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The ventilation and heating systems must also be upgraded to improve the heat distribution in the three story building. The third floor, which is home to the center's popular afterschool program, is always cold no matter how much the heat is turned up. The World War II-era pipes simply can't do the job anymore.

With the funds, the Centre also plans to build a glass enclosure around the staircase that leads to Terre des Enfants, the second floor daycare center. Last on the list for renovations are the decrepit windows, which apart from being an eyesore, let cold air into the building.

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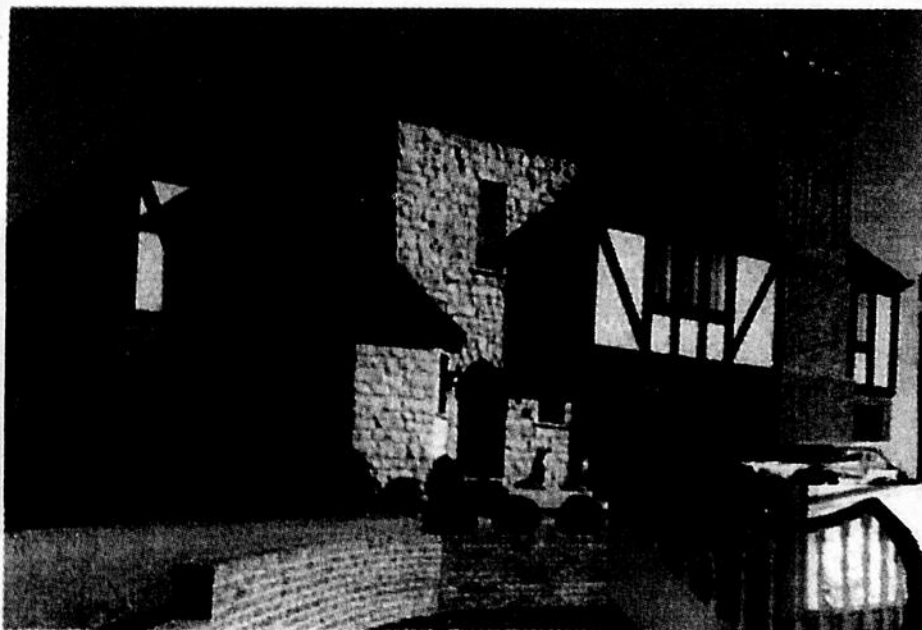
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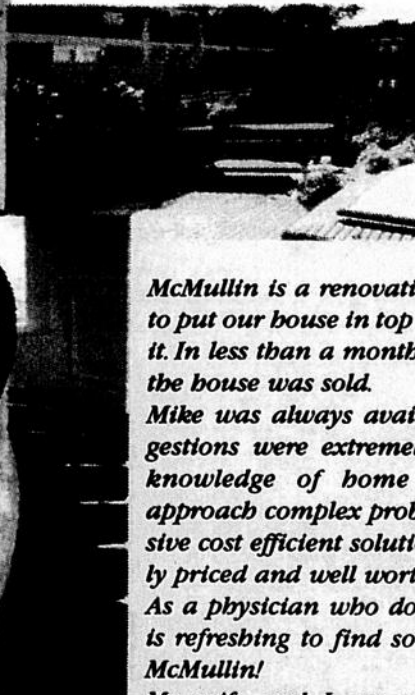
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McClure features two exhibitions

By WAYNE LARSEN

Although many people are now bristling at the phrase 'Millennium Bug', the McClure Gallery in the Visual Arts Centre is featuring a colourful exhibition that takes all the menace out of those two words.

With 'New Millennium Bugs', ceramic sculptor Mitsuru Cope has assembled a happy menagerie of large ceramic insects that express all that is positive about the impending year 2000—hope, happiness and goodwill. Placed on the walls in large groups, Cope's brilliantly-coloured bugs are not only a real eye-catcher for those strolling along Victoria Avenue, but they also provide a witty and welcome commentary on what to many is a worrisome current event.

Sharing the gallery space is 'After Image', a series of paintings by Dennis Ekstedt. These dark, brooding tricks of perception are made all the more intriguing by the chosen medium—thinly-applied oil on wood beneath a thick layer of varnish. The resulting landscapes and half-realized images take on a certain dream-like quality that in many cases recall the earliest experiments in photography.

Both 'New Millennium Bugs' and 'After Image' will remain at the McClure Gallery until December 23.

The Visual Arts Centre is now gearing up for a major exhibition in the new year, 'Millennium Dream Totems'. This public art project will feature more than 200 life-size 'dream masks' created by grade five students in Westmount schools.

A wide variety of themes such as culture, ecology and human emotions will be featured in the colourful masks, which are to be affixed to 14 eight-foot totems woven from tree branches by Vicky Block, Helga Schlee, Virginia McClure and Visual Arts Centre director Victoria LeBlanc.

Sponsored by the City of Westmount, the exhibition opens on January 6 and runs through February 17 at both the McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave. and the gallery at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke.



Vida Simon (left) helps Roslyn student Laura Smith-Biancardi affix her mask to a Millennium Dream Totem.

