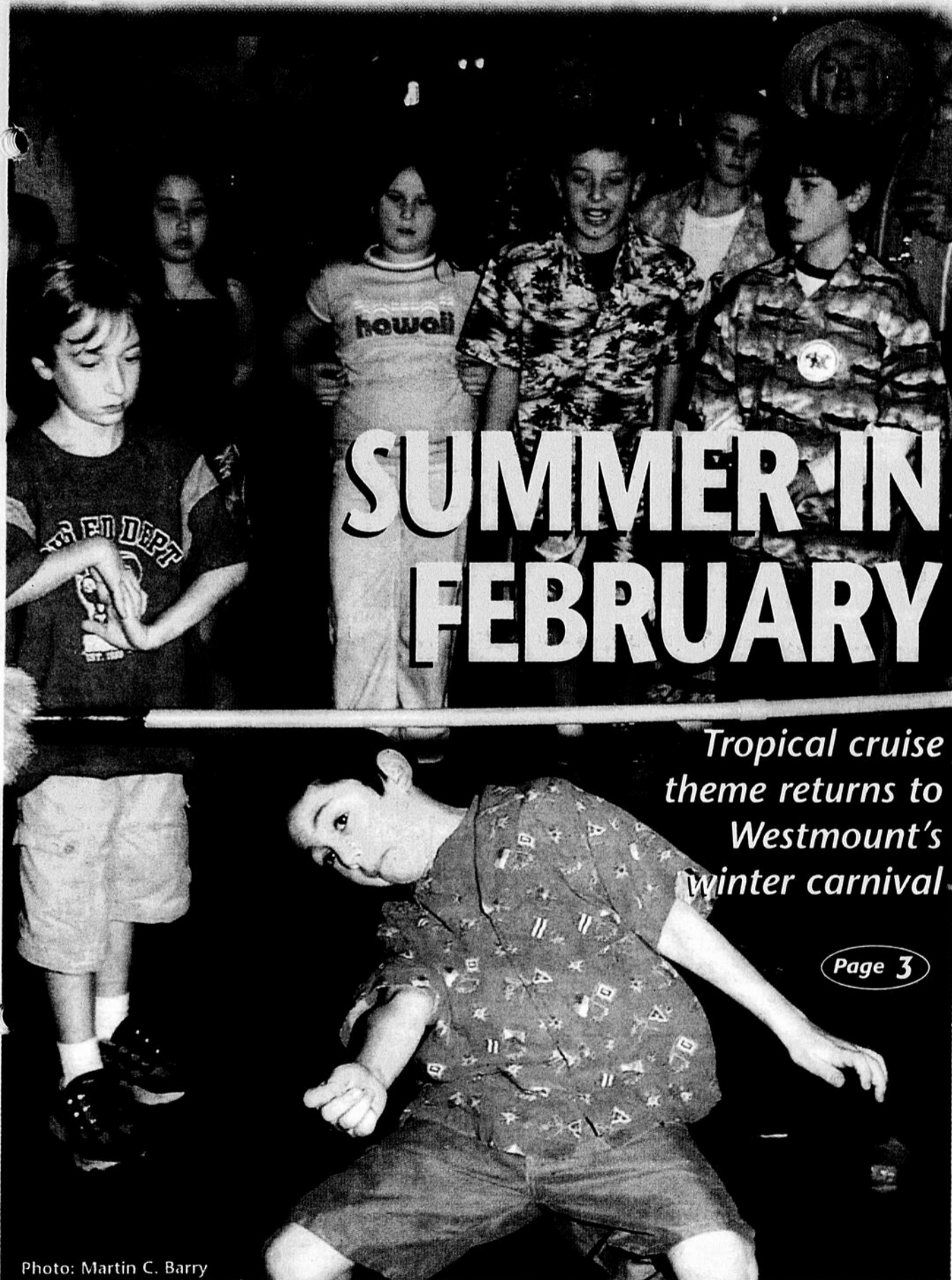


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Tropical cruise  
 theme returns to  
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 winter carnival

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**Local News**

**Marks bumped from megacity commissions**

Martin C. Barry

**M**ontreal Mayor Gérald Tremblay's recent decision to no longer appoint independent city councillors to megacity standing commissions is further expanding his reputation as a partisan politician, says Westmount Borough President Karin Marks.

While shuffling the executive committee in January, the Tremblay administration also restructured the system of commissions at city hall, making new appointments to them from members of city council.

Marks, who had sat on two of the megacity's commissions when first elected two years ago (one on the application of democracy in city council and another on culture and heritage), was not among the latest appointees.

"Mr. Tremblay has decided that those people who are independents in council do not have enough to contribute," she said in her report to Westmount's borough council earlier this month. "He has taken all of those councillors who are independents off the commissions, and so I no longer will be able to sit."

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**Public demerger meeting Wednesday**

Borough President Karin Marks has announced that a public information meeting on Westmount's demerger initiative will be held in Victoria Hall next Wednesday evening, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Along with Marks, former mayor Peter Trent is expected to speak to residents on the impact of the mergers, including the complex financial implications and what Westmount must do in order to demerge from the Montreal megacity.

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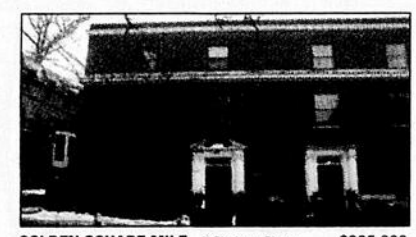
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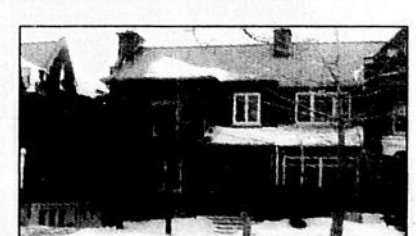
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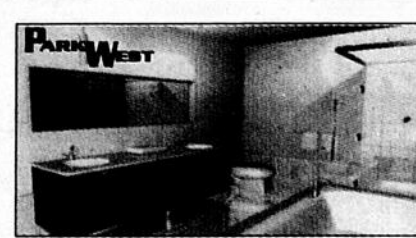


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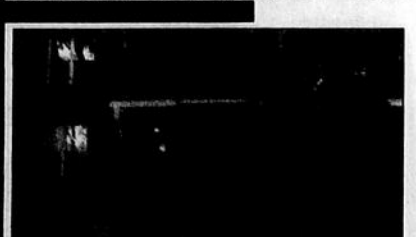
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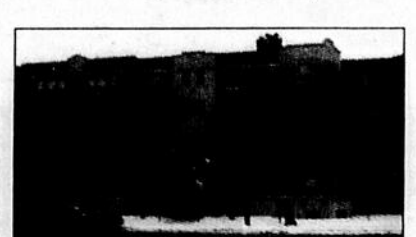
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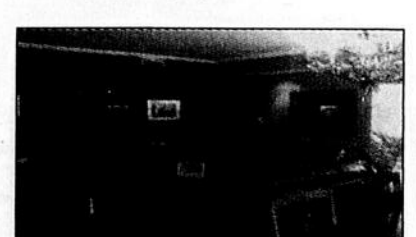
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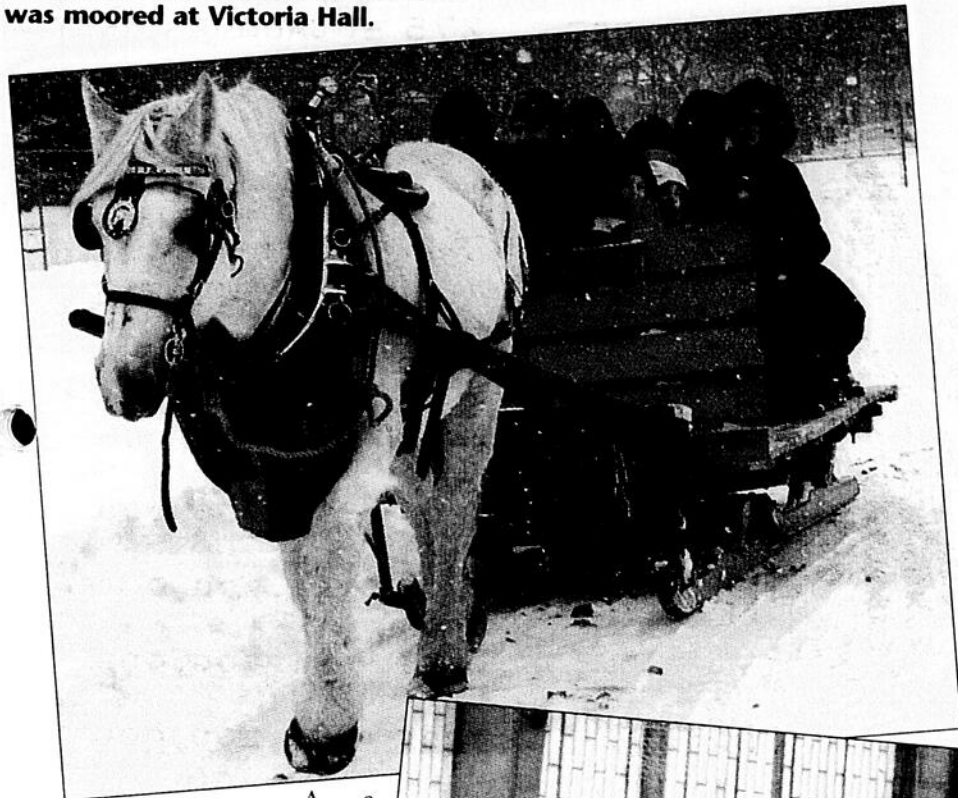
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# Tropical 'cruise' highlights winter carnival

Martin C. Barry

**F**or the second year in a row last Friday evening, the imaginary vessel Westmount of the Seas was moored at Victoria Hall.



