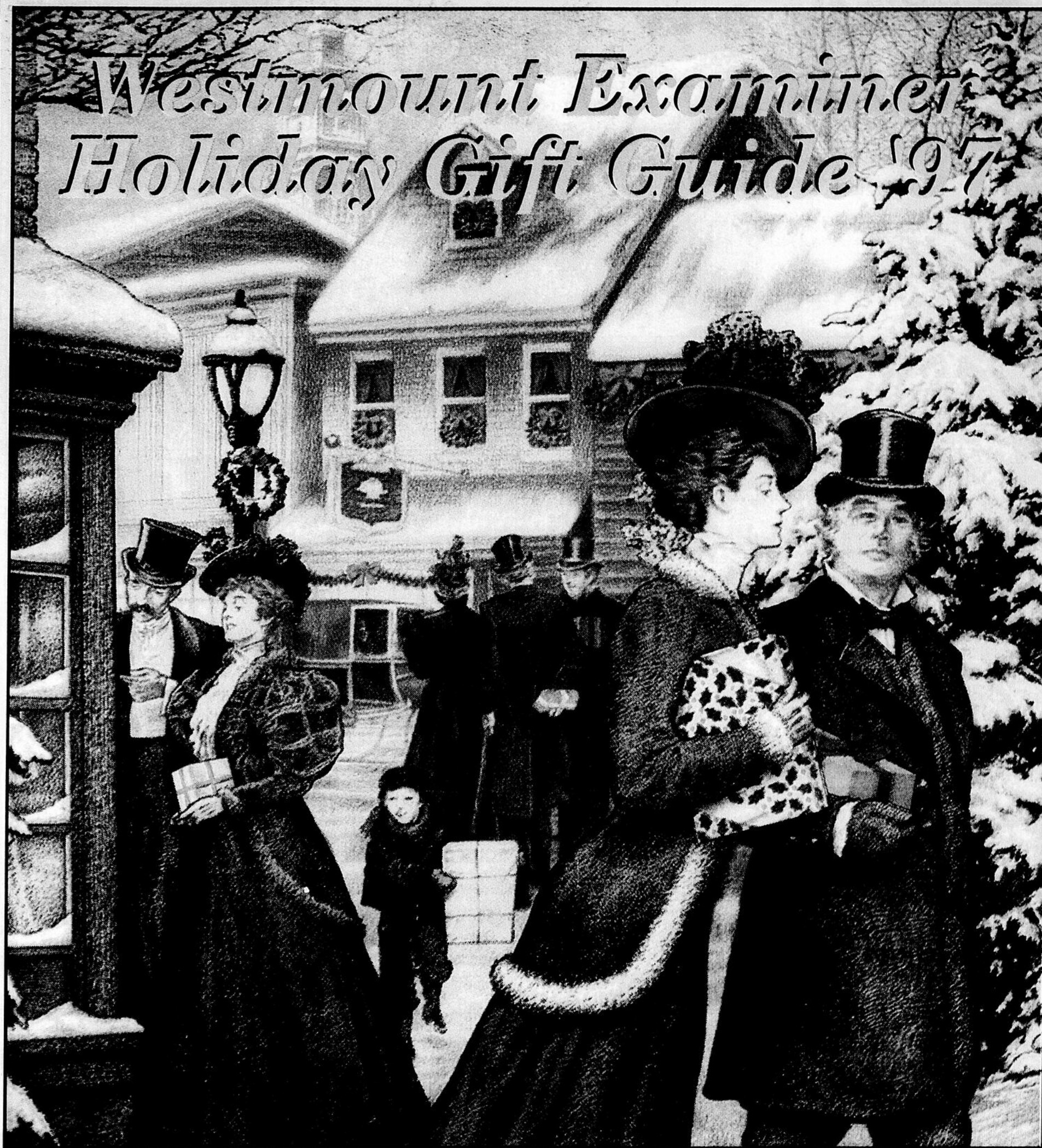
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608 Carleton	Robert Lewis Munro	David Weller & Marie Duenas Weller	\$497,700	\$500,000
3282 Cedar	Charlotte Frizzell	John Weaver & Delores Logue	\$562,200	\$1 & cons.
448 Claremont	Madeleine Gomes	Laurence Wilson	\$189,800	\$195,000
603 Clarke & Boulevard lot	Lily Rapp	Ralph Levy	\$1,071,000*	\$725,000
470 Côte St. Antoine	Jashua Lazar & Ilana Schwartz	Paul Petterson & Frances Halter	\$328,200	\$1 & cons.
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4400 de Maisonneuve	Louis Caouette Inc.	Hubert Colas & Alexandra MacDougall	\$151,800	\$250,000
4453 de Maisonneuve	Steven Drysdale & Cynthia Sherman	Jean Jacques Streliski & Luce Richard	\$380,800	\$500,000
4475 de Maisonneuve	Thomas C. Courname	Nigel Penney & Sandra Meehan	\$199,900	\$237,000
457 Elm	Samuel Heister & Eleanor Black	Andre Bruncau & Anna Alfaro	\$359,600	\$375,000
8 Forden	John Keenan	Jose Luis Menghini & Laura Porcelli	\$1,180,100	\$750,000
606 Grosvenor	John Kalbfleisch	Marc Isler & Sylvia Jugel	\$255,000	\$290,000
339 Kensington	Bercu Manase & Bianca Schmeterling	James Meadow & Elissa Segal	\$421,500	\$405,000
349 - 351 Kensington	James McKobbon	Florina Moldovan & Predrag Smiljkovic	\$338,600	\$280,000
350 Kensington	Zavie Brown	Guy Vezina & Lydia Dufresne	\$460,200	\$370,000
340 Metcalfe	Bruce Shore & Bettina Williams	Mark Roper & Eleanor Hew	\$259,000	\$300,000
466 Mount Stephen	Anthony Kovic & Donna Lynn McMurray	Michael Starr & Elayne Baron	\$385,200	\$1 & cons.
383 Olivier	2966905 Canada Inc.	Daniel Perkins & Faith Schultz	\$408,500	\$393,000
3223 The Boulevard	Shela Rubin	David Manson & Lana Baker	\$633,600	\$550,000
3769 The Boulevard	Gary Brodtkin	Jack El Salah & Jayah Halima Bangsa	\$594,800	\$363,000
65 Thornhill	Nukhet Piyale & Robert Boisjoli	Andre Van Hattum & Iris Metman	\$307,300	\$327,000
774 Upper Belmont	Eleanor Jean Toner Estate	Charles Gravel	\$509,600	\$412,500
473 Victoria	Gail Maureen Gagnon	Thomas Brady & Kimberly McCall	\$292,200	\$305,000
609 Victoria	Andrew Archibald & Alina Isganaitis	K. Greenaway & Francois LeBoubennec	\$327,800	\$380,000
620 Victoria	Ginette Dore Estate	Jerzy Wybrannowski & Solante Raymond	\$368,000	\$337,500
4840 Westmount	Harry Mayerovitch	John Griffin	\$368,800	\$246,000
41-43 York	Agnes Durbet	Hunter Scott & Caroline Saunders	\$249,700	\$1 & cons.
76 York	Penelope Bahr	David Ferrabee & Yenil Rodriguez	\$254,200	\$190,000