Music puts kids to sleep

By DAVID AZERRAD

Most of Ben Segal's fans are sound asleep halfway through his latest album. Even he admits that few of them probably ever get past the first three songs. Simply put, Segal's songs are soporific and that's just fine with the 43 year-old guitarist.

The six instrumental songs on 'Sound Asleep, Night Music for Children' were composed to help parents put their kids to sleep. Segal's music fuses rhythmic guitar elements with elongated synthesizer notes to draw the listener into a calm and drowsy state.

The album's dreamy music came out of a very real need for Segal to catch up on his Zs when his daughter Laura's troubled sleep was keeping him up all night.

"I was the one that was doing the night duty and it was killing me because I was getting up three or four times a night," said Segal, who gives private bass and guitar lessons to students in Westmount.

Segal's wife Susan suggested that he try something with music to quell Laura. Segal, who first picked up a guitar at the age of 13, liked the idea and started experimenting with various sounds.

He realized that his music had to be instrumental if it was to achieve the dream-like quality he was striving for.

"I think that lyrics engage kids, they hear a voice speaking and they pay attention," he said.

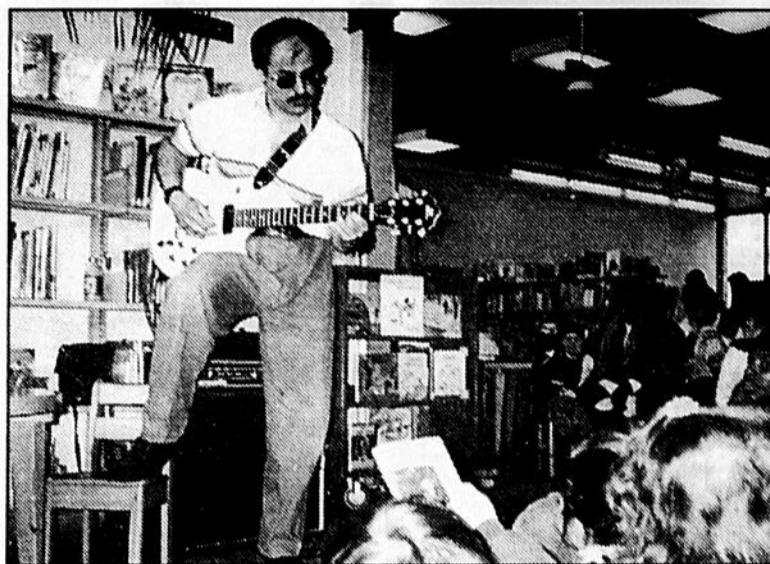
Segal also had to exclude certain frequencies to achieve the desired lulling effect. The songs could therefore not contain any high or low frequencies that might strain the ear.

The best way to describe the final product—just under 40 minutes of music—is to listen to what's missing. Aside from the obvious absentees like lyrics and percussion, the songs on 'Sound Asleep' lack the structural variety that is present in all instrumental music from classical to New Age. The songs progress very uniformly without any crescendos that might startle drowsy kids.

No scientific facts confirm the sleep-inducing virtues that Segal attributes to his music, but it worked for his daughter Laura and for parents around him. And, as he says, he's a musician, not a scientist.

"I did the album from an artistic point of view, from a musician's standpoint," said Segal. "I know what works, I know what kind of effects I need to get people in certain mood frames."

Segal composed and recorded all the songs on 'Sound Asleep', and co-



Ben Segal performing for children at the Westmount Public Library.

produced the album which was released on his own label, Dreamscape Records. He made 500 tapes, which he distributed in book and music stores in Westmount and Montreal. Segal chose cassettes because most young children don't have CD players in their rooms.

Since the album was released six weeks ago, Segal estimates he has sold about 200 tapes. At LMNOP, a children's store on Sherbrooke Street, the tape is selling well and the management reports that parents are pleased with the results.

Segal does not plan to make a fortune with the album; he simply wants to help out parents with turbulent kids.

"I'm very encouraged by the fact that parents are actually using it and I'm getting good reviews from them," said Segal. "It's really what I wanted it to be, that's the biggest payoff for me."

'Sound Asleep, Night Music for Children' is available in Westmount at LMNOP (4919-A Sherbrooke St. West) and costs about \$11. The tape can also be purchased on-line at: <http://dreamscape.cyberglobe.net>

Turning the page at the Westmount Public Library

By DONNA LACH
LIBRARIAN IN CHARGE OF PROGRAMMING

As the year draws to a close, so too ends the centennial birthday celebrations at the Westmount Public Library.

In 1999, the library hosted a number of events for young and old alike, such as a Victorian tea party, a Centennial author gala, a monthly author series, a teddy bear picnic and a cultural series that focussed on the history of art, architecture, costume and jewelry.

The staff of the library would like to thank everyone who helped celebrate this Centennial year with us. A special thank you to all the authors that shared their memories, humor and their love of books and reading. Roch Carrier, May Cutler, Aline Gubbay, Elizabeth Hanson, Michael Harris, Alan Hustak, David Lank, Harry Mayerovitch, Neil McKenty, Barbara Meadowcroft, Ted Phillips, Kathy Reichs, Terry Rigelhof, Claire Rothman, Bonnie Shemie, Ray Smith, Mary Soderstrom and William Wientraub were instrumental in helping make this year a truly memorable one.

