

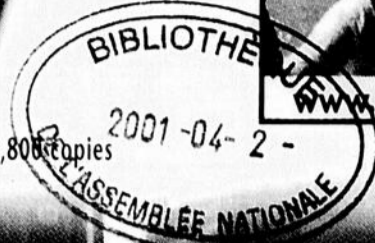
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Local News

MAYORS FLYING WHITE FLAG ON 170: TRENT

Martin C. Barry

Bill 170 would have been defeated by now had most municipalities continued fighting against it, says Mayor Peter Trent.

Speaking on the progress of Westmount's legal contestation of Quebec's forced municipal mergers legislation to a gathering of residents at Victoria Hall last night, Trent claimed that most cities on Montreal Island have abandoned campaigning against Bill 170, confining their activity to a struggle that will take place only in court.

Eighteen of the MUC's 28 members are officially

contesting Bill 170, while at the same time cooperating or otherwise interacting with the Transition Committee, which is overseeing the integration of Montreal's suburbs into boroughs of the new mega-city.

"Most mayors seem to have run up the white flag," Trent said in an interview with The Examiner before the meeting. "There's no question that our situation is delicate, and the main reason we're in the position we're in is because the other cities didn't stand firm."

"We certainly have a problem with a lack of solidarity among the mayors," said Trent. "Had the other cities stood firm, either the law would not have been passed or we would politically be in a position to overturn it without any problem. The problem we have is that essentially we are doing this alone."

However, Trent added, this doesn't necessarily mean Westmount's cause is lost.

"Our strategy overall is to get Quebec to reverse engines through the legal route or all other means to stop this thing in its tracks," he said. "It's far from being a done deal and we are continuing to fight... I think we have a good chance with the legal case. (Quebec Liberal Leader) Charest has promised to undo the mergers. In extremis, we will invoke that promise."

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Touching on other matters relating to Westmount's struggle to survive, Trent said the City will be trimming back certain municipal activities to make sure it has enough energy to concentrate on the battle. "We will be having a moratorium on most of our zoning activities, because that takes up a tremendous amount of our energy and time, especially in our legal department."

In terms of Westmount's pledge not to cooperate with the Transition Committee, Trent said that so far there has been no interaction between the City's employees and the committee, unlike most other municipalities.

However, he did not rule out an eventual form of interaction with the Transition Committee, the employees acting as observers.

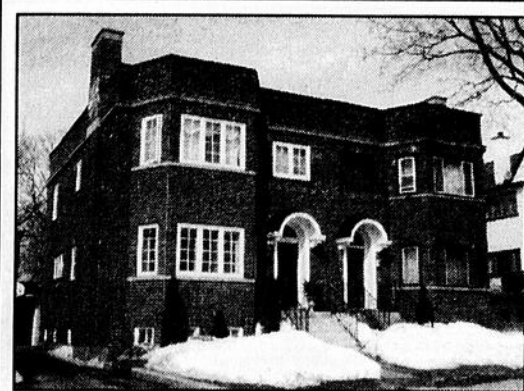
"We've had dozens of requests, but at this point," Trent said—emphasiz-

ing that he was speaking of the present moment—"we have not responded. Our policy is that it goes through council and council has to look at it. But at this point, it could change momentarily.

"The policy that I'm trying to get other mayors to adopt is that they can send people, but that they can simply go as observers. So if we ever send anybody, it would simply be as observers, that is they would not participate. But at this point they're not even going there as observers... Unlike

all other cities, none of our employees are involved in the advisory committees of the Transition Committee."

In an interview with The Examiner three weeks ago, Transition Committee chairman Monique Lefebvre predicted that, despite Westmount's official non-cooperation stance, the City's personnel would eventually start to give in. "At this point it hasn't happened," said Trent, "but we have to understand that the employees have careers to worry about. It's a very delicate issue."



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Sun Youth bike patrols come to Westmount

Sidhartha Banerjee

Westmount will be one of the seven new districts joining Sun Youth's bike patrol this summer, the non-profit organization announced recently.

"We were there last year and we were very pleased with the reception and a lot of the people phoned us and said they liked the idea of the bike patrol," said Sid Stevens, Sun Youth's director. "A lot of our donors live in Westmount and since they had asked, and the (Station 12) commander had asked, we put

decided to put bikers there."

The project, now in its 15th year, was done on a trial basis last summer for one week in Westmount, and according to Stevens was very successful. The program is jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments as well as private donors. This year's program had 37 stations apply for the program with 24 will receiving bikers.

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CENTRE GREENE CELEBRATES THE CAREER OF SHEILA LAWRENCE

Jan Kaluza

"Josephine Baker was divine; I danced with her many years ago in a variety show for the CBC," recalls Sheila Lawrence as she flicks through her mind-file of memories.

We are gathered in Sheila's beautiful Victorian home on Greene Avenue to talk about her illustrious career in dance, and the wonderful tribute that Centre Greene will be paying her at its benefit evening with Les Ballets Jazz de Montréal on April 5.

"You know you're getting old when they want to celebrate what you've done," she says self-deprecatingly, with a little chuckle.

Many felt it was high time Sheila Lawrence was honoured for her remarkable career as dancer, choreographer and teacher in a career spanning more than half a century, and which has contributed tremendously to the world of dance.

I have done a number of Sheila's jazz ballet classes, which was a learning experience as well as a lot of fun, thanks to Sheila's repertoire. Everybody in class loved Sheila.

Spread over the dining room table is a pile of old black and white photographs of Sheila in her many dancing roles which appear to span her whole career: Cinderella, Swan Lake, Romeo and Juliet, Peter and the Wolf. She looks beautiful in every one, with her fiery red hair and alabaster skin. There's a shot of Sheila with the sultry dancer Josephine Baker. And another with Marcel Marceau, mime artist extraordinaire, depicting Sheila as princess to Marceau's devil in Stravinsky's *l'Histoire Du Soldat*. "He would come in to the studios and mime something and we'd all be in stitches," she recalls.

Of course, Sheila Lawrence has a lot to laugh about. Hers has been an accomplished life, one the feminists might describe as having it all. A marvelous career, three beautiful children and grandchildren, and a loving husband. Even the tough bits she seems to have managed with aplomb - trouper that she is. Although the ballet world hints at a world of ethereal glamour, it is exceedingly tough and notoriously single-minded. So, actually Sheila has been no stranger to compromise. But, one feels that ultimately she prioritized all the right things.

When she describes her background—both professional and personal—and the peripatetic lifestyle she has led: First as the daughter of a wing commander in the air force; a world class ballerina; the wife of a neurologist who trained in hospitals in different countries, and now a choreographer and guest teacher invited to teach all over the world. You can't help thinking what an adventure her life's odyssey has taken her on.

Born in Vancouver, and raised in Ottawa, by the time she was four years old she announced she wanted to be a dancer. "I had rather disapproving English grandparents who thought that dance was not suitable for young ladies, and who in fact never saw me perform except for once on television much later in life," she says. "However, I had another grandmother who thought it was great and lovingly

made all my costumes."

Sheila spent two years in London studying at one of the Royal Ballet schools. She took her RAD exams with honours. At 14 and back in Ottawa, she met the dancer and choreographer Ludmilla Chiriaeff, a recent arrival in Canada from Europe, who later founded Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, and a year later the two came to Montreal to start Les Ballets Chiriaeff.

"I was only 15 when I came to Montreal, so the idea was to live with Madame for a year," Sheila recalls. "She had three small children, a husband who was a painter and a mother who sat around wearing gloves and a chapeau all day. It was quite a bohemian household. Ludmilla and I would get up early every morning and take off for the studio with babies and bottles and music in tow."

Sheila danced many classical roles with the company, and also did contemporary pieces for a TV

astating injury, I tore the ligaments in my ankle, almost destroying my ankle in the process, which put me on crutches for months and effectively ended my dancing career. I was married in a walking cast, which was hidden beneath my bridal dress, and I went step clonk, step clonk, up the aisle," she recalls with a giggle.

The newly-married couple realized they would not be able to stay in Montreal on Donald's measly \$40 per month resident's salary, so they went to Boston where he was offered \$200 (U.S.) a month. Sheila taught wherever the family moved—in Oxford, Rotterdam and Cleveland, (where incidentally, Sheila began dancing again when she took classes with the Cleveland Ballet). Initially, she held classes for children, "because I had small kids of my own and I could take them with me." She opened schools, and was amazed to learn recently from a friend, who visited England two years ago, that her school in Oxford had survived.

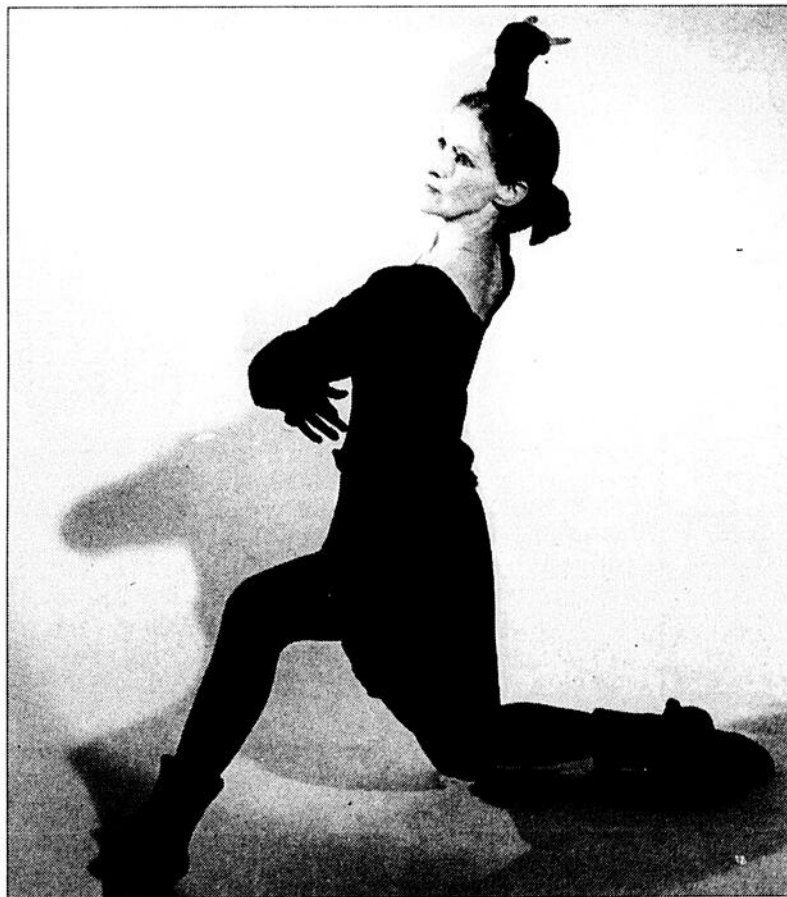
Sheila returned to Montreal in 1973 and settled with her family in Westmount. "I toddled down to the Westmount Y to put my youngest in class. I went into the office and introduced myself and was there any chance of doing a class? They looked at my resumé and said, when can you start?" In 1978 Sheila started Le Centre de Danse at the Y. "I had six students and at the end of the year we had about 25. Within two years we had 900 bodies going in and out for dance classes."

Sheila's association with Centre Greene began a decade ago. "We'd just moved to this house on Greene, she explains, I was still teaching classes at the Y and for the City of Westmount, when the board approached Ora Kozlov, who teaches ballet to children, and myself, to ask if we'd like to bring our students along to the centre. Ora had mirrors and bars which we installed in the basement and we bought a couple of second hand pianos and a second hand dance floor and we somehow accumulated all the equipment willy-nilly that first year. Then suddenly both our classes took off..."

Watching her taking an intermediate ballet class at Centre Greene, you notice the energy and the rhythm in her arms and legs, and her heart and soul. She moves with the grace of a woman half her age.

