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Welcome to winter!

It was slow going for rush hour motorists and pedestrians at busy intersections like Ste. Catherine Street and Greene Avenue last Monday morning as the first winter storm of the season dumped what would eventually be an estimated 30 centimetres of snow on the city.

St. George's makes 'mind-body' connection with renewed emphasis on athletics

> **Martin C. Barry**

Mind, body, spirit... As a student himself years ago, James Officer, head of St. George's School, had no idea of the true meaning of the motto at the learning institution he attended.

According to Officer, it was just a slogan without meaning that he and other students couldn't relate to their personal experience.

St. George's has just launched a campaign to better inform its students of "risky behaviors" that are potentially hazardous to their well being. A large part of that effort will include an emphasis on the integral nature of each person.

"What we are doing here is, in fact, having the kids experience what it means to have a body, mind and spirit, so they see it as a natural integrated part of their school experience," says Officer.

Health and wellness were among the founding principles of St. George's School. More than 75 years later, that focus seems more appropriate than ever.

This year, St. George's has decided to place new emphasis on athletics, following recent scientific evidence indicating that physical activity has a positive impact on academic performance.

As such, beginning this year, the school has entered into an agreement with another school,

The Study, to lease space in the sports complex on the former campus of Marianopolis College on Côte des Neiges Road. The complex includes a swimming pool, a gymnasium, tennis and squash courts and other facilities.

"In 1930, parents and educators intuitively knew there was a very strong connection between a healthy mind and a healthy body," says Officer. "Although we all intuitively knew that, very recent research is drawing very strong scientific evidence that says it's, in fact, even better than we thought."

Nathalie Bossé, director of St. George's student support services, attended a conference on critical

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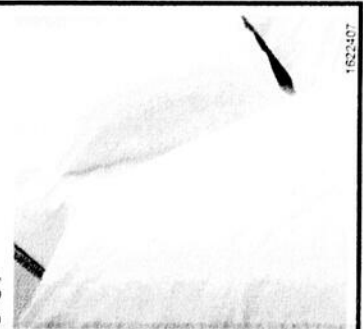
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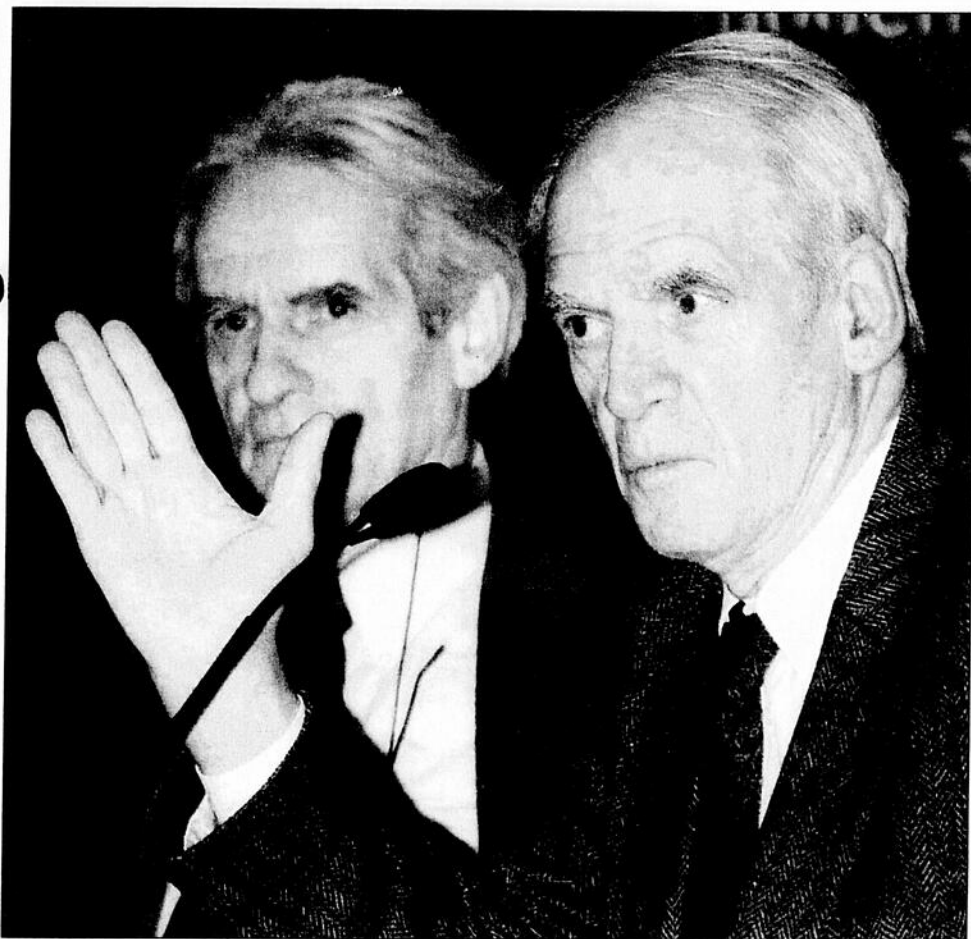
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West-enders air views at Bouchard-Taylor 'accommodation' commission hearing



Commission co-chairs Charles Taylor, right, and Gérard Bouchard presiding at last week's hearing.

> Martin C. Barry

Some residents of Côte St. Luc and NDG were among those having their say on the 'reasonable accommodation' issue during hearings held by the Bouchard-Taylor Commission last week for Montreal's anglophone community.

The commission has been travelling all over the province consulting Quebecers and garnering headlines in the process — not all of them positive.

Gérard Bouchard, a sociologist, and Charles Taylor, a philosopher, will be submit-

ting a report with recommendations on how to deal with the touchy issue of accommodation of minority rights to Premier Jean Charest on March 31 next year.

Addressing the commissioners last Thursday evening at the Palais des Congrès, George Farkas, a Côte St. Luc resident, appealed for tolerance between the various cultures that make up Quebec society. Quebec, he said, is composed of three different groups: indigenous people, the colonists who arrived, and later immigrants.

"We have to have respect for everybody," said Farkas. "They have their rights and we should respect their rights and we should have consideration for all their needs."

Introducing himself as a Québécois Jew who is proud of the Quebec culture, Darrell Legge, an Old Montreal resident, attended the hearing wearing a leather jacket with colourful lettering stitched across the back identifying him as an anti-Zionist.

As Farkas, who sat a row away, shook his head in disbelief, Legge went on to describe how Quebec's laws protect the right to a good life for all, but with that right comes responsibility, "like not supporting or endorsing rogue states like Israel."

In a brief delivered to Bouchard and Taylor, Harvey Goldman, also of Côte St. Luc,

noted that "some people have used the commission as a platform for racist and bigoted comments."

"I'm very embarrassed as a Quebecer when I turn on CNN and I see they're talking internationally about a debate we had here in Quebec whether pork should be removed from pea soup to allow minority groups to eat it," he said. "That embarrasses me and this is what's making international news."

Goldman encouraged the commission "to try and distinguish between the nonsense and stupidity you've heard and some of the very valid and constructive comments that may have been made to you."

"Let me acknowledge that some people have made some very good suggestions and made them from their heart," he added. "Some people have made some very silly suggestions and made them from another part of their body that I can't repeat."

Rev. David Oliver, pastor of St. Thomas's Church in NDG, said the commission, despite the fact it had been a forum for some people to say things we might have preferred not to hear, was an example of the "fundamental dialogue that is necessary for us to grow as a nation — whether it's Canada or whether it's Quebec."

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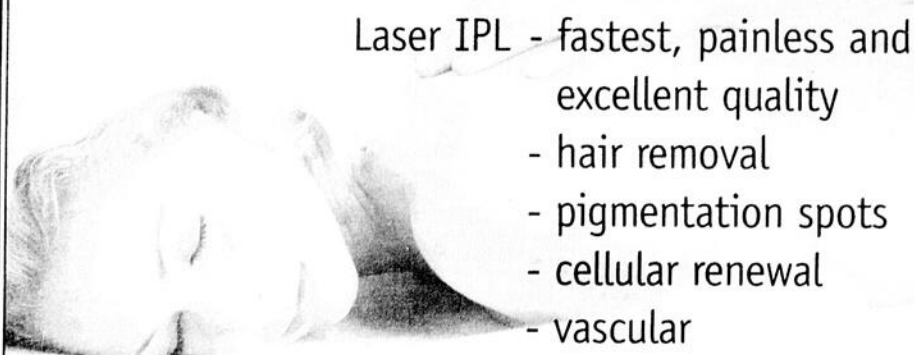


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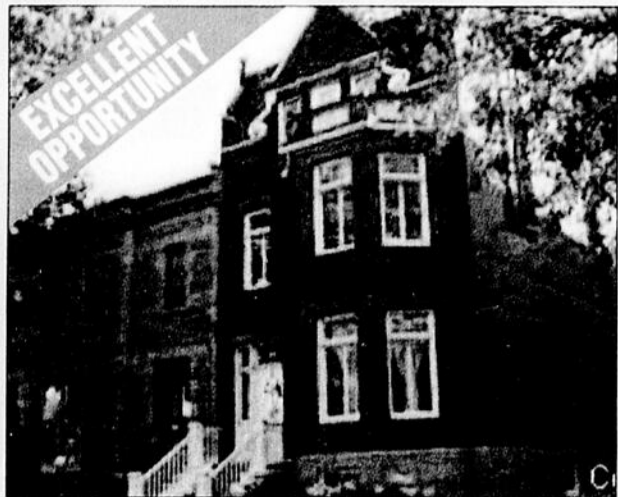


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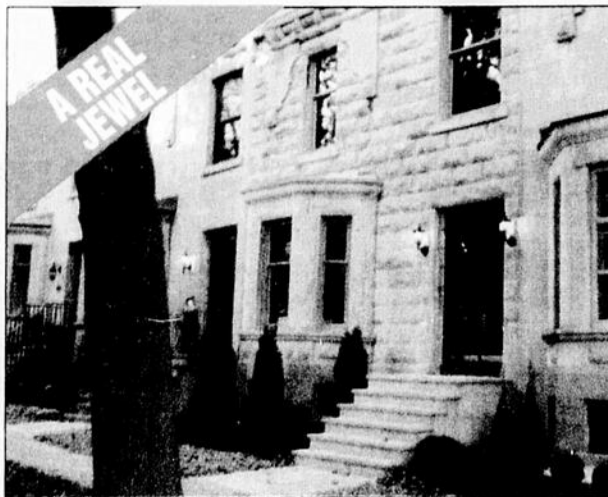
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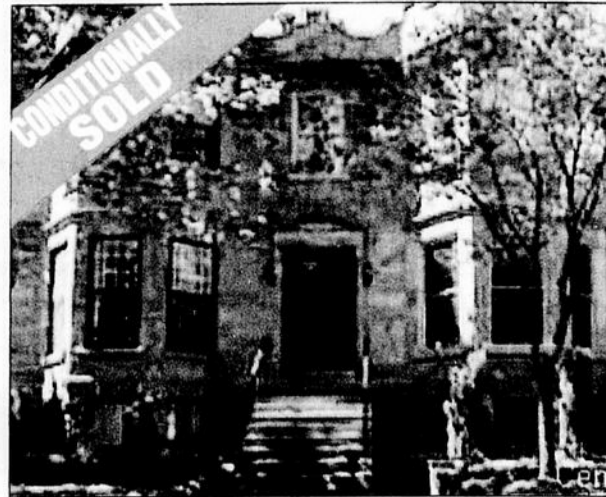
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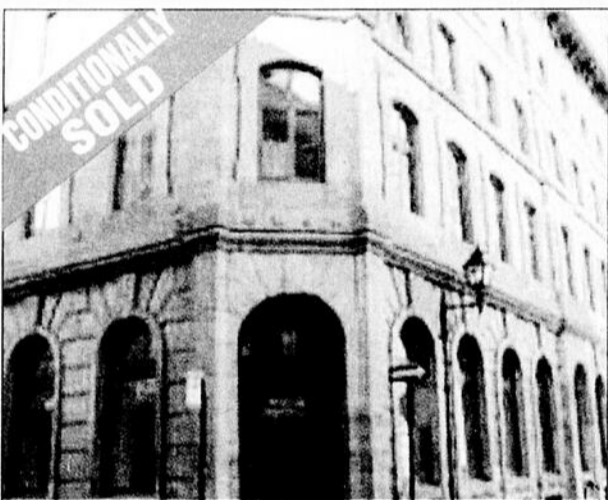
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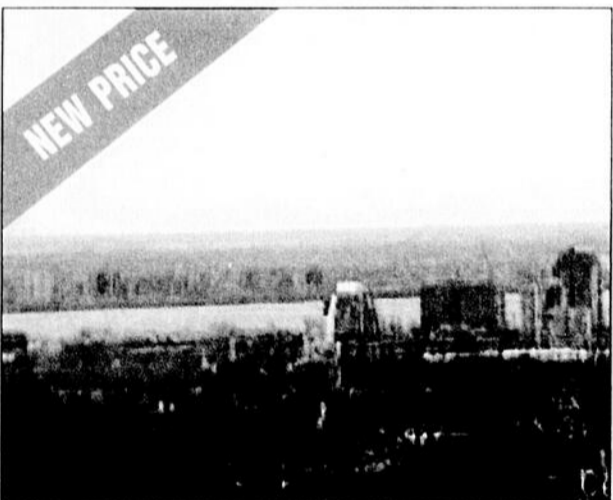
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Affiliation Quebec leader Nutik renews partition call

> Martin C. Barry

More than a decade after he began calling for the partition of an independent Quebec, even taking the campaign to Westmount city officials, Affiliation Quebec leader Allen Nutik is calling for the use of partition as a last resort — should the Quebec independence movement ever succeed.

In a speech the Redfern Avenue resident will be making in January to Canadians for Language Fairness, an Ottawa-based lobby group opposed to official bilingualism, Nutik laces into Quebec nationalists and separatists.

He says the PQ, the BQ and other organizations, like les Jeunes Patriotes du Québec, Impératif Français and the Mouvement Montréal Français, want to "ratchet up their latest versions of anti-Anglo and minority rhetoric.

"It is their clear intention to divide, threaten and frighten us in order to hasten our departure from Quebec, so they can create the winning conditions for the inevitable next referendum on separation," says Nutik.

In a variation on the late Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King's famous words on conscription, Nutik says the time has come for all Canadians across the country to "call

loudly for the partition of Quebec, if necessary, but not necessarily partition ... We loyal Canadians do have our Plan B, and that, of course, is the basic concept of partition ...

"The separatists may perhaps establish their ill-gotten independent state, and be gone from the daily lives of democratic loving, full rights enjoying Canadians, if as disaffected Quebecers they are unable to find an adequate modus vivendi, which definitely seems to be the case," he adds.