We would also like to thank Cynthia Cooper, Doreen Lindsay, Josette Michaud, Ruth Shine and Gabor Szilasi for sharing their knowledge with us and showing us the timeless beauty of the world around us through the art of photography.

We are especially grateful to William Morrow for his endless spirit of giving. A retired graphic artist, Mr. Morrow modified the library's mascot, an owl, to create our Centennial logo, which



could be spotted throughout the year in the library. Pictured here for one last time, Mr. Morrow has modified him for his grand finale—ready to usher in the new millennium and a new page in the history of the library.

Finally, we would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who celebrated with us in person or sent a note or e-mail of their fond memories of the library. We received many letters from people around the corner, as well as people from around the world.

The ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus is popularly associated with the idea that the only unchanging feature of the universe is its changefulness. According to Heraclitus, "Nothing endures but change." Though he might have uttered that phrase over 2,500 years ago, it remains hauntingly true, even in today's world.

And so in the upcoming year, the library too will continue to change in the hopes of responding to the needs of the community it serves.

Public libraries are facing a time of change—the expectations of the library have changed, the types of materials that are available are changing and the services are constantly expanding. Now more than ever, the library needs a group of supporters to help with activities that are currently outside the realm of the Public Library Committee and the staff. Patrons have expressed interest in being involved in supporting the library and enabling the extension of services and resources of the library. Enthusiastic library supporters are in the process of forming a 'Friends of the Library' group, with a second meeting of volunteers to take place in the new year.

The biggest change that the public will see will be the installation of a user-friendly windows-based catalogue for searching materials. Beginning in the new year, with the click of a mouse you will easily be able to find out if the library has the book, video, audiocassette, or compact disc you are looking for!

Also, to compliment our dial-up access, we plan to make our catalogue available over the Internet. Due to the incredible popularity of the Net, a fifth Internet computer will be set up in the children's department, especially for kids. We are also studying the addition of two public workstations in the library devoted to the word-processing needs of the patrons.

The library will also continue to host a number of authors and cultural events next year. Our monthly newsletter will have more information, or you can consult the city page to discover what your public library has to offer you in the new year!

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7:44 p.m. 635 Carleton: Defective alarm.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

12:21 p.m. 4430 Ste. Catherine: Defective smoke detector on second floor.
12:50 p.m. 631 Belmont: Defective smoke detector on second floor.
5:43 p.m. 5795 Caldwell, Côte St. Luc: Cancelled en route.

Friday, Dec. 10

5:13 p.m. 4505 Ste. Catherine: Fire alarm set off by burnt food.
8:39 p.m. Front of 4214 de Maisonneuve: Fire in the engine

of a 1991 Mercedes, probably caused by an electrical fault. Extinguished fire with an inch and three-quarter hose, and vehicle was towed away.

9:29 p.m. 21 Melbourne: Fire alarm set off by smoke in living room due to a defective fire-place damper.

Saturday, Dec. 11

7:08 p.m. 4476 Ste. Catherine, apt. 603: Smell of smoke traced to a fireplace in use.

Sunday, Dec. 12

12:59 a.m. 4858 Sherbrooke: Odour of gas in the Mess Hall restaurant traced to a defective stove. Gaz Metropolitan attended.
6:30 p.m. 464 Elm: Fire alarm set off by workers.
8:11 p.m. 344 Kitchener: Smell of smoke in the house traced to a smoldering ember in the fireplace pit.
9:09 p.m. 5011 Sherbrooke: Sprinkler accidentally activated by workers in Nick & Mario's restaurant. Advised owners to contact sprinkler company.

New restaurant replaces Murray's

Nick and Mario's restaurant and grill opened Monday afternoon following three weeks of renovations.

It replaces Murray's, which occupied the space for more than 75 years and served tens of thousands of hungry customers.

"The restaurant was totally revamped from A to Z, including the washrooms, which were a real eyesore," said Nick Patulli, who with his partner Mario Molettieri, own the restaurant on the corner of Sherbrooke Street and Claremont Avenue.

Waitresses from Murray's, most of whom now work for Nick and Mario's, were pleased with the restaurant's new look.

"There's no comparison. The other place (Murray's) was just run down," said Jean McGowan, who worked at Murray's for 22 years before it closed down overnight this November.


Nick and Mario's was slated to open in the morning, but a sprinkler problem pushed back the inauguration by a few hours.

The new family-oriented restaurant, which seats 130, aims to attract a younger crowd in the evening while keeping Murray's regular customers in the morning and afternoon.

"The old Murray's customers are most welcome back," said Patulli. "For them, we've kept some of the old-fashion desserts like rice pudding and steamed-fruit pudding."

Nick and Mario's new menu features staples like pasta, pizza, steak and chicken. The restaurant is also fully licensed and has an espresso machine.