At home too, she seems in perpetual motion as she buzzes around making more tea, and greeting her daughter Jennifer, who has just joined our tête-à-tête. She and Sheila pore over an old photograph and reminisce. Jennifer says she's looking forward to the upcoming soiree. Family members as well as colleagues past and present will attend the celebration at Theatre Espace Go, on St. Laurent Boulevard on April 5. Following the performance of Les Ballets Jazz de Montréal, there will be a reception in Sheila's honour. The evening will also be a fundraiser for Centre Greene. For information on tickets and schedules for Sheila Lawrence's classes, contact Anna at Centre Greene at 931-6202.

"I'm sure it'll be a real treat," says Sheila finally. "As long as they don't ask me to dance!"



Sheila Lawrence

show, aired weekly for several years on CBC called La Porte Ouverte. Offstage, dashing young medical student Don Lawrence ignited her real-life passions. He came to the studios with a friend who introduced the two backstage. The attraction was instantaneous and mutual. "I had sprained my ankle during the rehearsals and someone suggested Don take a look at it. As he crouched down and felt my ankle very carefully, he looked up at me and shrugged: 'I don't know what's wrong—I haven't done ankles yet!'"

They married a few years later in Christ Church Cathedral when Sheila was 20. "I had said to Don that I would support him as a dancer through medical school. But just before we married I had a dev-



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CITY REPEALS ANTI-NOISE MEASURES

Martin C. Barry

A bylaw amendment introduced by Westmount restricting the hours during which snow removal contractors could operate has been rescinded after only a month, following objections from affected residents.

Council changed Bylaw 1136 'concerning noise' in February after some residents of the 4300 de Maisonneuve apartment block complained about snow removal taking place in the middle of the night in the parking lot of an adjacent commercial building. The repealed measure briefly made it illegal to clear snow between 10:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.

When the change was introduced in February, Mayor Peter Trent admitted that council was taking a chance of incurring the wrath of citizens in other parts of the city whose driveways might not get cleared fast enough for the morning drive to work.

As it turned out, he was right.

"There's one thing for sure: we certainly heard from citizens quite vociferously, that they felt that the restriction on removing snow was unduly harsh for them," Trent said.

"We received a flurry of letters, phone calls and petitions from people who said they couldn't live with the restriction because a lot of them had to get out early... We tried to solve the problem at its source... affecting everybody else in Westmount and got everybody else upset."

Trent admitted that most of the complaints received were from "individuals living near or owning parking lots where the problem began in the first place."

Councillor John de Castell, in whose district the 4300 de Maisonneuve apartment block is located, said the City is having a second look at the matter.

"We only succeeded in creating greater problems for an even larger number of Westmount residents," said de Castell. "At this point we are going to review our options and come up with a better plan, a better resolution, a better bylaw. So for the time being we will be going back to the status quo."

Council will be studying the matter and plans to introduce an alternative measure at April's council meeting on Monday.

"What we are going to do is to essentially see if we can't simply attack the issue for the apartment in question where the problem lies, rather than disaccommodating everyone else in Westmount," said Trent. "We'll see if we can solve the problem for them, rather than having a bylaw that applies to everyone. We're fairly sanguine that we can achieve that aim."

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'Mad cow' disease cuts into blood donations in Westmount

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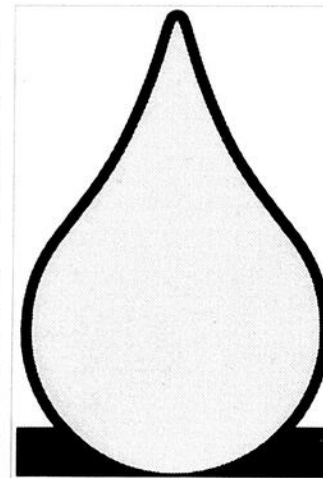
Creutzfeldt Jakob disease, better known as 'mad cow' disease, is taking its toll on blood donations in Westmount.

According to figures from Héma Québec, the provincial blood collection agency that conducted the Mayor's annual blood donor clinic at Victoria Hall on Tuesday, there's been a significant drop in donors from Westmount over the past three years.

In 1998, 159 pints of blood were collected at the Westmount clinic; in 1999, it was 134 pints, and in 2000, 117 were collected. In combination with Westmount's demographics, the pattern matches the rise in the past few years of Creutzfeldt Jakob cases, and the subsequent measures Héma Québec and other blood collection agencies have taken to screen out donors who might be carriers.

People who have spent time in England—the country where the disease has become most common—for more than 30 cumulative days over

the past few years, cannot donate blood. With an elevated number of residents with British roots or who travel regularly to that country, the screening has taken an obvious toll in Westmount.



"So many people have been turned away," said City horticulturalist Claudette Savaria, who acted as a coordinator at the clinic. Last year, ironically, even Mayor Peter Trent, who sponsors the blood clinic and who'd donated blood there seven times since 1991, found himself excluded.

"I came here last time to give blood and they said I couldn't do it," said Trent, who turned up Tuesday to be photographed for the occasion. "This is why I'm not eligible, and why I look like a mad cow," he added with a laugh.

Reclining on a Héma Québec stretcher after blood had been drawn from her, Sara Colby said she made it a point to give the gift of life once a year.

"I definitely feel it's important to do," she said. "I do feel strongly that if you can you should."

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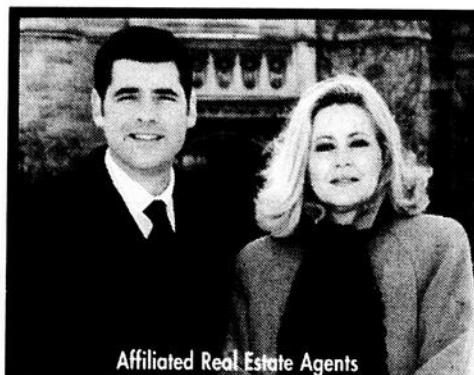
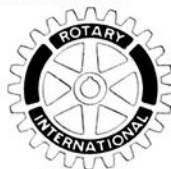
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 4:09 p.m., 619 Clarke: Defective smoke detector on second floor.
 4:46 p.m., 422 Roslyn: Fire alarm activated due to a backed up chimney.
 11:18 p.m., 430 Claremont: Water leak from overflowing bathtub on the second floor of home.

Tuesday, March 13

8:28 a.m., 24 Melbourne: Strange odour traced to a defective furnace.
 7:02 p.m., 490 Strathcona: Smell of gas, traced to a defective furnace.
 7:41 p.m., 372 Olivier: Fire alarm activated due to burnt food.

Wednesday, March 14

10:20 a.m., 4800 de Maisonneuve: Alarm

being serviced.
 1:02 p.m., Ste. Catherine/Redfern: Motor vehicle accident; assistance was not needed.
 8:51 p.m., 11 Springfield: Service call.

Thursday, March 15

2:03 a.m., 120 Hillside, #104: Water leak due to melting snow on the roof.
 9:00 a.m., 477 Prince Albert: Alarm activated due to insulation blown into the attic.

Friday, March 16

8:55 a.m., 460 Elm: Report of a strange odour, traced to a defective furnace.
 8:16 p.m., 215 Redfern: Called to scene of a water leak. Broken water pipe in garage was leaking water on to the floor and into the drain. Fire department clamped pipe.

Saturday, March 17

10:09 a.m., 244 Redfern: Called to the scene of a water leak. A drain had been backed up, and plumber arrived on scene to deal with problem.
 10:44 a.m., 351 Olivier: Defective smoke detector.
 10:21 p.m., 231 Clarke: Carbon monoxide detector set off due to a low battery.

Sunday, March 18

10:17 p.m., 740 Lexington: Exterior water leak caused by a water faucet outside that was leaking on to property, faucet was shut off.

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MUCH POTENTIAL: Grim. Steer clear unless you have a lot of money and believe your blind dates really did have nice personalities. See "Ready to Rehab" and "Fixer Upper".

UNIQUE CITY HOME: Used to be a warehouse.

HI-TECH/CONTEMPORARY: Lots of steel shelving with little holes - the kind your dad used to store tools on in the basement.

DARING DESIGN: Still a warehouse.

COMPLETELY UPDATED: Avocado dishwasher and harvest gold carpeting or vice versa.

SOPHISTICATED: Black walls and no windows. See "Architect's Delight".

BRILLIANT CONCEPT: Do you really need a 2 storey live oak in your 30 foot skydome. See "Makes Dramatic Statement".

MUST SEE TO BELIEVE: An absolutely accurate statement.

TIMELESS: Yes it is that time of year. April Fool! Hope we made you smile a little.

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Nearly two weeks after the fact, reverberations of Pierre Bourque's foray into Westmount can still be felt around the city.

Mr. Bourque may have accomplished what he set out to do by coming into Westmount—that is to show the rest of the island, via brief media clips, that for some reason he does not face overwhelming opposition here—but on the other hand his visit has been a great benefit to the already substantial local anti-merger forces.

Commentary

Wayne Larsen

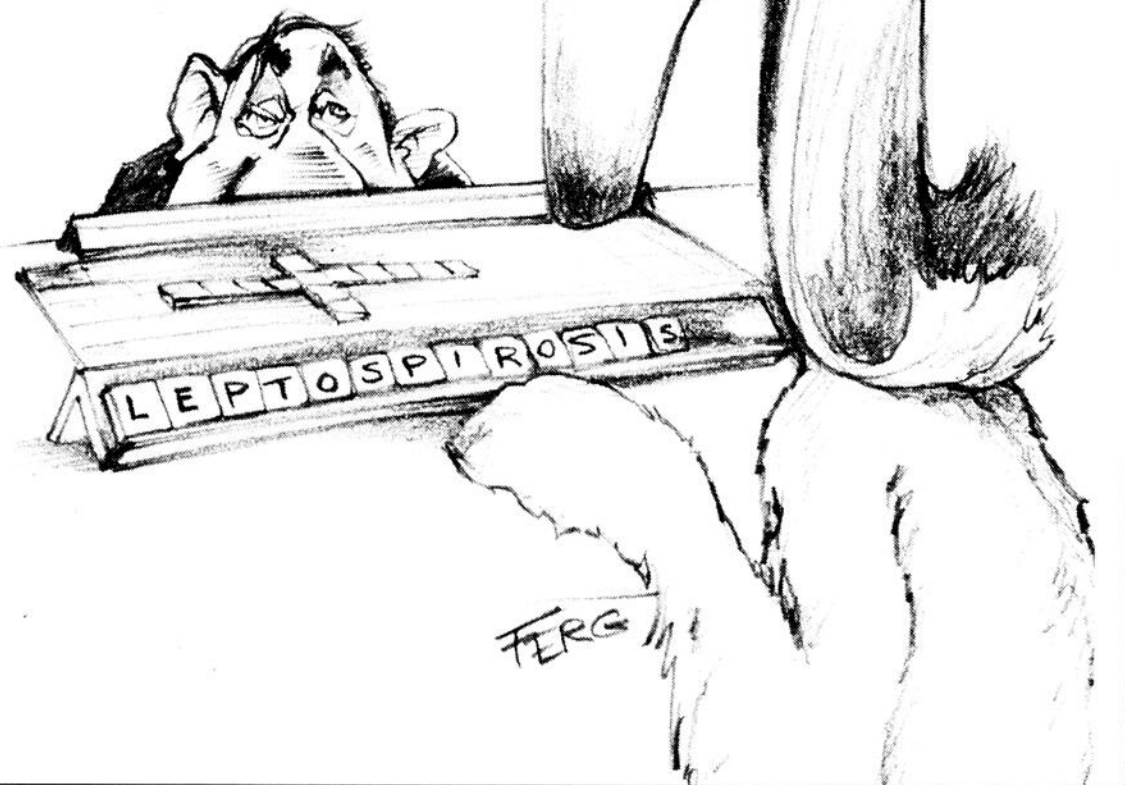


Although there have been ongoing protests against Bill 170 in Westmount since it was rushed through the National Assembly just before Christmas, most notably through the undying efforts of the Westmount Municipal Association and DemocraCité, it could be said that involvement at the citizen level appeared to have fallen off somewhat. This is understandable, as most people are far too busy to continuously drop everything to go off and carry a placard at various events across the island, no matter how ardently opposed to 'One island, one city' they might be.