As one of the main events in Westmount's annual 'Frosty Fun' winter carnival, the ship set sail with a trusty crew of volunteers and borough recreation department staff.

With dinner, dancing, deck games and a well-stocked bar on a simulated Mediterranean voyage, the Family Carnival Cruise Party attracted dozens of parents and children who turned up in beachwear, looking not the least bit out of place next to an occasional person who preferred

auditorium.

The carnival opened the day before, as it does every year, with a luncheon at the Contactivity Centre for senior citizens.

"We're having hot dogs without the buns," said Margot Stephenson, as she sat on a bleacher in the arena, explaining her daughter Bryony Hoare's fondness for the sausage without the wrap. Like so many other kids, Bryony was getting her fill of everything there was to enjoy.

In terms of the weather, most people were delighted with the mild temperature and snow which fell steadily throughout the day. "It's not too chilly," said Devon Rice, recalling several winter carnivals past when the thermometer fell way below zero.

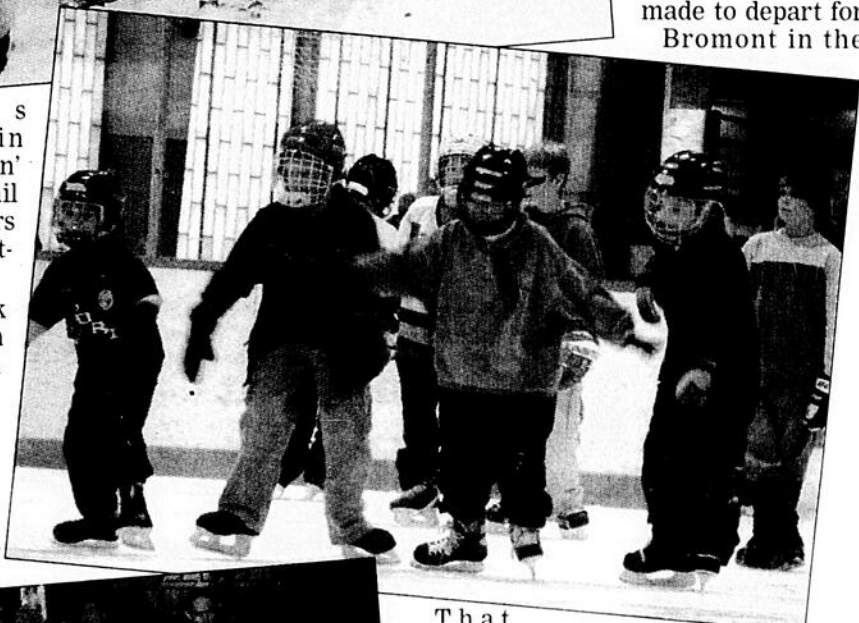
By mid-afternoon at the Tag Teen Centre at the arena, preparations were being made to depart for Bromont in the

myself," he said. "I make a few more falls than they do. They have that sense of no fear. I think being a little older I'm a little more tentative, so I fall a little bit more."

— Photos by Martin C. Barry



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That evening, there was tobogganing, skating, free hot chocolate and a bonfire in King George Park. Other events at the municipal arena Saturday morning and afternoon included broomball and ball-hockey tournaments, races, and

Eastern Townships for an evening of family snowboarding and skiing. "Very few are skiing—I think the majority of people are snowboarding or snowblading," observed Jared MacSween, the centre's director.

Just about everybody under the age of 20 was using a snowblade or snowboard, he added. MacSween was, in fact, one of the few people on the trip in their 20s who would be using a snowboard. "I think the kids like to see me out there making a fool of

to tramp around in winter galoshes.

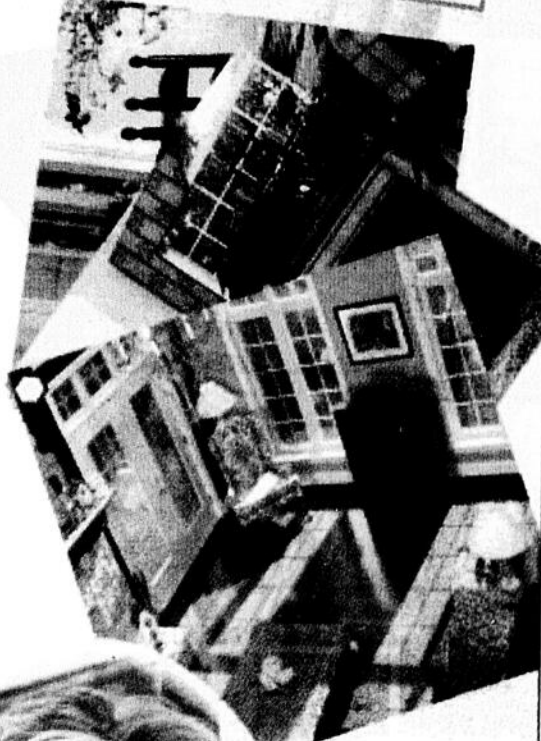
Like last year when the Cruise Party succeeded in attracting the largest turnout the recreation department ever had for a Friday night event, there was scarcely any room to spare at this year's bash on the floor of the Victoria Hall

Outside the arena there were sleigh rides and a maple sugar shack. An expert in the making of maple taffy was busy pouring thick syrup out to harden in a trough of snow. Inside the arena there were free hot dogs. One of the carnival's highlights, a night of snowboarding and skiing at Bromont, was well booked.

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## CONSEIL

### Séance publique d'information

Le conseil d'arrondissement de Westmount invite les résidents à une séance d'information le mercredi 18 février à 19 h 30 au Victoria Hall. La présidente de l'arrondissement, Karin Marks, et l'ancien maire Peter Trent discuteront de la décentralisation et des défusions. Une période de questions suivra. ♣



## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

### La galerie du Victoria Hall

La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres de l'artiste Mary Martha Guy. L'exposition intitulée *Arbre* tiendra l'affiche jusqu'au 3 mars. Info : 989-5226.

### Galerie - appel de propositions

La galerie du Victoria Hall lance un appel de propositions pour sa programmation de la saison 2004-2005 (sept. 2004 à août 2005). Cet appel s'adresse aux artistes et artisans qui habitent à Westmount. Les propositions doivent inclure : 10 photographies ou diapositives d'œuvres récentes; une liste des titres, dimensions, médiums et dates de création; un curriculum vitae à jour et un exposé portant sur la démarche artistique du candidat. Les soumissions doivent être envoyées au plus tard le lundi 22 mars à l'attention du Comité de sélection, Service des événements communautaires au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount (Québec) H3Z 1E2. Info : 989-5226.

### Association historique de Westmount

#### Conférences printanières 2004

Meghan Masterson et Doreen Lindsay présenteront la maison unifamiliale située au 370, rue Lansdowne (circa 1888). Il s'agit de l'une des rares maisons à Westmount recouverte de planches en déclin. Cette conférence aura lieu le jeudi 19 février à 19 h à la Bibliothèque. L'entrée est gratuite pour les membres, 5 \$ pour les non-membres. Info : 925-1404 ou 932-6688.

### Concert au Victoria Hall

Le service des événements communautaires a le plaisir de présenter « Impact sur les cuivres », un concert gratuit qui explore le son des cuivres à travers l'histoire, qui aura lieu le dimanche 22 février à 14 h 00 au Victoria Hall. Téléphonnez au 989-5226 pour réserver votre place ou ramassez vos laissez-passer au Victoria Hall ou au comptoir des enfants de la Bibliothèque. Cet événement a reçu le soutien financier du Conseil des Arts de Montréal dans le cadre du programme *Jouer dans l'île*.

### Contra Danse

La Contra danse est une danse sociale folklorique issue des traditions des

## DATES À RETENIR

### Jusqu'au 3 mars

Mary Martha Guy : *Arbre*  
La galerie du Victoria Hall

### Le 16 février - 11 h

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### Le 17 février - 19 h

Club de lecture anglaise, Bibliothèque

### Le 18 février - 19 h 30

Séance d'information, Victoria Hall

### Le 19 février - 19 h

Association historique de Westmount  
Conférences printanières 2004, Bibliothèque

### Le 22 février - 14 h

Concert *Jouer dans l'île*  
« Impact sur les cuivres », Victoria Hall

### Le 28 février - 19 h

Contra Danse de Nouvelle-Angleterre  
Victoria Hall

### Le 1<sup>er</sup> mars - 20 h

Séance du Conseil, Bureau d'arrondissement

immigrants irlandais, écossais, britanniques et français. La prochaine soirée de danse aura lieu le samedi 28 février à 19 h au Victoria Hall. Les premières 30 minutes de la soirée seront consacrées à l'enseignement des pas de danse. Info : 341-0322. ♣



## RESSOURCES HUMAINES

### Emplois d'été

Les formulaires pour les emplois d'été 2004 sont disponibles à la réception du bureau d'arrondissement. La date limite pour soumettre une candidature est le vendredi 27 février. Info : 989-5210. ♣



## BIBLIOTHÈQUE

### Club de lecture anglaise

Le Club de lecture anglaise se réunira à la bibliothèque le mardi 17 février de 19 h à 21 h pour discuter du livre *The Old Gringo* de Carlos Fuentes. La rencontre sera animée par Virginia Ferguson. Bienvenue à tous. Info : 989-5386. ♣



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## COUNCIL

### Town Hall Meeting

Westmount Borough Council invites residents to a town hall meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Borough Chairman Karin Marks and former Mayor Peter Trent will discuss decentralization and demergers, with a question period. ♣



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### The Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present the works of artist Mary Martha Guy. The exhibition, *Tree*, will run until March 3. Info: 989-5226.