In the event partition should come to pass, he says, "greater minds than I, you can be assured, will work out the full details of citizenship, territory, exact boundaries, division of national debt, assets, pensions, a new name if necessary, and the myriad of other details implicit in such a divorce."

Nutik, who has long been active in the anglo-rights movement, tried in 1997 to have Westmount city council pass a resolution asking the federal government to guarantee that citizens loyal to Canada would be allowed to remain territorially part of the nation. Although a number of Montreal suburban municipalities passed the resolution, Peter Trent, who was mayor of Westmount at the time, refused.

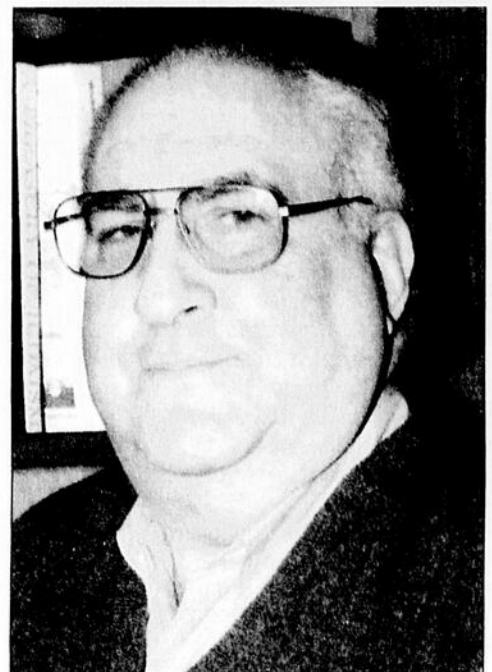
The seeds of the partition movement were sown a decade ago when Stéphane Dion, who was Intergovernmental Affairs Minister in the federal Liberal cabinet and now leads the Liberals, said that if Canada is divisible then so is Quebec.

Nutik acknowledges that partition is the most effective weapon he and other federalists have, because it poses the greatest threat to separatists. "We want people to know it's there," he says. "We don't want anybody to forget that it's part of this discussion."

Nutik has been trying since last May, when he launched his party, to gain the Quebec director general of elections's approval.

He claims to have more than 250 supporters' signatures now endorsing the creation of the party, which was established "to actively pursue the full rights and interests of staunch Canadians living in Quebec."

He expects the certification process to be completed early in the new year. "All necessary documentation in respect to the recognition of Affiliation Quebec as an official Quebec political party are now in the hands of le Directeur général des élections du Québec) for processing," he reported this week.



Allen Nutik

'Tis the season for home security

The holidays are also a prime time for burglars, and local police are reminding residents that a few simple precautions can go a long way in preventing thieves from breaking into your home and ruining what should be a festive time of year.

"We have a much higher number of break-and-entering incidents during this time," says Const. Adalbert Pimentel of Station 12, who stresses the importance of giving your home the appearance of being lived in while you're away.

Have a friend or neighbour shovel the snow from your walk and driveway, and arrange to have someone pick up your mail on a regular basis so that it doesn't accumulate.

Pimentel also points out that your home phone message can tip off thieves. "Don't leave a message on your machine saying you'll be away on vacation until such a date — just say you're unavailable to take the call at the moment," he says.

Other precautions like keeping a radio on and having various lights in your home connected to a timer will also give that 'lived-in' appearance. "Timers are relatively inexpensive and can be very effective," Pimentel says.

These measures should be taken even if you have an alarm system, Pimentel says, because quite often homes with excellent alarm systems still get broken into.

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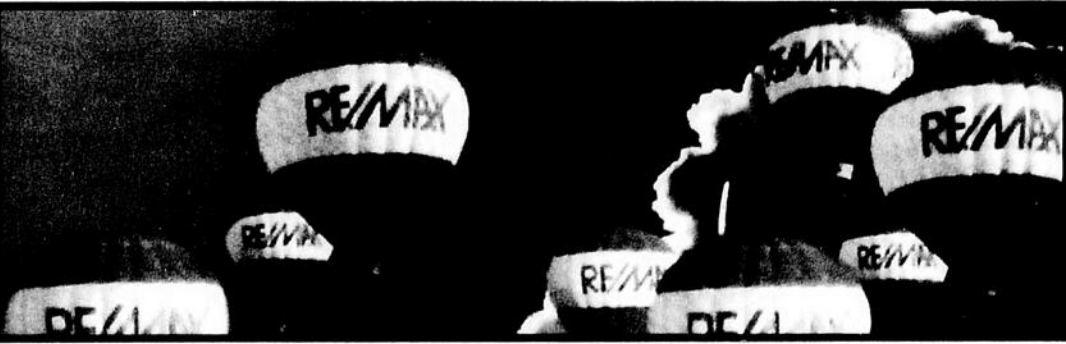
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Language spat has no holiday spirit

Yes, Virginia, there really is a Santa Claus, and he's right over there, demanding your parents shop for gifts in French.

Two French-language advocacy groups took to the streets of Montreal last week to protest the use of too much English in Montreal shops. Commerce in Quebec, they argued, should be conducted in the language of the majority, which is of course, Farsi.

Just wanted to see if you were still paying attention.

The groups, called Movement Montréal français and Impératif français, took to the streets of Montreal dressed in Santa Claus costumes to protest the use of English in the stores of Ste. Catherine Street.

That's on the heels of Movement Montréal français's campaign against government and voice-mail systems that offer English speakers a chance to press 9 to get service in their language.

It's all a little too much for us, especially in light of 2006 Census results released Tuesday concerning the use of language in the province. The numbers showed more and more immigrants speaking French as their second language, where previously English filled that void for them, so the survival of the language in the province remains in little doubt.

What is not in doubt, however, is that in Montreal, business is conducted in whatever language it takes to get the sale made. In fact, business – the retail market – will determine whether or not customers want to be served in French only. The reality is that most Montrealers just want to go about their business on a daily basis with a minimum of hassles.

What they don't want is Operation Press 9, which is just petty and mean-spirited, and is an attempt to assimilate English speakers in much the same way the English felt the need to try and assimilate the French in Quebec 300 years ago – which is partly where all this nationalistic insecurity comes from.

Walk down Greene or Victoria avenues in Westmount and listen for a while. You'll hear almost as much French as English, but the conversations switch back and forth so often the transition is often seamless.

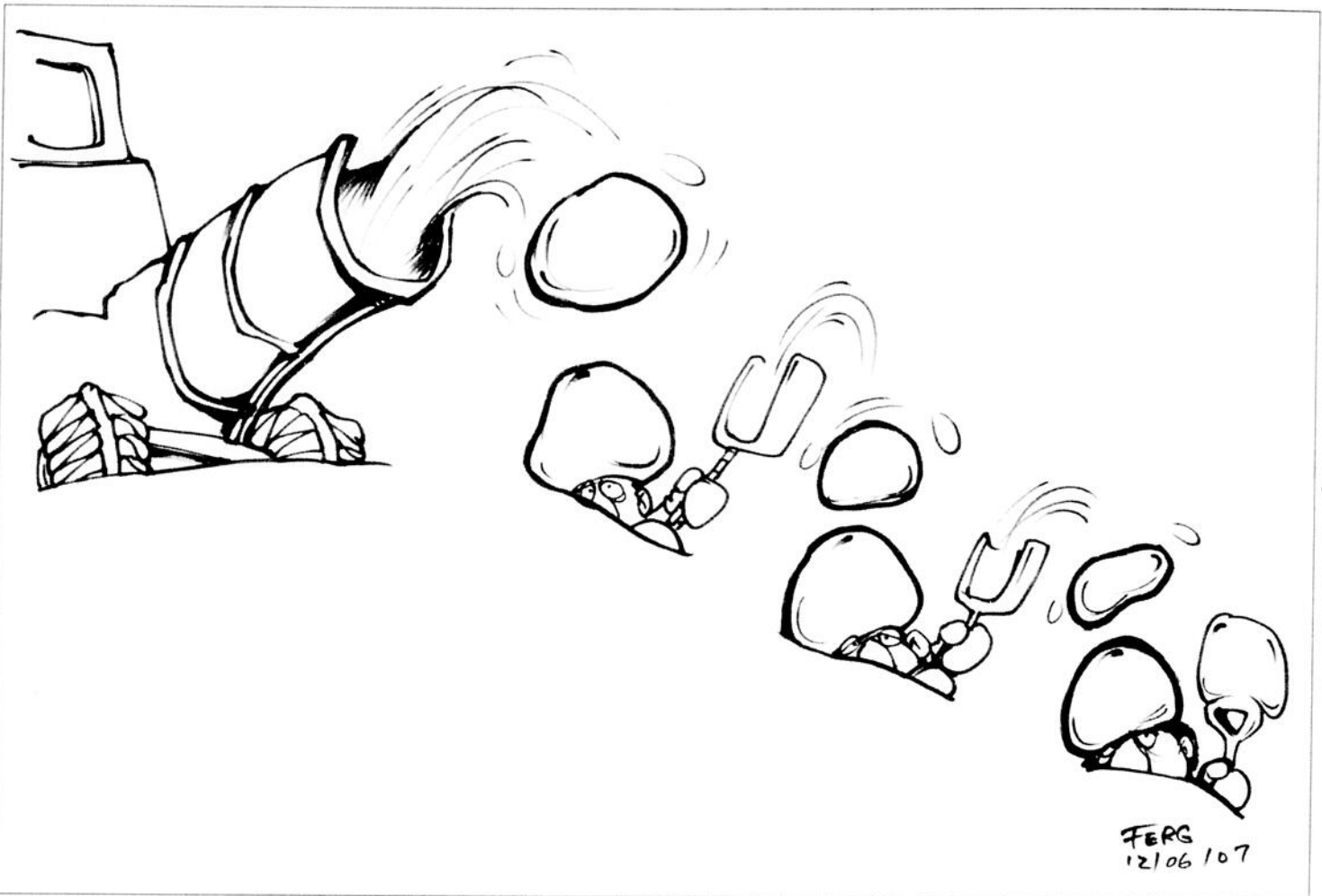
There is nothing wrong with letting an English-speaking senior citizen get service, especially in the area of health care, in the language they best understand.

It's only fair. It's only right. It's only human.

The level of discourse on language has dropped in recent months, to petty name-calling and political leaders ruminating over a Finnish hockey player's command of French.

So militant language warriors, put down the Santa beards and placards and stop worrying. French in this province isn't going anywhere for a while.

Better idea: embrace the spirit of the holiday season and treat everyone as you would family. That might help you re-think your position.



At last a small tax increase!



Civic Alert

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Westmount homeowners will have a modest 1.14 per cent local property tax increase next year. Montreal's rate for central services will increase 3.4 per cent, making a 2.51 combined increase.

"I hope we have come to an end of the nine per cent increases which were a feature of the forced mergers," said Mayor Karin Marks as she reviewed the proposed budgets which are now on the city web site.

"We were able to control our own budgeting, but have no say in Montreal's charges. They adjust their rates to impact residential tax payers because there are more such people in the suburbs. Whether it is really deliberate or not, we are collateral damage," she added.

Westmount's local rates will be approved at the council meeting on Monday, December 17. The 2008 operating Budget and the capital spending for the next three years will also be voted on. Agglom charges will be finalized the following Thursday.

The local residential tax rate for next year will be \$0.4252 per \$100 valuation, which is 6.6 per cent less than last year. However, because of the increased property valuation, it means there will be the 1.14 per cent increase.

Average tax \$3,800

The average Westmount single family dwelling is valued at \$887,360 and this will attract a local property tax of \$3,773.

The apartment tax will drop by seven per cent to \$0.5141 per \$100; also due to the increased valuations, owners will pay slightly more.

The non-residential rate will be \$1.6102 per \$100.

Montreal will bill \$0.771 per \$100 for the central services for which it is responsible.

\$4 billion city

The tax base of Westmount's residential property continues to grow substantially as it enters the second of four annual adjustments; it now tops \$4 billion. In addition, non-residential property is valued at \$386 million.

In the proposals made available so far, \$800,000 is earmarked for Park improvements, although the soccer plans are still winding their way through City Hall and the new Advisory Committee.

A \$2 million reconstruction of part of Westmount Ave., including the replacement of some water mains, is planned for next year.

Other road works will involve Anworth, Grove Park and York.

The budget which council is proposing to adopt totals \$36 million, an increase of 4.7 per cent on this year. \$27.5 million is designated for services, \$5.3 million intended for debt servicing, \$2 million for Pay-As-You-Go (PAYG) and \$1.2 million for Metropolitan Community dues.

Employee costs are a major item, totaling \$18.1 million in salaries and benefits.

Some of the departmental allocations are Public Security (\$2.6 million), roads (\$7.3), sports and recreation (\$4.7), planning (\$1) and Library (\$2.3). All show increases of between two and five per cent.

The water-sewage budget falls nearly 10 per cent while the solid waste allocation drops 2 per cent.

Income from non-property tax sources, include contributions from governments (\$1.8 million), Library (\$0.6), parking (\$1.8), municipal court fines (\$1.2) and property transfers (\$2.3).

\$55 million debt possible

Westmount, a city which once operated virtually debt-free, could face a \$55 million debt by 2014, residents were told last week, as

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Ten Years Ago
December 4, 1997

TICKET MIX-UP: "Staff at Station 12 say they regret the inconvenience caused to motorists who received tickets last week, tickets that should have been warnings, according to the police. More than one hundred \$42 tickets were given out to motorists on streets including Argyle, Arlington and Mount Stephen avenues. The tickets were issued to drivers parked on hills who did not, as a safety precaution, turn their vehicle's wheels toward the sidewalk when they parked."

Fifteen Years Ago
December 3, 1992

FOR GOODNESS SAKE: "Santa's been on the job for about two weeks now at Plaza Alexis Nihon and his favourite moment came from a little girl with a strict conscience. 'She had already talked to me,' says Santa (in real life, carpenter Bruno Grenier), 'but she came back looking worried and said, 'Santa, I lied to you before — I'm not as good as I told you I was.'" Grenier says this is his first performance — usually at Christmas he's employed constructing displays at various malls."

Thirty-Five Years Ago
December 7, 1972

INDUSTRIOUS MAYOR: "An enthusiastic, highly informed job of selling Canada to a distinguished gathering of European investors was done here last week by an equally distinguished group of leaders of industry and commerce from Quebec, and perhaps not unsurprisingly, many from Westmount. The day-long marathon of formal presentations and question answering, organized by Westmount Mayor Paul Ouimet, QC, in his capacity as president and director-general of the General Council of Industry, held the attention day-long of an invited audience."

Fifty-Five Years Ago
December 5, 1952

TICKETS TALLIED: "Traffic offenders in Westmount will pay more for their misdemeanours, City Hall announced today. The city has approved a revision of fines and court costs which in most instances double the existing levies. One-way street, \$4; U-turn between intersections, \$4; passing stop sign, \$5; driving to left of white line, \$5; U-turn at traffic lights, \$5; passing red traffic light, \$10; parking, first offence, \$4, second offence \$5."