Over the past couple of months several Westmounters have expressed concern that the anti-merger movement has lately been on the decline, illustrated not only by the virtual surrender of other municipalities, but by a noticeable decrease in the 'Hands Off My City' signs which dominated local streets last fall. It should be pointed out that the vast majority of these signs were stolen from front lawns—not removed by despairing Westmounters as a gesture of throwing in the proverbial towel.

When Mr. Bourque and his entourage rolled their travelling medicine show into Westmount on March 16, the loud, hostile reception they received could not be interpreted as anything other than a firm indication that the anti-merger movement in Westmount is stronger than ever.

AT THE WORLD SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP, TIFFANY, FROM WESTMOUNT, CONTEMPLATED THE REACTION BACK HOME OF HER WINNING WORD



LANDRY SERVES UP LEFTOVERS

Jacques Chagnon

So here we are with a new premier, our fifth in 15 years. I have a feeling that we will have a sixth before too long since Mr. Landry seems intent on creating as many enemies as possible.

He doesn't seem satisfied with his disastrous declaration about the Canadian flag (a 'red rag'), so he's back at it again. Now he's telling us not only that Canada has been detrimental to Quebec, but that it is even more so today. What a great way to make friends!

Quebecers are completely disgusted. With some discouragement they must be wondering just how long they will have to listen to this rhetoric. Meanwhile, Canadians outside Quebec are wondering what bug has bitten him. Looks like both Quebecers and Canadians will simply have to be

patient. Yes, I know, it's bothersome, and what with winter just not wanting to end. Mr. Landry fell into the sovereignist kettle when he was young, and we are not going to be able to change him now. Although he is insulting just about everyone, he thinks he's quite a nice guy. One day he announces that he dreams of making Quebec a sovereign state that would then join with Canada in a "true confederation" and the next he announces that Canada is detrimental to Quebec. Why would you want to sign a confederal agreement with a country that is detrimental to us? These are the types of questions that Mr. Landry will have to answer.

In the midst of these two startling revelations, Landry named his new cabinet. For certain ministers, there were lateral moves. For some female ministers there were demotions, with the exception of Pauline Marois and perhaps also Diane Lemieux, who her-

self received a lateral move. Ms. Lemieux followed her boss' example and managed to stick her foot in her mouth without even being questioned. Like something coming straight out of left field, and in reaction to nothing in particular, she began to go on about the absence of culture in Ontario, stemming from Ontario's not being a 'nation'. Once she realized that she had got herself into hot water, she started rambling on about anything to try to get out of it. Finally, a spokesperson in the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications stated that the minister regretted her remarks, which were provoked by a great deal of stress. And to think that she was considering running for the leadership only a few months ago. And what about Rémi Trudel, who learned the ministerial ropes in the agriculture portfolio, and whose first public statement was to invite patients in Quebec to demon-

strate in Ottawa so that the Quebec government could get some more money.

Remember what Landry did as finance minister with the money that was supposed to be used for health care? He left \$840 million in a fund without ever telling the minister of health.

Meanwhile, the minister was sending patients to the United States for health care and our emergency rooms were overflowing because of the lack of beds due to budget cuts.

We also noted that Linda Goupil and Agnès Maltais were literally demoted. They have become, respectively, minister of the family and minister of status for health. Is this really the best way that Landry could have found to mark March 8, International Women's Day?

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TRENT RESPONDS TO BOURQUE INTERVIEW

In the wake of last week's Examiner interview with Montreal Mayor Pierre Bourque, Mayor Peter Trent has taken up his pen to rebut Mr. Bourque's comments in the form of the following open letter, copies of which were distributed to residents at last night's public information meeting at Victoria Hall.

Dear Mayor Bourque,

I must congratulate you on at least one aspect of your March 16 interview with the Westmount Examiner: your natural creativity is most in evidence when you apply it to the humdrum world of facts. So please forgive me if I arrest your flights of fancy and acquaint you with the rather pedestrian reality of Bill 170. Encumbered as I am by facts, I have little choice but correct much of what you told the reporter during that interview.

BOURQUE: *Five or six years ago, you could buy houses here [in Westmount] for half the price you pay now or maybe less because the economy was very poor. Now that Montreal is coming good again, it's a benefit to the people of Westmount.*

M. Bourque, if things are going so well in Montreal, why muck things up by changing anything? Obviously, the economy turned around without a megacity (or a mega-mayor) in place. And why is it only Montreal that can take credit for the turnaround? Is it not possible that the existence of a well-run, attractive city such as Westmount helped in the process? We are one of Quebec's best kept secrets in attracting new foreign investors, who generally look for a great place to live even before they look for a place to locate their plant or office.

Is it also not possible that Westmount's low taxes, sense of community, and exemplary municipal services - not to mention our heritage preservation by-laws - have something to do with Westmount's consistently high house prices? These are the very qualities we would lose if Montreal annexed Westmount.

BOURQUE: *[on the subject of Prof. Andrew Sancton's book "Merger Mania"]:* *It was paid for by Westmount. There are other intellectuals who favour completely opposite views. These are theoretical debates among university people.*

First of all, Prof. Sancton came out against municipal mergers decades before he was commissioned to write that book. Secondly, most Montreal-area academics have come out against the megacity. While Prof. Sancton's book may seem theoretical to you, M. Bourque, most people who have read it say it's pretty down-to-earth. It's chock-full of (for you) inconvenient facts. Item: the U.S. urban region you would most like to emulate - Boston - has 282 cities in it. Item: the last real merger in the U.S. was over 100 years ago. Item: municipal amalgamation has nothing to do with economic development.

And rather than dismissing Prof. Sancton's - or my - arguments, it might be better to counter them. Ah, but you have refused to debate with me publicly for nearly a year. The least you could do is respond to the recent report from the C.D. Howe Institute. It's only 28 pages. In case you don't have time, let me give you just two quotes: "Despite extensive, critical coverage of the proposed amalgamation in Quebec, the provincial government is pressing ahead with a religious-like faith in the efficacy of nineteenth-century solu-

tions." The report's author, Dr Bish (another one of those pesky intellectuals, M. Bourque) says the root of such mergers is the "bureaucratic urge for centralized control".

BOURQUE: *We're much closer to a better solution than Toronto or Ottawa because we are better prepared. We know what didn't go well in Toronto so we can avoid these problems.*

Even the municipal administrators in Toronto don't quite know what didn't "go well" there, so how do you know? Your standard answer - that the mess in Toronto was caused by downloading - just won't wash. Only \$47 million out of the \$305 million shortfall this year was due to downloading. Just about every researcher across North America now agrees that bigger cities spend more per capita. Just look at your own city. Toronto is in a financial mess principally and simply because it became a megacity.

BOURQUE: *When we will arrive at the new city, we won't have any problem with the unions. They were not prepared for that in Ontario.*

This statement stretches credulity. With the megacity, we'll have one island, one city, one union. One blue-collar union known for smashing down city hall doors. One firefighter union best known for punching holes in their hoses. Even if Bill 170 requires a temporary cap on total - rather than individual - wages while the various unions coalesce, this cap can easily be met through higher salaries and fewer employees (and, ergo, poorer services). And what happens when the initial - capped - collective agreements run out? In a few years, both the cap and the gloves will be off. Can you imagine the unions' bargaining power then?

M. Bourque, it was you who went to Quebec not so many years ago pleading for an equal "rapport de force" with the unions, for things like the right to lock-out and to contract out. You said then you were at the mercy of the unions. Well, Quebec gave you absolutely nothing. Now the unions will be even larger and therefore more powerful.

After all, what did Toronto discover? That wages quickly climb up to match those paid by the most generous former city. It's the highest common denominator that applies. Perhaps not next year, M. Bourque, but in three years' time. Just like in Toronto.

BOURQUE: *If you talk to Mel Lastman in Toronto, he'll tell you the citizens are very happy and proud to be part of Toronto as a whole...*

As far as Mel Lastman is concerned, let him speak for himself: "There's no two ways about it, amalgamation has turned out to be a disaster" (The Gazette, Feb. 17, 2001). "We're not in good shape, we're in bad shape" (Toronto Star, Feb. 1, 2001). And one can only imagine how proud his citizens will be when they start to receive tax increases that could go as high as 77% over the next five years.

BOURQUE *[On imposing mergers without public consultation]:* *It is (the government's) full right to do so according to the Constitution of Canada. It is normal that sometimes people don't understand.*

Is it not odd that "the government" admits that a referendum is required to

break up a country, but not to wipe out a city? This same PQ government is quite fond of looking to the European Community as a model. Perhaps they are not aware - nor, seemingly, are you, M. Bourque - that Europe has a Charter of Local Self-Government, ratified by 30 European countries. Article 5 of this charter states: "Changes in local authority boundaries shall not be made without prior consultation of the local communities concerned, possibly by means of a referendum where this is legally permitted". This same article is incorporated in the draft World Charter of Local Government.

BOURQUE: *It's time to stop urban sprawl - it's time to act. We've been studying all this for 40 years; this is not new.*

Even you have admitted that the entirety of urban sprawl is occurring off the island of Montreal. So how will the creation of one city on the Island help urban sprawl? In fact, a megacity will exacerbate urban sprawl, as Island residents will decamp to smaller (unmerged) cities off-island in their search for the kind of communities, low taxes, and responsive local government they once enjoyed.

Yes, we have been studying urban structures for 40 years, but none of the major studies (Hanigan, 1973; Castonguay, 1976; Parizeau, 1985; Johnson, 1991; Pichette, 1993; Bédard, 1999) recommended one-Island-one-city. Many studies - including the Pichette report - recommended the creation of a structure for the entire greater Montreal region. This body is now in place. It's called the Montreal Metropolitan Community. As well as attacking urban sprawl, the MMC will also compensate the City of Montreal for much of its regional infrastructure. So what's the problem?

BOURQUE: *Each municipality will keep its own local services. Of course, many people don't believe that. But if we do things right according to the law, Westmount will remain Westmount and Westmounters will keep their library and everything else. As much as services will remain the same as before, I don't see a problem.*

You are right. Many people don't believe that. How can Westmount remain Westmount when all employees will be hired and fired by the City of Montreal? How can Westmount remain Westmount when the financing and staffing levels for local services will be doled out by the City of Montreal according to what they consider to be our needs? With no power of taxation, "local control" becomes a sham.

And how can Westmount remain Westmount when we won't even have legal status? Some lawyers, in their attempts to interpret the contradictions in Bill 170, even say we won't have the right to adopt by-laws. While our current by-laws will remain in force, the City of Montreal will have the power to modify or rescind them. What will happen to such proud Westmount initiatives such as our by-laws against pesticides, noise, and smoking? What about by-laws regulating speed limits, parking, even building construction? It's far from clear the arrondissements could legislate in these matters. Certainly, the City of Montreal would be able to override anything done locally. And we won't keep many local services, M. Bourque. Our fire brigade will disappear into the City of Montreal brigade. Our Public Security will disappear, as it will no longer be a local respon-

sibility. (Also, the police union has always taken dim view of public security activities, and "harmonization" will mean everyone will get equally poor service.) We would also lose things such as the municipal court, our arterial roads, and our Light and Power Department.

Our library will be open to anyone on the Island, free of charge. Now, at first blush, this seems like a good and fair idea. But then one must take into account the dearth of libraries - especially anglophone - in places such as N.D.G. Our library was designed to suit the needs of 20,000 citizens, not 100,000 or more. And do you think the City of Montreal will spend the money to expand our library to meet such a huge demand? Just look at the underfunding and the pitiful state of libraries in today's Montreal for the answer to that question.