### Gallery - Call for submissions

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to announce a Call for Submissions for its 2004-2005 exhibition programme (Sept. 2004 to August 2005). Artists and artisans who are residents of Westmount are invited to apply. Submissions should include: 10 good quality photos or slides of recent work; an accompanying list of titles, dimensions, media and dates, an up-to-date résumé and an artist's statement. The deadline for submissions is Monday, March 22. Please forward your submission to: Gallery Selection Committee, Community Events Office, 4333 Sherbrooke West, Westmount, PQ, H3Z 1E2. Info: 989-5226.

### Historical Association

#### Spring Lecture Series 2004

Meghan Masterson and Doreen Lindsay will talk about the single-family home at 370 Lansdowne, circa 1888, one of the few wooden clapboard houses in Westmount, on Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library. Admission is \$5 (free for WHA members). Info: 925-1404 or 932-6688.

### Concert at Victoria Hall

The Community Events Service is pleased to present "Impact sur les cuivres" - a free concert that explores brass music throughout the history, which takes place Sunday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Reserve by phoning 989-5226 or pick up passes at Victoria Hall or at the Children's Desk in the Library. This concert is supported by the Conseil des arts de Montréal as part of the *Jouer dans l'île* programme.

### Contra Dance

Contra Dance is a mixture of social folk dances of the British, Scottish, Irish and French settlers. The next Contra Dance will take place on Saturday, February 28, at Victoria Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the first half hour devoted to teaching the dance steps. Info: 341-0322. ♣

## DATEBOOK

### Until March 3

Mary Martha Guy: *Tree*  
The Gallery at Victoria Hall

### February 16 - 11 a.m.

Special Council Meeting  
Borough Hall

### February 17 - 7 p.m.

English Book Club, Library

### February 18 - 7:30 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting, Victoria Hall

### February 19 - 7 p.m.

Westmount Historical Association  
Spring Lecture Series - 2004, Library

### February 22 - 2:00 p.m.

*Jouer dans l'île* concert:  
"Impact sur les cuivres", Victoria Hall

### February 28 - 7:00 p.m.

New England Contra Dance  
Victoria Hall

### March 1<sup>st</sup> - 8 p.m.

Council Meeting, Borough Hall



## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Summer Employment

Applications for 2004 summer employment are available at the reception desk in Westmount Borough Hall. The deadline to submit your application is Friday, February 27. Info: 989-5210. ♣



## LIBRARY

### English Book Club

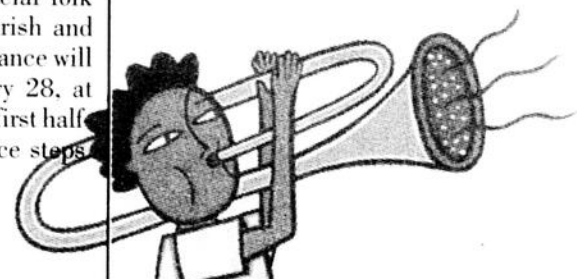
Join the library's English Book Club between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17 in the Westmount Room to discuss *The Old Gringo* by Carlos Fuentes. The meetings are led by Virginia Ferguson. Everyone is welcome to attend! Info: 989-5386. ♣



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Outdoor Skating

The watercourse in Westmount Park is now open for skating. Everyone is welcome. Info: 989-5268. ♣



# Défusion Westmount launches new web site

Martin C. Barry

**Westmounters who want instant access to information about the municipal demerger process have a new option—they can go to an Internet web site sponsored by Défusion Westmount.**

The organization responsible for the campaign promoting Westmount's demerger from the megacity recently opened its headquarters at 4431 Ste. Catherine Street. Former Westmount mayor Peter Trent, current elected independent borough councillors and several other community leaders are providing the leadership.

The group's new site ([www.defusionwestmount.com](http://www.defusionwestmount.com)), which was designed entirely by volunteers, makes all the resources at the Défusion Westmount office available to anyone with Internet access.

As indicated by the number of links to similar groups on the site, municipal demerger is an issue which is catching fire not just in Quebec, but in other parts of Canada. More than a dozen organizations lobbying for demerger are listed in the Montreal area, elsewhere in the province, and in Ontario. Three groups promoting the megacity concept in Montreal are listed.

As Défusion Westmount states on its site, "Our goal is to provide our fellow citizens with accurate information on the impact of the megacity on the infrastructure and services once provided to Westmount citizens." The information includes taxation changes currently in effect or envisaged, as well as any other changes planned at Montreal City Hall.

"What we hope is that with the web site we

can provide one-stop shopping for information on mergers and demergers," says Borough Councillor John de Castell, who helped create the site with his wife, Terry, and Montreal West resident Kell Warshaw, co-founder of the demerger group DémocraCité.

Only a few weeks old, Défusion Westmount's site will be evolving as more news from the demerger front (such as notification of events) comes in. This includes articles from *The Examiner* on the demerger and other related topics.

The Défusion Westmount site's welcome page—featuring a large graphic of the blue ribbon motif which has come to symbolize the demerger effort—was created by Terry de Castell, who used a Canon digital camera and Paint Shop Pro, a photo-manipulation software program.

Warshaw, a business consultant, had previously created web sites for the Committee for the Preservation of Montreal West, as well as for DémocraCité. According to de Castell, Défusion Westmount's web site has the ability to provide anyone interested in Westmount's demerger campaign with a wealth of information on the current situation.

"Really, when you think about it, the potential of a web site is really unparalleled," he said. "Because what it can do is give people a virtual library on any given subject—and in this case on a subject that matters most to us right now—in their own homes, to be perused and absorbed at their own pace at their leisure. I think that's a really beneficial aspect."

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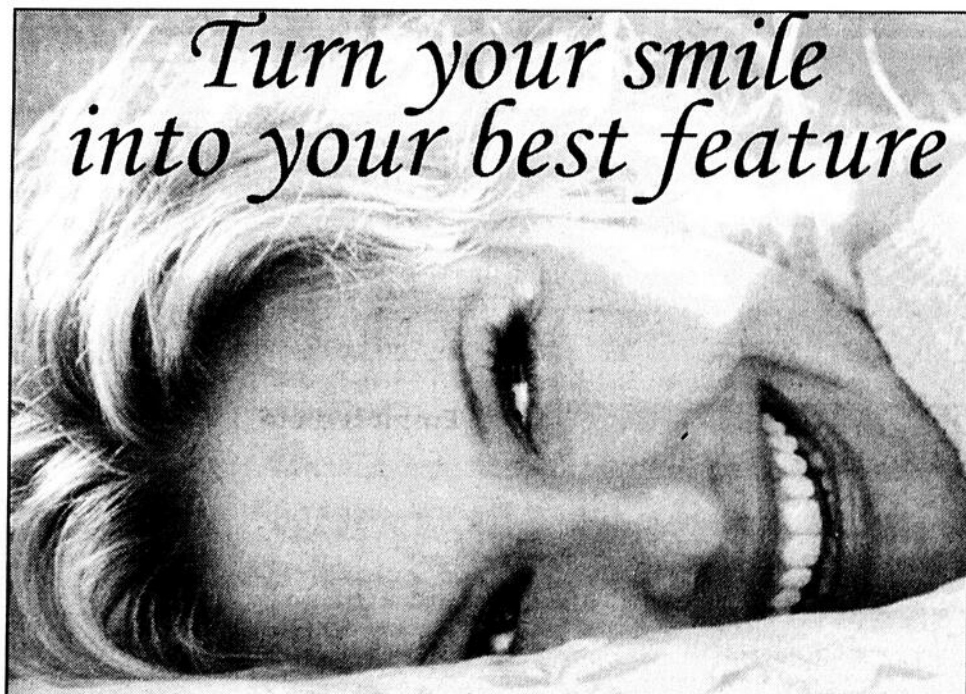
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# LAPIERRE APPOINTMENT QUITE A RISK

*Uncensored*

Tommy Schnurmacher



**P**aul Martin has made a big mistake. Appointing broadcaster Jean Lapierre to act as his Quebec lieutenant may work in the short term, but it will come back to haunt him big time.

For the sake of taking a few more seats away from the Bloc Québécois in the imminent federal election, Martin is placing the very future of the country at risk.

Just look at Lapierre's record.

What happened when Meech Lake didn't pass? Lapierre didn't just go into a prolonged snit. He abandoned the Liberal party and worked with Conservative turncoat Lucien Bouchard to co-found the Bloc

Québécois, a separatist party dedicated to the breakup of Canada.

It didn't take much to have Lapierre give up on Canada, did it? If this man could turn his back on this country once, he can do it again.

Lapierre just couldn't stand the idea of Jean Chrétien being prime minister. Nothing personal, mind you. Lapierre's a Quebec nationalist who simply detested (and still detests) Chrétien for his refusal to give Quebec special status.