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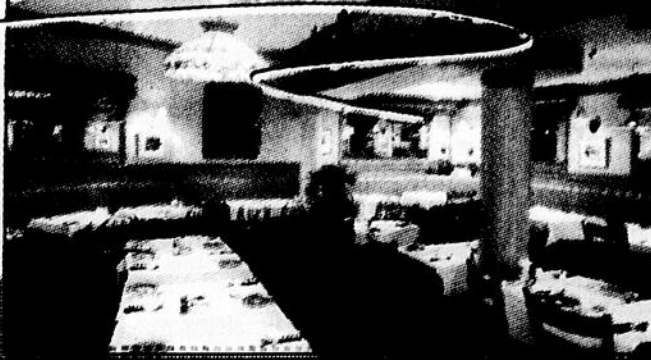
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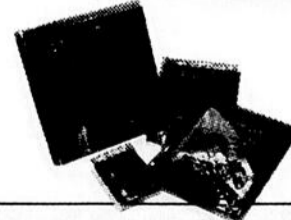
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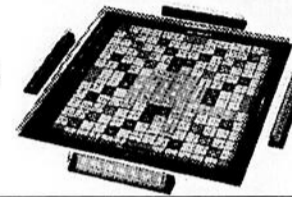


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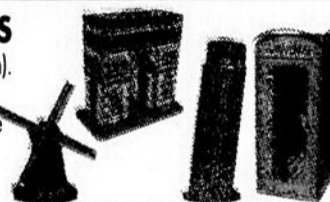
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# Tree Within helping women in need

By KRISTIN MCNEILL

The Tree Within, a charitable initiative run by Westmounters Carmen Rocio Lozano, Margaret Gurd, Sylvie Lépine and Ellen Bounsall, is in its first month of raising funds for women suffering from domestic violence.

The group held a tea at Lozano's Redfern Avenue apartment last week and raised more than \$3,000 to start a new program for women at the Maison Flora Tristan, a St. Henri shelter. Called "Healing Circles," it is an eight-week evening therapy program facilitated by a professional therapist.

The program is designed to be sensitive to the cultural differences of the women involved, as the shelter caters primarily to immigrant women and children.

The Tree Within originated in Lozano's home in September, when she decided to transform social tea parties into "entertaining with a cause."

She said women's issues have



Photo by KRISTIN MCNEILL  
Margaret Gurd, Sylvie Lépine, Carmen Rocio Lozano and Ellen Bounsall are the driving force behind the new group.

always interested her. "We hope to stop violence in a way that encourages women to fight back for themselves and for their children."

She gave particular thanks to local resident Ginger Petty, organizer of an annual Toy Tea, who

offered support and toys to help the Tree Within's cause.

Anyone interested in providing help to The Tree Within, in the form of monetary donations, clothing, furniture, toys or other items can call 939-9928.

# Orpheus Singers to belt out Italian gems

Some local residents are limbering up their vocal chords in preparation for a concert by the Orpheus Singers and Les Sonneurs this Saturday, Dec. 13, featuring rare gems of the Italian 17th century.

The singers are directed by Peter Schubert of Victoria Avenue. The group includes singers Helen Rainville Olders and Henry Olders of Lansdowne Avenue, Lori Henig of Victoria Avenue, Edna-Mae Johnson of Windsor Avenue, and Colin Langille of Holton Avenue.

The CBC-prizewinning chorus and the celebrated early wind ensemble present festive music by Gabrieli, Grandi, Monteverdi, and Donato, four composers associated with the great basilica of San Marco in Venice.

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# Toy Tea helps 22 women's shelters

Sixty two girls from Grades 2 and 3 received much applause for their Christmas carols at the sixth annual Toy Tea. The all-women fundraiser for children of battered women took place on Dec. 4. The Study choir has participated in the event for the last six years.

The garage at organizer Ginger Petty's Lexington Avenue residence was filled with Tonka trucks, Barbie dolls and stuffed animals. Guests streamed downstairs with their donations of toys and sports equipment for children of battered women.

More than \$10,000 was raised for 22 women's shelters in and around Montreal, including one in Cowansville, Que., this year which is in need of funds.

Suzanne Tardif from Horizon Pour Elle said she thinks the event, which is initiated and sponsored by women, is telling of the support that exists among women.

"The whole community is really supportive, and I couldn't think of a better cause," Petty said. The fundraiser was in remembrance of Princess Diana, whose work with children inspired the event this year. Participants had the opportunity to sign a book in remembrance of Princess Diana which will be forwarded to Buckingham Palace as a gift to her sons.

Others involved in the event included Maria Birks, Dominique Veniez, the wives of the Montreal Canadiens hockey players and Catherine Rawlinson, wife of Great Britain's consul general.



Photo by KRISTIN McNEILL  
Girls from The Study School entertain guests last week at Ginger Petty's annual Toy Tea.

# Creative cards helping Montreal Children's

Local residents Bonnie Stein and Gillian Yanow are taking part in an annual project that gets local schoolchildren to lend their creativity for this year's Montreal

Children's Hospital Christmas Card Campaign. The cards will be on sale until Dec. 17. Funds raised go to purchase

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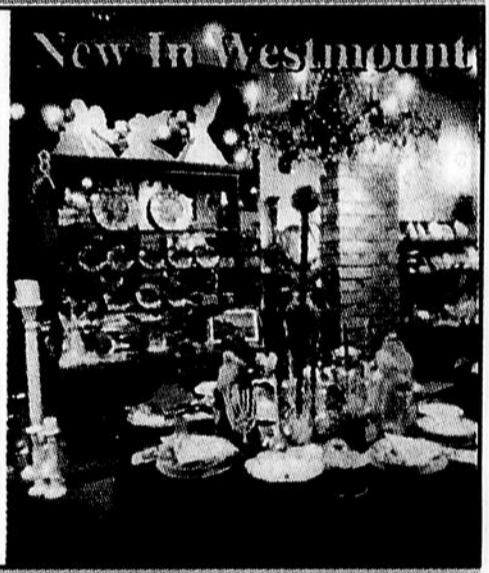
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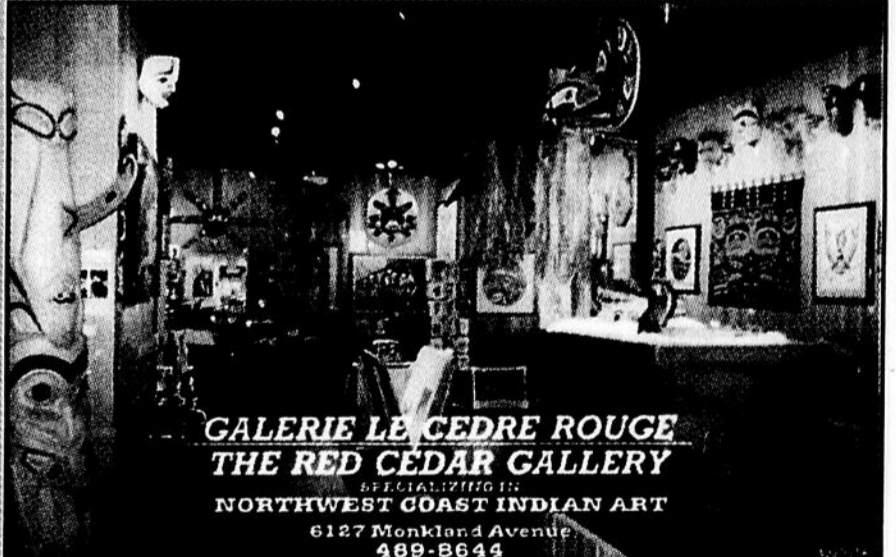
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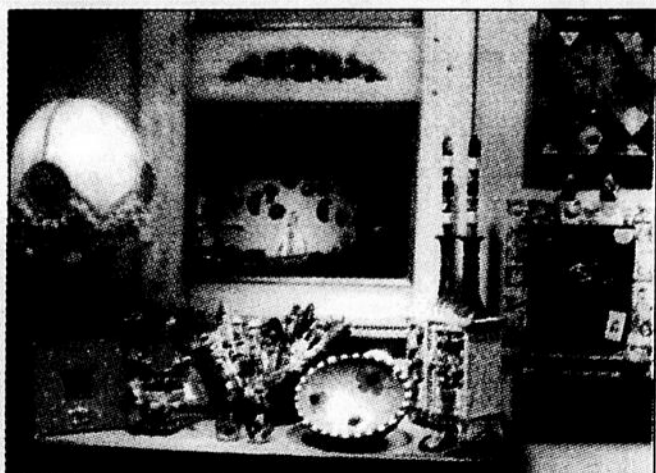