BOURQUE: *(Westmounters) will have an elected president and three [sic] councillors to represent them...they will have financial control through their president or councillor at City Hall[sic]. [...] It is clear that if they want to build something new, they will have to pass through City Hall in downtown Montreal.*

First of all, we would have two, not three local councillors. And the place they meet surely will no longer be called "City Hall". But more importantly, how can we have financial control when we have no local power of taxation? All power - financial or otherwise - will be centralized in the real City Hall "downtown". Our "elected president" will only be one of seventy-two councillors cluttering up Montreal City Hall. Fat chance of any financial control there. Besides, given the governing gridlock guaranteed by 72 councillors, the real people in charge will be the members of the executive committee - each one of whom will be appointed by the Mayor of Montreal. The whole scheme is designed to centralize power - which is now shared by the MUC, Montreal, and the suburbs - into the hands of one man.

And if that is not enough autocracy for you, you are already making noises about asking Minister Harel to get rid of the requirement for referenda in zoning matters. Even as it stands, Bill 170 does not require referenda for certain borrowing by-laws, or for zoning by-laws affecting the entire city.

In summary, M. Bourque, Bill 170 leaves the arrondissement of Westmount with the following responsibilities: zoning (possibly), garbage removal, recreation, library, local road maintenance - and perhaps a few user fees. But the financing and staffing for these responsibilities will be controlled by the City of Montreal. On top of that, we lose responsibilities such as firefighting, public security, light and power, municipal court, and arterial roads such as Sherbrooke Street. We would have no legal status, with no power to tax, borrow, hire or fire. In short, we don't exist. We become a subdivision of a bigger, fatter City of Montreal.

That's what Bill 170 says, M. Bourque. Is that what you mean by promising "little change in Westmount"? Westmounters have not and will not fall for such mealy-mouthed assurances and platitudes. Nor will their mayor.

Peter F. Trent

Mugging nets kids \$26

Station 12 police are on the lookout for a pair of young Asian teens who robbed a woman of \$26 in broad daylight last week.

The incident occurred on Tuesday, March 20 at the corner of Kitchener

Avenue and de Maisonneuve Blvd. at about 4 p.m. Two youths, described as between the age of 12 and 14, approached the victim and demanded her wallet at knife point. When she handed it over, they took the money and gave her back the wallet, then fled on foot with the cash.

The first suspect is described as English-speaking, five feet tall, average weight, black hair and of Asian decent.

He was wearing a dark coat and carried a kitchen knife with a 4-inch blade. The bottom of his faced was covered. The second suspect is also between 12 and 14 years old, about 5'2", average weight and also of Asian decent.

Gazette boxes disappear

A few Westmounters may have had a bit of trouble getting their daily news fix two weeks ago, following the theft of two Gazette distribution boxes in the area.

The stolen boxes were located at the corner of Greene Avenue and Ste. Catherine Street and Metcalfe Avenue and Sherbrooke Street. Both thefts occurred in the early morning hours of March 15 and March 16, before the distribution times for the newspaper.

The boxes are generally chained in place, but in both recent cases the chains had been cut and the entire metal boxes stolen. This is not the first incident like this in Westmount, as Station 12 police report that at least seven or eight distribution boxes have been stolen in the past.

Glasses stolen from window display

Police are looking for clues in the early morning robbery of a local optician on March 18, which had approximately \$800 worth of merchandise grabbed from the front window display.

The incident occurred at about 3:30 a.m., when someone broke the display window of the business, located at 4966 Sherbrooke St. Although there were bars on the front of the window, six pairs of sunglasses were stolen. Anyone with information on any of these cases is asked to contact Station 12 at 280-0112.

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Landry serves up leftovers

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Among the innovations in the new cabinet, there was the decision to name four secretaries of state. Their status seems a little obscure. All that we know is that they will receive the same treatment as parliamentary secretaries; they will not have their own ministerial personnel and they will only be invited to certain cabinet meetings when issues within their portfolios are being discussed. The other new element is the arrival of Richard Legendre who becomes minister without ever having been an MNA.

I am sure that PQ caucus members really appreciated the arrival of this 'outsider'. This generally creates something of an uproar within government caucus. As well, Mr. Legendre becomes minister of state for tourism, leisure and sport. It's not too impressive for a 'prestigious' recruit.

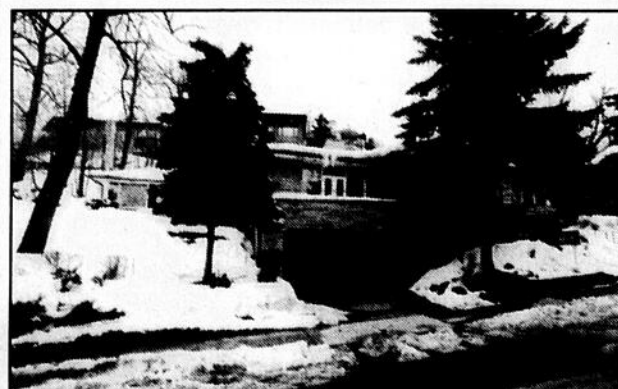
Overall, I would compare this cabinet to reheated leftovers. It made many within the PQ unhappy when they finally saw the coterie.

Jacques Chagnon is the Liberal MNA for Westmount-St. Louis.

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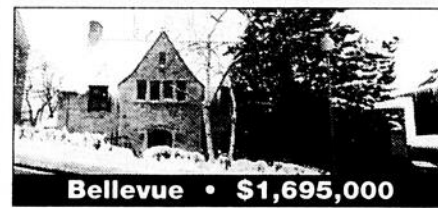
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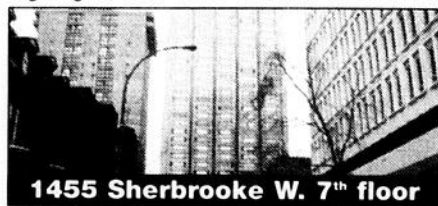
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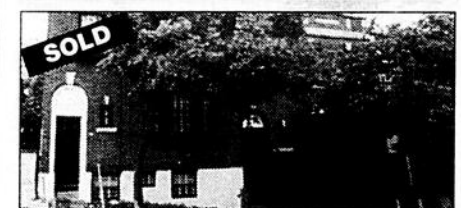


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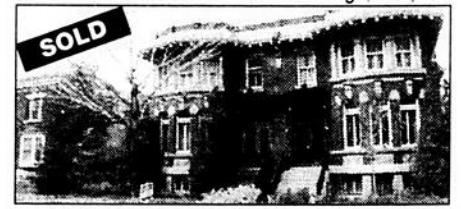
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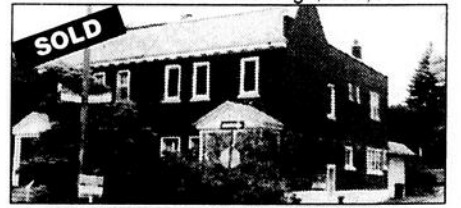
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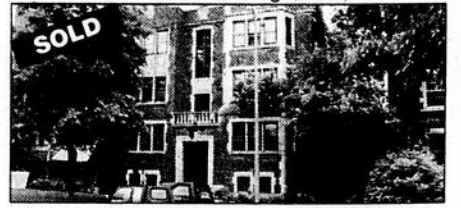
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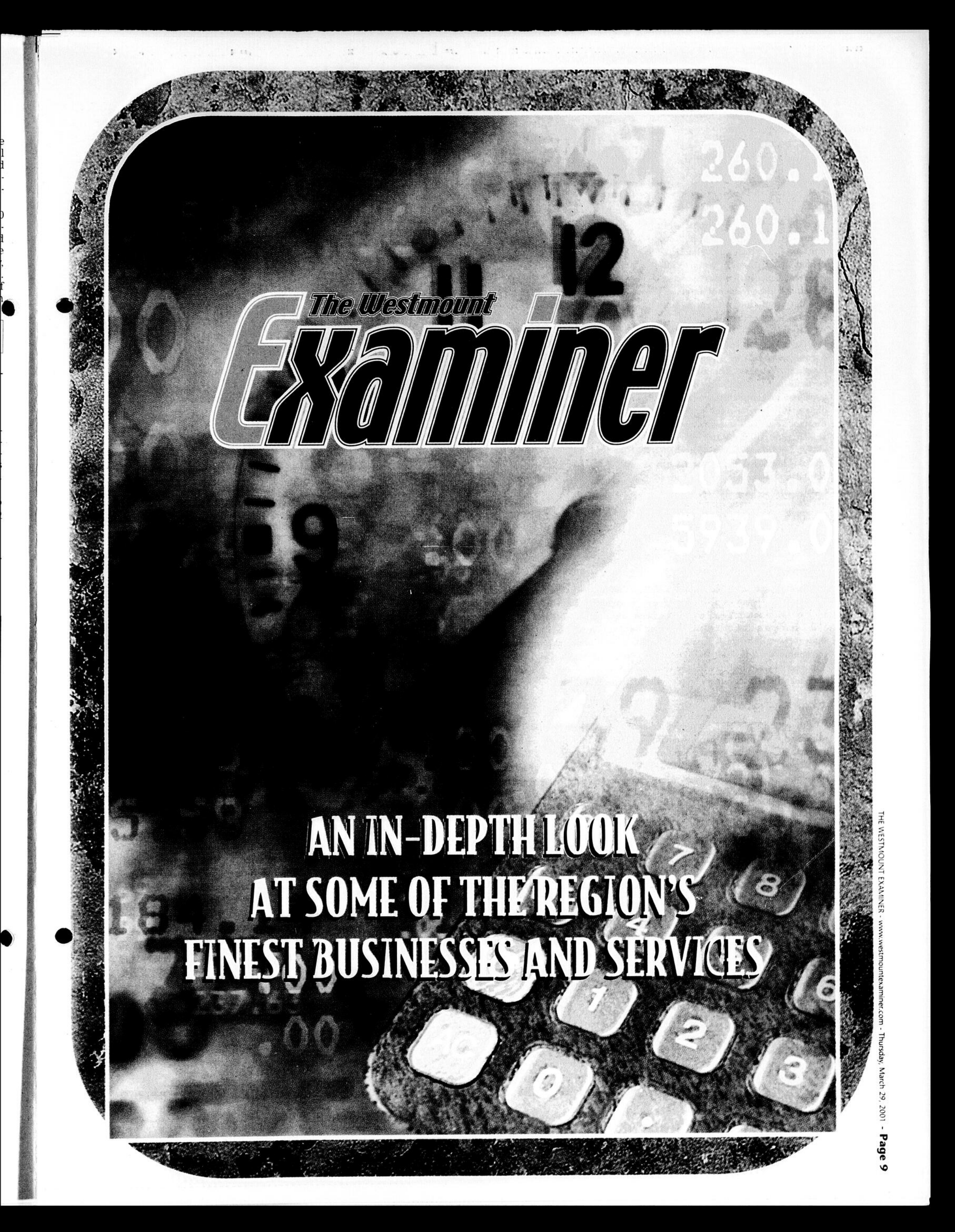
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Donna Hinchcliff: a Westmount realtor people trust



Seasoned ReMax real estate agent Donna Hinchcliff's personal goal is to sell every house she lists. The 15-year veteran is succeeding in fulfilling that dream. Hinchcliff is known in the industry for her 'double-ended sales', which, translated, means she not only lists a client's home, but also actively finds the buyer.

Hinchcliff realizes too, however, that when selling your home herself is not possible, she is very able to cooperate with agents not only in her Greene Avenue office, but with agents from other realtors. "For me it is very important to have the cooperation of all the agents working together as a team to sell the client's home," she says. That winning attitude has earned her a reputation in the industry as not only an ethical person, but as a 'nice' person to work with.

Although she has and will do it, Hinchcliff rarely knocks on doors to find listings. She relies instead on a strong network of satisfied clients and their referrals. She insists she is 'lucky' to have such a high selling rate combined with such a good relationship with her clients, but admits it is only because she has worked hard to make it happen.

"I love people" she says sincerely, "and I want what is best for them. They like me because I listen to them for what they want and what they need."