If Martin gives Lapierre whatever he wants, everything will be just fine. As for Martin's repeated promises to reduce western alienation, they will just have to wait as Quebec is set to once again regain its role at the forefront of the national agenda.

Martin will be allowed to disagree with Lapierre on occasion, but he better not make him too angry. Otherwise he might bolt back to the Bloc.

Lapierre's new gig is great news for Premier Jean Charest who can start making his list and he needn't even

bother checking it twice. As soon as Martin's Liberals rack up their fourth consecutive landslide, Charest can start demanding more booty from Ottawa to appease his own party's nationalists.

More goodies might also help Charest shore up some support from an angry population that would toss him right out of office if an election were held today.

Lapierre will make sure that whatever Charest wants, Charest gets, or else.

Martin's new Quebec lieutenant has yet to be elected, but he's already quite convinced he's sitting in the catbird's seat. His opening salvo: Dismissing the Clarity Bill as "useless."

Au contraire. The Clarity Bill is useful as an insurance policy. And a terrific one at that. No premiums to pay, yet we can count on it to prevent a few spoiled ballots from breaking up Canada in any future drive-by referendum concocted by the Parti

Québécois.

Lapierre, by the way, may deliver a lot less than expected. He will have to face the Bloc's crack research staff which will leave no stone unturned to find every anti-Liberal comment he has ever uttered on radio or television.

It should also be fun watching Lapierre trying to justify Martin's position on the missile shield to the anti-war province of Quebec.

Martin and Lapierre may also have to deal with the very real possibility that Quebecers could take out their anger at the Quebec Liberal party by voting against the federal Liberal party.

Lapierre has devoted his entire career to getting a better deal for Quebec. If he gets his way, the West will pay the price. If he doesn't, we all will.

• Tommy Schnurmacher is heard weekdays 9 a.m. to noon on CJAD 800 Radio. His e-mail address is [tommys@total.net](mailto:tommys@total.net).

**Old News**



(from the examiner archives)

**Five Years Ago**  
February 11, 1999

**SOUND SUPPORT:** "The directors of the Westmount Municipal Association have unanimously agreed that there is a need for a sound barrier along the Ville Marie Expressway—provided recent data collected by area residents is accurate. The decision came at last Monday's monthly meeting of WMA directors, which was attended by Sound Barrier Citizens' Group representatives Ted and Lorraine Semienchuk of Bruce Avenue and Jan Kuilman of Columbia

Avenue. 'We're so delighted that they felt the same way we do—that it was a cause that could not be pushed under the table,' Kuilman said on Tuesday."

**Fifty Years Ago**  
February 12, 1954

**PRAISE FOR BOZ:** "Charles Dickens' world was described as one of the 'richest veins of human character in all the range of literature' in a talk given Tuesday by Robert A. Speirs, headmaster of Selwyn House school. 'Every time we look through the rainbow archway of his pages we feel his magnetic power luring us to further exploration, inviting us to savor again unremembered delights of the past and enjoy new satisfactions of the present,' he said in an address to the Dickens Fellowship of Montreal, in Victoria Hall. 'Amongst the endless distractions and hubbub of our passing days, we hear the countless voices of the Dickensian immortals calling to us—"Come back and see us again, for here is the heart of life itself.'"

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According to a leaked report in La Presse, the OECD becomes the latest body to call for government action to attack the abundance of local structures. This could mean support for mega-mergers given that the Chamber of Commerce is one of the survey's promoters (others are the federal government and the CMM itself).

Among other things, the OECD wants the CMM to be directly responsible to the population (at present it is dominated by Tremblay nominees), to become the regional transit authority (replacing the AMT) and to emphasize the need for a comprehensive development strategy.

In its regional aims it sounds very similar to Pichette's vision of Claude Ryan's day. It is an issue Bouchard and Harel downplayed and one that Jean Charest and his municipal affairs minister, Jean-Marc Fournier, have ignored completely.

Fournier seems unconcerned that Westmount will pay heavy subsidies to

Montreal with its woes, while his riding, Chateauguay, contributes nothing other than a miniscule amount to the CMM.

The tax imbalance is about to become a much more important part of the debate. Much of the demerger fight so far has been over threatened services. It took on another dimension last month with the distribution of the latest tax bills. There is worse to come.

Peter Trent will highlight the financial aspects of the forced merger in his own report—doubtless without OECD assistance—at this Wednesday evening's public meeting in Victoria Hall.

• Don Wedge compiles the Civic Alert e-mail newsletter.

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## Love knows no age

**I**t's true when they say that love knows no age.

From our earliest moments we learn to love those around us—our parents, grandparents, siblings and other extended family members. Crushes develop when we first start socializing with other children our age, and many children come home with brightly coloured Valentine's Day cards from daycare. And who will ever forget their very first kiss?

Whether it is a crush, puppy love or instant attraction, falling in love is always a special feeling, regardless of

what age you may be. It is just how we demonstrate our love that changes over time. As we get older, many people enjoy showing their love with lots of tenderness and thoughtful gestures, such as a box of chocolates, flowers and a heartfelt card followed by a special dinner at a favourite restaurant. After all, nothing feels more wonderful than giving—or receiving—love and affection.

No matter how old we may be, everyone wants to feel loved. If you are one of the lucky people who have found true love, cherish it always. It is one of life's most precious treasures. And if you are still searching for that someone special,

perhaps he or she is much closer than you think! Sometimes love works in strange, mysterious ways and that is what makes it so unique!

Love is unlike anything else: no one knows where it comes from, or where it will go.

## Valentine's Day quiz

**V**alentine's Day is just around the corner, so what better time of year to test your knowledge of Valentine's Day, love and all things related.

**1. According to medieval beliefs, spotting which bird on the morning of February 14th announced to young girls a happy, but poor marriage?**

- a) A robin b) A swallow  
c) A swan d) A sparrow

**2. How many Christian Saints were named Valentine, and thus could be the true originator of Saint Valentine's Day?**

- a) 3 b) 5 c) 7 d) 9

**3. Which flower should you give as a first declaration of love?**

- a) A tulip b) A rose  
c) A peony d) A carnation

**4. Who said, "There is no remedy for love but to love more"?**

- a) Henry David Thoreau  
b) William Shakespeare  
c) D.H. Lawrence d) Anaïs Nin

**5. Valentine's Day was based on the annual Roman Lupercalia, which was celebrated in honour of spring's arrival. Who is Lupercus?**

- a) The god of family and friendship  
b) The god of shepherds and flocks  
c) The god of flowers and trees  
d) The god of budding love

**6. The word "passion" comes from the Latin term "passion." What does it mean?**

- a) Bliss b) Suffering  
c) Flesh d) Violence

**7. Saint Valentine is known for watching over lovers, but he is also the patron saint of another group. What is this group?**

- a) Doctors b) Postmen  
c) Painters d) Bee keepers

**8. Chocolate is reputed to be an aphrodisiac. Certain types of shellfish also share this claim. Which one is not said to be an aphrodisiac?**

- a) Lobster b) Oysters  
c) Shrimp d) Crayfish

Answers: 1-d, 2-c, 3-a, 4-a, 5-b, 6-b, 7-d, 8-c



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# When in doubt, give love and tenderness!

**V**alentine's Day is approaching and it is time to put your romantic talent into high gear. But does the thought of writing a heartfelt poem make your palms sweat? Do you have the emotions in your heart but they just won't translate into words?

Not all of us have the exceptional poetry skills of the famous Cyrano De Bergerac. Thankfully, there are greeting cards with messages already in them that do a remarkable job of demonstrating our deepest feelings for us!

When words are not enough, there are other ways to shower your love with romantic gestures. Are you still having a hard time coming up with ideas? Finding the ultimate Valentine's Day gift can be overwhelming, so start off simple. First make a list of all the little things your loved one would enjoy receiving, such as flowers, chocolates, a special dinner, or a weekend getaway for just the two of you...

Now that you've got your creative juices flowing, try to think of a few ways in which you can turn your gift idea into a surprise. For example, you could tell your loved one that the two of you are invited to a colleague's birthday party or to a business function (but only the two of you will show up!) Or learn how to say I love you in several languages: ich liebe dich in German, ya tibia loublou in Russian, te quiero in Spanish, and ti amo in Italian.

And above all, regardless of what poems you write, what gifts you give, or where you celebrate Saint Valentine's Day, make sure you include lots of love and tenderness.



# My sweet Valentine

**T**he history of Valentine's Day is as charming as the day itself. According to legend, Valentine was an Italian monk who lived long ago. At the time, all of the monks who lived in the monastery had a particular talent: one was a gifted musician, another was a skilled doctor and another was a wise scholar. But poor Valentine had not been able to discover his own unique talent, which made him very sad.

One day a little voice inside his head said, "If you can't do one thing very well, do many little things very well." Valentine finally understood that he did have something to contribute, and decided to help those in need. During the years that followed, Valentine spread love all around him. When he died, everyone in the village was so heartbroken that they

decided to create a special day in his honour. They called it Saint Valentine's Day.

Unfortunately, the St. Valentine of this story has never been properly identified. That's because a total of seven different St. Valentines are celebrated on February 14! In fact, some historians argue that the holiday we celebrate today is a variation of an ancient Roman tradition that was originally celebrated on February 15, during which a "love lottery" was held. This involved drawing the names of girls and boys who would then date for a period of one year.