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"It's an addiction," says a beading circle regular

BY DAVID AZERRAD

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Every Thursday, Lois Morris's beading circle meets at the Emporium for three hours of talking, laughing and, of course, bead-

ing. The four to eight people in the circle each work on a confection of their choice. The atmosphere is relaxed and everyone works at their own pace.

"We laugh, we get silly. There's some nights where we just lose it," said Morris with a smile.

Morris explains to her students the ins and outs of beading, but they also draw from each other, and especially from the more experienced beaders. They work on everything from simple necklaces and bracelets to more intricate earrings and bags.

If you have the time, the talent and the money, Morris can even help you create a belly-dancer bikini top with more than a kilogram of meticulously interwoven beads. But beware, you just might get hooked.

"It's an addiction," said Ann-Ingred Helik, a regular at the Morris' beading circle for the past five years.

I've been a bead-addict for 40

years," replied Ruth Shine, who opened the Bead Emporium 27 years ago.

For those who simply want to find out what beads are about, the Emporium is holding an open house from 12 noon to 5 p.m. this Sunday. People can learn to make a variety of bead-embedded Christmas decorations. Morris will be on hand to give free advice. The only requirement is that all beads be purchased from the store.

With the endless variety of beads, Ruth Shine is sure that there is something for every taste. And for the very picky, there's always the option of making your own beads and baking them!

For info call: Bead Emporium, 368 Victoria (514) 486-6425

Lois Morris's beading circle meets Thursdays from 3-6 p.m. and from 6-9 p.m. Four 3 hour sessions cost \$55 and do not include material which must be purchased at the Emporium.

Police warn against food basket fraud

Station 12 has issued a warning against a group of telephone fraud artists who ask people to donate money for Christmas baskets. They claim to be affiliated with a CLSC and ask that donations be made out to Nu Hab or New Hab.

Police recommend that before making a donation, residents should take down the charity's phone number, call back and talk to a supervisor. When in doubt, people are advised not to make a donation and report the information to the police.

Renovations are expected to start in January

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The total cost of these renovations is estimated to be \$275,000. The City of Westmount, which owns the building and leases it to the center for a symbolic \$1 a year, has donated \$75,000.

"Because the Centre is not exclusively for Westmount, the city feels it can't use taxpayers' money and just pour it into this building," said McNally, who was also president of the Centre's board of directors from 1997 to 1999. "They (the city) asked us as a sign of good faith to match what they're doing."

This September, the Centre raised \$30,000 at its Great Auction Party, which was supported by local merchants and residents. Centre Greene has also distributed 1,200 personalized letters to Westmount residents and users of the center, asking them for their support.

For the large donations, the Centre has turned to foundations. It has appealed to 23 foundations, three of which have made donation: the Birks Family, Zeller Family and Hylcan foundations. Only one foundation

turned down the center, while the remaining 19 have yet to answer.

"Right now we're at \$60,000 but we have not yet heard back from all the foundations we applied to," said LeMoyné. "That's where the larger sums of money will be coming in from."

If the Centre cannot raise all of the remaining \$140,000 by the end of January, it will launch a corporate solicitation campaign in the spring. Renovations are expected to start in late January and should be finished by this spring.

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THE AFFORDABLE STEAM ROOM

Have you ever longed for the luxury of a steam bath in your home? Well, the good news is that adding steam to your bathroom is surprisingly simple and affordable. Although some companies make separate steam bath enclosures, it's much more common to just add steam to your existing shower stall.

The first requirement is to seal the enclosure so that the steam stays put. Many companies manufacture tight-sealing, full-length replacement doors. Your local glass company can help with ordering and installation.

A residential steam generator looks like a briefcase and it can be hidden in back of a vanity, inside a nearby closet, up in the attic or down in the basement or crawlspace. The steam generators are typically made of stainless steel and work much like electric teakettles.

The simplest systems operate effectively from a timer outside the shower enclosure. Fancier options include temperature controls and digital readout panels.

Season's Greetings

As we wind down for yet another year, I would like to take time to thank the readers of this column.

From time to time, constructive suggestions have been made on topics to cover. I do appreciate your interest and your comments.

To all of you out there, I hope you are truly blessed at this special time of year. I look forward to renewing our acquaintance in the new millennium.

Merry Christmas to one and all

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Westmount 2000: The Prometheus Complex

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In the dumbing down of Quebec, where 40 per cent of our students drop out of high school before they graduate, some Quebecers will easily misread this title. They will assume a new sports facility (or shopping mall) is being named for a distinguished foreign athlete.

However, many business schools in North America believe otherwise. They will know it as the new syndrome. How so, you ask? In Greek mythology, Prometheus was the daring champion who obtained fire for humankind. He later taught our ancestors every art and science.

And what was Prometheus' reward for providing so many benefits to mortals? The other Gods chained him to a rock, where every day an eagle came to peck out his liver. Each night his body healed itself, and each day his torment continued. My point is that Prometheus failed because he had done everything right—and so, angered Zeus, ruler of Mount Olympus.

Our collective wisdom says rewards come to those who do things right. But there's the nagging issue of Prometheus.

Apparently, good companies—even excellent companies—fail precisely because they have done everything right.