Sixty-Five Years Ago
December 3, 1942

LEACOCK DIG: "Stephen Leacock, in his latest work, Montreal: Seaport and City, makes in his own inimitable way the following sly dig at Westmount: 'There is no doubt on all sides that Westmount, thus surrounded by Montreal, is an oasis in something in something else; people differ only on the question of what is what. On the other hand, Toronto visitors pay the high compliment to Westmount of saying it is just like a piece of Toronto.'"

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scenarios were presented at the 2008 budget's unveiling.

Mayor Karin Marks does not expect it to necessarily reach that level. "I am confident that we will get government grants for some capital projects," she said. "Also we are determined to stick with restoring the pay-as-you-go system."

The latter will make a major difference. As currently planned, it would mean the debt peaking in 2011 at about \$43 million and then reducing to \$15 million by 2019. Even so, this would still be more than twice the amount prior to the forced merger.

The PAYG allocation will be raised to \$2 million next year and in \$500,000 increments until it becomes \$3 million in 2010.

Clearly Council is taking the debt challenge very seriously as it tries not to let the infrastructure deteriorate, as well as face the major responsibility of renewing the water network (\$5 or \$10 million more in loans for domestic meters, anyone?) and the Arena.

Local billing

Mayor Marks is hoping that 2008 will be the last time that Montreal sends tax bills for its services to Westmounters. In fact, she is disappointed that the system hasn't already been changed.

She feels that Montreal should bill the portion it costs to each linked municipalities, who would, in turn, charge property owners as part of the local tax bills.

"The government has already made the change at the request of Longueuil and we pay our dues for the Metropolitan Community the same way, so there are precedents," she explained.

It was an item in the changes Marks and the other suburban mayors presented to MNAs, as they considered Agglom reform, in Quebec last month.

HCP moves on renovations

The Healthy City Project is such a self-explanatory term it ought to — well, need no explanation. Unfortunately, it keeps being misunderstood.

Some want it to be an environment group, some a debating club. The nearest description to a legal entity is as an advisory body to council — although it is better known for going the next step and starting an activity itself!

When Sally Aitken was ending her council term in 1991, she heard of a World Health Organization concept to empower local peo-

ple and make them responsible for their community. It is required to be a combination of councillors, staff and citizens working in consensus with other organizations.

The Westmount version began spectacularly with legislation to prohibit use of cosmetic pesticides. It was probably the HCP's finest moment. It is arguable that a premature death and certainly illness have been avoided by that legislation.

The population's acceptance also led to the idling engine bylaw — also aimed at improving health. Both were pioneer Quebec laws which have since been copied across Montreal and elsewhere.

While some gentle pressuring from the HCP is the start of an initiative, it is usually the city itself which has the personnel and services to carry out their wishes. The orange battery bag collections, for instance, came about like that.

So did the electronic-waste collection, which has become a province-wide municipal waste service following our lead.

Property use

Since her council days, Aitken has wanted to increase the use of Westmount property and in recent years has lobbied for green

roofs. Environment Committee chair Jenny Patton shares those ambitions, but was looking for the right way to launch it in the City.

She seems to have found that way last Thursday. I was not able to be there, but I received a string of excited calls after the HCP's Breakfast Meeting on the ABCs of Eco Renovation.

I sense Patton and company caught the Westmount mood. Cllr. Cynthia Lulham, Planning Committee Chair, said that Council wanted to introduce LEED standards when they are available in Canada.

They are two years away according to Emmanuel Cosgrove, the speaker Patton found to present the eco-renovation concept. Not only had he converted his typical Montreal house on Park Ave., but he sits on the government committee setting the Canadian standards.

"Once again, the HCP has given Westmounters a lead in developing an awareness of a new situation," HCP Steering Committee Chair Tom Thompson said. "This was just a start in the renovations' field."

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Mandarin is a popular choice at The Study

> Elysha Krupp

According to Statistics Canada, Mandarin follows English and French as the most widely spoken language in Canada — and the most widely spoken in the world.

For the past three years, The Study has responded to this reality by including Mandarin as an option in its Grade 8 and 9 third-language programs.

This year, more than 30 students at the high school level elected to study Mandarin, and over 20 junior school students enrolled in the after-school classes.

And the students are catching on quickly.

"In primary school, it's amazing how quickly and easily the students learn and remember the language," says Tracy Tang, The Study's Mandarin teacher.

In addition to learning the spoken language, students are taught voice intonation and how to draw characters, which are combined into ongoing class discussions that are conducted entirely in Mandarin.

"Forget everything you've learned about French or English," said Chloe Tait, 15, a grade 10 Mandarin student. "The way your mouth has to move to make a sound is so different with Mandarin. The first lesson our teacher taught us was how to shape your tongue to make the sounds."

"Teaching the culture is an integral part of understanding the language," says Tang, who was born in Wuhan, China, and completed her Master's degree in education at McGill University. "For example, just the other day we went to Chinatown for a first-hand Chinese experience — the girls had a wonderful time



Tracy Tang teaches Chinese characters to Grade 10 students at The Study.

and were delighted with their ability to be understood."

Last year, 12 senior school students from The Study went to China during spring break to experience a variety of Chinese cities.

And enthusiastic Mandarin students can continue on with their study of the language in grade 10 and 11 should they choose Mandarin as one of their electives.

"It's a hard language but the course makes us learn it easily," says Jessica Magonet, a Grade 10 Mandarin student.

"It's the most spoken language in the world," said Kiara Kaminski, 15. "You can use Mandarin in your future and in business. The Chinese economy is booming so it can only help career-wise."

"Given where these girls will go professionally, Mandarin will be a reality," said Antonia Zannis, director of the Senior School. "If we didn't acknowledge the importance of the Chinese language in today's world, we wouldn't be teaching things that really matter."

Options weighed for Sherbrooke-Victoria crosswalk lights

> Martin C. Barry

Unhappy up with a new system of pedestrian crossing signals at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and Sherbrooke Street, a Westmount woman has asked the City to create diagonal crosswalks, so that people can travel from corner to corner more easily.

Laurel Bossen stood up at a recent city council meeting and complained about traffic signal changes implemented at the busy corner, and how little time is now available for pedestrians to cross the street.

"This is also a walking community, it's not a superhighway," she said. "If you have little kids in tow, how are you supposed to get across that street? ... It's just really unfriendly to human walking users."

When the City designs or refurbishes intersections, there is a whole series of provincial norms it must comply with, replied Director General Bruce St. Louis.

Before the change, a series of green arrow lights had directed vehicular traffic to turn right or proceed straight. However, he said the arrows were not in compliance with the province's norms and had to be eliminated.

"We were getting too many complaints that after the arrow went off cars continued to turn through, because there was no yellow between the arrow and the light to go straight



The crosswalk at Sherbrooke Street and Victoria Avenue. Photo: Martin C. Barry

ahead," he said. "All that to say we've wrestled with the notion of how to add more time."

According to the norms cited by St. Louis as the standard the City uses to time crosswalk signals, the average senior citizen can walk three feet per second. "You measure the width of the street and that's the minimal amount of time," he said. "Now we take that and we add at least 10 per cent."

Regarding the diagonal crosswalks, St. Louis said he didn't disagree with the suggestion. "If we had the spare time to take up other crossing patterns then we could do it," he said. "However, you have to counterbalance that with not creating massive traffic jams, either."

Bossen insisted that cars have been given such an advantage with the new traffic lights at the corner that there are probably more cars using it now than ever. "It's just absolutely unacceptable for pedestrians now," she said.

"It's really cut into our time. I think everybody else would probably agree. I've heard nothing but complaints about it ... And I'm not sure it would affect traffic times. I mean, you've got to demonstrate it."

Bossen suggested the City should give priority to pedestrians at the intersection, rather than vehicular traffic. "We do a lot of shopping around there," she said. "There's a lot of people crossing there ... We've got four lanes of traffic and two of parking, but we still have to get across that whole distance in a very short time and it's just not reasonable."

Mayor Karin Marks asked St. Louis to place the issue on the agenda for a future Safety, Utilities and Environment Committee meeting so that council members could better understand the options.

"I've certainly heard a lot of complaints," she said. "I understand that we're meeting provincial norms. But if provincial norms are not providing a safe way for us to cross, then maybe we need to look at doing something else."

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The Bouchard-Taylor Commission: Your weekly newspaper takes a stand!

When we're asked to do something we don't particularly enjoy, there's a popular saying that comes to mind. It goes, "If you're going to do something, do it right or not at all!" To some extent, that adage embodies our collective feelings regarding the work of the Bouchard-Taylor Commission.

If truth be told, all this talk about reasonable accommodations has been blown out of proportion by the media seeking sensationalist stories. When the controversy began, so did the hunt for news-grabbing headlines, featuring stories of "serious injustices" committed against the Quebec identity. Pressed to present the top breaking news story, the media cut corners and was careless when it came to checking facts and evaluating the credibility of sources. As a result, the public was presented with exaggerated versions of events, or worse yet, misleading stories. This escalation reached its infamous peak with the Hérouxville code of conduct for immigrants, which made headlines all over the world and certainly did not paint a very flattering picture of us. Here is proof that the media created and fed the controversy: this week, the Syndicat de l'enseignement de l'Ouest de Montréal came forward during the Commission to request a clear code for schools on acceptable accommodations, since schools are now refusing to make any decisions in this matter, "for fear of being singled out or criticized by the

media!" Years from now, History will probably only remember these issues leading to the creation of the Bouchard-Taylor Commission.

If we look at the facts, there were no major incidents opposing "pure laine" Quebecers to "trouble-making" immigrants. We believe it is important to go over a few of the stories featured in recent months:

- The YMCA frosted window affair. The media should have specified that the YMCA is not a public institution and that its managers were in their rights to do whatever they wanted in their building, and that, incidentally, the rights of ordinary citizens were not infringed upon.

- The famous guideline for female police officers saying that they should avoid talking to male citizens of Jewish descent. This guideline never even existed!

- The vote and the veil. As far as we know there was not a single case of a fully veiled woman showing up at a polling booth. Also, there was no such request presented to the election commissioner.

- The sugar-house affair. So much has been written about the sugar-house owner, who, simply wanting to provide excellent customer service, did everything he could to meet the requests of his Muslim customers.

In a nutshell, these are the incidents that have threatened Quebec society in



Serge Lemieux is General Manager for the Quebec and Ontario Transcontinental Newspaper Group. In addition to the Montréal Express, the Group publishes 61 regional newspapers in Quebec, 22 of which are weekly newspapers distributed across the Island of Montreal.

recent months! That is why many journalists were embarrassed last weekend in Quebec City during the annual convention of the Fédération professionnelle des journalistes du

Québec (FPJQ), where the topic was extensively discussed.

Now, after having travelled almost the entire province, the Bouchard-Taylor Commission has finally reached the greater Montreal area, where the issue of reasonable accommodations can take a more practical turn, given the Island's demographic profile.

Despite its questionable legitimacy due to its initial motives for coming into being, we believe that the Commission served a very useful purpose. It probably allowed Quebecers to become aware that Quebec has permanently become a multicultural society, leaving behind the era of linguistic duality (French vs. English). In a way, Quebecers have just realized that the entire world has crossed their borders and that its territory will never be the same.

The Commission also has the merit of having opened the door to dialogue among Montrealers of various ethnic and cultural origins, who are all citizens of a great, modern city, featuring an impressive and enriching array of cultural diversity to be discovered, for those who are so inclined. Yesterday, Montrealers passed each other on the streets. Today they must talk and get to know one another. Tomorrow they will have to live together!

When the Commission began, it had no legitimate rationale...but, in its passage, it brought Quebec into the third millennium!

Serge Lemieux

Your weekly newspaper is changing!

The whole question of reasonable accommodations not only prompted citizens to think, it also made our organization reflect upon the content of our newspapers. If it is true that Montrealers have to learn to live together in a more dynamic manner, it is also true that we must lead by example and reflect the reality of our communities. In other words, cultural diversity should be present in the pages of our newspapers and on our Websites.

As you may or may not know, our company, Transcontinental Media, manages 61 regional weekly newspapers in Quebec, 22 of which are local newspapers distributed on the Island of Montreal - all with their own Website. We publish 730,000 copies of our newspapers per week for the Montreal area. In fact, we are the only free information media distributed directly to every home

on the Island, and, given this positioning, the only one to reach all citizens every week.

The mission of our newspapers has always been as follows: to inform citizens on political, economic, social and sports news, and accurately report the events of the community through effective mass communication. To fully play our role, we must reflect the reality of the Montreal neighbourhoods and cities we cover.

We would be remiss not to admit that our newspapers today do not fully represent all of the cultural diversity that can be found in Montreal. Most of the time, the content of our newspapers is dedicated to news items related to native Quebecers. Since we are THE media whose purpose is to stimulate community life, it is important to make the necessary adjustments so that we may truly reflect the communities we serve.

We are making a commitment here today to become the local voice of ALL residents of the Island of Montreal, and consequently, to open our pages to all cultural communities represented on the territory.

For our society to function on a day-to-day basis, we need a language common to all, so that citizens can discuss and exchange with one another. The vast majority of immigrants understand this and work hard every day to learn the language spoken here.

It is impossible to produce a newspaper that would feature all the world's languages. In addition, we do not find this to be desirable, since we can and want to play a predominant role in welcoming and integrating members of cultural communities.

In a few weeks, you will therefore find articles presented as usual exclusively in

French or English (as the case may be), dealing with news or events about the cultural communities in your community. In our view, this is a sign of openness toward immigrants, but also a responsible action toward the residents of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

We believe that the most effective way of promoting the rapid and successful integration of immigrants is simply to show an interest in them. New Quebecers come from somewhere, they have values and traditions and they can contribute to enriching our collective cultural life. If all citizens understand their neighbours a bit better, they will want to talk and get to know each other more - all of this can happen through a Quebec identity that remains intact, yet open to the world.

From now on, we will celebrate cultural diversity together every week!