Today, celebrating Saint Valentine's Day has become a widespread tradition in which we shower loved ones with chocolates, flowers, intimate evenings and all sorts of romantic gestures. It is a love-filled holiday, so make the most of it and tell that special someone just how you feel. Happy St. Valentine's Day!

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## Around Westmount

Marilynn Vanderstay



being evicted from its home of 16 years the troupe decided to act fast to seek support for a permanent space. The result is the production of 'Appointment with Death', a mystery by Agatha Christie, this weekend and next at Bain St. Michel, 5300 St. Dominique.

Westmount residents who will be headlining the play include Richard McConomy, Cynthia Kathleen Taylor, Christopher Marks, Gus O'Gorman, and Sterling Mawhinney. Show time is 8 p.m. Feb. 12 to 14 and 19 to 21. Tickets are \$100, with a tax receipt of \$85. Phone 987-1774 ext. 3 for tickets and more information.

### Affordable fitness for seniors

"As of February the Westmount YMCA has decided to offer the Arthritic Aquafit program for free to all Westmounters who are 50 years of age or older," says Y director Gary White. "This program was previously accessible only to members or through the purchase of a pass.

The Aquafit program runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:15 to 1:10 p.m. and is immediately followed by a free swim which has always been, and will continue to be, free for seniors 60 or older. "We will also continue to offer a social hour for seniors that includes coffee, tea, cookies, checkers, chess, cards and good company and lots of laughter every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Once again there is no charge for seniors who participate in this program."

### Hello and goodbye

Former Westmount restaurateurs Maria Alevisatos and John Gilsean welcomed Laurence and Emmanuel Novati—who bought their restaurant La Transition this year—to Westmount with a reception with their regular clients last week.

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By the way, Alevisatos and Gilsean also dispelled any myths that have been traveling on the grapevine. Yes, they are still happily together and no, they are not moving to the Maritimes. They are in reality settling themselves back into the Montreal workforce.

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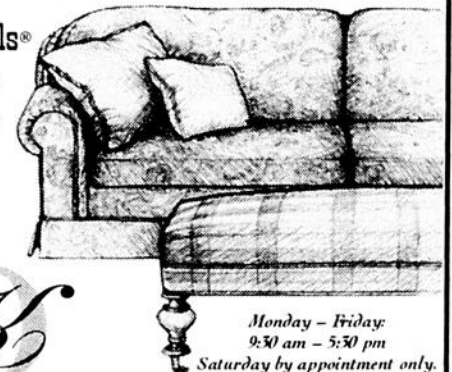
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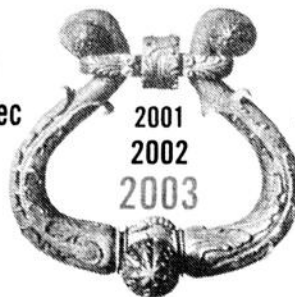
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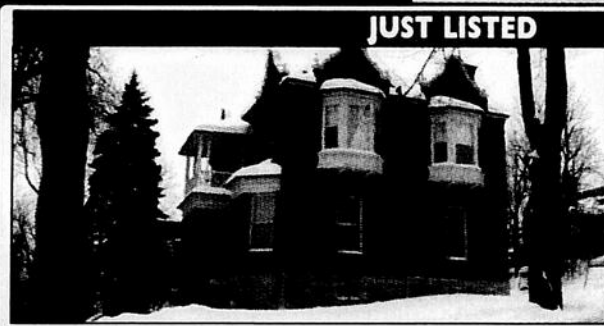
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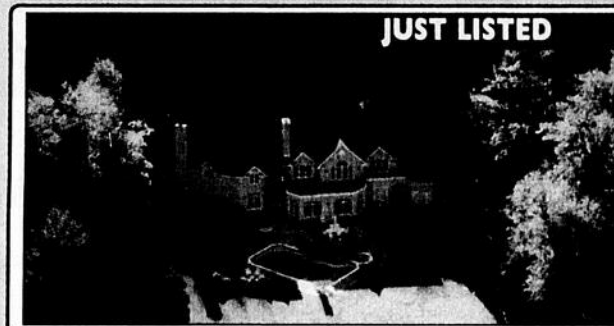
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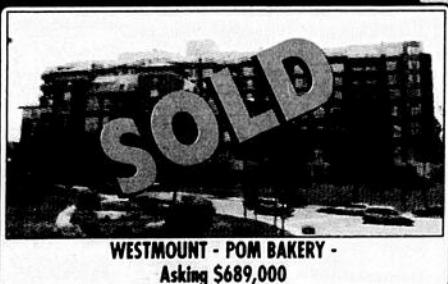
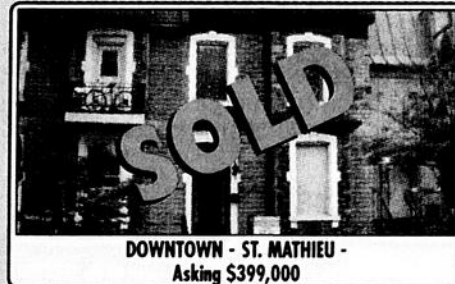
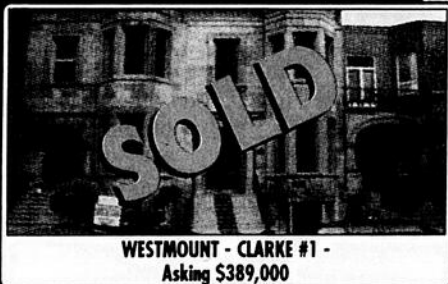
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430 Clarke	Suzanne Lafleur	Rossana Fialdini-Zambrano	\$565,000	\$366,600
4 Grenville	Mark Smith	Daniel Obrand & Caroline Michel	\$839,000	\$488,300
10 Grenville	Daniel Obrand & Caroline Michel	Christine Sayegh	\$775,000	\$433,400
531 Grosvenor	Jacob Ben Lightman	9120-4545 Quebec Inc.	\$630,000	\$433,900
4335 Montrose	Eric Gizard & Marie-Françoise Torrent	Benita Goldin	\$570,000	\$383,000
624 Murray	Robert Shulman	Robert Mark Beard & Denise Raymonde Côté	\$790,000	\$470,300
21 Rosemount	Zoe Ann Murray	The Grenville Trust	\$1,100,000	\$634,000
17 Severn	Nancy Sebag-Montefiore	Carlo Verrillo & Vanessa Pizzi	\$440,000	\$274,100
16 Shorncliffe	Miriam Phyllis Stark	Corine Elbaz	\$1,025,000	\$779,700
765 Upper Lansdowne	Marc-André Giroux & Laurie Wiseman	Arnold Fox	\$605,000	\$512,200
4862 Westmount Ave	Jean R. Miquelon	Keith D. Wilson & Julie Hébert	\$582,500	\$430,500
6 Winchester	Vincent Leuzy & Ingrid Berzins	Ralph Thomas Leavitt & Deborah Dixon	\$565,000	\$223,400
<b>CONDOMINIUMS</b>				
547 Grosvenor	André Beaudet & Beverlee Banks	Daniel Laporte & Madeleyn Conway	\$400,000	\$223,000
4700 St. Catherine	estate David Usheroff & estate Lorna Golub	Jan Ivan Schulz	\$355,000	\$241,600
472 Wood	Thomas Burstyn	Bruce Isenberg & Radclyffe Rochon	\$295,000	\$158,900

## January sales: Dumping the laggards

Andy Dodge, CRA

(NOTE: The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings which were reported by the local offices of Sutton and Royal LePage Realties as having been accepted in January. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph below offers a picture of these trends over time.)

If December's market had seemed like buyers were rushing to get in before things got too hot, January appeared to be exactly the opposite: slow and unexciting.

Nine sales were reported with prices all under \$1 million, average price \$626,556, ranging from \$320,000 (the lowest price for a Westmount house since last June) to \$930,000. This being the first month in which the new 2004 tax assessments are being used, it is not surprising that three of the nine sales involved prices less than the 2004 assessments, the highest markup was only 35 percent above the new municipal valuation and the average markup was only 7.8 percent.

Perhaps more important, the average time on the market was 187 days, with five of the nine sales having taken more than 200 days to sell. This is an indication that the January sales involved houses that had been hanging around for months, while the newer stock which was coming on may have been overpriced. At the very least, buyers were able to find good enough quality in the houses whose sellers were anxious to unload the property, without having to select from among the new, high-priced stock which came on the market in January.

Condominiums, on the other hand, appear to be more attractive. Four sales were reported in January, all above municipal valuation, with two of those selling less than a week after being listed. By our figures the average price is now closing in on \$500,000, up about 4 percent in the past year.

Sales in adjacent-Westmount areas were mostly around the same price, with two sales north of Westmount, one just east of the borough and one in the Shaughnessy district, all above their 2004 municipal evaluation.

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## Four more sales over \$1 million

Andy Dodge, CRA

(NOTE: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount real estate in October, 2003, filed at the Montreal Registry Office. A list of sales can be seen above.)

One more sale over \$2 million and another three over \$1 million highlighted the October list of real estate transfers, which included 15 residential sales averaging \$910,133.

The red brick mansion at 565 Argyle Ave. changed hands for a cool \$2,440,000, highest price in October and the fourth-highest price this year. It was one of three sales to change hands for more than double its 2001 municipal evaluation.