Management theorists have observed that some organizations that do everything right for their customers still perish in the marketplace, and they call this phenomenon the Prometheus Complex.

Some excuses: They did not keep up with technology. They did not invent a new product. They invented too many products. They had too little cash (or too much and expanded). The market passed them by. They were betrayed by (pick one or more): marketing, research, quality control, finance, technical staff, bureaucracy, location, government, shareholders, Board, accounts receivable, accounts payable, or—the most popular here and now—their lawyer(s).

Today, globalization and the knowledge-based economy conspire to introduce disruptive planning or disruptive technology. Both have the capacity for the seeds of destruction of the best run enterprises.

As the City of Westmount enthusiastically applauds its 125th year of existence, both of these forces are coming to bear upon us.

Consider some Westmount facts: public works (snow removal, road repairs and parks) cost one-half as much per citizen in Westmount as they do in Montreal.

Westmount has the highest credit rating of any Quebec municipality. Many volunteers actually give their time to improve the quality of life in this community, and they do so because they cherish Westmount and the neighbourliness they enjoy here. Westmount provides services that few municipalities can equal. It has controlled those expenses under its jurisdiction and been a leader in guiding fair taxation—and even tax-based transfer to common regional services. Westmount has kept taxes from being raised for single family dwellings in nine years, yet it is in danger of disappearing.

Why? Because Westmount has done everything right. The latter-day Zeus (and his government) don't want to see this model of good municipal management continue. Some even pretend that Westmount's success has such curative qualities that amalgamation would solve a host of other problems in the Region of Montreal.

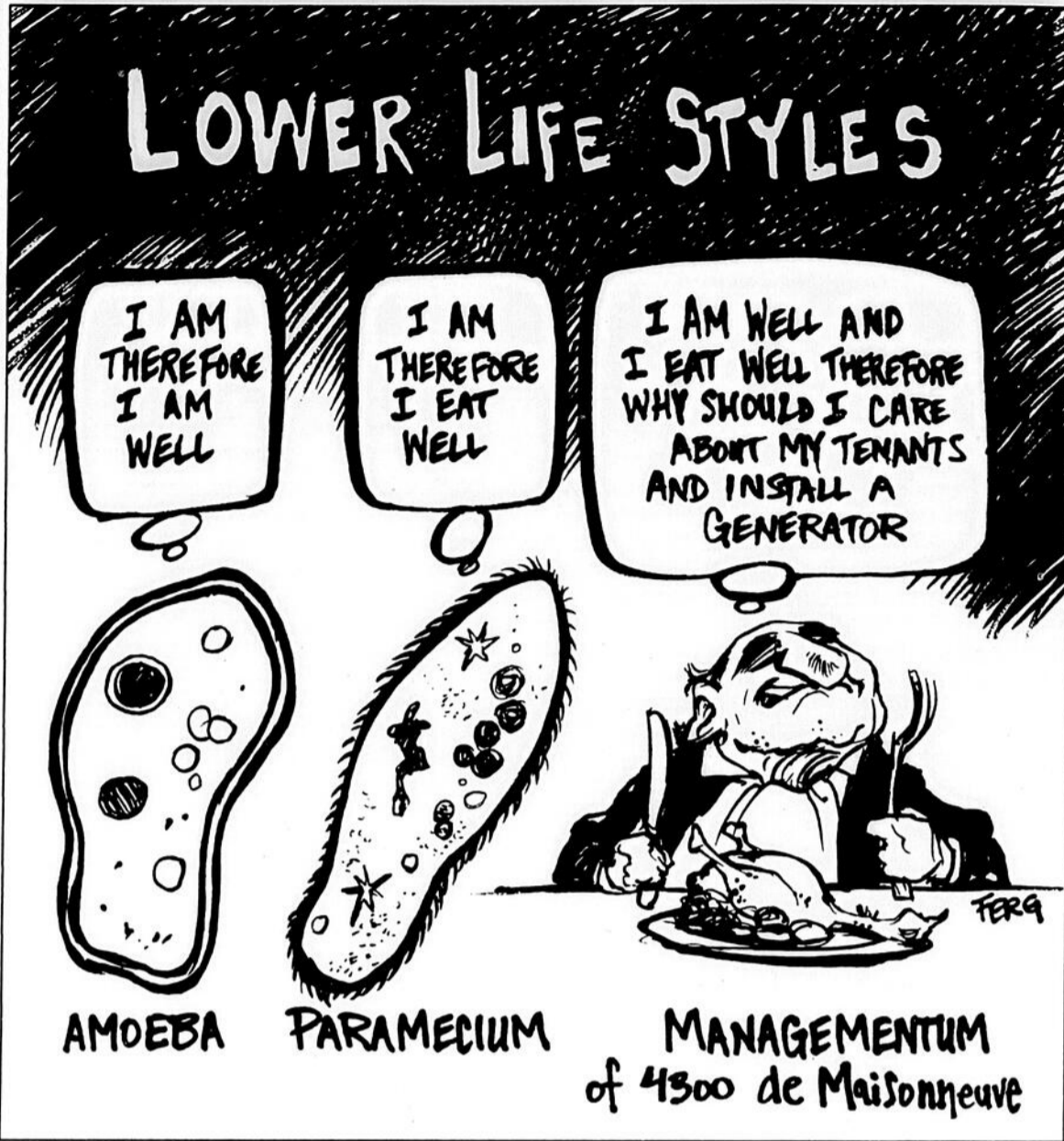
What a lame excuse for taking away and tearing apart a city whose mayor actually brings some light to the real problems facing the greater Montreal region! Most citizens abhor the remoteness of large municipal governments, all object to the increased costs downloaded from other levels of government without any flexible means of increasing revenue.