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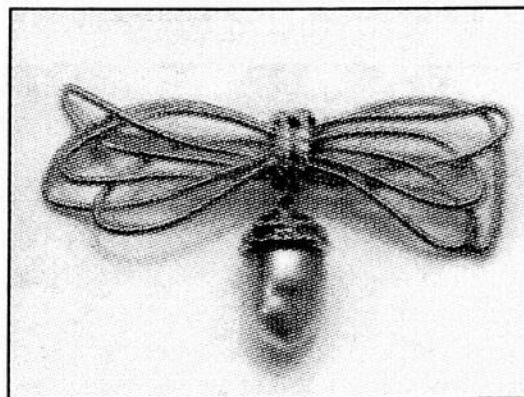
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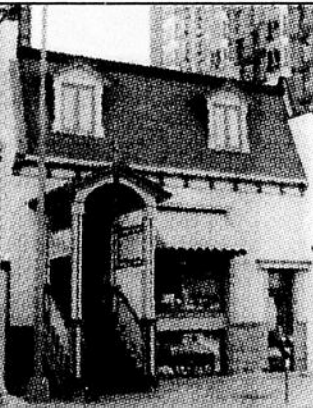
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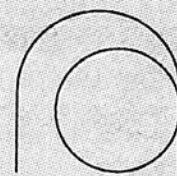
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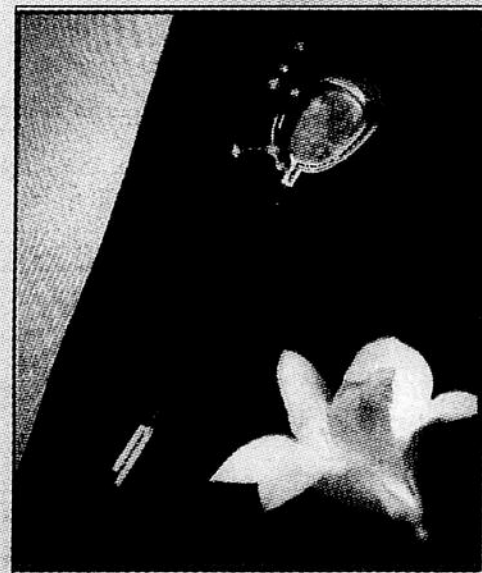
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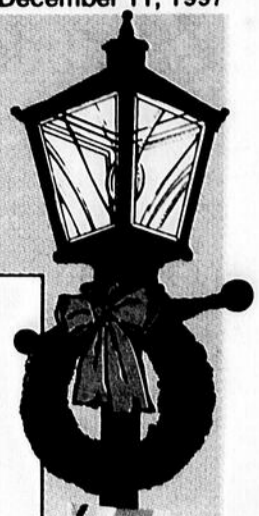
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The poems and letter below and on the facing page were created by Grade 1, 2 and 3 students at Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School.

## A Holiday

A holiday is a special time of year  
 It is a time for love and for cheer,  
 Christmas is a holiday I celebrate  
 Christmas, Christmas I think it's great,  
 On Hanukkah spinning the dreidel looks like fun  
 It looks like fun for everyone,  
 I don't know what Kwanzaa is, you see  
 If you know please come and tell me,  
 Let me tell you something, let me say  
 Everyone celebrates a different holiday!!!

—Dominique Paiement, Grade 3

## Christmas

I love Christmas because it is fun.  
 On Christmas Eve you might have a feast.  
 You put decorations on a tree.  
 Christmas is in December, the last month of the year.

— Sarah Pekeles, Grade 2

## Santa Pants

Santa Pants they used to say  
 Because his pants he could not find,  
 Not in hay,  
 Not by the bay,  
 He looked 'til dawn, no pants he found  
 Tonight is Christmas  
 Tonight he prays he will not have to go  
 On this cold, cold night with his underwear on!  
 He looks in his halls  
 In cupboards and on walls,  
 Last, but not least  
 He looks in his drawer  
 And what does he find?  
 His pants!

—Alison Henderson, Grade 3

## Christmas

Cookies yum yum.  
 Hurry let's go it's Christmas Eve!  
 Ramadan is not what I celebrate.  
 I see Santa!  
 Songs we sing at Christmas.  
 Trees! Christmas trees!  
 Mary had a baby.  
 Angels sang when Jesus was born.  
 Snow is fun for making a fort.

—Madeline Spence, Grade 3

## Christmas!

Christmas is love, hope and joy.  
 And it's for every girl and boy.  
 Christmas is a time of year where everyone is jolly.  
 Candles and decorations fill the world.  
 Music and instruments fill the air.  
 People sing, shout and yell.  
 People go out to buy eggnog, Presents and more.  
 And everyone knows Christmas isn't a bore.  
 Everyone can't wait 'til Christmas Eve  
 And Christmas  
 Then it's Christmas  
 Ya Hoo!

—Rebecca Chant, Grade 3

## Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? You must be very busy. I really want to see you and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. I have a Christmas tree in the family room. I will bake some cookies for you on Christmas Eve. I will wrap some toys for needy children. I will make some Christmas cards for teachers and friends. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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And presents, too—  
There are eight days of  
Chanukkah  
And so much to do!  
Oh my gosh! It's so late!  
I have guests coming at eight!

—Caroline Miller, Grade 3

## Christmas is a game of tag!

Christmas is a holiday.  
Holidays are fun.  
Fun is like a game of tag,  
and that's what I like!

—Angela Leung, Grade 2

## Snow

Snow ô snow  
You are freezing my nose  
Snow ô snow  
You will soon start your  
Christmas shows

Snow ô snow  
You cover houses and trees  
Snow ô snow  
like diamonds you shine with  
peace

Snow ô snow  
keep falling. Keep dancing,  
under the mistletoe  
people are kissing.

—Audrey-Maude Vanasse-  
Bédard, Grade 2

Cher Père Noël,  
Pour Noël je veux:  
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Merci.  
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—Brittany Cininni, Grade 1

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—Melissa Dyke, Grade 1

## Everyone's Pantry reaching out for food Dec. 22-24

The holiday season is here again and most families in Westmount are looking forward to a tasty Christmas or Hannukah meal. Unfortunately many will not have enough food to feed their families.

A concerned Westmounter, David Schouela, decided it was time to do something about the rising number of hungry and poor in Montreal. He volunteers with an organization, Le Garde Manger Pour Tous, which translates as Everyone's Pantry, that battles this epidemic every day. "I became familiar with the organization about three years ago during the Food Basket Drive at the 'Y.' Since then I have been organizing

an annual campaign on Roslyn Avenue and the response has been pretty good," Schouela said.

Le Garde Manger Pour Tous is a non-profit organization that is funded through private donations and partially by the government. It offers a hot-meal program to more than 450 elementary school children in St. Henri and Little Burgundy. It also delivers more than 480,000 kg of food annually to soup kitchens, women's shelters, and community kitchens.