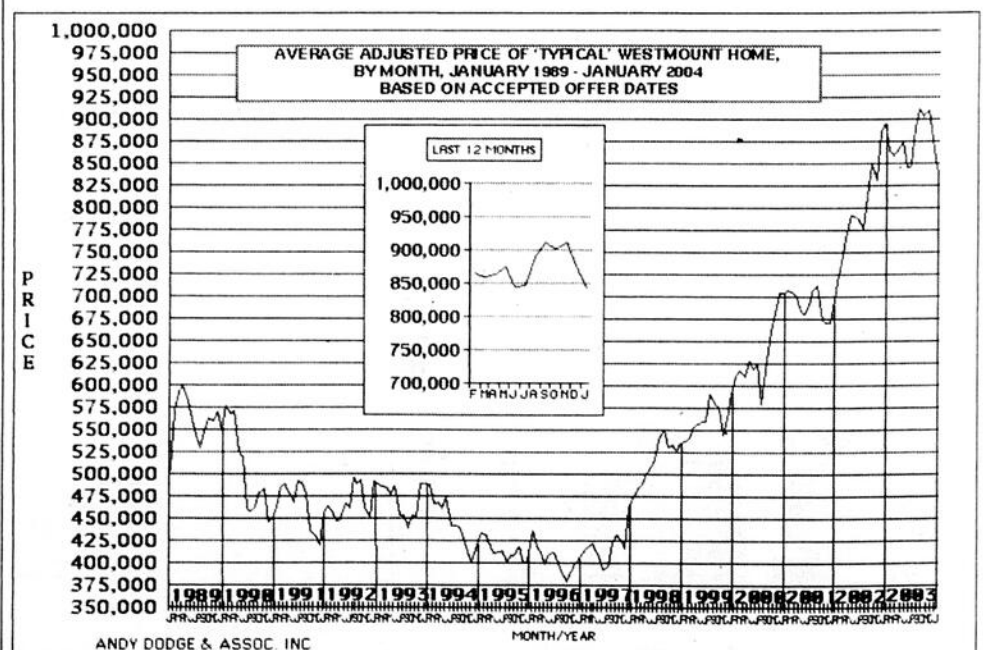
The lowest price of the month involved a coach house at 17 Severn

Avenue, which sold for \$440,000, but other than that no residential properties went for less than \$565,000. One of those was 6 Winchester Ave., which was evaluated at only \$223,400, thus the price was more than two and a half times the valuation.

Lowest markup in October—comparing still to the 2001 tax roll—involved 765 Upper Lansdowne Avenue, a standard semi-detached brick house which sold for \$605,000, just 18 percent higher than its municipal evaluation.

Three condominiums rounded out the list of transfers for October, one apartment and two duplex-type flats, with prices ranging from \$295,000 to \$400,000. The average markup of 68.4 percent is almost the same as the average for single-family dwellings, 72.0 percent.

No commercial properties or apartment buildings were sold in October.





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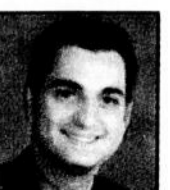
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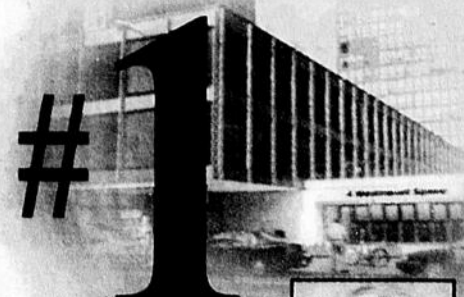


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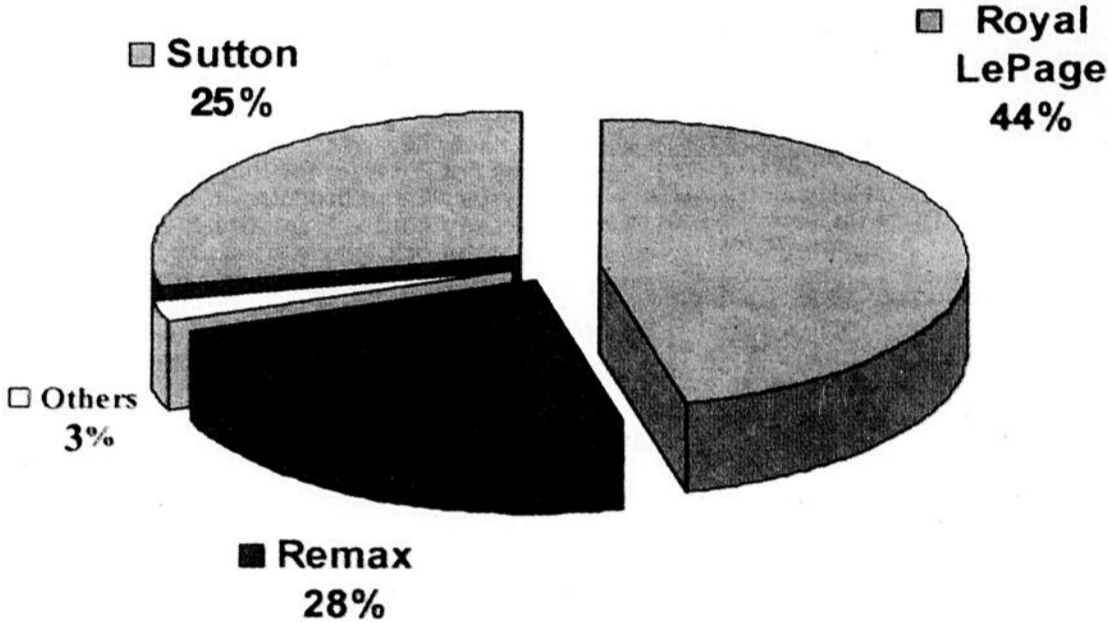


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# Looking at our native past

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**T**angible evidence of Indian settlement in Westmount was sparse until late in the 19th century. There were tales told of Indian pictographs carved on the trunks of trees, such as the one in the woods down in the Glen, which bore a carving thought to represent the forms of a man and an arrow.

Then one July day in 1898, James Quinn, a gardener working on the grounds of St. George's Snowshoe Club, uncovered the remains of a human skeleton, partly covered by several flat stones.

At first this was judged to be a police matter, and Westmount's police chief, James Harrison, immediately dispatched the remains to the Montreal coroner, E. McMahon, at the morgue.

Soon, however, it was realized this was not a matter for the police but a mystery for anthropologists to unravel if they could. Over the following months, with excavation proceeding with great care, more remains were uncovered, dispersed over several blocks of land east to Clarke Avenue.

The shallow graves were aligned in seemingly random directions, some to the north, others to the west. A few skeletons lay under large flat stones

laid in a clear pattern of an inverted V. The discovery generated great excitement, interest and confusion. What did these finds signify?

Among the first experts to be consulted was William Douw Lighthall, a Westmount resident and a leading authority on North American Indian culture. (In recognition of his profound interest in Indian traditions, Mr. Lighthall had recently been made an honorary chief of the Mohawks of Kahnawake.)

Mr. Lighthall speculated the discovery indicated a community burial ground of Indians, possible Algonquins. The method of burial, however, was of a kind more common west of the Mississippi among the Illinois, to whom the Algonquins were related. Perhaps, he suggested, some of these extended kin had brought their burial practices with them, when they travelled along the Ottawa River to trade with the west.

How old was this mysterious settlement? It might, said Mr. Lighthall, have been older than Hochelaga, the legendary Iroquoian village located in the heart of present-day Montreal, so vividly described by Jacques Cartier in 1535.

We will never know for certain but there can be no doubt an Indian presence existed here and then vanished before the arrival of the first European explorers.

*Aline Gubbay is the author of two books on Westmount's heritage and a former president of the Westmount Historical Association.*

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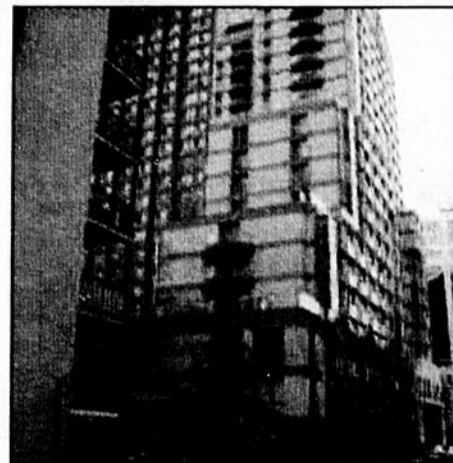
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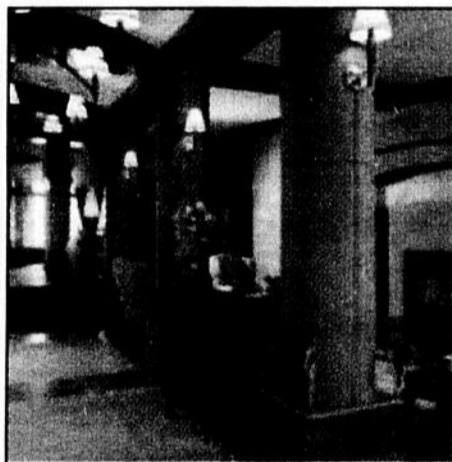
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**Job search for boomers**

Lisa Boyle, executive director of La Passerelle, the non-profit career transition centre for job seekers 40 plus, was the guest speaker at Westmount Rotary recently.