Westmount's elected officials are faced with a complex issue. The battle is on to stop the trend of amalgamation of Island cities and to encourage the building of a light overriding structure to 'amalgamate' regional services and establish tax base transfers.

Westmount's experience shows that it is possible to curb urban sprawl by adopting policies which limit development in certain residential areas, for the benefit of areas where increased density make public transit more practical and therefore more attractive.

All Montreal area citizens—and elected officials—must give this issue serious thought. More attention than the typical, three-second sound byte 'one island-one city'. We must find any means possible to show our higher elected officials and larger municipalities that appealing as coercion may seem, it won't vanquish the problems of urban sprawl, inflated costs, pollution, under-funded public transit and homelessness. Rather we must intervene at the root of the problem: fiscal management.

If there is one lesson to be learned from the Prometheus story, it is this: Yes, by all means do things right. But be sure what you do is acceptable to the Powers that Rule. In today's municipal politics, there are the little gods who achieve their Olympian stature only by tearing others down. And they do this by glib pronouncements that only distance us further from reality.



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The Draft Bill on clarity

Since Mr. Lucien Bouchard does not want to renounce his plan to hold a referendum during the current mandate, the Government of Canada therefore feels that it needs to act now to ensure the clarity of the process, in an atmosphere of calm.

Last Friday, The Canadian Government presented a draft bill on clarity. It has given effect to the opinion of the Supreme Court in the Quebec Secession reference by presenting a draft bill that states the circumstances for clarity under which the Government of Canada would be obliged to enter into negotiations on the possible secession of a Canadian province.

Briefly, the content of the Bill is as follows:

- Within 30 days of a provincial government officially releasing a referendum question on secession, the House of Commons would express its opinion, by resolution, as to whether the question is clear.



MP
Lucienne
Robillard

A question would not be considered clear if it focused on a mandate to negotiate without soliciting a direct expression of the will of the population of a province on whether the province should cease to be part of Canada, or if it suggested other possibilities, in addition to secession, such as economic or political arrangements with Canada, thus obscuring a direct expression of the will of the population of the province on whether the province should cease to be part of Canada.

- If following a referendum on secession, a provincial government sought to negotiate secession, the House would express, by resolution, its opinion as to

whether there had been a clear expression of a will by a clear majority of the population of the province that that province cease to be part of Canada. In reaching its assessment, the House would take into account matters it considers relevant, including the size of the majority of valid votes cast in favour of secession, voter participation and the views of other political actors.

• The Government of Canada would not enter into secession negotiations unless the House had concluded that there had been such a clear expression of a will by a clear majority of the population of a province on whether the province should cease to be part of Canada.

• Secession would require an amendment to the Constitution, which would require negotiations involving at least the governments of all the provinces and the Government of Canada.

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Five Years Ago
December 8, 1994:

BARRIER DEMO: "Residents living near the Ville Marie Expressway are being given a visual demonstration this week and next of what a proposed sound barrier would do to their view. Box cars roughly representing the 20-foot height of the sound barrier are being moved into place along the CP tracks to simulate the visual effect. The first location was to be set up Wednesday Dec. 7 near Prospect Street. Residents were sent notices Tuesday night that the demonstration would take place, public works director Fred Caluori said."

Ten Years Ago
December 7, 1989:

WHITE COLLARS STRIKE: "Westmount's library is expected to be shut down tomorrow at 4 p.m. when 100 city white-collar workers walk off the job in a strike of weekend services, union officials confirmed yesterday. The Saturday hockey program will be maintained using management personnel, and blue collar workers are expected to keep the arena open for general skating, recreation officials said. Only a last minute return to the bargaining table could call off the strike at this point, union president told *The Examiner* yesterday. The city council remains firmly behind its position that negotiations are finished, Mayor Jay Cutler said. The city has gone as far as it can in its offer."

Fifteen Years Ago
December 6, 1984:

OLIVER OR OLIVIER?: "The correct name of the street between Clarke and Greene avenues came under brief question at Monday night's council meeting. Is it Olivier or Oliver? The question arose when Ald. Paul Fortin was reading a traffic resolution regarding a stop sign for a lane at Olivier Avenue. 'Oliver, Oliver,' corrected resident Gertrude Johnson from the audience. 'It's Olivier,' answered Ald. Joan Rothman who was backed up by Ald. Peter Trent, exclaiming: 'I've never heard of a Sir Lawrence Oliver!'"