Hinchcliff grew up in St. Leonard and moved to Westmount 16 years ago. Today her specialty is selling homes in Westmount, NDG, Pointe St. Charles, St. Henri and downtown Montreal. "I study the markets continually, watching for what is selling where and for how much so that when clients ask me questions I can give them informed answers. Right now many million-dollar-plus homes in Westmount are selling, as owners are downsizing to smaller houses. Not wanting to go into condominiums, they are buying single, row and semi-detached houses on the 'flat', the area between Sherbrooke Street and Dorchester. As a result that area is hot, and there is very little for \$350,000 or less."

Hinchcliff also sees a change in the profile of a homebuyer. "Where homes that needed extensive renovations used to be popular," she says, "people are more willing to pay for a renovated home they can just move in to, especially in Westmount, although homes in NDG are also selling well."

The transition to the mega city will also make an impact on the market, Hinchcliff predicts. "As taxes go up with the one city government," she says, "older residents who have owned their homes for many years may no longer be able to afford the taxes. If and when that happens there will sadly be a lot of new listings."

Fifteen years ago Hinchcliff's dream was to make the ReMax 100% Club. With the continued encouragement of her husband Joseph Coyle, she achieved that in 1997 and every year since. This year making her quota in January and February overwhelms her. "Sales have been magnificent," she says. "However in the last few weeks with the drop in the stock market real estate sales have taken a dip," she acknowledges.

Hinchcliff and her husband are both involved in their community, Westmount. Besides enjoying their two Lhasa Apsos, Dixie and Pedro, the two play tennis three times a week. Hinchcliff is also a member of the Westmount Rotary Club. "I believe it is important to give back to the community, and Rotary is an excellent vehicle to do that."

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Digital Days takes the burden off doing e-business



Digital Days founder Stéphane Bismuth and chief web designer Melissa Skoda.

If you run a business and are thinking of taking the plunge onto the Internet, or just need help with technical support, Digital Days may have the e-business solution for you.

Digital Days takes pride in the quality of its service and the individual attention given all clients. According to Stéphane Bismuth, Digital Days' founder and owner, there is always one person in any office—be they the secretary, the accountant or another employee—whose responsibility is to take care of the computers and web site. Removing the burden of technical support from that individual's shoulders is part of what Digital Days is all about.

"I think the biggest strength of Digital Days has been to be able to take the burden off of that person, to have a single phone number of someone who is reliable and competent," says Bismuth.

"It becomes a great resource for them. They really seem to appreciate the fact that they can pick up the phone at any time, relating to any kind of question or problem, either with the web, PCs or networking, and get the answer they're looking for."

Since the creation of their .NET hosting services, Digital Days has been able to 'customize' its services—like being able to register domain names for \$20 CDN, compared to the \$35 U.S. fee before.

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Currently, when people create a secure transactional web site, like an e-commerce site, they will get a 40 per cent tax credit on work done relating to the web site.

"This makes it very attractive for local businesses that are looking to get online," says Bismuth.

Recently re-located to a loft overlooking the Lachine Canal, one half of Digital Days' activity is web design, the other half is technical support.

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The Clinique Veterinaire Monkland A Home Away from Home



Back row: Dr. Shannon Whatman holding Petunia and Dr. Hemmings.
Front row: Cheryl Martin holding Arnie, Layla, Maureen Ring with Dusty,
Patricia Backman holding Alex.
Missing: Dr. Caroline Simard.

Owner Dr. Caroline Simard and Animal Health Technician Cheryl Martin opened the Clinique Veterinaire Monkland in June 1998. For the first year the two ran the growing business with a little help from their families. Martin's sister Lisa, who still takes care of the animals on weekends, and Simard's mother Lucille who helped with the daily chores, allowed the duo to spend more time with their patients. Today the staff has expanded to a receptionist, Nathalie Beauchemin, groomer Patricia Backman and a new veterinarian, Dr. Annik Hemmings. This addition of a second vet made it possible to respond to customer demand to be open on Wednesdays.

Dr. Shannon Whatman, who runs her own practice in Hemmingford, and her technician, Maureen Ring, also recently joined the health team at the clinic on Wednesdays. Whatman, formerly of the Westmount Animal Hospital, missed her Westmount patients and their owners, so the opportunity to work one day a week at the clinic seemed like the perfect solution.

"Shannon and Maureen are the perfect complement to our team," said Simard. "We all share the same sense of compassion towards our patients and their owners."

From the beginning, the clinic has been an informal place for the clients and their pets to drop by for coffee and a chat, with plenty of cookies for the four-legged visitors. The clinic offers a complete range of veterinary care for cats and dogs, including vaccinations, a pharmacy, a laboratory, dentistry, radiology, surgery, specialty foods, grooming and boarding.

"One of the funniest things we see," says Martin, "is our new puppy patients pulling their owners towards the door as they walk by on Monkland. Some owners literally have to show the dogs that the door is locked before the dogs will continue on their way."

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Unusual objects framed with care at Art-en-ciel



Ever thought of framing something out of the ordinary - a signed baseball, a baby's first bonnet, a treasured toy? According to Judi Meade of Art-en-ciel Custom Framing on Sherbrooke St., the idea of framing unusual articles is a trend that could be catching on. "We do a lot of framing of special objects and mementos," she says. "It can be a wonderful way to enjoy something which would otherwise be hidden away in a dresser drawer."

Right now Meade is in the process of creating a multi-layered collage of Montreal Forum mementos. Sports memorabilia - signed articles such as balls, team sweaters and photos are some of the things Meade has been most frequently requested to frame. Sentimental baby items are a close second. Baby's first pair of booties, first party dress, even the ponytail resulting from baby's first haircut, have found their way into frames from Art-en-ciel.

For those seeking to preserve cherished belongings, Meade has no doubt that framing is the way to go. A member of The Professional Picture Framers Association, she and her staff are well versed in the latest and best techniques of preservational framing. Applying these techniques to object framing is often an adventure since the mounting methods may have to be as unique as the item being framed. "My staff and I truly enjoy the adventure," Meade says. "We bounce ideas back and forth until the perfect design is created. And we always learn something new in the process."

Judi Meade has also reframed many beautiful objects from times gone by. One thing she has learned is never to underestimate sentimental attachment. "It's the stuff that memories are made of," she says. "And that's what we're really doing - framing memories."

Located at 4928 Sherbrooke St. West in Westmount, Art-en-ciel is celebrating its twentieth year in the framing business.

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INSTITUTE FOR NEW MUSICAL EDUCATION



MUSIC TEACHING RETHOUGHT

Parents often describe the disappointing experience their children have had taking piano lessons. This disappointment is attributed to the nature of the teacher/pupil relationship or to the student's lack of talent. How many children stop taking music lessons because they feel they don't have the ability? Have they really been shown what making music is all about?

The Institute for New Musical Education was founded following a critical study of the traditional techniques used for teaching music. According to Thierry Prieur, founder and director of the Institute, traditional teaching fails to reach the individual at a personal level. It imposes a method that has been developed independently of the pupil. The program consists primarily of activities and repetitive drills that are sequenced with the underlying assumption that all children come to music study with the same needs. When the pupil does not adapt to the teaching method, an antagonistic relationship may develop with the teacher. It is not surprising then that so many children put an early end to their musical career.

Music making involves interaction. Children should feel that they can express their feelings at any time through their gestures, speech, and creative output. However, how can they when they are restricted to fixed positions and courses of study laid out in introductory music books?

Each child, says Prieur, is unique and therefore deserves a program particularized to his needs. "Helping children to express themselves begins by nurturing their self-confidence. This implies accepting them as they are with their particular tastes, needs, goals, and, in some cases, fears. A program for self-expression must be structured around the student through individualized activities, language, and learning sequences. The learner should be involved in each stage of his development so as to maximize the outcome of the musical experience."

The Institute for New Musical Education adopts a child-centered approach to the study of music. Here the primary objectives are to ensure that children will love to make music, to develop their desire to learn, and to offer them a lasting source of self-gratification. The curriculum of the Institute includes instrumental courses, musical awakening workshops, and programs for people with special needs. These innovative programs, given by experienced musical educators, are flexible and dynamic. They consist of a wide variety of play-oriented activities involving musical, dramatic and choreographic expressions, which permit children to "come out of themselves."

Mrs. Jourde, mother of a seven-year-old daughter wrote: "The program is both balanced and varied. My daughter learns through play. I recommend the Institute for the way it presents music to children, truly adapted to everyone, never boring, and yet comprehensive. A unique way of teaching: a gift—pleasure and relaxation, all while learning very seriously".

Yes, one can learn how to make music and have fun at the same time. No, practicing doesn't have to be a chore. And yes, it is possible to flourish through music no matter what your level, goals and needs may be.

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Superb French cuisine distinguishes Chez La Mère Michel



There's an old French children's rhyme about a woman who lost her cat, which starts like this: "C'est la Mère Michel qui a perdu son chat..." With these lines in mind, and with a taste for exquisite French cuisine, Micheline Delbuguet, a native of Nice, France, opened Chez La Mère Michel on Guy Street in 1965. And, like a cherished old friend, Chez La Mère Michel has, in the words of the owners themselves, become "the restaurant of a thousand shining memories."

Chez La Mère Michel has created unforgettable dining experiences for its friends. Only the finest ingredients traditionally prepared, a treasure of fine wines, attentive service, and of course a soothing ambience, will make your visit one to remember fondly.

The New York Times has said of Chez La Mère Michel that "it might just be the finest of Montreal's more than 4,000 restaurants."

In their 2001 editions, the Exxon Guide, the American Express Distinguished Restaurants of America and the Guide Debeur each gave Chez La Mère Michel four stars. The Montreal entertainment weekly Voir also gave it four stars.

The enchanting country atmosphere, enhanced by rustic wooden beams, weathered copper artifacts and expert tuxedoed service, brims with warmth and grace.

There's a charming atrium on the ground floor. Downstairs, a low-ceilinged wine cellar, complete with archways and Henry VIII seating, offers an extensive selection of wines, mostly French, including several produced in organic vineyards.

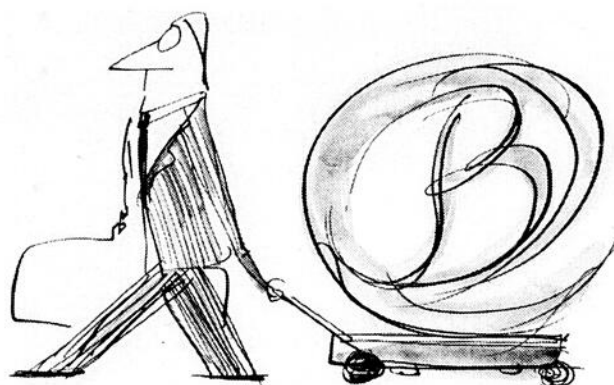
Born into a family of Côte d'Azur restaurateurs, Delbuguet has been practicing culinary art all her life. Winner of the Gastronomie Québécoise Award, Delbuguet (once named Best Female Chef by the Salon de la Femme) has for over a quarter-century remained faithful to her traditional French menu.

"We are working mainly around the idea of French classical cooking," says René, Chez La Mère Michel co-owner and Delbuguet's husband. The recipes are based on the cuisine enjoyed in Alsace and Provence.

Among the many highlights on the menu are: Le Coffret de rognon et ris de veau, le homard soufflé, la pintade au vinaigre de framboise, le lapin à la moutarde, and le feuilleté aux fraises.

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Moving to new location, BiblioNet seeks client feedback



BiblioNet, the one-stop "virtual office" in Westmount providing resources and technical services to entrepreneurs and small businesses, is moving to a new and better location.

After four years at the same location, the move will be taking place over the next month. During that time, owner Hamid Fotouhinia wants to know what his clients like about BiblioNet's services and what improvements they would like to see at the new address. In a recent interview, he said, "It's going to be a bigger place with a new approach". Besides the move, other changes are in store. Magazines will no longer be available, but Fotouhinia plans to introduce a retail music section with a selection of CDs for sale. Fotouhinia also intends to place more emphasis on sales of computers and peripherals, while upgrading the computer terminals and other equipment used in BiblioNet.