Le Garde Manger Pour Tous is holding its Third Annual Neighborhood Charity Food Drive on Dec. 22, 23 and 24. Help is needed to continue this important

project. Donations of canned or packaged goods or monetary gifts can be dropped off at David

Schouela's home on 455 Roslyn Ave. Dec. 22-24 between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. —Signe Katz



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# Plays are latest chapter in Cutler's long career as writer, editor

(Continued from page 3)  
24 Inuit words to describe snow. *Aah-pootee! That's Snow!* is about a child's adventures in the Far North. "It's about a kid who runs away because his mother isn't paying attention to him. He meets all sorts of animal characters which are really spoofs of human obsessions."

There are the Seals of Approval, the Workaholic Dog, the Fascist Lion and others who try to convince the child that their way is the best. In the tradition of *The Wizard of Oz* or *Annie*, the play is a full-scale musical. The 16 songs and two dances were set to music by a young McGill University student, Andrew Svodoba, 20. The musical has had a sing-through by McGill opera students, but will not be staged until summer, when Cutler's son Keir will come up from Detroit to direct the acting.

While the first productions will be modest, she said she hopes it will go on to the Just for Laughs comedy festival in Montreal.

Over her long career, Cutler has seen the printed word from every

side of the page. She worked as a reporter at *The Herald* and *The Standard* and she was the first woman to be hired as an editor at Canadian Press, before founding and running *Tundra* for 28 years. She served as mayor from 1987 to 1991.

However Cutler credits her childhood, not her writing experience with her sense of theatre.

"My parents were Irish. Everything in our household was pure drama! That's where I get it," she laughed.

Cutler also attended plays regularly while studying journalism at Columbia University. "In those days it was only \$1.20 on Saturday afternoons. I saw all the plays when they came out—Oklahoma, *The Glass Menagerie* and *Long Day's Journey into Night*," she recalled.

She's kept up the pace, estimating she's seen about 10 plays a year for the last 50 years. And Broadway is only steps away from her new part-time apartment in New York, where it appears she

has no intention of slowing down. The French reading begins at 7:30 p.m. this Sunday, Dec. 14 at

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## Parade a real party

The Westmount Santa Claus Parade drew a lot of attention and some great participation Sunday afternoon, winding its way through the streets and returning to Victoria Hall for music and hot chocolate.

Participants waved to the many people who came out to watch, and tossed candies to the youngsters. The scores of little ones in costume who took part singing and marching were a highlight of the third-annual event.



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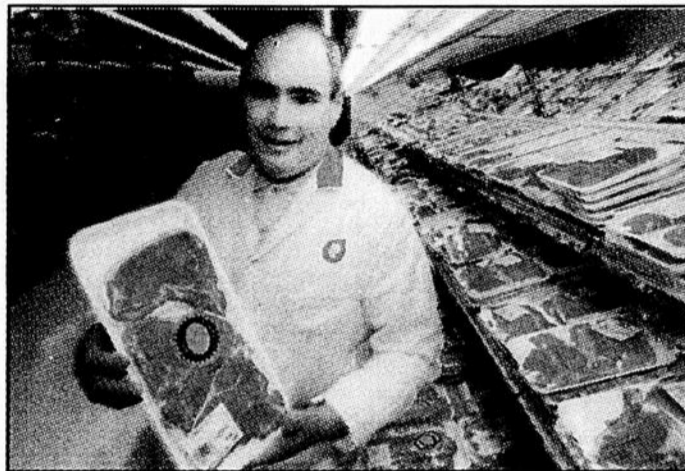
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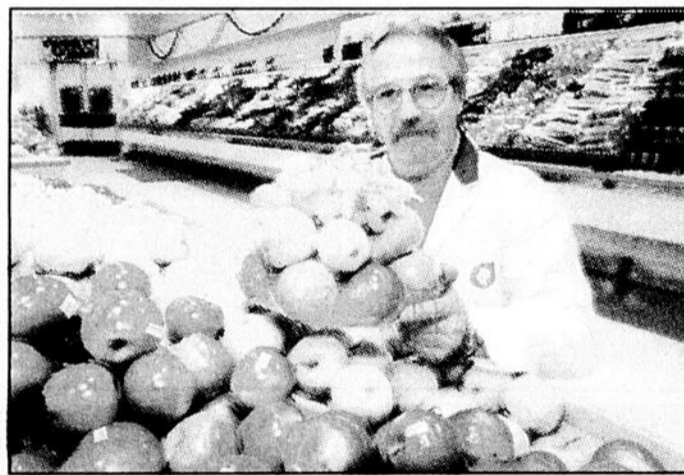
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## Investment paying off up north

By WAYNE LARSEN

Thanks to an investment his father made 24 years ago, a young Westmounter is getting his feet wet in the real-estate development business in the Laurentians.

Shane Brady is planning to build a luxurious home near the Mont Tremblant ski resort—and getting his hands on prime lakefront real estate has not been a problem.

Brady is currently selling finished lots as part of the company's second phase of development by the family company, Tribec Developers, along the shores of Lac Desmarais, just over an hour's drive north of Montreal.

The land—1,000 acres which completely surround the lake—was bought in the 1970s by Tribec president Noel Patric Brady, who saw a bright future for the Mont Tremblant area.

This intuition recently paid off when the Intrawest Corp., a leading North American resort company, announced a \$1.4-billion capital investment in the Mont Tremblant Resort, immediately increasing the demand for nearby land. Tribec recently opened an office in New York to deal with enquiries from the United States.

Brady, who lives on Victoria Avenue, graduated from Selwyn House and received an MBA from Long Island University before joining his father at Tribec in 1988.

For skiers, Lac Desmarais is located six kilometres southwest of the Mont Tremblant ski resort and even closer to Gray Rocks. There is no shortage of summer activities either, although Brady pointed out that no motor boats are allowed on the lake. This, he said, serves a dual purpose—it will preserve the peaceful atmosphere while keeping the water clean.

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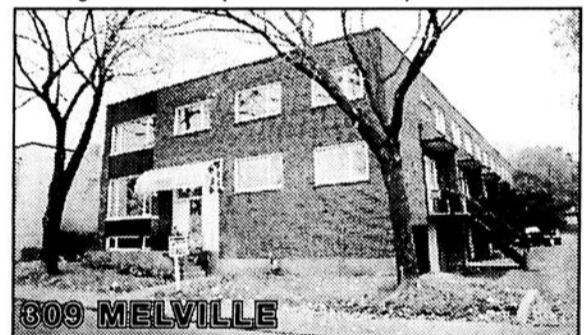
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Wednesday, Nov. 12

637 Roslyn: Nicole Fortier, front  
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Monday, Nov. 10

10 Lorraine: Mr. Hammonds,  
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# Boxes of books sent to National Library in Ottawa

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thing remotely literary will be passed on to the National Library and then sold at the Canadian Book Exchange, where they will be picked up by another library which would be glad to have them."

At a meeting Monday, WMA members said there is still a high level of concern about the Westmount library two years after a multimillion-dollar expansion project was completed.

The group will be writing to City Hall to request another meeting with the library committee to discuss book weeding and discarding, exhibition policy and lack of communication with the public.

The shipped books include runs of literary journals such as University of Toronto Quarterly, Queen's Quarterly, Dalhousie Review, Tamarack Review and a French-Canadian magazine series as well as old debates of the House

of Commons, Johnston said.

Library director Caroline Thibodeau said the material was not retained because the periodicals were not being used and the government documents are available on the Internet and on CD-Rom.

Some books might appeal to limited but appreciative audiences, argued Sherbrooke Street resident Grace Prince who looked through the discarded volumes with Johnston.

"I came across a book of maps called Our Nation's Capital. It's a very rare map which I'm sure any urban planner would love to take a look at and any library would kill to have," the former librarian commented.

Thibodeau said the weeding of the books in the basement, estimated at more than 10,000 volumes this spring, had been recently finished. The ongoing weeding of the regular collection continues,

she said.