Twenty Years Ago
December 6, 1979:

FATAL FIRE: "Electrical wiring in the basement ceiling is believed to have caused the tragic fire early Friday morning in a vacant 16-room house at 482 Mount Pleasant avenue which claimed the life of one Westmount fireman, injured three others and caused more than \$100,000 damage. Fireman Eric Hart, 28, died when he became trapped after falling into the burning basement of the house. The second Westmount fireman to die in action since the brigade was founded in 1902, Fmn Hart was given a civic funeral Monday from his church, Our Lady of Fatima, in St. Laurent."

Fire station to be part of seniors' residence

Following years of speculation and public tenders, the fate of the City's long-unused fire station at the corner of Victoria Avenue and The Boulevard has been decided—it will eventually form part of a 12-storey seniors' residence to be built on the adjacent property in Montreal.

The City of Westmount has drafted a bylaw to rezone the property, allowing the 88-year-old building to become part of the proposed complex on The Boulevard. Le Groupe Fairway, which is planning to construct the seniors' residence, has tendered for the purchase of the fire station, but the property has not yet been sold.

In announcing the rezoning bylaw, city councillor Karin Marks said that the building itself will remain unchanged except for interior renovations and the possible replacement of a few minor features which may be in bad condition.

Clarity act sets secession rules

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No Minister of the Crown would propose constitutional amendments unless the negotiations had addressed relevant secession terms, including the division of assets and liabilities, any border changes for the province, the rights, interests and territorial claims of Aboriginal peoples and the protection of minority rights.

The Supreme Court stated in its opinion issued August 20, 1998: "... in the event of demonstrated majority support for Quebec

secession, the content and process of negotiations will be for the political actors to settle." The Government of Canada is one of the 'political actors' referred to by the Court. In presenting this draft bill, the Government of Canada is assuming its responsibilities.

This being my last column of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish to you and your loved ones a holiday season filled with joy and happiness and a successful year 2000.



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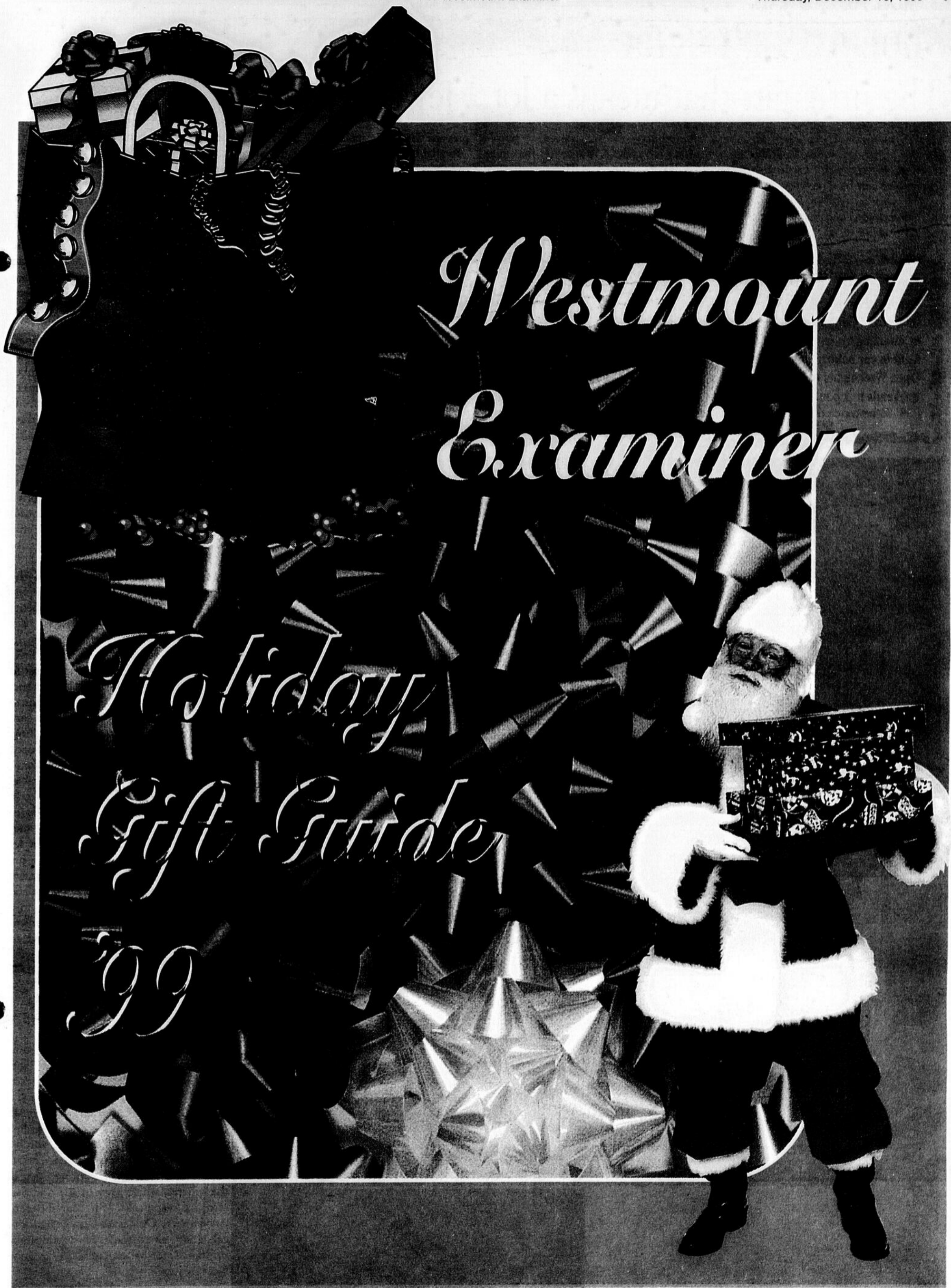
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The little gift that means a lot... jewellery