BiblioNet provides technical services to small businesses, entrepreneurs and students who may not necessarily need, or be able to afford, their own offices. Services offered at BiblioNet range from simple black and white photocopying, to trouble shooting of computers. BiblioNet offers e-mail accounts, three computer stations, web page design, advice on computer applications, and a conference room to rent for meetings.

Laser colour printing at BiblioNet meets the requirements of the most demanding graphic artists, as well as school children and university students. BiblioNet will happily fix any problems that may occur with your computer. Repairs can be done either at BiblioNet or in your home.

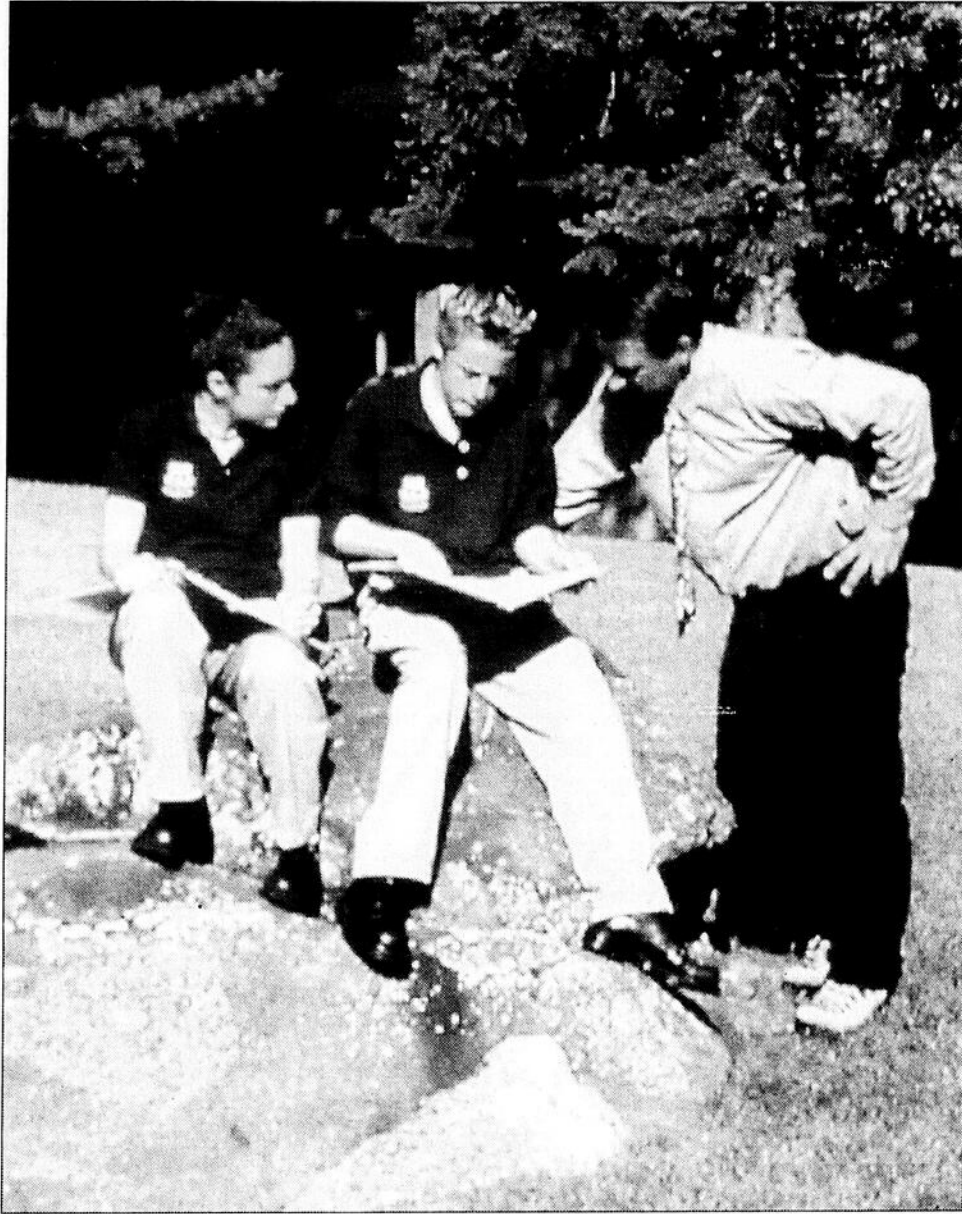
Fotouhinia strives to provide a "tasteful" environment that makes people feel more comfortable around computers. "Our staff is trained to listen, answer questions and explain things in basic terms," he said.

During BiblioNet's move, it will be closed Friday, March 30, Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1. BiblioNet will be re-opening Monday, April 2 at a temporary new location: 4932-B Sherbrooke St. W. Then June 1, they'll be at their permanent new location: 4932 Sherbrooke St. W.



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The Sedbergh Experience



At Sedbergh, the classroom has more than four walls. This unique independent school, which is situated on 1,200 acres of forest in nearby Montebello, offers students from grades five to 12 an education that is lived more than taught.

A coed university preparatory school, Sedbergh offers an integrated program that is relevant to life beyond the classroom. Its impressive statistics of 6:1 teacher-to-student ratio, and a 4:1 adult-to-student ratio are key elements of the Sedbergh lifestyle, where students learn important values through a mentoring system.

"Sedbergh is a student-centred environment where what a student thinks and dreams is important. Teachable moments often occur at inconvenient times outside of class but must be taken advantage of," says Beth Steel, Director of Admission.

The role of a teacher extends beyond the classroom to allow for adult role models in art, sports, decision-making, chores, and other life skills. Most teachers live on campus and eat their meals family-style with the students. Senior students lead by example and through specific responsibilities.

Ten years ago, Sedbergh returned to its fundamental roots of being a country school by focusing once again on young people who love the outdoors. Although there is no gym, Sedbergh offers the best in outdoor activities for all seasons including canoeing, kayaking, climbing, biking, and skiing. Traditional team sports such as rugby and soccer, allow students to learn the lessons of teamwork and sportsmanship.

Students learn the values and cost of independence through 'huts'. All students spend every weekend in individual small wooden cabins with a wood stove where they learn responsibility first hand by cutting their own wood and preparing their own meals.

Inside the classroom, students are challenged academically to study about life through experiential learning. This year the grade 10 curriculum focuses on Canada and students study the country inclusively. For example, within the history component students learn about the coureurs de bois and the founding of the Hudson Bay Company, and then experience what it is like to travel by snowshoe and set up a winter camp. In English studies, students study 'Shackleton's Journey' and its lessons are reinforced through a one-week adventure aboard a Tall Ship.

Sedbergh receives no government funding and is tuition driven, allowing students to learn in the language of their choice without the need for letters of eligibility. Thirty per cent of the 100 students are international students. The Board of Trustees, which governs the school, believes that integrating international students widens the global perspectives of all its students.

Each student signs an honour code when enrolling. "All discipline issues usually bring the student back to the honour code and the spirit of the law and not only the letter of the law," says Steel. "Discipline is based on the parental model, which treats each child according to his or her personality and situation."

Students graduating from grade 12 are prepared to enter university in Ontario and other provinces without the need of completing a CEGEP program. Sedbergh graduates attend major universities in Canada and abroad and study in all disciplines. The strength of their education at Sedbergh is not only that they are well prepared academically to succeed, but they have learned through the Sedbergh experience the life and social skills that personify the concept of being a good global citizen. Sedbergh; the education of a lifetime.



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Le Waldorf Senior Residence Expands to Second Tower



The staff at Le Waldorf senior retirement living is excited about the recent expansion. In addition to the residences for autonomous seniors in Tower One, Le Waldorf is now taking applications for its new seven-floor Tower Two for residents who have need of assisted care.

"Residents in the new tower will enjoy all of the services available in Tower One, but with the extra individual personalized medical care they need," says Eileen Rabinovitch, Executive Director.

Residents in both towers enjoy a high staff-to-resident ratio. In the new tower, however, staff has been expanded to include a registered nurse, nurse's aids and on-call doctors 24 hours a day.

Daily living in both towers has been made as easy as possible. All residents enjoy healthy kosher food served in fine dining rooms, and snacks. Residents in Tower Two, however, have a dining room on each floor, and assistance in the dining room is provided. Housekeeping and laundry services are attended to by staff, and residents in Tower Two will also enjoy assistance getting up and dressed in the morning, daily hygiene and assistance going to bed at night, as well as assistance throughout the day as needed.

"Realizing the growing need of our senior community, Tower Two is a wonderful compliment to our long-standing autonomous residence, reflecting Le Waldorf's reputation and commitment in providing gracious and personalized care," says Rabinovitch.

Residents in both towers are encouraged to celebrate their creative age. An interesting variety of activities have been organized to encourage continued psychological, creative and physical development. "Stimulation in spirit, soul and body is paramount for all residents," says Rabinovitch. Recognizing the importance of maintaining a social life, opportunities to socialize, which include 'mocktail' parties and theme days, are held regularly.

Multipurpose rooms serve as meeting rooms for a variety of in-house activities. Physical fitness is encouraged through yoga and chair fitness classes. Aqua fitness is available in Tower 1 and will be available for those in Tower 2 who can participate. Montreal artist and art therapist Roselly Miller offers painting classes once a week.

Interesting excursions to places such as Plattsburg and fall tours in the Laurentians to see the colours are popular. Even a trip to an ice cream parlour in the heat of the summer is a nice respite. Next month they will enjoy a day trip to Ottawa to enjoy the Tulip Festival. "They're favourite trip, however, is to the casinos," says Rabinovitch. "We recognize the need for those requiring assistance to enjoy a change of pace and we plan to make outings available to them also."

For many residents, the highlight of the week is the bingo and blackjack games. Live entertainment includes musical performers and guest speakers who address issues such as music, art and politics. Synagogue services are open to all residents.



Le Waldorf itself is situated on exquisitely developed grounds with wonderful gardens, trees and lawns. A water fountain, barbecues and patio furniture encourage residents, family and friends to enjoy the outdoors.

More than all this, however, each resident has the choice to participate in only what they feel comfortable with. At Le Waldorf, privacy, as well as autonomy, is respected at all times, giving each resident the opportunity to continue living his life as he chooses.



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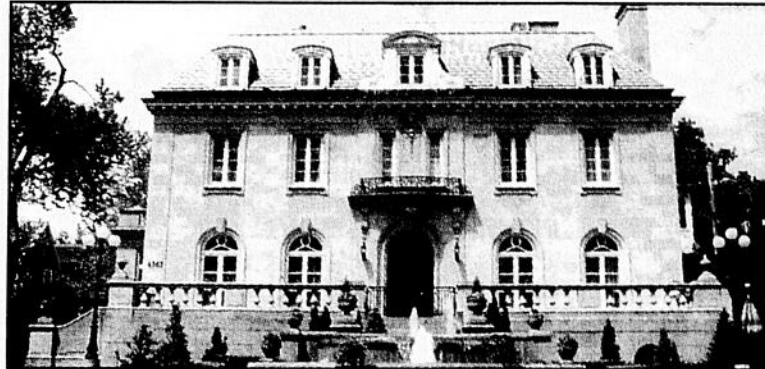
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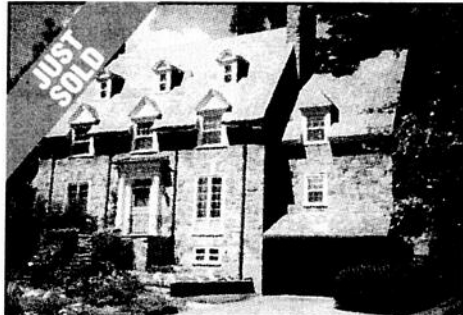
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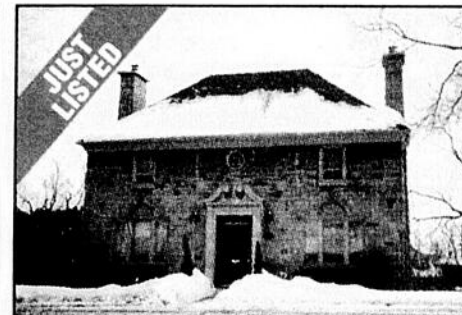
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CITY PLEASED WITH DROP IN IDLING

Sidhartha Banerjee

Public Security has not handed out a single ticket for vehicles idling around Westmount, and as far as city councillor John de Castell is concerned, he'd like to keep it that way.