Serge Lemieux

Immigration and citizenship: a

19 boroughs of the City of Montreal

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Ahuntsic-Cartierville

122,365 population
65.3 % non-immigrants
32.9 % immigrants
12.2 % Italy
10.6 % Lebanon
8.6 % Haiti
5.4 % Greece

Anjou

37,680 population
81.5 % non-immigrants
18.5 % immigrants
15.5 % Italy
14.3 % Haiti
7.9 % Portugal
6.0 % France

Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce

159,756 population
50.9 % non-immigrants
44.9 % immigrants
10.8 % Philippines
4.8 % Morocco
4.6 % China
4.3 % France

Lachine

39,320 population
87.9 % non-immigrants
12.1 % immigrants
10.4 % Italy
8.1 % India
7.7 % United Kingdom
4.8 % Poland

LaSalle

73,105 population
73.9 % non-immigrants
24.8 % immigrants
19.6 % Italy
6.9 % India
5.6 % Poland
4.4 % Jamaican

Demerged cities

Ville de Montréal-Est

3,405 population
96.6 % non-immigrants
3.1 % immigrants
28.6 % Lebanon
71.4 % other countries

Le Plateau Mont-Royal

100,020 population
75 % non-immigrants
21.4 % immigrants
19.6 % France
11.5 % Portugal
6.0 % China
4.1 % United States

Sud Ouest

65,525 population
80.1 % non-immigrants
18.6 % immigrants
11.9 % Italy
6.9 % China
6.3 % Bangladesh
5.1 % Vietnam

L'île-Bizard-Sainte-Geneviève-Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue

21,340 population
86.4 % non-immigrants
12.8 % immigrants
12.2 % Italy
8.0 % France
5.7 % Egypt
5.5 % United Kingdom

Mercier-Hochelaga-Maisonneuve

125,025 population
87.2 % non-immigrants
12.1 % immigrants
12.6 % Italy
8.1 % Vietnam
7.3 % Algeria
7.0 % France

Montréal-North

82,265 population
72.8 % non-immigrants
26.5 % immigrants
32.8 % Haiti
25.7 % Italy
3.2 % Lebanon
2.9 % Morocco

Ville Mont-Royal

18,405 population
68.2 % non-immigrants
30.2 % immigrants
8.7 % France
5.7 % Vietnam
4.1 % Italy
57.5 % other countries

* source: Statistics Canada, census 2001
(City of Montreal)

Outremont

22,685 population
76.5 % non-immigrants
22.1 % immigrants
23.7 % France
8.1 % United States
8.0 % Greece
3.5 % China

Pierrefonds-Roxboro

55,230 population
71.3 % non-immigrants
28.0 % immigrants
6.4 % Haiti
5.9 % Egypt
5.4 % Lebanon
55.0 % other countries

Rivière-des-Prairies-Pointe-aux-Trembles

103,150 population
82.5 % non-immigrants
17.3 % immigrants
43.1 % Italy
27.5 % Haiti
2.3 % Portugal
2.2 % Cambodia

Rosemont-La Petite Patrie

128,980 population
81.3 % non-immigrants
17.6 % immigrants
10.4 % Haiti
8.9 % Italy
8.3 % France
7.8 % Vietnam

Saint-Laurent

76,605 population
50 % non-immigrants
48.5 % immigrants
14.6 % Liban
6.7 % Egypt
6.6 % Morocco
45.3 % other countries

Saint-Léonard

69,510 population
60.3 % non-immigrants
38.5 % immigrants
46.7 % Italy
9.1 % Haiti
5.4 % Algeria
4.9 % Lebanon

Verdun

59,485 population
84.0 % non-immigrants
14.4 % immigrants
14.5 % China
9.3 % France
4.1 % United Kingdom
3.7 % Algeria

Ville-Marie

71,955 population
67.4 % non-immigrants
27.4 % immigrants
8.3 % France
8.0 % China
4.7 % Lebanon
59.5 % other countries

Villeray-Saint-Michel-Parc-Extension

144,690 population
56.1 % non-immigrants
41.3 % immigrants
14.2 % Haiti
12.5 % Italy
7.7 % Greece
7.6 % Vietnam

* source: Statistics Canada, census 2001
(City of Montreal)

Baie-d'Urfé

3,805 population
22.5 % non-immigrants
22.5 % immigrants
7 % France
3.5 % Portugal
1.2 % Greece

Beaconsfield

19,310 population
78.02 % non-immigrants
19.5 % immigrants
2.9 % France
3.4 % Italy
1.7 % Vietnam
1.5 % Greece

Dollard-des-Ormes

48,206 population
64.23 % non-immigrants
34.36 % immigrants
6.1 % Lebanon
4.4 % Italy
4 % Greece
3.7 % Morocco

Dorval

17,425 population
78.9 % non-immigrants
20.2 % immigrants
10.9 % United States
6.8 % Philippines
5.7 % United Kingdom
5.7 % South Korea





Holiday Gift Guide

WESTMOUNT EXAMINER



Holiday Gift Guide

Local shops get into the spirit of the season

> Victoria Theoret

With only a few weeks until Christmas, last minute holiday shopping can get pretty stressful. The question that often plagues the mind of shoppers – what do you get the person who has everything?

Babar En Ville, located on Greene Ave. is among the many merchants looking to make the holiday shopping that much easier.

As they are celebrating their second anniversary throughout the month of December, shoppers will be treated to a wide variety of sales throughout the store. One of the biggest sellers this season is perfect for Star Wars fans, both young and old. It is the Star Wars Guide to the Galaxy, a beautifully engineered paper pop-up book that takes readers on an incredible journey.

Maya Byers at Babar also makes sure there is something unique in her store. During the holidays, one corner of the shop is completely dedicated to fair-trade products. This year's selection includes hand-knit toys from Kenya and beautiful crafted Christmas ornaments from South Africa.

"I like to support fair trade. We are one of the only stores doing it on Greene Avenue," Byers said.

At Courval Lingerie, there is less of a Christmas theme in their products.

"The holidays for us are from Christmas right until Valentine's Day," said Vanessa Brott.

She noted that this season, lounge wear is the ideal gift for moms, wives and girlfriends. It is one of their biggest sellers, and something that every woman can enjoy. Another great gift choice is one of their warm polar housecoats for those long winter nights.

If lingerie and lounge wear is not up your alley, L'Esprit du Sud on Victoria has unique jewellery from Provence. It is the only store in Canada to carry the pieces. The store also offers skin care and bath products by Côté Bastide, which for your convenience, can be gift wrapped in a basket. There is something distinctive for everyone.

Other hot gifts this season are not for humans at all; they are for the four-legged family members.

Little Bear, on St. Catherine Street, corner Greene Avenue, is experiencing their busiest season of the year. They carry dog clothing, toys and specialty products. With over 60 styles of dog coats, there is something for everyone's dog from Chihuahua to Great Dane. Custom fittings are possible.

"We see 30 to 40 dogs a day, trying on coats," said Chuck Altman, who has been running the store for the last five years.

They also sell toques for humans, which proceeds from the sales go to support breast cancer research.

If you cannot make it down to the store during this busy season, their web site is updated frequently and orders can be made online at www.littlebear.ca.

Even if you do not have a dog, dog gifts are a hot trend this season. "A lot of people are tired of bringing a bottle of wine to someone's house," Altman suggests bringing something for the host dog instead.

Evelyn Couture at Bark and Fitz cannot agree more. "What better gift to give someone who has everything than a gift for their dog?"

Along with clothing, Bark and Fitz offers holiday cookie gift boxes, already wrapped up. It has been one of the most sold gifts so far.

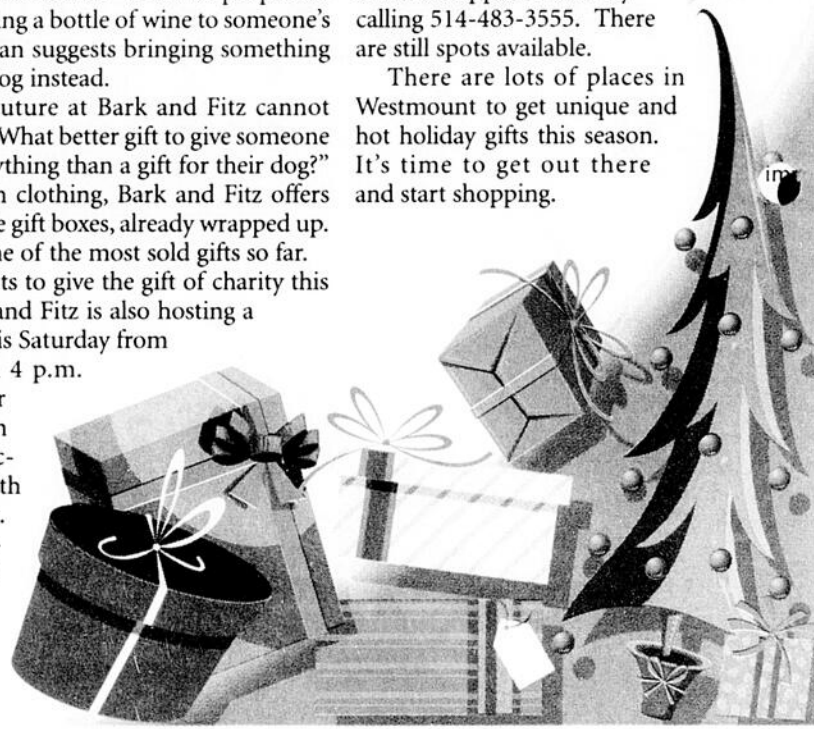
If one wants to give the gift of charity this season, Bark and Fitz is also hosting a fund raiser this Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For \$25 your dog or cat can have their picture taken with Santa Claus. The photographs are 5 by 7, professionally done and in colour. Proceeds

go to the SPCA Monterege, a local non-kill shelter.

Couture suggests that if you want to participate at the event, you will need to make an appointment by calling 514-483-3555. There are still spots available.

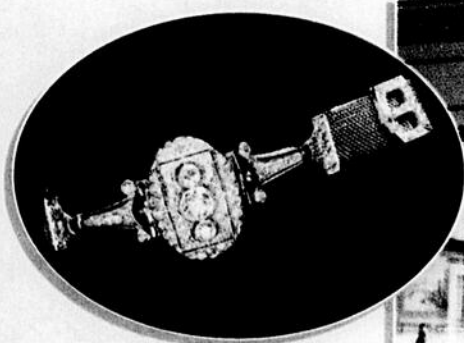
There are lots of places in Westmount to get unique and hot holiday gifts this season. It's time to get out there and start shopping.



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Westmount creates that holiday feeling

> **Marilyn Smith Carsley**

Twenty-four years ago, I was fortunate to have moved into the Westmount neighborhood. This majestic and unique area became my home and I cannot imagine living elsewhere.

Strolling along Sherbrooke Street and Greene Avenue, I am always delighted to encounter the friendliness of the shopkeepers and we greet each other with a special fondness. It is not everywhere in the city that someone can feel such an authentic connection. Westmount is extraordinary not only for its location and architectural beauty, but also for its embracing character.

Around holiday time this camaraderie intensifies with contagious and spirited warmth. Stores display collection bins for the needy, schools assemble non-perishable items for those unable to afford a proper Christmas, church events are planned and synagogues initiate Hanukkah parties. By November, the activity is in full gear and yearly, Westmount blossoms with goodwill.

The personal sentiments of holiday and what they truly mean tend to alter throughout a person's development, and I have frequently contemplated how much my values have transformed along with me. Some of the issues that I had once deemed significant no longer are and the ones I was so oblivious to seem to mean so much. Although my

recent hopes for this time of year have become simpler, they are in fact, harder to obtain.

Childhood projects a fantasy world spelling wonderment and endless possibilities. As the teenage years emerge along with a new-found identity, religion may not have as much significance. During this time there can be an assertion of independence towards free-thinking and a rejection of values

that were indoctrinated by parents. With this introspection, teens may challenge the rituals and commitments of religion. But once children marry and have their own families, the holidays tend to regain meaning, as there is a need for their young ones to experience what they once cherished. Parents and grandparents focus on reuniting, as many loved

ones may reside far from home. The perspectives of every generation alter with growth but hopefully they remain channeled towards important values.

Beyond the annual merchandising, and decorating, religious overtones still ring vibrantly clear. Synagogues in the area are arranging for the Hanukkah festivities, which commence on Tuesday, Dec. 4 until Wednesday evening, Dec. 12.

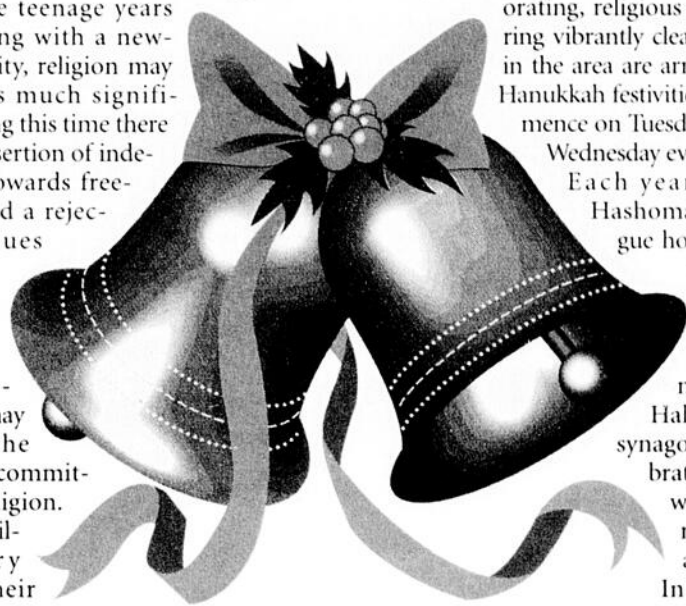
Each year, the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue holds a community-wide candle lighting on Dec. 5 at outside Westmount City Hall. Back at the synagogue, the celebration continues with games, refreshments and latkes.

In addition, on Friday, Dec. 7, this synagogue hosts a Hanukkah Shabbat dinner for its members. Temple Emanu-El Beth Shalom will be having their special Hanukkah dinner organized by their Sisterhood and Brother-

hood but reservations are essential at 514-343-0447. On Sunday, Dec. 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the children's party will take place with candle lighting, latkes, and dreidel spinning.

Westmount Baptist Church on Roslyn and Sherbrooke are setting their holiday scene by welcoming the entire community. On Sunday, Dec. 9, there will be a joint Christmas / Hanukkah concert featuring the Montreal McGill Suzuki Group directed by Dr. Alfred Garson and accompanied by Yoko Sayeki. On Sunday, Dec. 16, the children of the Sunday school will participate in Christmas vespers and refreshments will be served. To culminate the spirit of the year, on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m., there will be a candle lighting service to rejoice another Christmas season.

Experiences influence our perceptions and through them we should earnestly try to sift out trivialities. Frequently, I cannot conceive how much I have personally changed concerning my position on rituals and heritage. At this time in my life, during holiday time, there is always this great focus on making each year more exceptional. But of course everything revolves around the family, as that is what really makes this time a true celebration and Westmount represents the ideal locale to make holiday dreams come true.






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Holiday Gift Guide

Centre Greene holds Treats 'n' Treasures fundraising event

> **Martin C. Barry**

There was fun for the whole family on Nov. 18, at Centre Greene, where members of the sports and recreation facility gathered for their annual 'Treats 'n' Treasures Holiday Bazaar to shop for unique gifts, seasonal children's games, crafts and baked goods.

"It gives people a chance to meet," said Peter Marcovitz, president of the centre's board. "People who are in different programs tend to come and they see each other and they get more of a sense of how broad the scope of this community centre is... These fundraisers are very important for us."