Boyle told the membership that just as they had revolutionized the way society thought about living in the 1960s, the baby boomers are creating change in the way the government is dealing with retirement. "As the baby boomers are heading into retirement, they are leaving behind not only a vacuum of experience and knowledge, but also a labour shortage in the job market," says Boyle. "La Passerelle, which is funded by both government bodies, seeks to fill those needs by offering job search skills to those who are unsatisfied with retirement or

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**WHS hosts teen leadership program**

On Friday, Feb. 13 Westmount High will host Mega Day, the student leadership training event sponsored by the EMSB. Over 400 kids from 15 schools in the greater Montreal area will participate in workshops and seminars that tackle issues including the Coalition Against Smoking, peer mediation, fundraising, organizing successful school activities and making a positive difference in schools.

"All the events are run by the kids for the kids," said WHS event coordinator C.J. Turner. "They have been organizing the program since November."

**Uniforms coming back**

The administration at WHS continues to look at ways to increase school spirit by making students feel more a part the school. Principal Claude Dansereau and staff are looking at re-instituting a school uniform in September.

"The school uniform will help our students who come from all over the city feel more that they are a part of a school, of a team," said Dansereau. "It will not be at all like the former tunics and dress pants. Instead we are look-

ing at rugby pants and tops with a skirt option for girls." In addition to increasing a feeling of team spirit, the uniform will provide a measure of security. Non-students will be easily recognizable because they are not in uniform.

**One sticker at a time**

Westmount author of seven books, Nomi Berger's life changed forever two years ago when fibromyalgia syndrome and tendonitis in both arms ended her writing career.

"As a creative outlet and a form of occupational therapy and as a way of still expressing myself creatively, I began designing individual greeting cards, using tiny stickers to create each original design. I called them 'Pages by Nomi,'" she said.

Berger exhibited her designs recently at Place Kensington, where they were eagerly bought up for Valentine's Day and grandchildren's birthdays. Berger says that in addition to giving her a creative outlet, sharing the cards with people helps her raise their awareness of the chronic disorder that is characterized by generalized pain, fatigue and tenderness. For more information about fibromyalgia, go to <http://fmscommunity.org/>. A commission for personalized cards is always appreciated. Contact Berger at [nomiberger@sympatico.ca](mailto:nomiberger@sympatico.ca).

**Welcome to Westmount**

Westmount Park School welcomed a new principal recently. Gail Somerville, formerly with the EMSB Outreach Program, began her tour of duty at Westmount Park School late last year. She brings with her a satchel

of educational experiences including a stint at Royal West School. Welcome to Westmount Gail!

**In memoriam**

The community is mourning the passing of former Westmount resident and business owner Frank Kenwood. Westmount Rotary's longest standing member died Jan. 23 at his residence in Fort Meyers, Fla., at 81.

Kenwood lived a full life. He served with the RCAF in Europe during the war where he experienced the hardship of being a prisoner of war in Germany, and the joy of meeting his wife, Wyn. After returning to Canada, the couple enjoyed 47 years of marriage and raised four children. Kenwood joined Westmount Rotary 54 years ago while he was president of his family business, Kenwood Moving and Storage, then located on Ste. Catherine Street.

It was during his term as Rotary President in 1950 that the service club built the Unity Boys Club on Greene Avenue that is today Centre Greene. Kenwood also remained a member of the Hudson Royal Canadian Legion. A memorial to celebrate his life will be held at a later date. He asked that donations be made in his name to either the Rotary Manoir Westmount or the Hudson Royal Canadian Legion.

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It was back to the office in January, and the first week hummed along with work on our important files, right up to Friday when I was informed that about ten native police officers were in Laval waiting to move in on the territory of the Kanesatake reserve. We held an emergency conference call from 4 to 6:15 p.m. with the Sûreté du Québec, the RCMP, the public security ministry and cabinet members; it was then that we finally learned that the Kanesatake band chief had received a \$900,000 subsidy from the Solicitor General for a police operation on his territory. According to the information we had, the goal of this operation was to remove the chief of police. No one thought it was a good idea. The next day, Jan. 12, I made a quick trip to Toronto to meet my counterpart, the Ontario minister for public security.

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She described the move as unfortunate, since the commissions had provided non-partisan input into various aspects of community life. "We discussed such things as the role of a library, we discussed such things as public art and I don't think those should have to be partisan," she said. "I think there are people who come from very different backgrounds who have a lot to contribute."

Marks said another reason why Tremblay removed the independents was that many of them had a demerger stance, and he didn't want to take the chance of it being expressed on the commissions. "I think it speaks to the fact that Mr. Tremblay sees the structure as one where you are either in or out, and did not seem to understand that those of us who don't choose to be a part of the structure of the City of Montreal nonetheless feel that we would like to contribute."

"We had ideas and things to contribute which he could have taken advantage of without being quite so partisan," Marks said. "But it is his right and really his alone to name the commissions, and so he has taken all of us off those commissions and I think it's an unfortunate loss for all of us. I regret not being able to attend those sessions and hear the public. I think that the recommendations of the commissions were far better when there were a lot of people with differing points of view and differing backgrounds that they could bring to the recommendations."

Marks insisted she was not disappointed by the fact she would no longer be receiving additional payments city councillors get for sitting on the commissions. "I actually said in the beginning

While there, I learned that 60 native police officers from across the province had moved into the Kanesatake territory and were being held in the police station by a group of Mohawks who were contesting the move to change the police chief.

We closely followed the events through part of the night following the criminal fire that destroyed the Grand Chief's home. It was a crisis situation at Kanesatake and everyone in Quebec witnessed the footage shot of the violence that flowed from both words and actions.

I spoke to Grand Chief Gabriel, who requested the intervention of the Sûreté du Québec. I opposed this option, raising the spectre of the situation we lived through in 1990. We certainly didn't need any more people dying. My priority was to free the officers from the police station. After several hours of meetings with the Sûreté du Québec on the south shore of

Montreal, I decided to move things to a hotel in Laval and, after speaking with Grand Chief Norton of Kahnawake, I invited the Kahnawake and Kanesatake public security commissions to meet with me there. I first outlined for them the security problem that I was worried about. I then worked towards ensuring that they would reach an agreement on the safe release of the officers from the police station, on the removal of the barricades from the roads, on patrolling the territory with officers from Akwesasne and Kahnawake, and on opening an investigation into the criminal fire in the Gabriel home. It was at 8 o'clock in the evening that I spoke to Grand Chief Gabriel and announced that the crisis had been resolved. I'm sure you can easily imagine how happy and relieved we were.

I don't know exactly what happened the next day, but some excellent 'spin doctors' turned what I truly

thought was a success into a so-called failure, claiming that I "negotiated with criminals." Not too sure where that came from, but I do know that this version played very well in the media. Over the course of two days I tried to tell journalists that I hadn't even spoken to the dissident chiefs and that, unlike the Oka crisis, nobody died and there were neither 77-day standoffs, nor an army presence. But nothing seemed to work. It was at that moment that I came to truly understand the words of Marguerite Yourcenar in her novel 'Memoirs of Hadrian': "C'est avoir tort que d'avoir raison trop tôt," which loosely translates as "You are wrong if you think too soon that you are right."

• Jacques Chagnon is the Liberal MNA for Westmount-St. Louis and Quebec's Public Security Minister.

that I was very surprised that they gave people an additional income," she said, noting that members of Westmount's borough council aren't paid for the extra time they put in on borough commissions.

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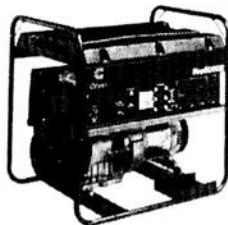
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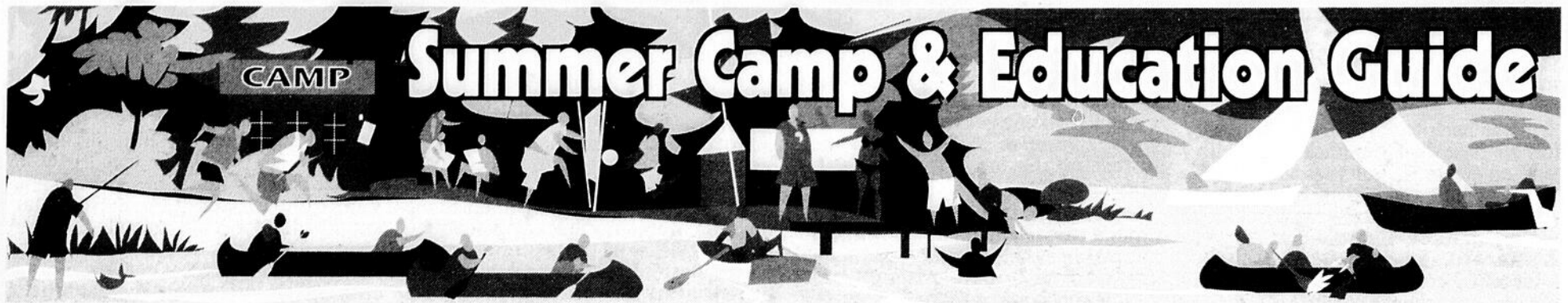
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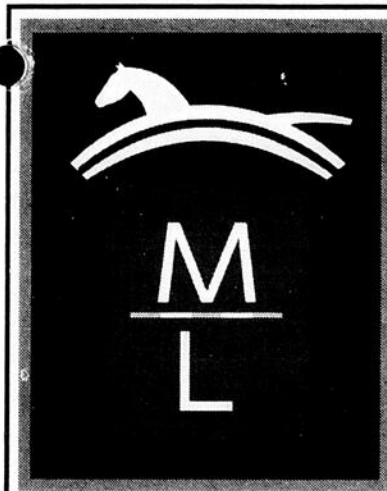
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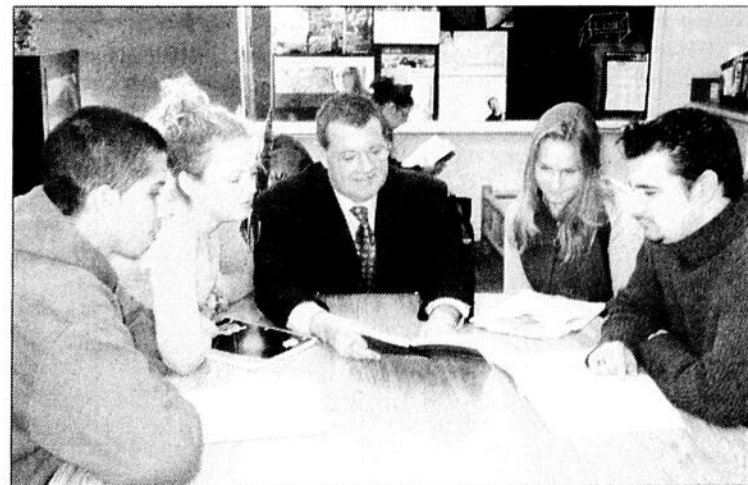