"Our major focus has been on education and on awareness, and I think that part of it has been quite successful given the fact we didn't have to start clubbing people with penalties," de Castell said. "And I said at the beginning that I'd love it if we didn't have to give out a single ticket."

The City began the information campaign initially in June, when a bilingual pamphlet was distributed to every house and school in Westmount.

In October, The Examiner reported that the

City was in the midst of an information campaign, the purpose being to educate and promote awareness about idling engines. Public Security officers were handing out mock tickets to those whose vehicles were idling for more than four minutes—but with no fine. The education campaign was expected to end in December, when \$136 fines were to be handed out to those violating the by law.

However the campaign, co-sponsored by the Healthy Cities Project, seems to have had its desired affect.

"The reports I've received said that the PSOs are generally satisfied with the level of compliance they've seen," said de Castell. "It's not a question that people comply when they are around and not when they don't—but thus far they've been quite

happy with the level of compliance and they do have the opportunity to continue the information campaign."

However, the colder weather has also prevented PSOs from handing out tickets. According to a provision in the bylaw, if the temperature drops to -5 C, police and Public Security officers are not permitted to hand out tickets.

"We haven't done anything because it has been so cold," said Public Security Director Richard McEnroe, confirming that not a single ticket has been issued. However, the PSOs continue to monitor traffic in front of schools at peak pick-up and drop-off hours, where parents often wait for extended periods for their children.

McEnroe also said that reported cases have gone down and people seem to be more aware now. But that

being said, with spring and warmer weather around the corner, Public Security will start handing out tickets if residents are caught idling for more than four minutes.

There are a number of reasons to keep your engines off while stopped for an extended period of time. Idling engines are the cause of a number of health risks such as heart and respiratory problems.

Vehicle emissions also contribute to the deterioration of the ozone layer, which in turn increases the chances of skin cancer. Also, with the inflated gas prices across North America, leaving engines on can prove costly.

While de Castell stressed that he's in no hurry to penalize people, the PSOs have been advised to address those who are not complying.

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Two bike patrollers will spend 20 hours a week in Westmount. The program runs for 11 weeks from June 4 to August 17. "They are in uniform, equipped with walkie-talkies, and trained in first-aid," Stevens said. "Their main concentration will be around bike paths, parks and playgrounds—anywhere there is a high traffic of seniors and young people."

Stevens expects that the bike patrol unit will be an asset to Westmount Public Security and MUC police at Station 12. For its part, Station 12 is pleased to have the extra bodies keeping an eye. "I think it's a positive thing," said Cnst. Julie Jutras of Station 12. "I know last year people really appreciated them and they were well liked in the sector."

Sun Youth is accepting applications for the summer bike patrol program. Applicants must be 18 years or older, students in a police tech program, involved in social services or experienced in any domain that involves dealing with people. Applications can be faxed to Sun Youth at (514) 842-5241, or via mail to Shawn Villareil at Sun Youth, 4251 St. Urbain, H2W 1V6. The deadline for applications is the second week of April.

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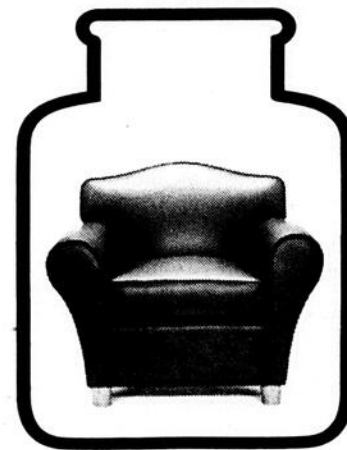
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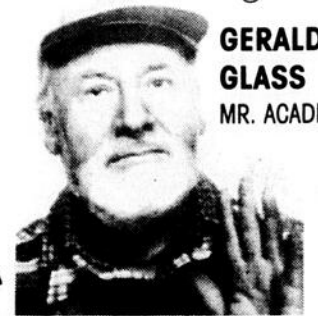
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RESIDENTS TO VOTE ON FIRE STATION ZONING

Sidhartha Banerjee

A referendum on the rezoning of Westmount's historic No. 2 fire station will take place on the first two Sundays in May, city council announced in a special council meeting Monday afternoon.

The official referendum date has been set for Sunday, May 13. An advance poll will be held on Sunday, May 6 for those residents unable to attend the following week.

Over a two-week period in February, the City opened up two registers to residents to determine whether there was enough interest to hold a referendum on the rezoning of the unused fire station among citizens in that area. Despite some confusion as to how registering procedures worked, 103 people voted in the second register—just one more than the minimum necessary to authorize a referendum.

"There are several sides to this issue," city councillor Tom Thompson said during Monday's meeting, adding that a referendum should help bring about a

consensus.

There is a split among residents in the disputed area. While some would like to see the City sell the 90-year-old building to developer Aaron Gelber for use as an annex to a seniors' residence he plans to build on the adjoining property in Montreal, others are clearly opposed to the sale, citing such potential problems as increased traffic and parking in an already congested area.

Located at the corner of Victoria Avenue and The Boulevard, the fire station falls into Zone R2-2, which extends from Westmount's western border to Upper Belmont and Renfrew, and north from Côte St. Antoine Road to Sunnyside and Lansdowne Ridge.

Residents in this area will be able to vote during the two polling dates in May.

"One of the advantages of doing this is showing that we have the right of referendum in Westmount, the right for people to have their say," said Mayor Peter Trent, who maintained that the City will keep a neutral position on the matter. "We will let the people speak," he said.

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to its Expansion

Over the last few weeks, I have visited a large number of boroughs on the island. I have met many local citizens, business people, community group members and people from diverse cultural communities. There were some difficult moments because some citizens continue to be in opposition to the law. After each one of these visits, the logic, coherence and wisdom of Bill 170 becomes more apparent. This law must now be translated into a sociological reality. As citizens of the island of Montreal we must unite in our efforts to create wealth and assure the harmonious development of this new city.

Apart from those who openly declare their opposition, a vast majority of citizens have adopted a wait and see attitude; they have worries and concerns. They respect the law but need it to be explained. These visits have shown me the wealth and quality of life in the suburban communities. There are however inequities; pockets of poverty that are scattered across the island. These neighborhoods must be helped. I hope to show the importance of a unified and comprehensive urban plan to correct these anomalies.

In the Hearts of the People

It is now important for this law to become a reality in the hearts of the people. Citizens in the suburbs recognize their link and affinity to the city, with its universities, hospitals and downtown core. I want even more than this; I want everyone to share in the passion for the new city with our rich culture and bright future for our children and ourselves. We must all be sensible in this debate. A lot is at stake, with investments that permit the creation of a city of 1,8 million citizens, forming a new city with astronomical financial power and wealth. It will be a city capable of transforming Montréal into an equitable society of knowledge, culture and sustainable development.

An Enormous Potential

It is true that the future boroughs have problems of their own, both hidden and apparent. They all possess unique character and wealth of resources and services. When I speak of these riches, I'm thinking of the Aquatic Centre with the Olympic sized pool and Stewart Hall Cultural Centre near the shores of Lac Saint Louis in Pointe-Claire. I'm also thinking of Pierrefonds with its magnificent arena, Saint-Leonard and its immense Leonardo da Vinci Complex and St. Laurent with its extraordinary technological district that represents 10% of the gross national product of Québec (e.g. Nortel, Bombardier, the pharmaceutical industry).

All of this is ours to share everything that is surrounded by the river. The aim is to create, develop and bring together all of the potential and wealth, while respecting and preserving the hidden treasures of each borough. This is a wonderful challenge for those who have hopes and aspirations for a prosperous future.

Join me in making the next electoral year unique in the history of Québec.

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NORMAND-STARR NOMINATED
FOR HELEN PRIZE

Jennifer Cox

Cedar Avenue resident Laurie Normand-Starr was recently nominated for this year's Helen Prize in recognition of her humanitarian work as chair of an anti-poverty organization.

After raising \$182,000 last year to help feed the hungry, Normand-Starr was recognized for her seven-year contribution to 'Taste the Nation'.

"It is the largest non-profit anti-hunger organization in North America," she said. "It's an event that happens in 75 cities in spring, and it's a food and wine tasting."

All of the money that is raised is donated, and 100 per cent of ticket sales go to hunger relief.

Locally, Dans La Rue is one group which benefits from the event, as well as Share the Warmth, a food bank in Pointe St. Charles which provides meal programs to schools.

"We feed the hungry kiddies so they can be better educated," Normand-Starr said, adding that an additional 20 per cent of the accumulated funds is used to help countries abroad in times of crisis, such as India after the earthquake.

The Helen Prize, an international award celebrating the accomplish-

ments of women, was the vision of Dr. Akhtar Naraghi, a Montreal poet and writer. The prize was named after Dr. Helen Caldicott, an antinuclear activist and head of Physicians for Nuclear Responsibility, whose group won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985. However, she was pushed aside and the award was given to an American and Russian doctor, both of whom were male.

Two years later, Dr. Naraghi brought together a group of distinguished female activists, and after ten years of hard work and promotion, the International Organization of the Helen Prize for Women was established.

This year there were five nominees from Montreal, and 19 from around the world. "All are considered a winner," Naraghi said, although only one woman receives the cash prize. This year's winner was from Finland where, coincidentally, the ceremony was held on March 8.

All participants, however, receive a certificate of appreciation for their dedication and passion in their field of work. "I think it's a wonderful idea to do this; it's great," Naraghi said of Normand-Starr and her organization. "She is a very good humanity worker, and for helping society and others, it was enough to nominate her. We were impressed. She did a good job."

Normand-Starr heard about the Helen prize last year when she read about it in The Gazette, and two women who were recipients happened to be executive directors of Share the Warmth, a project associated with Taste the Nation.

"It was a surprise (to be nominated), and out of 19 in the world it's nice to be acknowledged," Starr said.

Any women from any walk of life can be chosen for this international award. But at the same time, "there are so many unknown 'Helens'," Naraghi said. "People should know them." To find out how you can nominate someone for this award, visit www.google.com and type "Helen Prize" in the search bar provided.

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The Westmount Historical Association has announced the lineup of this year's Thursday evening spring lecture series, entitled 'Vignettes of Westmount Schools'.

This four-part look at some of Westmount's oldest educational institutions begins tonight with a lecture on The Study by former Headmistress Eve Marshall and Barbara Whitley, an Old Girl of The Study. It will take place at The Study, 3233 The Boulevard, at 7 p.m.

On April 19, former ECS principal Molly Fripp will deliver the lecture 'Old Public Schools: King's, Queen's and Roslyn.' This will be held at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library.

The story of St. George's School will be related by Gilbert Plaw, former director of St. George's High School, in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library on May 17 at 7 p.m.

Westmount High School, which can trace its roots back to 1887, will be discussed by Richard Lord, secretary of the Westmount High Old Boys Association, on June 21 at 7 p.m. This will be held at Westmount High, 4350 Ste. Catherine.

Prepared by Elizabeth Henrik of the WHA, each of the four lectures are free to WHA members and \$5 for non-members. For more information, contact the WHA at 925-1404 or at www.westmounthistorical.org.