Contributors to the bake table included members of the Centre Greene ballet class and students from Trafalgar School for Girls. Nearly 20 crafters occupied tables. Each had donated an item to be raffled off during the afternoon. Activities for children included cookie decorating, face painting and creating holiday cards. Homemade soup and Irish soda bread were served in the Centre Greene kitchen.

Nigel Penney, an Academy Road resident who raises funds for the Cycle for Children Foundation, came up with way to collect money that was also environmentally-



The annual 'Treats 'n' Treasures holiday bazaar is always a popular event at Centre Greene. Photo: Martin C. Barry

friendly. Old vinyl records were converted into decorative wall clocks, using components from cheap alarm clocks purchased in dollar stores.

"I buy dollar clocks from the dollar store, take them apart, recycle every component, even the glass," he said. The completed wall clock is then packaged in a plain white pizza box and sold. Penney, who also performs music as another of his pursuits, draws on an extensive collection of old vinyl 33 rpm LPs for this and other types of creation.

He plans to start using CDs in the future. "People are accumulating these things like crazy," says Penney. "They're all plastics, all hydrocarbons that we're recycling, while trying to do something for the kids, as well."

L.P. Camozzi, a children's entertainer from NDG who has produced recordings and books geared towards kids, was doing brisk business with some of his wares. "These bazaars are always good because you may end up running into an opportunity to go to a school or do a show," he said.

Beverly Auerbach, who runs a small business called Rookie's Cookies, was selling biscuits shaped like different breeds of dog. "I have things like 18-Karat Golden and Jack Russells and Carrot Coconut Lab," she said. She also produces a line of hand-knitted organic catnip toys for cats, and polar fleece beds and blankets.



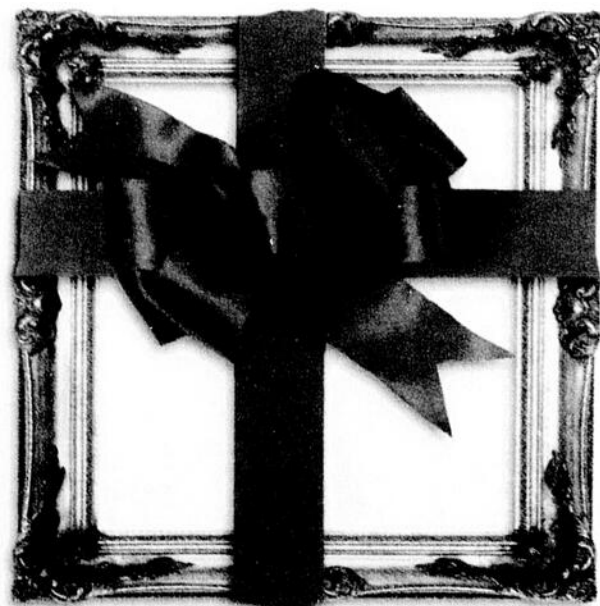
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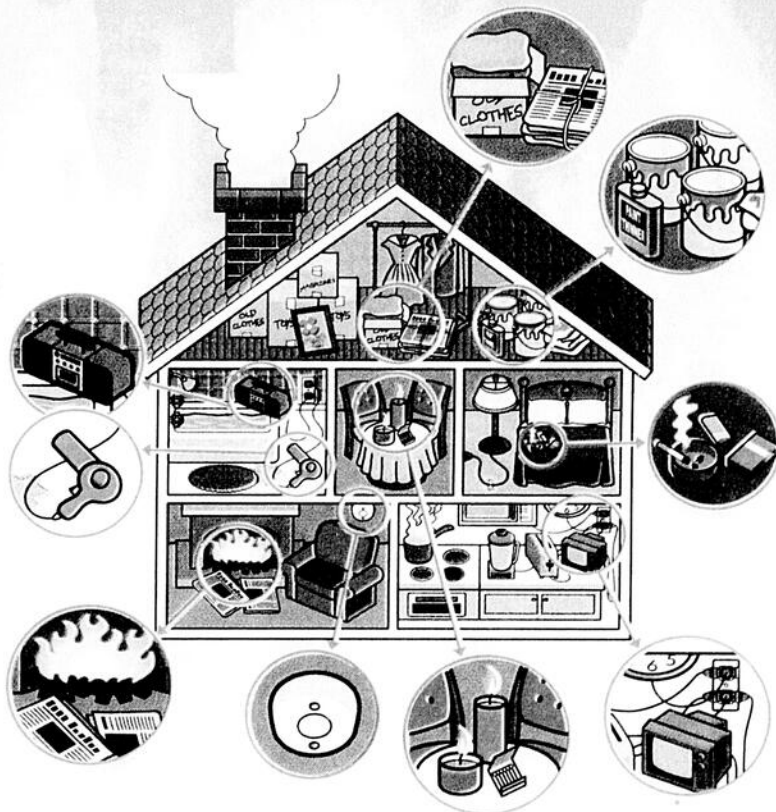
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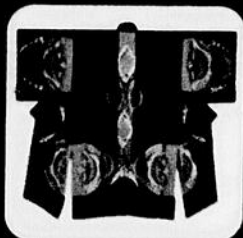
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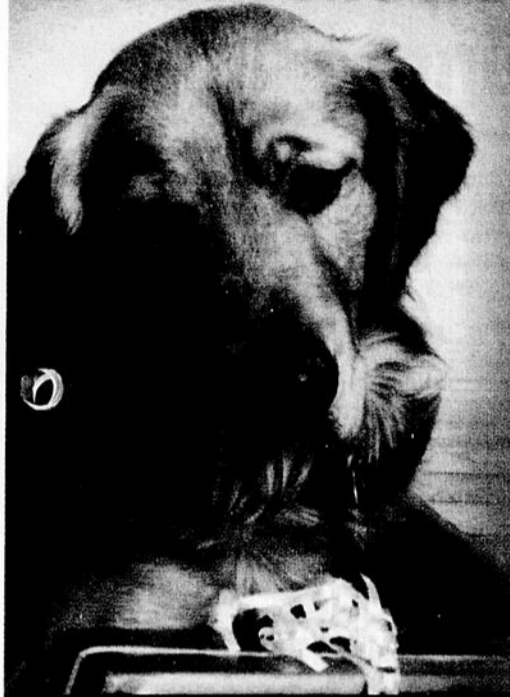
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You must face the fact: Santa isn't the one who will place the presents under the tree. Parents go to a lot of trouble to create the magic of Christmas for their children. Here are a few gift ideas for little ones that can simplify your task as you play Santa Claus.

Young children develop passions (passing fancies) for music and television characters for youngsters. They never get tired of seeing their favourite characters again and again. Offering them a DVD of their favourite program is an excellent investment and a gift that is really appreciated. The same goes for the children's songs they never seem to get tired of listening to. Of course, the best gift of all is to receive a toy reproduction of these characters.

Even if you think that their bedroom is already filled with stuffed toys, another one, or perhaps a lovely doll, is sure to please them. Arts and crafts kits are always quite popular with young children; many are designed for toddlers as young as three years old. If you still don't know what to buy, remember that a book is a necessity, from birth to, oh, age 97!



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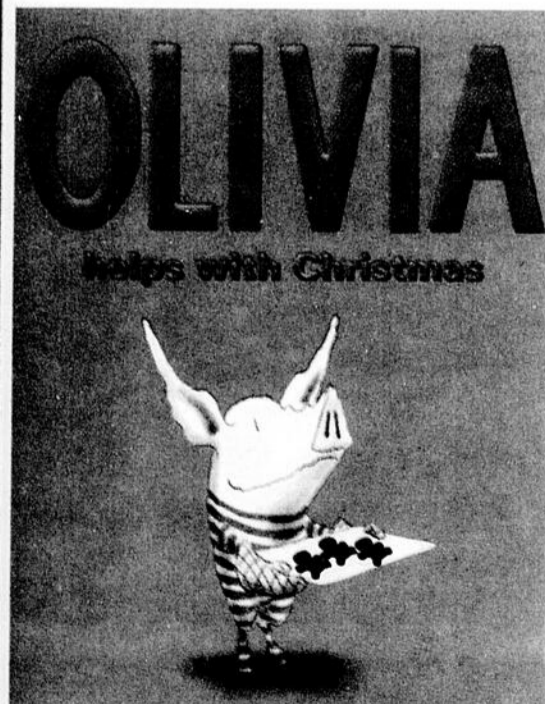
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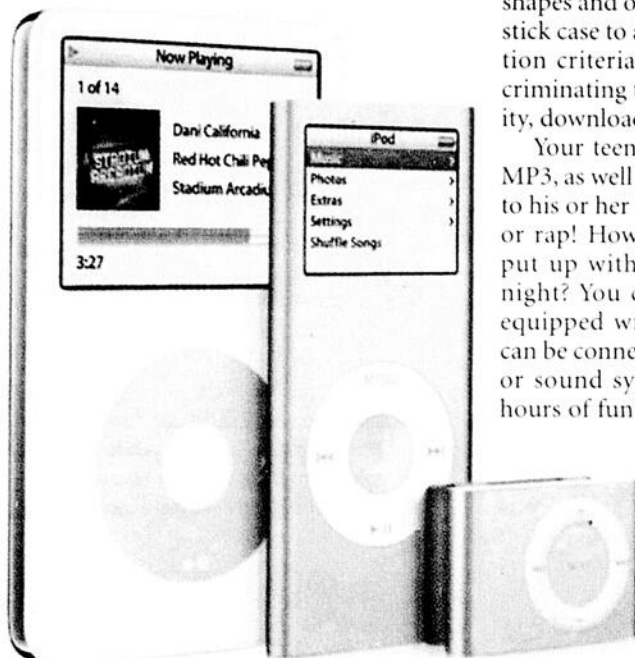
Gifts for teens!

Teens can't escape them; teens are crazy about them; teens need them to live; without them, life has no purpose... It is fair to say that electronic gadgets are among the most popular gifts for teenagers, both girls and boys. If it hasn't happened already, you can be sure that your teenager will be asking Santa for a cell phone this year! As far as you're con-

cerned, you will be happy to be able to stay in contact and reassured to know that, when needed, he or she can contact you at any time.

Among electronic gifts reigns the MP3 player, continually more advanced, more powerful, and always smaller! A wide selection of models is available in surprising shapes and original colours, from a shiny lipstick case to a glittering matchbox. The selection criteria that will satisfy the most discriminating teens: style, memory card capacity, downloading speed, weight, and size.

Your teen already has a cell phone and a MP3, as well as a good sound system to listen to his or her favourite music, preferably slam or rap! How would you like not having to put up with the loud music, especially at night? You can offer wireless headphones equipped with a distance transmitter that can be connected to the computer, television, or sound system. Your teen is guaranteed hours of fun!



Teens love everything that is electronic and looks "cool", like a cell phone and a MP3.

A Christmas escapade

"My love, my dearest love, what does your heart desire above all on this joyous Christmas time?" "An escapade, far removed from the daily craziness, away from the rush of the city and work, to be together, you and I!"

"My love, my dearest love, where do you want my heart to take you?" "I don't know. It's Christmas, surprise me!"

Ouch! Well, let's not panic. It's Christmas and anything is possible. Start by examining the situation. Is your love the athletic type? Intellectual? Not a big fan of winter? Timid? Adventurous? Romantic? Once you find the answer, you can consider the different options that are available.

For the perpetual romantics, to whom you may belong, an escapade to a spa that offers massages, a hot tub, relaxation, and an occasion to be spend some quiet time together is highly recommended. Just one night and you will both return refreshed and relaxed.

For the athletic types who love to embrace the cold and who welcome an adventure, an escapade on snowmobile for a few days would be magical. On the Internet, you can find offers that include the snowmobile, outerwear, helmets, lodging, and meals. What's more, you don't have to be a seasoned snowmobiler because you travel in the safety of a well-organized convoy.

For those who prefer warmth and romance, nothing compares to an escapade in a chalet whose only source of heat is a wood fireplace and where the only television is a big window showcasing the mountain.

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WHA hears story of Harbour Commissioner Young and his 'Rosemount'

> Doreen Lindsay

He is commemorated by a statue in Montreal's Old Port and best remembered in Westmount as the owner of the formidable Rosemount estate — but as the Westmount Historical Association recently learned, there was much more to John Young.

On Thursday evening, Nov. 15, Caroline Breslaw shared her recent research into the life of Young and his Rosemount estate with the Westmount Historical Association. Breslaw presented her well-organized talk to an attentive group of members and visitors in three parts — the history of the Rosemount estate under three owners, the life of John Young and his influence on the estate, and finally the elements of the estate which remain with us today.

Breslaw's talk was especially welcomed by the senior members of the audience who were familiar with the estate and contributed their personal memories during the question period following her Powerpoint presentation. The current owners of Young's residence came to listen to the history of their individual homes and added interesting details about the houses today.

In 1853, one year after buying the Rosemount estate mid-way up the slopes of Westmount Mountain, Young was appointed Montreal Harbour Commissioner. Because of his strong interest in developing Montreal into a major port, he had been appointed to the Montreal Harbour Commission in 1850

and remained involved with it for 25 years until his death. Previous to that he had been Commissioner for Public Works for the City of Montreal in 1851.

History of the Rosemount estate

The first owner was William McGillivray, who purchased 156 arpents of the Bouchard farm, which extended north from the Côte St. Antoine Road (today's Sherbrooke Street) in 1802. McGillivray was a fur trader who became a major shareholder and director of the North West Company. Within three years he had constructed a house on the flat land near the top of his property (today's Severn Avenue) with a view of the Town of Montreal, the St. Lawrence River and the mountains beyond.

The second owner was Asa Goodenough, who acquired the estate in 1843 and named it Rosemount. He was the manager of the Exchange Coffee House, which functioned as an informal stock exchange on the northeast corner of St. Paul and St. Peter streets.

John Young was the third owner. Young had immigrated to Canada from Ayr, Scotland in 1826 when he was only 15 years old. He learned about the importance of improving transportation through his work in the import and export business. Young had gained enough wealth to purchase the entire estate in 1852 and began to make many additions and improvements.

The WHA learned that it was Young who built the larger three story addition (18 Severn

Ave. today) on the west side of the original house. He and his wife Amelia Jane Tilley had 13 children and they loved to entertain.

Through the juxtaposition of black and white archival photographs from 1881 with colour photographs taken just this year, the audience could see that the grey stone houses have retained their architectural integrity with the exception of the front door of number 16 which has been rebuilt.

Several other buildings on the property still exist today. We can walk past the old gardener or coachman's cottage on a triangular lot at Rosemount Crescent and Mountain Avenue. Three other buildings constructed on the estate in the 1860s are still joined together and can be seen at 451 Mountain Ave. and at 52 and 60 Rosemount Ave.

Montreal remembers John Young's huge contribution to the development of the harbour by a statue erected in 1908 which stands in front of the Societe du Vieux-Port de Montréal at the meeting of Rue de la Commune and Rue St. Pierre today. Westmount remembers the John Young estate by the names of both Rosemount Avenue and Rosemount Crescent.