In March the WMA called for a moratorium on the culling of books until the public was informed how and when the decision was made to get rid of old volumes. The local historical society won the right to look over cast-

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Although several volumes pertaining to Westmount were kept for their own archives from the first four boxes, it's been some time since the WHA has seen any books, Johnston noted.

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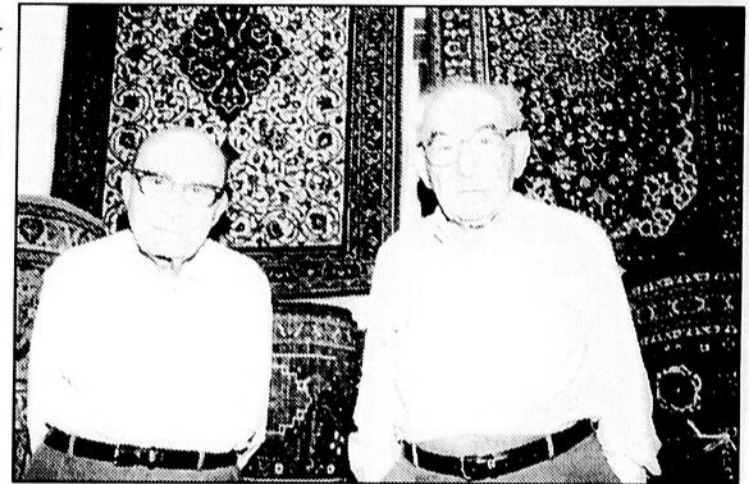
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## QSPELL awards gala

(Continued from page 1)

the award which is sponsored by the Federation of English-language Writers of Quebec (FEWQ). It is dedicated to encouraging and acknowledging authors who are published for the first time.

Well-known Westmounter Maurice Podbrey, former head of the Centaur Theatre, was also nominated for the first book award for his *Half Man, Half Beast: Making a Life in the Centaur Theatre*.

Almost every seat was taken in the 5e Salle in Place des Arts where CBC's Eleanor Wachtel hosted the ceremony.

Other winners included the late Ralph Gustafson, who completed his book of poems called *Vision Fugitive* just before his death in 1995. He won the A.M. Klein Prize for Poetry. Charles Foran's *Butterfly Lovers* won the Hugh MacLennan Prize for Fiction. Author Trevor Ferguson accepted the award on behalf of Foran who now lives in Hong Kong.

Winning the Community Award this year was host of CBC radio's

ArtTalks, Shelley Pomerance. The award is in recognition of an outstanding contribution to English language literary life by an individual or group.

Celebrating its tenth anniversary, QSPELL is a not for profit community-based organization with a mandate to encourage and support English language writing in Quebec. It shares an office in Westmount's Atwater Library with FEWQ. There are talks of merging the two organization, which have similar goals and share administrative resources.

Most of the speeches following the awards were lighthearted. Several mused about being a Montrealer living in Toronto. Jokes about bagels which "are contaminated by chocolate chips", and Ontario air "which just doesn't taste the same" had the audience chuckling and nodding their heads, as presenters and recipients of the prizes acknowledged the uniqueness of Montreal.

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## ÉTAT DES REVENUS ET DÉPENSES

REVENUS	BUDGET 1997	PRÉVISIONS 1997	BUDGET 1998	DÉPENSES	BUDGET 1997	PRÉVISIONS 1997	BUDGET 1998
<b>TAXES</b>				<b>ADMINISTRATION GÉNÉRALE</b>			
<b>Foncière générale</b>				Législation - conseil	\$ 257,400	\$ 257,700	\$ 259,500
Unifamiliale	\$ 20,336,200	\$ 20,288,000	\$ 20,338,300	Application de la loi - cour municipale	495,500	490,000	492,300
Condominium	2,722,400	2,716,000	2,722,700	Gestion financière et administrative	1,301,100	1,316,600	1,289,800
Conciergerie	3,152,400	3,144,900	3,152,800	Greffe	611,500	582,000	608,200
Autre Résidentiel	2,176,600	2,171,500	2,176,800	Ressources humaines	549,200	572,100	505,100
Commercial/Industriel	6,023,800	6,009,600	6,024,400	Édifices administratifs	328,700	319,400	304,000
<b>Total Taxe Foncière</b>	<b>\$ 34,411,400</b>	<b>\$ 34,330,000</b>	<b>\$ 34,415,000</b>		<b>\$ 3,543,400</b>	<b>\$ 3,537,800</b>	<b>\$ 3,458,900</b>
<b>Taxe sur les immeubles non-résidentiels</b>				<b>SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE</b>			
Commercial/Industriel	\$ 6,175,000	\$ 6,058,900	\$ 6,104,800	Édifice de la police	\$ 109,600	\$ 104,600	\$ 104,800
Gouvernements du Canada/Québec	381,200	381,100	381,100	Sécurité publique	1,925,200	1,921,400	1,911,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,556,200</b>	<b>\$ 6,440,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,485,900</b>	Protection civile et contre l'incendie	3,453,700	3,431,800	3,441,100
					<b>\$ 5,488,500</b>	<b>\$ 5,457,800</b>	<b>\$ 5,457,200</b>
<b>Moins: Provision pour contestations de taxes</b>	<b>\$ 400,000</b>	<b>\$ 400,000</b>	<b>\$ 400,000</b>	<b>VOIRIE</b>			
<b>Total des revenus de taxes</b>	<b>\$ 40,567,600</b>	<b>\$ 40,370,000</b>	<b>\$ 40,500,900</b>	Administration	\$ 699,900	\$ 694,600	\$ 671,400
				Voirie municipale	1,536,300	1,483,900	1,538,100
<b>COMPENSATION TENANT LIEU DE TAXES</b>				Enlèvement de la neige	2,168,000	2,617,300	2,142,400
Gouvernement du Canada	\$ 337,000	\$ 329,200	\$ 331,600	Éclairage des rues	426,100	394,500	410,100
Gouvernement du Québec	1,815,500	1,816,500	1,787,200	Circulation	441,800	454,900	506,400
Autres	212,300	212,300	212,300	Stationnement	117,100	114,300	117,200
	<b>\$ 2,364,800</b>	<b>\$ 2,358,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,331,100</b>		<b>\$ 5,389,200</b>	<b>\$ 5,759,500</b>	<b>\$ 5,385,600</b>
<b>SERVICES RENDUS À D'AUTRES MUNICIPALITÉS</b>				<b>HYGIÈNE DU MILIEU</b>			
Communauté urbaine de Montréal	100,000	95,000	92,000	Entretien des réseaux d'égouts	174,200	148,400	140,800
	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 95,000</b>	<b>\$ 92,000</b>	Enlèvement et destruction des ordures	867,100	873,100	912,600
<b>AUTRES SERVICES</b>					<b>\$ 1,041,300</b>	<b>\$ 1,021,500</b>	<b>\$ 1,053,400</b>
Victoria Hall	\$ 0	\$ 2,600	\$ 0	<b>ZONAGE ET MISE EN VALEUR DU TERRITOIRE</b>			
Aréna, terrains de jeu et piscine	188,000	222,000	225,000		<b>\$ 525,300</b>	<b>\$ 528,100</b>	<b>\$ 536,300</b>
Bibliothèque	65,000	65,000	100,000	<b>LOISIRS ET CULTURE</b>			
Stationnement	1,400,000	1,420,000	1,425,000	Administration	\$ 417,400	\$ 418,300	\$ 425,700
Récupérables et autres revenus	175,600	157,500	154,200	Centres communautaires	167,300	189,600	205,700
	<b>\$ 1,828,600</b>	<b>\$ 1,867,100</b>	<b>\$ 1,904,200</b>	Aréna	408,300	401,800	370,900
<b>AUTRES REVENUS DE SOURCES LOCALES</b>				Piscine	158,800	167,700	156,000
Droits de mutations immobilières	\$ 1,270,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,450,000	Programmes de récréation	169,100	166,200	165,600
Amendes	2,600,000	2,400,000	2,600,000	Parcs, terrains de jeu et serres	1,753,600	1,715,300	1,773,600
Intérêts sur dépôts à court terme	250,000	150,000	150,000		<b>\$ 3,074,500</b>	<b>\$ 3,058,900</b>	<b>\$ 3,097,500</b>
Intérêts/pénalités sur arrérages de taxes	300,000	200,000	200,000	<b>BIBLIOTHÈQUE ET SERVICES CULTURELS</b>	<b>\$ 1,915,800</b>	<b>\$ 1,869,800</b>	<b>\$ 1,927,700</b>
Disposition d'actifs immobilisés	32,000	85,400	32,000	<b>TOTAL DES DÉPENSES MUNICIPALES CONTRÔLABLES</b>	<b>\$ 20,978,000</b>	<b>\$ 21,233,400</b>	<b>\$ 20,916,600</b>
Distribution d'électricité (\$21,745,100 - \$20,545,100)	1,200,000	1,129,000	1,100,000	<b>AUTRES DÉPENSES</b>			
Autres revenus	150,000	151,800	172,500	Coût d'approvisionnement d'eau de la Ville de Montréal	\$ 1,590,000	\$ 1,552,000	\$ 1,582,000
	<b>\$ 5,802,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,716,200</b>	<b>\$ 5,704,500</b>	Recyclage et Régie Intermunicipale des Déchets	399,200	365,700	417,500
<b>TRANSFERTS CONDITIONNELS</b>				Service de la dette et autres frais de financement	3,126,100	3,056,100	3,290,700
Subvention du gouvernement du Québec - Bibliothèque	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,100	\$ 100,100	Immobilisations imputées au fonds d'exploitation	70,000	30,000	60,000
				Récupérables, éventualités et autres	641,500	627,800	625,600
<b>REVENU TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 50,763,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,506,400</b>	<b>\$ 50,632,800</b>		<b>\$ 5,826,800</b>	<b>\$ 5,631,600</b>	<b>\$ 5,975,800</b>
				<b>COMMUNAUTÉ URBAINE DE MONTRÉAL S.T.C.U.M.</b>	<b>\$ 8,098,200</b>	<b>\$ 7,978,400</b>	<b>\$ 7,978,400</b>
				Administration, sécurité et autres	13,560,000	13,462,000	13,462,000
					<b>\$ 21,658,200</b>	<b>\$ 21,440,400</b>	<b>\$ 21,440,400</b>
				<b>TOTAL DES DÉPENSES</b> Excluant le financement des nouvelles dépenses en capital	<b>\$ 48,463,000</b>	<b>\$ 48,305,400</b>	<b>\$ 48,332,800</b>
				<b>FINANCEMENT</b> "PAY AS YOU GO"	<b>\$ 2,300,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,150,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,300,000</b>
				<b>EXCÉDANT DES REVENUS SUR LES DÉPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 51,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
				<b>TOTAL DES DÉPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 50,763,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,506,400</b>	<b>\$ 50,632,800</b>