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AUX: PROPRIÉTAIRES UNIQUES D'UN IMMEUBLE, AUX OCCUPANTS UNIQUES D'UN ÉTABLISSEMENT D'ENTREPRISE, AUX COPROPRIÉTAIRES INDIVIS D'UN IMMEUBLE, AUX COOCCUPANTS D'UN ÉTABLISSEMENT D'ENTREPRISE ET AUX PERSONNES MORALES AYANT LE DROIT D'ÊTRE INSCRITS SUR LA LISTE RÉFÉRENDAIRE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT DU SECTEUR CONCERNÉ R2-2, DONT UNE DESCRIPTION DÉTAILLÉE ET UN CROQUIS SONT CONTENUS PLUS LOIN DANS L'AVIS

Lors de la séance générale du Conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount tenue le 5 février 2001, le Conseil a adopté le règlement 1288, intitulé «RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 978 VISANT À RÉGLER LE ZONAGE DANS LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT (DISTRICT R14 - CASERNE DES POMPIERS NO 2)». Par résolution no 2001-03-53 adoptée le 26 mars 2001, le Conseil a fixé la date du scrutin référendaire au 13 mai 2001.

Ledit règlement a pour objet et but de créer une nouvelle zone R14 afin d'inclure l'immeuble situé au 680, avenue Victoria et de permettre notamment dans cette zone une résidence pour personnes âgées ayant une superficie d'implantation maximale de 40 % et un RSP de 1.2 avec une hauteur maximale de bâtiment de trois (3) étages ou 40 pieds.

CONDITIONS POUR ÊTRE UNE PERSONNE HABILE À VOTER AYANT LE DROIT D'ÊTRE INSCRITE SUR LA LISTE RÉFÉRENDAIRE DU SECTEUR CONCERNÉ

1. 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 5 février 2001:

- * être propriétaire d'un immeuble ou occupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé dans le secteur concerné depuis au moins 12 mois;
- * avoir produit au plus tard le 13 avril 2001 un écrit signé par le propriétaire ou l'occupant demandant l'inscription sur la liste référendaire;

2. 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 5 février 2001:

- * être copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise dans le secteur concerné depuis au moins 12 mois;
- * 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 d'être inscrit sur la liste référendaire. La procuration doit être produite au plus tard le 13 avril 2001.

Si le propriétaire unique, l'occupant unique ou la personne désignée par procuration est une personne physique, il faut qu'elle soit majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne et ne pas être en curatelle.

Si le propriétaire unique, l'occupant unique ou la personne désignée par procuration est une personne morale, il faut au plus tard le 13 avril 2001:

- * avoir désigné parmi ses membres, administrateurs ou employés, par résolution, une personne qui, le 5 février 2001 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; et
- * produire la résolution.

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.

PRENEZ NOTE que le délai du 13 avril 2001 s'applique:

- a) dans le cas des propriétaires et occupants uniques qui désirent formuler une première demande d'inscription ou retirer celle qui existe;
- b) dans le cas des copropriétaires et cooccupants qui désirent effectuer une première désignation ou remplacer celle qui existe.

PRENEZ ÉGALEMENT NOTE que la demande d'inscription, la procuration ou la résolution transmise après le 13 avril 2001, mais avant la fin des travaux de la commission de révision le 26 avril 2001, est considérée comme une demande de modification à la liste référendaire qui sera transmise à la Commission de révision, à moins que le greffier en ait tenu compte avant le dépôt de la liste référendaire.

L'on peut se procurer un formulaire pour la demande d'inscription, de retrait, ou la procuration au bureau du greffier. Elles prennent effet lors de leur réception et demeurent valides tant qu'elles ne sont pas retirées ou remplacées.

DESCRIPTION ET CROQUIS DU SECTEUR CONCERNÉ:

Ledit secteur concerné est décrit comme suit et apparaît au croquis reproduit ci-dessous:

DISTRICT R2-2 est borné comme suit:

- à l'est par les limites ouest des districts R1-2 et R1-1 respectivement et par les limites ouest du parc King George;
- au sud, par les limites nord du parc King George et de là par les lignes arrières de lot du côté sud du chemin de la Côte Saint-Antoine de Strathcona jusqu'aux limites ouest de la ville;
- à l'ouest, par les limites ouest de la ville; et
- au nord, par les limites nord de la ville depuis les limites ouest de la ville jusqu'aux lignes arrières de lot du côté est de l'avenue Upper Belmont et de là par The Boulevard jusqu'aux limites ouest du district R1-2.

Pour toute information supplémentaire, communiquez avec le bureau du greffier :

VILLE DE WESTMOUNT - BUREAU DU GREFFIER
À L'ATTENTION DE ME MARIE-FRANCE PAQUET
4333 SHERBROOKE OUEST
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no de téléphone : (514) 989-5253

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec,
ce 29e jour de mars 2001.

Me Marie-France Paquet
Greffier et Président du Référendum

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM
BY-LAW 1288 (FIRE STATION NO. 2)
13TH MAY 2001**

TO: SOLE OWNERS OF AN IMMOVEABLE, SOLE OCCUPANTS OF A BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, UNDIVIDED CO-OWNERS OF AN IMMOVEABLE, CO-OCCUPANTS OF A BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT AND LEGAL PERSONS ENTITLED TO HAVE THEIR NAME ENTERED ON THE REFERENDUM LIST OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT IN RESPECT OF THE SECTOR CONCERNED R2-2 (THE WHOLE AS HEREINAFTER MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AND ILLUSTRATED IN THE SKETCH)

At the general sitting of the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount held on 5th February 2001, Council adopted By-law 1288, entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 978 TO REGULATE ZONING IN THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT (DISTRICT R14 - FIRE STATION NO. 2)". By resolution No. 2001-03-53 adopted on 26th March 2001, Council established the date of the referendum poll as 13th May 2001.

The object and purpose of this by-law is to create a new zone R14 to include the building at 680 Victoria and to allow notably in that zone a residence for senior citizens with a maximum site coverage of 40%, a FAR of 1.2 with a maximum building height of 3 storeys or 40 feet.

CONDITIONS TO BE A QUALIFIED VOTER ENTITLED TO HAVE ONE'S NAME ENTERED ON THE REFERENDUM LIST OF THE SECTOR CONCERNED

1. Any sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment, not disqualified from voting and who meets the following conditions on 5th February 2001:

- * has been for at least 12 months, owner of an immovable or occupant of a business establishment situated in the sector concerned;
- * has filed on or before 13th April 2001, a writing signed by the owner or the occupant requesting that his or her name be entered on the referendum list;

2. 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 5th February 2001:

- * has been for at least 12 months, undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment situated in the sector concerned;
- * has been designated, by means of a power of attorney signed by the majority of the persons that have been co-owners or co-occupants for at least 12 months as being the one having the right to be entered on the referendum list. The power of attorney must have been filed, on or before 13th April 2001.

If the sole owner, the sole occupant or the person that has been designated by power of attorney is a natural person, he or she must be of full age and a Canadian citizen, and must not be under curatorship.

If the sole owner, the sole occupant or the person that has been designated by power of attorney is a legal person, it must, on or before 13th April 2001:

- * have designated by resolution one of its members, directors or employees who, on 5th February 2001, is of full age, a Canadian citizen, not under curatorship, nor disqualified from voting; and
- * have filed the resolution.

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 the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities.

PLEASE NOTE that the deadline of 13th April 2001 applies:

- a) in the case of sole owners and sole occupants who wish to make a first application for entry or withdraw the existing entry;
- b) in the case of undivided co-owners and co-occupants who wish to make a first designation or replace the existing designation.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE that the application for entry, the power of attorney or the resolution transmitted after 13th April 2001 but before the end of the work of the Board of Revisors on 26th April 2001 shall be considered as an application to amend the referendum list transmitted to the Board of Revisors unless the City Clerk has taken it into account before the deposit of the list.

An application for entry on the referendum list, withdrawal or the power of attorney can be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk. They shall take effect upon receipt and shall remain valid until withdrawn or replaced.

DESCRIPTION AND SKETCH OF SECTOR CONCERNED:

The boundaries of said sector concerned are as follows and are shown on the sketch below:

DISTRICT R2-2 is bounded as follows:

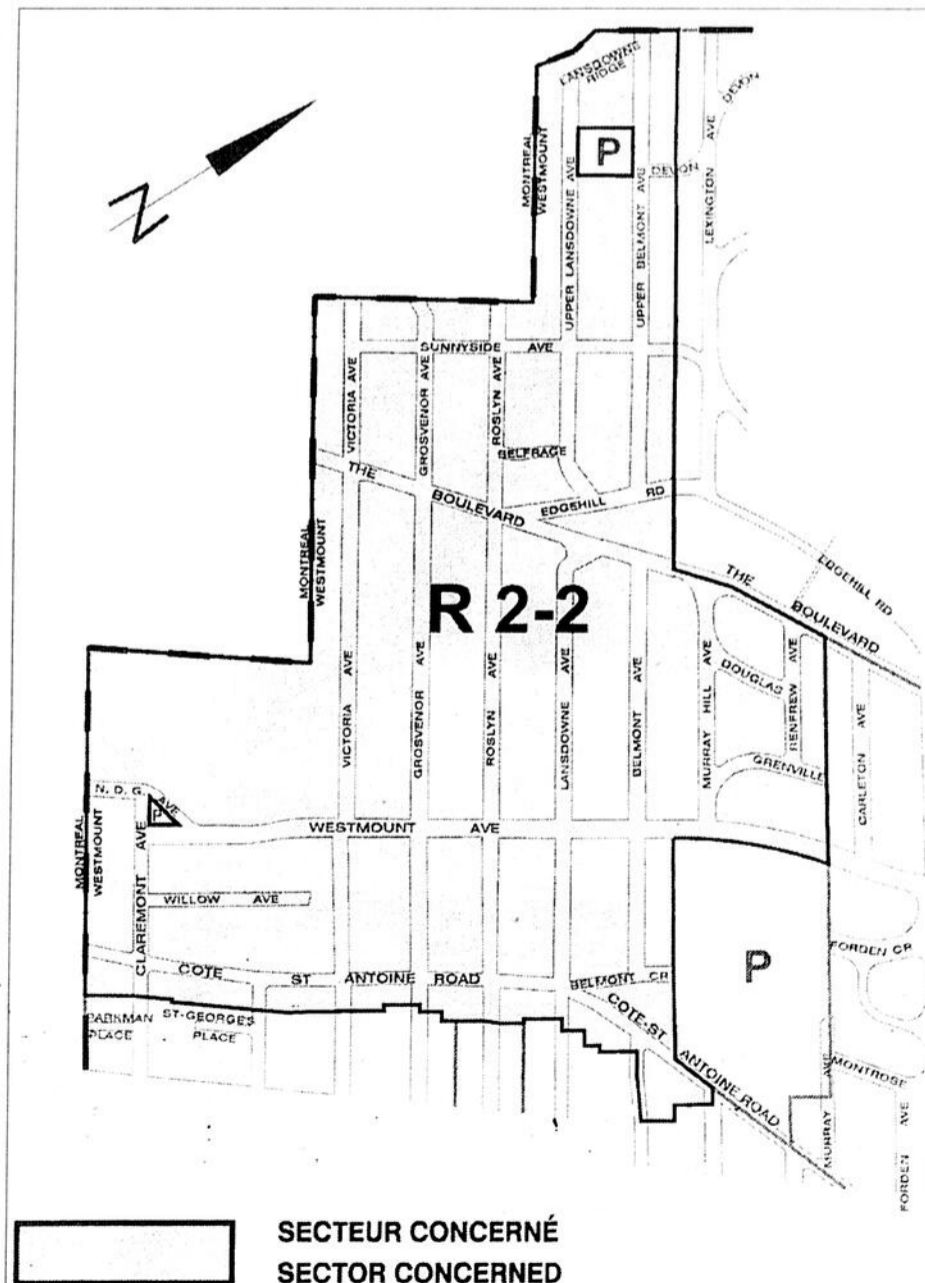
- to the east, by the western boundary respectively of Districts R1-2 and R1-1 and by the western boundary of King George Park;
- to the south, by the northern boundary of King George Park and thence by the rear lot lines on the south side of Côte Saint-Antoine from Strathcona to the western limits of the City;
- to the west, by the western limits of the City; and
- to the north, by the northern limits of the City from the western limits of the City to the rear lot lines on the east side of Upper Belmont and thence by The Boulevard to the western boundary of District R1-2.

For any additional information, please contact the Office of the City Clerk:

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