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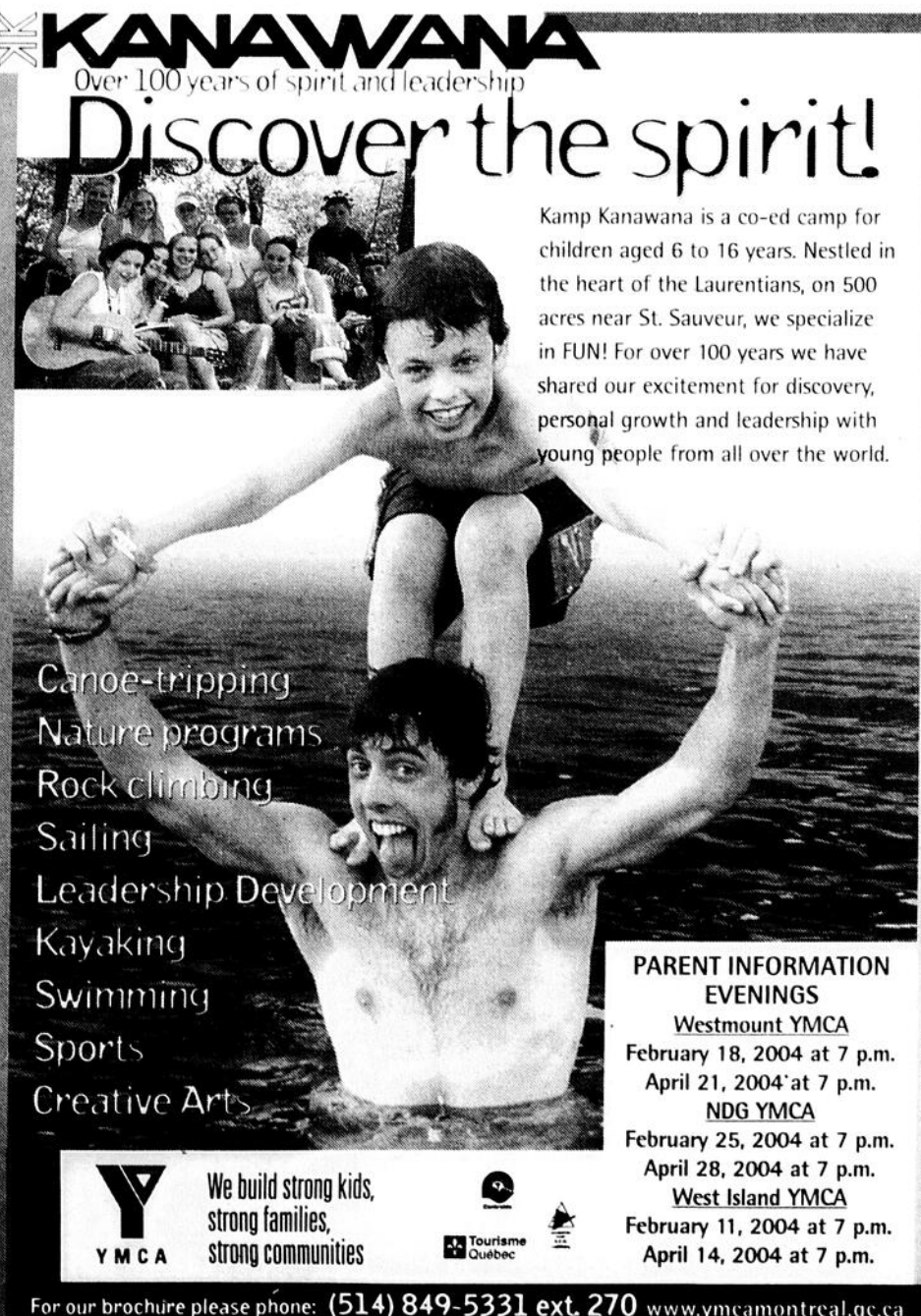
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### Thursday, Feb. 12

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St. Valentine's Chocolate Sale organized by the Auxiliary of the Montreal Children's Hospital, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 2300 Tupper, second floor, B Wing. Info: 412-4400 ext. 22384.

### Saturday, Feb. 14

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### Tuesday, Feb. 17

The Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents author Austin Clarke, who will read from his book 'The Polished Hoe' at 6:30 p.m. Free admission. Info: 935-7344.

### Wednesday, Feb. 18

Town Hall Meeting on Westmount's demerger initiative at 7:30 p.m. in Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W. This public information meeting will include speakers Peter Trent and Karin Marks, who will update residents on the demerger, as well as discuss the megacity's impact and financial implications.

Elaine Kalman Naves will read from her latest book, 'Shoshanna's Story' at 2:30 p.m. at Chateau Westmount, 4860 de Maisonneuve. Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$1, to benefit the Gazette Christmas Fund. All welcome. Info: 369-3000.

### Thursday, Feb 19

The Montreal Children's Library holds its annual general meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Guest speaker will be Roslyn Schwartz, author of the 'Mole Sisters.' Proposed revisions to bylaws re: honorary members, duration of positions. Followed by lunch.

### Ongoing

'Tree,' an exhibition by artist Mary Martha Guy continues at the Gallery at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W., through March 3. Info: 989-5226.

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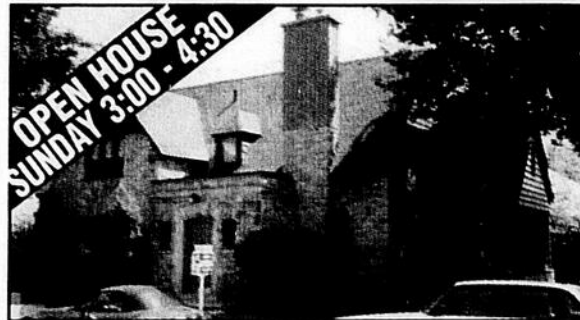
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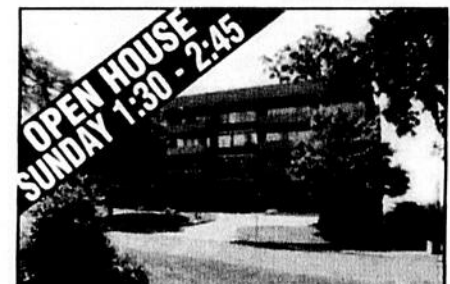
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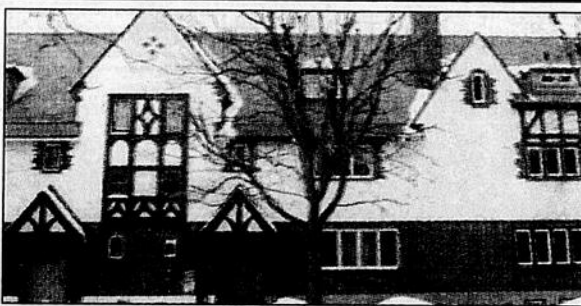


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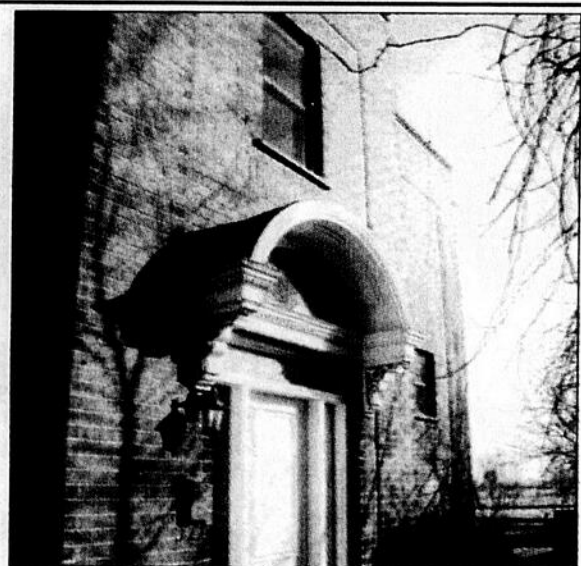
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