\* Correction: Due to production errors in The Examiner of December 4, 1997, the statement of revenue and expenditure contained some erroneous information. This is the corrected version. We apologize for any inconvenience.



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### STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

R E V E N U E			E X P E N D I T U R E				
	BUDGET 1997	FORECAST 1997	BUDGET 1998	BUDGET 1997	FORECAST 1997	BUDGET 1998	
<b>TAXATION</b>			<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>				
General Property Tax				Legislation - Council	\$ 257,400	\$ 257,700	\$ 259,500
Single Family Dwelling	\$ 20,336,200	\$ 20,288,000	\$ 20,338,300	Law Enforcement -			
Condominia	2,722,400	2,716,000	2,722,700	Municipal Court	495,500	490,000	492,300
Apartments	3,152,400	3,144,900	3,152,800	Finance and			
Other Residential	2,176,600	2,171,500	2,176,800	General Administration	1,301,100	1,316,600	1 289,800
Commercial/Industrial	6,023,800	6,009,600	6,024,400	City Clerk	611,500	582,000	608,200
<b>Total Property Tax</b>	<b>\$ 34,411,400</b>	<b>\$ 34,330,000</b>	<b>\$ 34,415,000</b>	Human Resources	549,200	572,100	505,100
				Administration Buildings	328,700	319,400	304,000
					<b>\$ 3,543,400</b>	<b>\$ 3,537,800</b>	<b>\$ 3,458,900</b>
				<b>PROTECTIVE SERVICES</b>			
Tax on Non-Residential Immoveables				Police Building	\$ 109,600	\$ 104,600	\$ 104,800
Commercial/Industrial	\$ 6,175,000	\$ 6,058,900	\$ 6,104,800	Public Security	1,925,200	1,921,400	1,911,300
Govts of Canada/Québec	381,200	381,100	381,100	Fire and Civil Protection	3,453,700	3,431,800	3,441,100
					<b>\$ 5,488,500</b>	<b>\$ 5,457,800</b>	<b>\$ 5,457,200</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,556,200</b>	<b>\$ 6,440,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,485,900</b>	<b>ROAD TRANSPORT</b>			
				Administration	\$ 699,900	\$ 694,600	\$ 671,400
Less: Provision for				Streets and Sidewalks	1,536,300	1,483,900	1,538,100
Tax Contestations	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	Snow Removal and Disposal	2,168,000	2,617,300	2,142,400
<b>Total Taxation Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 40,567,600</b>	<b>\$ 40,370,000</b>	<b>\$ 40,500,900</b>	Street Lighting	426,100	394,500	410,100
				Traffic Control	441,800	454,900	506,400
				Parking Lots	117,100	114,300	117,200
					<b>\$ 5,389,200</b>	<b>\$ 5,759,500</b>	<b>\$ 5,385,600</b>
				<b>SANITATION SERVICES</b>			
<b>COMPENSATION IN LIEU OF TAXES</b>				Sewer System Maintenance	\$ 174,200	\$ 148,400	\$ 140,800
Government of Canada	\$ 337,000	\$ 329,200	\$ 331,600	Refuse Collection and Disposal	867,100	873,100	912,600
Government of Québec	1,815,500	1,816,500	1,787,200		<b>\$ 1,041,300</b>	<b>\$ 1,021,500</b>	<b>\$ 1,053,400</b>
Other (Service Taxes)	212,300	212,300	212,300	<b>ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>			
	<b>\$ 2,364,800</b>	<b>\$ 2,358,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,331,100</b>		<b>\$ 525,300</b>	<b>\$ 528,100</b>	<b>\$ 536,300</b>
				<b>SPORTS AND RECREATION</b>			
<b>SERVICES TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES</b>				Administration	\$ 417,400	\$ 418,300	\$ 425,700
Montreal Urban Community	100,000	95,000	92,000	Community Centers	167,300	189,600	205,700
	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 95,000</b>	<b>\$ 92,000</b>	Arena	408,300	401,800	370,900
				Swimming Pool	158,800	167,700	156,000
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>				Recreation Programs	169,100	166,200	165,600
Victoria Hall	\$ 0	\$ 2,600	\$ 0	Parks, Playgrounds			
Arena, Playgrounds				and Greenhouse	1,753,600	1,715,300	1,773,600
and Swimming Pool	188,000	222,000	225,000		<b>\$ 3,074,500</b>	<b>\$ 3,058,900</b>	<b>\$ 3,097,500</b>
Library	65,000	65,000	100,000	<b>LIBRARY AND CULTURAL SERVICES</b>			
Parking Lots	1,400,000	1,420,000	1,425,000		<b>\$ 1,915,800</b>	<b>\$ 1,869,800</b>	<b>\$ 1,927,700</b>
Recoverable and				<b>TOTAL CONTROLLABLE MUNICIPAL EXPENSES</b>			
Other Revenues	175,600	157,500	154,200		<b>\$ 20,973,000</b>	<b>\$ 21,233,400</b>	<b>\$ 20,916,600</b>
	<b>\$ 1,828,600</b>	<b>\$ 1,867,100</b>	<b>\$ 1,904,200</b>	<b>OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>			
				Water Purchased			
<b>OTHER REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES</b>				from Montreal	\$ 1,590,000	\$ 1,552,000	\$ 1,582,000
Duty on Transfer				Recycling and Régie			
of Immoveables	\$ 1,270,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,450,000	des Déchets Intermunicipal	399,200	365,700	417,500
Court Fines	2,600,000	2,400,000	2,600,000	Debt Service and Other			
Interest on				Financing Costs	3,126,100	3,056,100	3,290,700
Short-Term Deposits	250,000	150,000	150,000	Capital Expense Charged			
Interest/Penalties				to Operating Fund	70,000	30,000	60,000
on Tax Arrears	300,000	200,000	200,000	Recoverables, Contingency			
Sale of Capital Assets	32,000	85,400	32,000	and Other	641,500	627,800	625,600
Utility Operations					<b>\$ 5,826,800</b>	<b>\$ 5,631,600</b>	<b>\$ 5,975,800</b>
(\$22,150,000 - \$21,050,000)	1,200,000	1,129,000	1,100,000	<b>MONTREAL URBAN COMMUNITY</b>			
Other Revenues	150,000	151,800	172,500	M.U.C.T.C.	\$ 8,098,200	\$ 7,978,400	\$ 7,978,400
	<b>\$ 5,802,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,716,200</b>	<b>\$ 5,704,500</b>	Administration, Security			
				and Other	13,560,000	13,462,000	13,462,000
<b>CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS</b>					<b>\$ 21,658,200</b>	<b>\$ 21,440,400</b>	<b>\$ 21,440,400</b>
Québec Library Grant	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,100	\$ 100,100	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>			
				Excluding New Capital			
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 50,763,000</b>	<b>\$50,506,400</b>	<b>\$ 50,632,800</b>	Expenditure Financing	\$ 48,463,000	\$ 48,305,400	\$ 48,332,800
				<b>PAY AS YOU GO</b>			
				<b>CAPITAL FINANCING</b>	<b>\$ 2,300,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,150,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,300,000</b>
				<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>			
					\$ 0	\$ 51,000	\$ 0
				<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>			
					<b>\$ 50,763,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,506,400</b>	<b>\$ 50,632,800</b>