Doreen Lindsay is president of the Westmount Historical Association. The final event in the WHA's fall lecture series takes place on Dec. 13, when Ruth Allan-Rigby gives the presentation 'Alice Lighthall (1891-1991): A Beloved Westmounter' at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library,



Caroline Breslaw shares her research into the life of John Young and his property, Rosemount, with the Westmount Historical Association.

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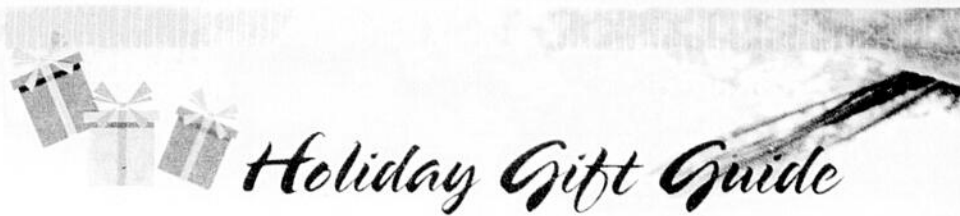


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Personalized gifts for Mom and Dad

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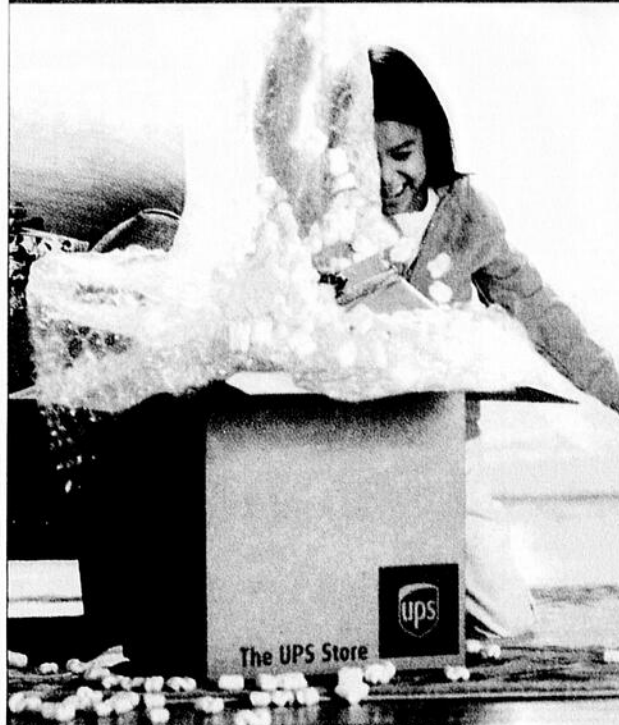
When children are a bit older, starting at about 8 years old, they really enjoy doing their own shopping for Mom and Dad. It is better to give them a few dollars and some clear instructions, along with three or four inexpensive gift suggestions from which they can select a small gift they can offer: assortments of spices and herbal teas, nice shimmering scented candles, soft soaps, relaxing bath bombs, and small espresso or cappuccino cups.

Teenagers are more independent in the choice of gifts they want to offer their parents. Still, some guidelines and a few gift suggestions are called for before they leave for the mall. If you enjoy reading and music, suggest your favourite author and artist. Teens will enjoy selecting a nice hair clip for Mom or, for Dad, a mug sporting the colours of his favourite team.

If you are looking for a few inspiring suggestions for a personalized gift to offer your Mom or Dad, consider a book highlighting the big historical events from the year of their birth, a chalk portrait sketched from a photograph, or a basket filled with your parents' favourite treats.



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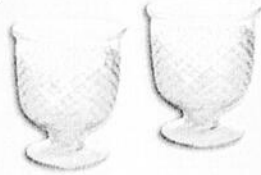
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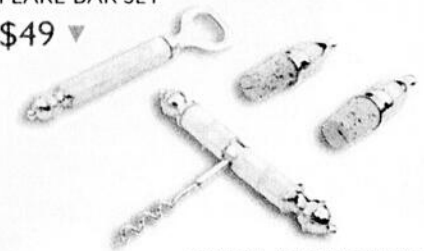
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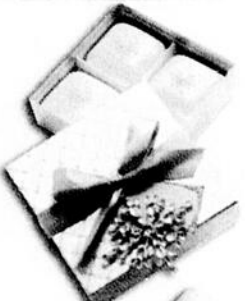
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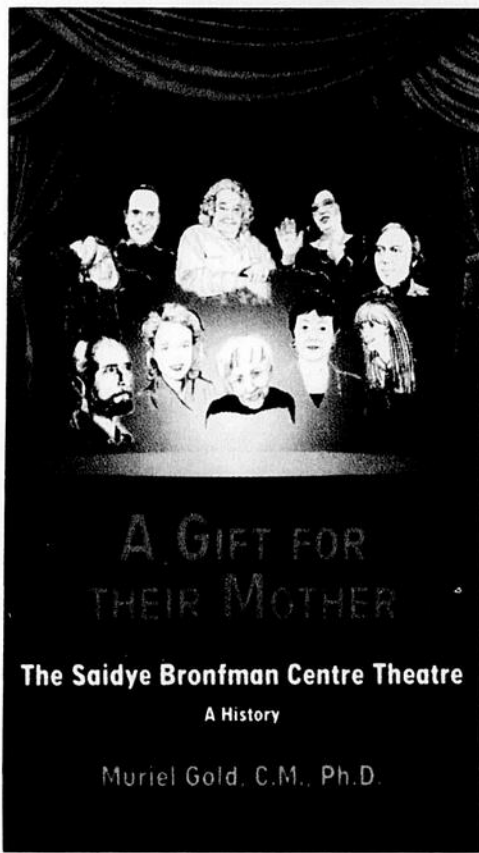
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The gift that grew into a cultural giant



> Wayne Larsen

When it comes to our most venerated institutions, the Saidye Bronfman Centre Theatre is sure to appear high on many Montrealers' lists. It has served as a beacon for local and international talent for four decades and remained an important cultural centre, not only for Jewish Montrealers but the English-speaking community in general.

What began as an ambitious gift to a prominent Westmount matriarch from her four children back in the early 1960s, "The Saidye," as it has been affectionately known by thousands, is so familiar that it needs no introduction — but it did need a definitive biography to permanently preserve its rich history.

Now that has void has been filled quite admirably, in the form of 'A Gift For Their Mother: The Saidye Bronfman Centre Theatre'. And who better to take on the task than well-known theatre educator Muriel Gold, who served as the Centre's artistic director for eight years during the 1970s. Her first-hand accounts of the various goings on at the theatre — on both sides of the curtain — are a valuable asset to an already rich and entertaining narrative. Gold fills her chronicle with inside stories that could never be found in the

official records and archives. She tells us, for example, of the unfortunate actor who played the judge in *The Trial of the Rosenbergs* during the 1977-78 season. Not only did he accidentally flip back in his chair and disappear behind the bench during one performance, but prior to another he went next door and played squash — and, yes, broke his arm. A true trouper, he did make the curtain that night, his robes covering the fresh cast.

Dr. Gold's book is filled with dozens of black-and-white stills from memorable and not-so-memorable productions over the years, and shows the entire breadth of the Theatre's legacy. She delves into its entire history, right from the circumstances surrounding its founding and subsequent building design by Bronfman daughter Phyllis Lambert, through to its 2005-06 season.

This fascinating chronicle, breezily written with enormous affection and reverence by one of the best-connected and most knowledgeable people in the business, is likely to stand as the most complete and authoritative book we will ever get on this storied west-end cultural landmark.

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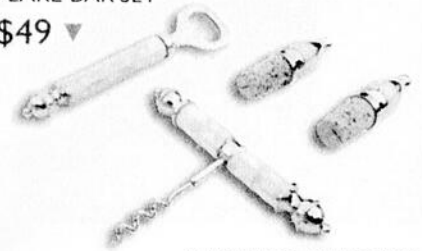
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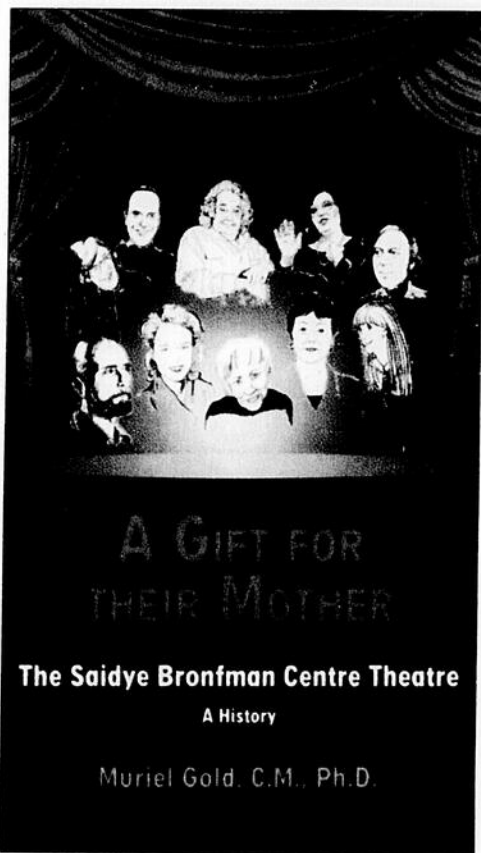
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> Wayne Larsen

When it comes to our most venerated institutions, the Saidye Bronfman Centre Theatre is sure to appear high on many Montrealers' lists. It has served as a beacon for local and international talent for four decades and remained an important cultural centre, not only for Jewish Montrealers but the English-speaking community in general.

What began as an ambitious gift to a prominent Westmount matriarch from her four children back in the early 1960s, "The Saidye," as it has been affectionately known by thousands, is so familiar that it needs no introduction — but it did need a definitive biography to permanently preserve its rich history.

Now that void has been filled quite admirably, in the form of 'A Gift For Their Mother: The Saidye Bronfman Centre Theatre'. And who better to take on the task than well-known theatre educator Muriel Gold, who served as the Centre's artistic director for eight years during the 1970s. Her first-hand accounts of the various goings on at the theatre — on both sides of the curtain — are a valuable asset to an already rich and entertaining narrative. Gold fills her chronicle with inside stories that could never be found in the

official records and archives. She tells us, for example, of the unfortunate actor who played the judge in *The Trial of the Rosenbergs* during the 1977-78 season. Not only did he accidentally flip back in his chair and disappear behind the bench during one performance, but prior to another he went next door and played squash — and, yes, broke his arm. A true trouper, he did make the curtain that night, his robes covering the fresh cast.

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A three-day stroll through the ateliers

The second annual St. Henri Art Walk will offer a rare, behind-the-scenes tour of Montreal's most thriving arts community.

From today through Saturday, more than 50 private artist lofts and studios will be open to the public, with artists on hand to discuss their work. Several St. Henri galleries will also participate, hosting exhibits of local painters and sculptors.

Visitors will be able to purchase paintings, sculpture, handmade jewelry, and other art objects directly from artists.

The major starting points for the Art Walk are Galerie d'Art Quartier Libre at 4289 Notre-Dame St. W., The Canal Complex at 4710 St. Ambrose Street, and the RCA Building at 1001 Lenoir.

"The artistic energy in St-Henri is astounding," says Jane Zdansky, coordinator of the Art Walk. "Artists are installed in the old factories, producing art instead of retail goods. They have grounded themselves in St. Henri by buying in the neighborhood and developing their spaces into studios and/or galleries, such as Quartier Libre and Jean Brillant's 5,000 square-foot studio/gallery space 3520 St. Jacques St. W.

Hours are Thursday, Dec. 6 and Friday, Dec. 7 from 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 8, from noon to 5 p.m. Maps will be provided at each Art Walk location. Admission is free. For more information, contact Lisa Hunter at hunterpr@b2b2c.ca, or consult the website: <http://geocities.com/artwalksthenri/>


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thinking, creativity and teaching at Harvard University recently, during which the mind-body connection was elucidated. "Activity stimulates the neurotransmitters in the brain and that has an impact on how kids can develop," she says.

But a new development that came out of the research, she adds, is that physical activity also builds the brain's capacity. "It's not just with certain tasks, but it develops the overall brain capacity, and the connection between exercise and academics becomes much stronger then. Exercise can have an impact not only on how much you learn, but how well you learn critical thinking."

Complementing the "risky behaviors" campaign, last weekend grade 11 students at St. George's staged Go Ask Alice. Based on a 1971 book about adolescent drug abuse that has become a classic of young adult literature, it is purportedly the actual diary of an anonymous teenage girl who died of a drug overdose in the late 1960s.

"During the process of this production, I tried to educate the students about the reality of the effects of drugs," says M. Campbell, a St. George's performing arts teacher, who directed the production. "The reality is that so many family and friends have to witness and struggle with watching a loved one deal with their addiction to drugs. I enabled the students to develop an understanding and empathy towards their character."



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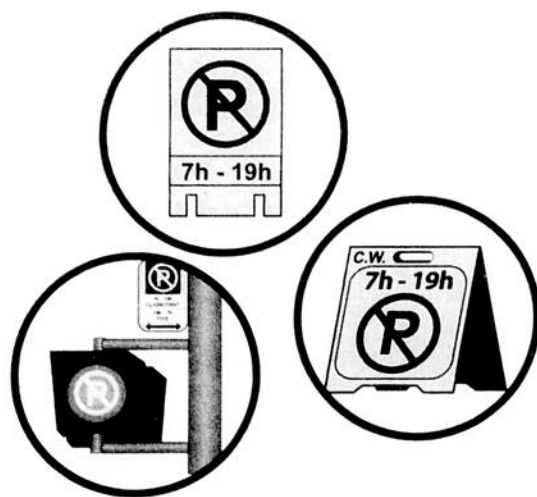
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Snow for Private Driveways

Snow from private driveways and walkways must never be placed on public sidewalks, lanes, or streets. During snow loading, snow may be added to the existing snowbanks prior to removal, but this snow must never obstruct the public roadways or sidewalks. Fines may be levied on home owners and/or contractors who violate these regulations.

Bulletin Board

Thursday, Dec. 6

The Bimetallic Question will hold its bimonthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. W. All Sherlockians are welcome to attend. There will be a quiz on 'A Scandal in Bohemia', in which 'The Woman' is featured. Participation is not obligatory. Info: 514-931-8690.

The Visual Arts Centre School of Art / McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave., presents a poetry and prose reading featuring Clayton Bailey, Katia Grubisic, Anne Cimon, Janet Pasternak, Peter Richardson, Maria Turner and Louise Dessertine. Doors open at 7 p.m. Reading at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door. Info: 514-488-9558.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Westmount Boutique Sale: Show your community spirit with City of Westmount gear, available at our holiday sale. Choose from stylish hoodies, toques, windbreakers, baseball caps and much more, all specially-branded with Westmount's logo. An excellent Christmas idea! 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Westmount Arena. Consult the City website at www.westmount.org for photos of some of the items up for sale. Payment by cash or cheque only. Info: 514-989-5226.