# Murder mystery has city's fingerprints all over it

By SIGNE KATZ

At a recent signing at Chapters bookstore, Carole Epstein read a description of Westmount from her new book, *Perilous Relations*. "Westmount is just a vertical residential area with the house prices climbing as the hill rises. And it is only a hill," she chuckled as she recalled looking up to see the Mayor of Westmount, Peter Trent, standing there listening. The crime scene in her latest mystery in the *Perilous* series takes place in Westmount and the descriptions of the people and places will ring a familiar tone with its residents.

Epstein began her writing career after retiring as President of Canada Belt and Bag. "I suddenly found that I had a lot of time on my hands and so I decided to try to write a book," she said. "The first one was just for fun. It was like a sweater that I knit without the last sleeve but it didn't matter. But the second one was work because I was aware of all the mistakes that I had made in the

first."

The *Perilous* series of mysteries and her main character, Barbara Simons, are her own creations. She is now almost finished her third book in the series and plans to write at least a fourth. "I want to write a book in each of the four seasons in Montreal," she said.

Her latest book was set in the spring. Epstein said that she will continue to write "until I run out of 'perilouses' or my publisher tells me 'enough'."

### Both set in Westmount

Both of her books, *Perilous Friends* being the first in the series, are set in Westmount because she's familiar with it and she added that "the people in my second book wouldn't live anywhere else." In both of her books, Epstein said that she concentrated on a particular cultural communi-



Second book for author Epstein.

ty. "It is fun to take a group of people, play with them, and manipulate them." Epstein is no stranger to Westmount. She used to live here, her brother and all her friends still reside here, and Greene Avenue continues to be one of her favorite haunts.

"Westmount translates well onto paper," she replied when asked why she chose the city as the setting for her book. "You have to write about the things that you are familiar with because you still have to invent so much in your book," she added. "But you can't make mistakes when describing the area."

She admits that the house described in her book does not really exist on Belmont Avenue. "I went walking around Westmount until I found the type of house I was looking for and I used it as my model. I moved the house to Belmont though because

I wanted the park nearby in my descriptions," she said. In retrospect, she added that "there should have been dogs in her book since the park is full of golden retrievers, a fashionable Westmount dog."

A problem she said she encountered while writing this book was deciding on how her main character, Barbara, would run into a dead body since normal Westmounters do not frequently have this experience. Her books are not based on her real-life experiences. She said that she has never encountered a dead body herself.

"I did have six people come up to me after my first book who thought that they were the basis for characters. I made them up."

"Maybe in the beginning I used kernels of some people that I knew but the characters really developed lives of their own," she said.

Epstein did admit, however, that "you can really hear my voice throughout the book. But it doesn't mean that it is me. For exam-

ple, Barbara exercises often but I wouldn't go to the gym to save my life. I just thought she should be healthy."

"You get to create characters exactly how you want them to be. She's also younger than me." She also added that "it is also fun because you get to kill people in a book."

*Perilous Relations* was written in two and a half months because Epstein said that she was ill for an extended period last year. However, she said she thinks it was a better book than the first because "it was more focused. I was in complete control."

In this book, she leaves two possible suspects as the culprit. Only at the end of writing the book did she decide who did it. "What you need to know is why people kill, you need a good motive. The three motives are always sex, money, and revenge."

Both books are available in bookstores in hardcover or can be borrowed from the Westmount Library where she did a significant part of her writing.

## VILLE DE WESTMOUNT / CITY OF WESTMOUNT PROGRAMME DE DEPENSES EN IMMOBILISATIONS / CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 1998 - 1999 - 2000

MUNICIPALE / MUNICIPAL CATÉGORIE DE PROJET PROJECT CATEGORY	BUDGET			MODE DE FINANCEMENT / METHOD OF FINANCING		
	1998	1999	2000	PONDS DE ROULEMENT WORKING FUND	PAY-AS-YOU-GO	PARCS/TERR. DE JEUX PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS
1. BÂTIMENTS / BUILDINGS	\$1,910,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 710,000	\$1,231,000	\$ 679,000	-
2. CHEMINS / ROADS	775,000	2,120,000	2,405,000	75,000	700,000	-
3. PARCS / PARKS	386,000	220,000	195,000	200,000	186,000	-
4. VÉHICULES / VEHICLES	251,000	228,000	251,000	-	251,000	-
5. INFORMATIQUE / INFO. SYSTEMS	148,000	150,000	150,000	-	148,000	-
6. DIVERS / MISCELLANEOUS	336,000	305,000	150,000	-	336,000	-
<b>TOTAL - PROJETS MUNICIPAUX ROUTINIERS TOTAL - ROUTINE MUNICIPAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$3,806,000</b>	<b>\$3,923,000</b>	<b>\$3,861,000</b>	<b>\$1,506,000</b>	<b>\$2,300,000</b>	<b>-</b>

SERVICES / UTILITY	1998	1999	2000	PONDS DE ROULEMENT WORKING FUND	PAY-AS-YOU-GO	PARCS/TERR. DE JEUX PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS
7. ÉNERGIE ÉLECTRIQUE - SERVICES / LIGHT & POWER - UTILITY	\$ 870,000	\$1,010,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 830,000	\$ 40,000	-
8. SERVICES - VÉHICULES UTILITY VEHICLES	52,000	-	-	52,000	-	-
<b>TOTAL - PROJETS ROUTINIERS - SERVICES TOTAL - ROUTINE UTILITY PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$ 922,000</b>	<b>\$1,010,000</b>	<b>\$ 990,000</b>	<b>\$ 882,000</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>-</b>

PROJETS MAJEURS MAJOR PROJECTS	1998	1999	2000	PONDS DE ROULEMENT WORKING FUND	PAY-AS-YOU-GO	RÈGL. EMPRUNT LOAN-BY-LAW
VICTORIA HALL	\$1,300,000	-	-	-	-	\$1,300,000
NOUVEAU CAMION ÉCHELLE NEW LADDER TRUCK	-	850,000	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL - PROJETS MAJEURES TOTAL - MAJOR PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>	<b>\$ 850,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>

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**Tourney brings in bucks for hospitals**

By BOB OLIVER

The Westmount SWAT team might have fallen one goal short of winning their 9th annual hockey tournament but shortly after the game there was cause for celebration.

Their main goal, to raise money for the neurology departments of the Montreal Children's and St. Justine's

hospitals, far exceeded their expectations.

At the conclusion of Sunday afternoon's Silent Auction—the final fund-raising endeavour—money realized from advertising, team fees, donations and the auction reached the \$18,000 mark—up about \$8,000 from last year's event.

Co-chairman Marcel Guay is already making plans for the milestone 10th annual event.

"We thank everyone who pitched in to help the hospitals," SWAT treasurer Howard Hoppenheim said.

The SWAT team collectively wanted to single out Graham Fletcher of the Westmount Metro located on Sherbrooke St. and Victoria Ave., for providing a free Sunday breakfast for all at the arena.

Also Justin West for coordinating food and drink for the players throughout the weekend, and the Westmount arena attendants for their undying service and support.

*B-ball Blues beat Nomades*

Avenging a 20-point loss to the Cegep powerhouse Montmorency Nomades in a tournament earlier this year, the Dawson College Blues 'AAA' men's team rebounded in spectacular fashion with a resounding 100-89 league victory Friday night at Dawson.

It was Montmorency's first loss of the year. With the win, the Blues have pulled along side the Nomades atop the Cegep league standings with identical 6-1 records.

Leading the way by his on-court example was Dawson veteran "King" Kirk Reid. The 6 ft. 4 in. forward had an offensive field-day, leading all scorers with 35 points.

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House League						
Novice	G	W	L	T	F	A P
Senators	6	4	0	2	29	14 10
Canadiens	6	3	2	1	23	18 7
Guards	6	3	2	1	16	19 7
Bears	6	3	3	0	22	21 6
Dragons	6	1	4	2	20	22 4
Atom						
Stars	6	4	2	0	26	14 8
Canadiens	6	2	2	1	14	16 6
Avalanche	6	2	3	1	20	22 5
Peewee						
Capitals	7	4	1	2	34	19 10
Canadiens	6	3	2	1	33	21 7
Scouts	7	1	5	1	19	46 3
Bantam						
Flames	8	5	1	2	36	14 12
Lightning	7	2	4	1	29	37 5
Leafs	7	2	4	1	23	37 5
Midget						
Rangers	8	4	4	0	25	23 8
Sabres	8	4	4	0	23	25 8
Senior						
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Senior B						
Kings	10	7	3	0	36	16 14
Fathers	10	7	3	0	31	22 14
Devils	10	5	1	4	19	11 14
Hawks	10	5	3	2	26	21 12
Flyers	10	4	3	3	25	27 11
Oilers	10	3	4	3	34	30 9
Sharks	10	1	7	2	22	46 4
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Senior A						
Rangers	11	7	2	2	44	24 16
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# SPORTS

## Westmount squad beat out again in SWAT finale

By Bob Oliver

Bridesmaids might not exactly be the word the Westmount Oldtimers SWAT team want as a label, but the entire team is proud of their second consecutive second-place finish at their own hockey tournament this past weekend at the Westmount arena.

After falling on the short end of a 3-2 overtime shootout to Dorval in the championship final last year, the SWAT team were once again only one goal short of winning it all this year. At the 9th annual event that ran from Thursday to Sunday, Beaconsfield got to put their city's name on the championship trophy by edging the SWAT team 2-1 in the final.

"It's okay, we made it to the finals again," SWAT forward Claude Bismuth said shortly after the championship game. "Next year will be our 10th anniversary hosting this tournament. That's the one we're going to win."

Despite not drinking from the winning cup, the SWAT team's strong showing gave them something to be proud of. And sitting in their dressing room with their finalists trophies in hand made the cold ones taste that much better.

"I guess you could say we peaked a little early. We played our best game Friday night," SWAT sniper Bruce Kemerer said. "But give Beaconsfield credit, they deserve it. They're a strong team and they're tough to knock off the puck. In any event, it was a good, close, clean game. No one got hurt."

Kicking off the event on Thursday night, Westmount got things started by beating Kirkland 4-1. Doug Price, Kemerer, Bismuth and Richard Shadley were the SWAT marksmen, with assists going to Billy Marsden (2), Hillel Greenbaum (2), and Jim

West. The following night the SWAT team got two goals from Kemerer and one from Price in a 3-1 win over T.M.R. Don Lang, West (2), and Shadley assisted.

Apart from the final game, Westmount suffered their only other setback on Saturday, losing 3-1 to the Montreal Old Puckers. Twenty-one seconds into the game, Kemerer hooked up with Price for the lone SWAT goal.

"We didn't play a good positional game, we were getting caught in our own zone and we didn't shoot the puck enough," said Jon Feldman, whose knee operation in September turned him from player to coach. "Fatigue also set in," he said, and added with tongue-in-cheek, "but hey, we're oldtimers. It's just natural to get tired when you get to our age."

In their 1-0 semifinal win against T.M.R. on Sunday morn-

ing, Lang put the red light on for Westmount converting a three-way play with West and Howard "Bobby" Hoppenheim.

In Sunday's final down 2-0, Westmount made it a one-goal game when Lang redirected a Kemerer point-shot by the Beaconsfield goaltender midway through the final period.

"It doesn't get any better than this in a final game," said Beaconsfield captain John Van Leeuwen, standing at center ice with the championship trophy. "Westmount played well, and they made it close."

In the dressing room after the final game the entire SWAT team applauded the efforts of goalie Michel Bourgeois, who kept them in every game.

SWAT team members were Bruce Kemerer, Don Lang, Doug Price, Michel Bourgeois, Howard

Hoppenheim, Marcel Guay, Bill Marsden, Claude Bismuth, Richard Shadley, Nick Matossian, Jim West, Claude Mercier, Hillel Greenbaum, Peter Naylor, and coach Jon Feldman.

Teams participating were Beaconsfield, T.M.R., Kirkland, Pierrefonds, Alouettes, Montreal Old Puckers, Dorval and the Westmount hack...er...SWAT team.



This drawing was done in celebration of three goals scored by Nicholas Marks, 12, a pee-wee house league hockey player who bagged a hat trick a couple of weeks ago. The Irvine Avenue resident plays for the Capitals. The drawing was done by local illustrator and Irvine Avenue neighbour Bruce Roberts.



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**IN ONE WEEK**  
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**N.D.G.**

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**DOWNTOWN**

Spacious 3 bdr., 2 bath condo. Private terrace with southern exposure and views, garage, all amenities. Asking \$249,000.  
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