Sunday, Dec. 9

The Orpheus Singers present the concert 'Navidad! Christmas Carols and Motets from Spain and the New World at 3 p.m. at St. Matthias' church, 131 Cote St. Antoine Rd. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. Info: 514 846-8464.

The Montreal McGill Suzuki Group, directed by Dr. Alfred Garson and accompanied by Yoko Sayeki, holds its annual Christmas-Hannukah concert at 4 p.m. at Westmount Baptist Church, Sherbrooke Street at Roslyn Avenue. The program will feature works by Bach, Handel and Telemann, as well as traditional Christmas and Hannukah music. Free admission. All welcome.

Monday, Dec. 10

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Tuesday, Dec. 11

Meet Market Adventures, the local upscale singles group, will have a festive dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Tehran Restaurant, 5065 de Maisonneuve W. To reserve a place, please call 514-396-9416.

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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1354

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement 1354 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT SUR L'ASSUJETTISSEMENT DE LA VILLE À L'OBLIGATION DE DIVISER SON TERRITOIRE EN DISTRICTS ÉLECTORAUX** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance générale tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 26 novembre 2007.

Ce règlement a pour objet d'assujettir la ville à l'obligation de diviser son territoire en districts électoraux.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, Québec, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 6 décembre 2007.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1354

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1354 entitled "**BY-LAW TO SUBMIT THE CITY TO THE REQUIREMENT OF DIVIDING ITS TERRITORY INTO ELECTORAL DISTRICTS**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a general sitting held at City Hall on November 26, 2007.


The object of said By-law is to submit the city to the requirements of dividing its territory into electoral districts.

This by-law comes into force according to law.


Any interested person may consult the said by-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, Monday to Friday during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this December 6, 2007.

Mario Gerbeau
Greffier de la ville / City Clerk



Ville de Westmount
City of Westmount



BUDGET 2008 PROGRAMME TRIENNAL D'IMMOBILISATIONS 2008-2009-2010

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount:

QUE le budget de la Ville de Westmount pour l'exercice financier 2008, ainsi que le programme triennal d'immobilisations pour les exercices financiers 2008, 2009 et 2010 seront déposés pour adoption à une séance spéciale du conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount qui se tiendra le lundi 17 décembre 2007, à 20 h dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville, 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, et

QUE, lors de cette séance spéciale, les délibérations du conseil et la période de questions porteront exclusivement sur le budget et le programme triennal d'immobilisations.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 6^e jour de décembre 2007.

BUDGET 2008 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2008/2009/2010

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

THAT the budget of the City of Westmount for the fiscal year 2008, and the three-year capital expenditure programme for the fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010 will be tabled for adoption at a special sitting of the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount to be held on Monday, December 17, 2007, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, and

THAT, at said special sitting, the deliberations of the Council and the question period shall deal exclusively with the budget and the three-year capital expenditure programme.

GIVEN at Westmount this 6th day of December 2007.

Mario Gerbeau
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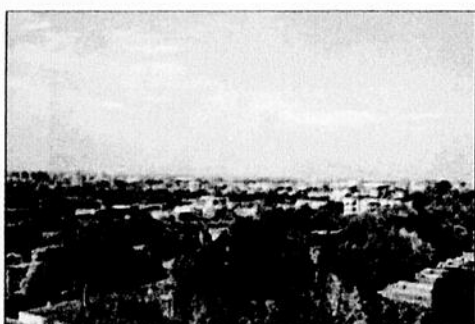
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Les Cours Mont Royal - Elegant, gracious 1200 s.f., 1 bdrm / 1 1/2 bath at excellent established luxury address. Ideal pied-a-terre for professional or couple. Indoor access to shopping concourse and underground city. **\$389,000**



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Westmount, Summit Circle - Stunning contemporary residence nestled in the cusp of the mountain, facing the Bird Sanctuary. Its grand entrance is just a prelude to the magnificent, breathtaking city and river views offered from every room. Spectacular Southern exposure provides tremendous light throughout this remarkable hilltop retreat. **\$4,985,000**

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Westmount, Shorncliffe - Beautiful detached stone residence with tremendous curb appeal. Its traditional Westmount style & architecture offers a flawlessly appointed interior. The grand living room opens to private garden & terrace. A calm oasis ideal for small family or couple. **\$2,448,000**

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Westmount, Strathcona - Elegantly appointed family home located between two parks on one of Westmount's most desirable streets. The large vestibule opens to a gracious entry hall with beautiful inlaid wood floors & high ceilings. The cross-hall living room and dining room are of more than generous proportions. **\$1,399,000**

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Westmount, Oakland - Spacious contemporary on quiet, yet prestigious, tree-lined street adjacent protected green space. The magnificent landscaped lot is over 9,000 square feet of flat land. Ideal for those who wish to create their dream home in a wonderful setting as well as a prime Westmount location. **\$1,425,000**



Westmount, The Boulevard - Truly one of the most spectacular homes in the city. Beautifully renovated, features magnificent entry hall, stunning kitchen, panoramic views, pool size private back yard, indoor lap-pool, 3 car garage and much more. **\$5,900,000**



Westmount, Belvedere Place - Located on the top of the mountain, this beautiful stone cottage features magnificent views, gracious entertainment areas, a landscaped backyard and in ground pool. An absolute must see for discerning buyers! **\$3,150,000**



Westmount, The Boulevard - Stunning 3 storey mansion of exceptional quality & gracious proportions, meticulously renovated with taste & style. Impressive 2-storey entry hall opens to a majestic staircase. Top floor boasts luxurious master suite of rooms with private terrace & river views. **\$2,950,000**



Pointe-Claire, Claremont - Waterfront property perfectly positioned to capture breathtaking views. Beautifully landscaped grounds provide a peaceful setting to lounge by the outdoor fireplace. Luxurious amenities makes this 7 bedroom home ideal for lavish entertaining. **\$1,495,000**

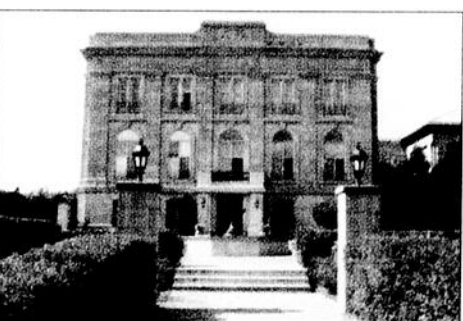
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Downtown, Towers - Impeccably renovated 3 level townhouse-style apartment located just steps from the future John Molson School of Business & Concordia. The well-planned custom designed kitchen is a delight for any serious gourmet. This home is a wonderful combination of old world charm and modern form & function. **\$567,000**



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Westmount, Strathcona - Grand 4 bedroom home on one of Westmount's most desirable streets between King George & Westmount Parks. Spacious rooms with original details, fireplaces and built-ins. Master bedroom has large walk-in & ensuite. 5 car parking. **\$1,790,000**

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NDG, Ponsard - Renovated art-deco home steps to Queen Mary. Large rooms perfect for entertaining. Luxurious master bedroom with fireplace & ensuite. Multiple balconies & deck overlooking large garden perfect for inground pool, double garage, a/c. **\$1,100,000**

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PUBLIC NOTICE
APPLICATIONS TO TAKE PART IN A REFERENDUM
SECOND DRAFT BY-LAW No. 1353

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

1. At a general meeting held on November 26, 2007, following the public consultation meeting held on November 12, 2007 in connection with the first draft By-law No. 1353, the Municipal Council adopted a second draft By-law No. 1353, entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 - CREATION OF ZONE R13-02-09 AND INCREASING OF ZONE P1-02-01 WITHIN PART OF ZONE R13-02-02".
2. Any interested person in a concerned zone from which an application may originate or, as the case may be, in a contiguous zone to said zone may sign an application requiring that the provisions contained in the said second draft By-law no. 1353 which are subject to approval, be submitted for the approval by certain qualified voters.

To that effect, please be advised that a copy of the summary of the second draft by-law may be obtained, free of charge, by any person who so requests at the office of the City Clerk, located at 4333 Sherbrooke West.

An application requiring that the provisions of the by-law be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters may originate from **concerned zones R13-02-02 and P1-02-01 and the contiguous zones P1-02-01, R13-02-02, R1-01-01, R1-03-01, R1-02-05, R1-02-07, P1-02-06, R1-02-08 and R1-02-03.**

A sketch of the concerned zones and the contiguous zones to said zones is attached to this notice. A large sketch of the zones is also available for consultation at the office of the City Clerk.

3. The office of the City Clerk can provide you with the following information at 514-989-5253 or in person at City Hall during business hours:
 - a) the interested persons which are entitled to sign an application and in respect of which provisions;
 - b) the object of such an application and the conditions of its validity;
 - c) the number of potential signatories in your zone;
 - d) any other information you may need for a better understanding of the application process.
4. To be valid an application must:
 - a) state clearly the provision to which it refers and the zone from which it originates;
 - b) be received by the office of the City Clerk **no later than December 14, 2007**; and
 - c) be signed by at least 12 interested persons of the zone from which it originates or by a majority of them if their number does not exceed 21.
5. Is an interested person:
 - a) Any person not disqualified from voting and who meets the following conditions on **November 26, 2007**:
 - * is domiciled in a zone from which an application may originate;

- has been domiciled for at least 6 months in Quebec;
- b) Any sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment, not disqualified from voting and who meets the following conditions on **November 26, 2007**:
 - has been for at least 12 months, owner of an immovable or occupant of a business establishment situated in the zone from which an application may originate;
 - having filed or file, at the same time as the application, a writing signed by the owner or the occupant requesting that his or her name be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be;
- c) Any undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment not disqualified from voting and who meets the following conditions on **November 26, 2007**:
 - has been for at least 12 months, undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment situated in the zone from which an application may originate;
 - be designated, by means of a power of attorney signed by the majority of persons who have been co-owners or co-occupants for at least 12 months as being the one having the right to sign the application in their name and be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be. The power of attorney must have been filed, or must be filed with the application.

In the case of a natural person, he or she must be of full age and a Canadian citizen, and must not be under curatorship.

In the case of a legal person, one must:

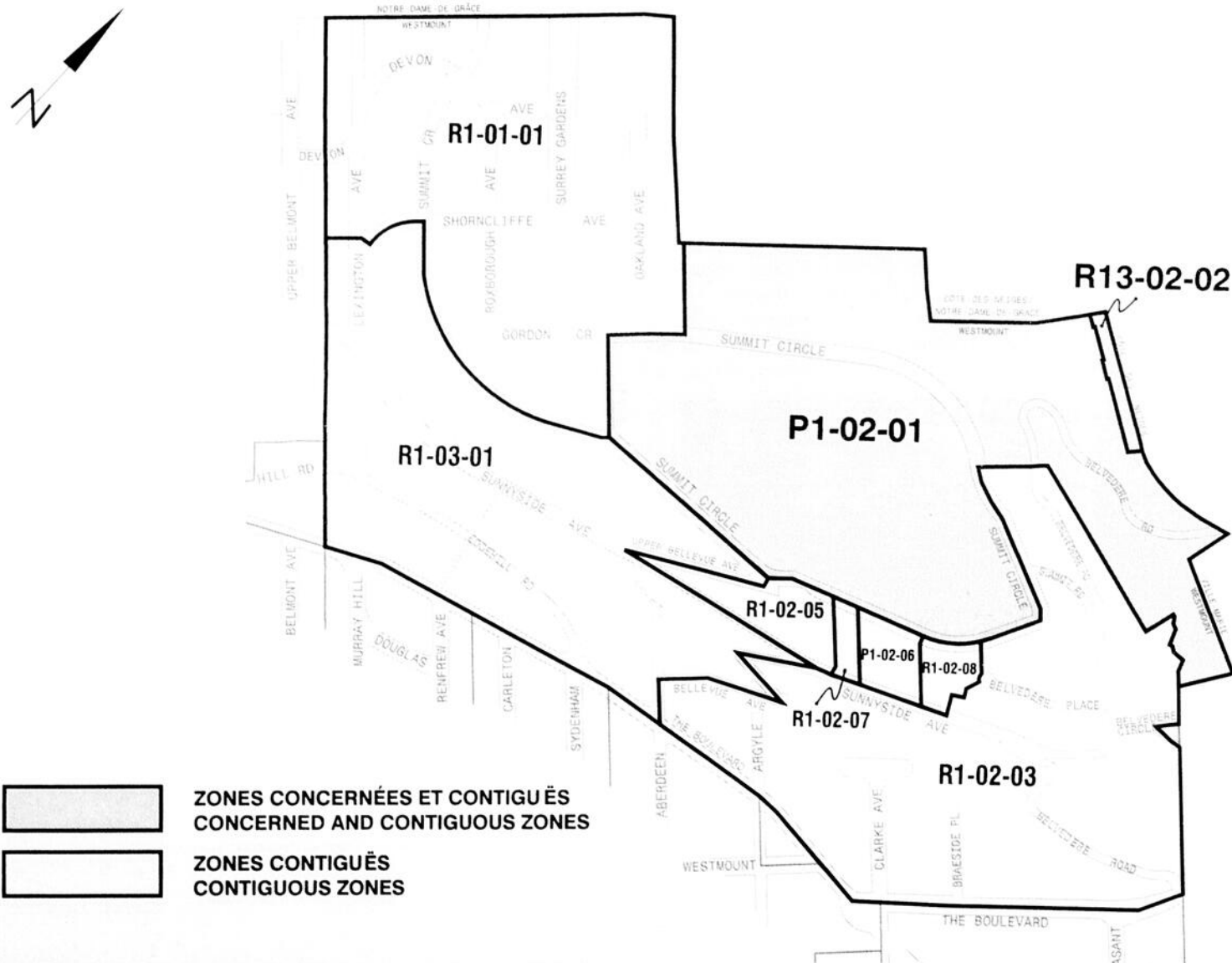
- designate by resolution one of its members, directors or employees who, on November 26, 2007, is of full age, a Canadian citizen, not under curatorship, nor disqualified from voting.
- having filed or file the resolution with the application, designating the person authorised to sign the application and to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

Except in the case of a person designated to represent a legal person, a person shall have his or her name entered on the list in only one capacity, as per Section 531 of *An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities*.

6. The provisions in respect of which no valid application is received may be included in a by-law that is not required to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters.
7. The second draft By-law 1353 may be consulted at the office of the City Clerk, at 4333 Sherbrooke West, Westmount, during office hours Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this 6th day of December 2007.

Mario Gerbeau, City Clerk





AVIS PUBLIC
DEMANDES DE PARTICIPATION À UN RÉFÉRENDUM
SECOND PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT NUMÉRO 1353

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit:

1. Lors de sa séance générale du 26 novembre 2007, à la suite de l'assemblée publique de consultation tenue le 12 novembre 2007 sur le premier projet de règlement numéro 1353, le conseil municipal a adopté un second projet de règlement portant le numéro 1353 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE - CRÉATION DE LA ZONE R13-02-09 ET AGRANDISSEMENT DE LA ZONE P1-02-01 À MÊME UNE PARTIE DE LA ZONE R13-02-02** ».

2. Toute personne intéressée, dans une zone concernée d'où peut provenir une demande ou, selon le cas, dans une zone contiguë à celle-ci, peut signer une demande visant à ce que les dispositions du second projet de règlement numéro 1353 qui sont susceptibles d'approbation soient soumises à l'approbation de certaines personnes habiles à voter.

À cet égard, soyez avisés qu'une copie d'un résumé du second projet de règlement peut être obtenue sans frais par toute personne qui en fait la demande au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Une demande visant à ce que les dispositions du règlement soient soumises à l'approbation des personnes habiles à voter peut provenir des **zones concernées R13-02-02 et P1-02-01 et des zones contiguës P1-02-01, R13-02-02, R1-01-01, R1-03-01, R1-02-05, R1-02-07, P1-02-06, R1-02-08 et R1-02-03**.

Une illustration des zones concernées et des zones contiguës à celles-ci est jointe au présent avis. Un exemplaire à plus grande échelle de cette illustration est également disponible pour consultation au bureau du greffier.

3. Vous pouvez en outre obtenir les renseignements suivants du bureau du greffier en communiquant au 514-989-5253 ou en vous présentant à l'hôtel de ville durant les heures d'ouverture :

- a) les personnes intéressées qui ont le droit de signer une demande et à l'égard de quelles dispositions elles peuvent le faire;
- b) l'objectif d'une telle demande et ses conditions de validité;
- c) le nombre potentiel de signataires dans votre zone;
- d) toute autre information pour la bonne compréhension de la démarche.

4. Pour être valide, toute demande doit :

- a) indiquer clairement la disposition qui en fait l'objet et la zone d'où elle provient;
- b) être reçue au bureau du greffier **au plus tard le 14 décembre 2007**; et
- c) être signée par au moins 21 personnes intéressées de la zone d'où elle provient ou par au moins la majorité d'entre elles si le nombre de personnes intéressées dans la zone n'excède pas 21.

5. Est une personne intéressée :

- a) Toute personne qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **26 novembre 2007** :
 - être domiciliée dans la zone d'où peut provenir une demande;

- être domiciliée depuis au moins six mois au Québec;
- b) Tout propriétaire unique d'un immeuble ou occupant unique d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **26 novembre 2007** :
 - être depuis au moins 12 mois propriétaire d'un immeuble ou occupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé dans la zone d'où peut provenir une demande;
 - avoir produit ou produire en même temps que la demande un écrit signé par le propriétaire ou l'occupant demandant l'inscription sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant;
- c) Tout copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **26 novembre 2007** :
 - être depuis au moins 12 mois copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé dans la zone d'où peut provenir une demande;
 - être désigné, au moyen d'une procuration signée par la majorité des personnes qui sont copropriétaires ou cooccupants depuis au moins 12 mois comme celui qui a le droit de signer la demande en leur nom et d'être inscrit sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant. La procuration doit avoir été produite ou être produite avec la demande.

Dans le cas d'une personne physique, elle doit être majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne et ne pas être en curatelle.

Dans le cas d'une personne morale, il faut :

- avoir désigné parmi ses membres, administrateurs ou employés, par résolution, une personne qui, le **26 novembre 2007**, est majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne, qui n'est pas en curatelle et qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter prévue par la loi;
- avoir produit ou produire en même temps que la demande, une résolution désignant la personne autorisée à signer la demande et à être inscrite sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant.

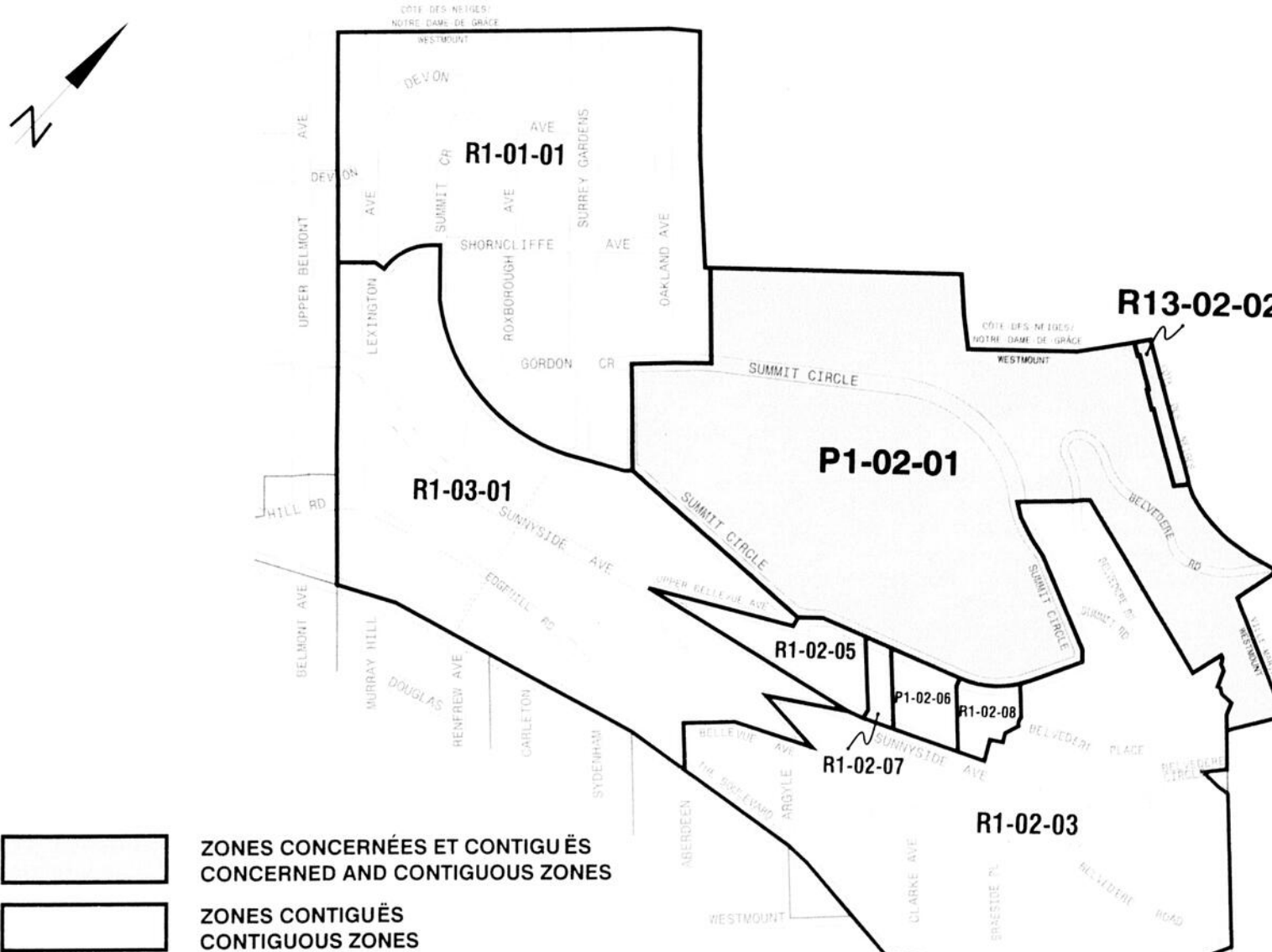
Sauf dans le cas d'une personne désignée à titre de représentant d'une personne morale, nul ne peut être considéré comme personne intéressée à plus d'un titre conformément à l'article 531 de la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités*.

6. Les dispositions qui n'auront fait l'objet d'aucune demande valide pourront être incluses dans un règlement qui n'aura pas à être approuvé par les personnes habiles à voter.

7. Le second projet de règlement numéro 1353 peut être consulté au bureau du greffier, au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, durant les heures d'ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8h30 à 16h30.

DONNÉ À WESTMOUNT, ce 6^e jour de décembre 2007

Mario Gerbeau, greffier de la ville



ZONES CONCERNÉES ET CONTIGUËS
CONCERNED AND CONTIGUOUS ZONES

ZONES CONTIGUËS
CONTIGUOUS ZONES

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Wednesday, Dec. 12

The Atwater Library's Book Club will discuss *The Book of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill at 7:30 p.m. at the Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Coffee will be served and participants are welcome to bring a snack. Free admission. Everyone is welcome. Info: Tanya Mayhew at 514-935-7344 ext. 203.

Thursday, Dec. 13

The Westmount Historical Association's fall lecture series winds up with guest speaker Ruth Allan-Rigby, who will give the presentation 'Alice Lighthall (1891-1991): A Beloved Westmounter' at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. W. Admission is free to WHA members, \$5 at the door for non-members. Info: 514-932-6688.

The Westmount Quilters Guild invites the public to meet them between 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the Gallery at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W., to view and to discuss the exhibition Quilts from the France-Québec Challenge. Info: 514-989-7939.

Westmount Boutique Sale: Show your community spirit with City of Westmount gear, available at our holiday sale. Choose from stylish hoodies, toques, windbreakers, baseball caps and much more, all specially-branded with Westmount's logo. An excellent Christmas idea! 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Consult the City website at www.westmount.org for photos of some of the items up for sale. Payment by cash or cheque only. Info: 514-989-5226.

Friday, Dec. 14

The Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. (at Tupper) presents *A Child's Christmas in Wales* by Dylan Thomas, featuring Barrie Baldaro, at 12:30 p.m. Free admission. Everyone is welcome. Coffee will be served and members of the audience are welcome to bring their own lunch. Info: Tanya Mayhew at 514-935-7344 ext. 203.

Ongoing

Contactivity Centre's Annual Christmas Mini-bazaars will be held each Monday and Wednesday from Nov. 14 to Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Contactivity Centre, 4695

de Maisonneuve Boul. W., corner of Lansdowne Avenue. Unique hand-knitted goods, handcrafted items, gift baskets and more. Info: Ginny Thomas at 514-932-2326.

The Gallery at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W., presents the special exhibition Quilts from the France-Québec Challenge, from Nov. 22 to Dec. 15. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. Info: 514-989-5226.

The McClure Gallery at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave., presents Louise deLorme's exhibition, Wall Drawings and Paintings, through Dec. 21. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 514-488-9558.

The Westmount Quilters Guild holds a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W. every Thursday evening throughout the year except July and August. Program includes show and tell, group projects, quilting technique demonstration, fabric exchanges and more. We welcome new members, both novice and experienced. Simply come to one of our meetings to find out whether you belong. Info: 514-989-7939.

CHSLD St. Margaret, a long-term care nursing home, is currently recruiting volunteers to work with terminally ill/dying residents, as part of the St. Margaret Palliative Care Project. Training will be provided. Info: Melanie Lafleur at 514-932-3630 ext. 3018.

The Manoir Westmount seniors residence is looking for a back-up volunteer organist for its Wednesday night Ecumenical Devotions program from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. If interested, please contact the Leisure Department at 514-937-3943.

The Treble Choir of Christ Church Anglican Cathedral is looking for new members — boys and girls. No fees; voice and theory coaching. Rehearsals on Thursdays at 4:30. Call Patrick Wedd, director of music at 514-843-6577 (local 240).

CLSC René-Cassin is looking for volunteers to work with palliative care patients.

Training is provided. For further information, please call 514-488-3673, ext. 1351.

Pilates classes with Sandra Benjamin: Strengthen your core, improve your posture, reduce stress and create long lean muscles with Pilates instructor Sandra Benjamin. Classes are held Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave. Cost is \$15 per class. Registration required at 514-937-9471.

The Atwater Branch of the Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents a weekly bilingual storytime, on Mondays at 11 a.m., for ages 3 to 6. Info: 514-931-2304.

Monday to Friday, after-school at Centre Greene: gym time, park time, homework hour and a snack. Ages 5 to 12. \$195 per month (sliding scale and family discounts available). Registration ongoing. Full time, part time, ped days. Info 514-931-6202 or www.centregreene.org

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

Westmount Toastmasters: Take the fear out of public speaking every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W.

Friends of the Westmount Library ask that you think of them if you have any books you wish to donate for their book sales. They accept quality hardcovers and paperbacks in reasonable condition, on all subjects. Please drop off your books at the library circulation desk, 4574 Sherbrooke W.

The Atwater Branch of the Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents a weekly bilingual Science Club on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. for ages 5-12. The program is funded by the NSERC and includes workshops, visits from Captain Catalyst and special events. Info: 514-931-2304.

The Atwater Branch of the Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents their weekly bilingual Chess Club on Fridays at 4 p.m., for ages 6-12. Info: 514-931-2304.

St. Margaret's Home for the elderly is currently recruiting volunteers to help with meal-time assistance and tuck shop, as well as assisting the occupational and physiotherapist. Info: Melanie Lafleur at 514-932-3630.

Mary's Recovery: Weekly meetings in English and French at the Westmount YMCA for people seeking help in dealing with fear, anger, stress, depression, anxiety, panic attacks, phobias, insomnia, gambling addiction. Info: 514-485-2194 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.



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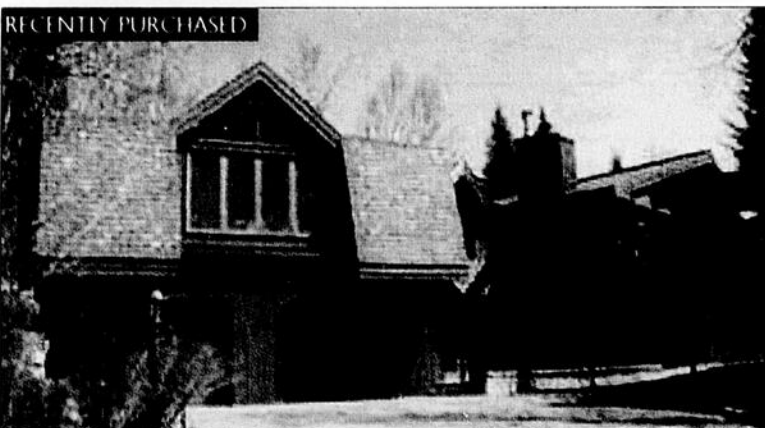
\$4,250,000



On the water

Lake Molson - St-Hippolyte. A mere 50 minute drive from Montreal, unique estate offering a spring fed private lake on 62 acres of forest. Stunning sun-filled architectural home.

\$1,850,000



On the slopes

Wonderful and spacious property on Lac des Sables. 30 minutes from Tremblant, 20 minutes from St-Sauveur. Huge game room. 3+2 bedrooms, country charm.

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