(MASI) — Jewellery is one of the most popular birthday and holiday gifts throughout the year. Gemstones are special and can be a meaningful present to give your loved one. Following is a short description and history of some of the most favourite:

Amethyst—a transparent purple variety of quartz, is one of the most popular of colour gems. The birthstone of February, it was once believed to prevent the wearer from getting drunk, and if the circle of the sun or moon was engraved thereon, it was believed to

prevent death from poison.

Available in shades from light to dark purple, it is relatively hard, fairly brilliant, and overall a good, versatile, wearable stone. Amethyst is probably one of the most beautiful stones available at a moderate price, although one must be

careful because 'fine' amethyst is being produced synthetically today. Amethyst may fade from heat and strong sunshine.

Aquamarine—a universal symbol of youth, hope and health, blesses those born in March. Aquamarine is a member of the important beryl family, which includes emerald, but aquamarine is less brittle and more durable than emerald. Aquamarine ranges in colour from light blue to bluish green to deep blue, which is the most valuable and desirable colour.

Citrine—often called quartz topaz, citrine topaz, or topaz, all of which are misleading. It is yellow, amber, to amber brown. While a pleasing stone in terms of colour, and fairly durable, citrine is slightly softer and has less brilliance than precious topaz. It also lacks the subtle colour shading, the pinkier yellow or pinkish amber shades, which lend to precious topaz a distinctive colour difference. Citrine is also much less expensive than precious topaz. Citrine is plentiful in all sizes, and can be made into striking jewellery, especially in very large sizes, for a relatively small investment.

Emerald—is the green variety of the mineral beryl and one of the most highly prized of all the gems. Aside from being the birthstone for May, it was historically believed to bestow on its wearer faithfulness and unchanging love, and was thought to enable the wearer to forecast events. Although a hard stone, emerald will chip easily since it tends to be somewhat brittle, so special care should be given in wearing and handling.

Garnet—the birthstone for January, belongs to one of the most exciting families in the gem world. A hard, durable, often very brilliant stone, available in many colours (greens, reds, yellows, oranges), garnet also occurs in certain shades of red that have been taken for some varieties of ruby. And in yellow it has been confused with precious topaz. Garnet can be found in almost every colour and shade except blue. It is best known in a deep red variety, sometimes with a brownish cast, but it is commonly found in orangish brown shades, and brilliant wine red shades as well. Other colours include orange, red purple, violet, and pink.

Opal—whose brilliance and vibrant colours resemble the colours of the fall, is certainly appropriate as a birthstone for October. It is unique among the gems, displaying an array of very brilliant miniature rainbow effects. This effect is created by opal's formation process, which is very different from that of other gems. Opal is composed of hydrated silica spheres. The mini rainbows seen in most opals result from light interference created by these spheres. The arrangement of the spheres, which vary in size and pattern, is responsible for the different colours seen. Opal is usually cut flat or in cabochon, since there is no additional brilliance to be captured by a good faceting job.

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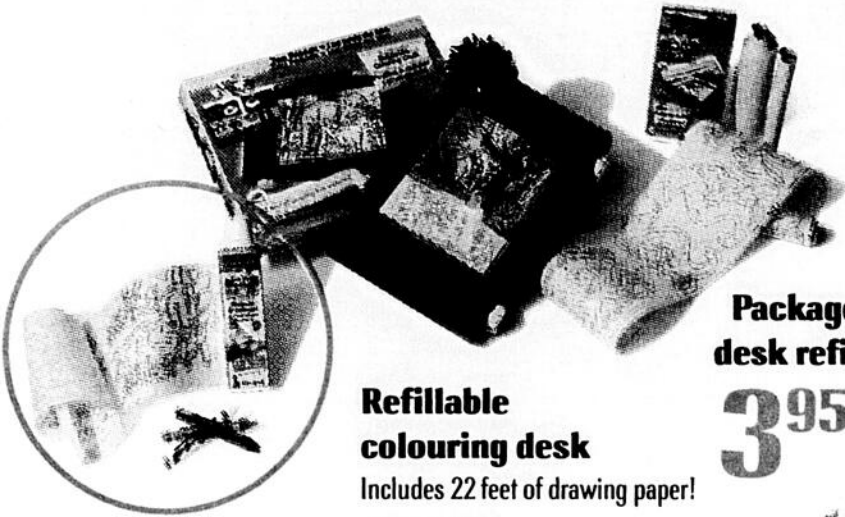
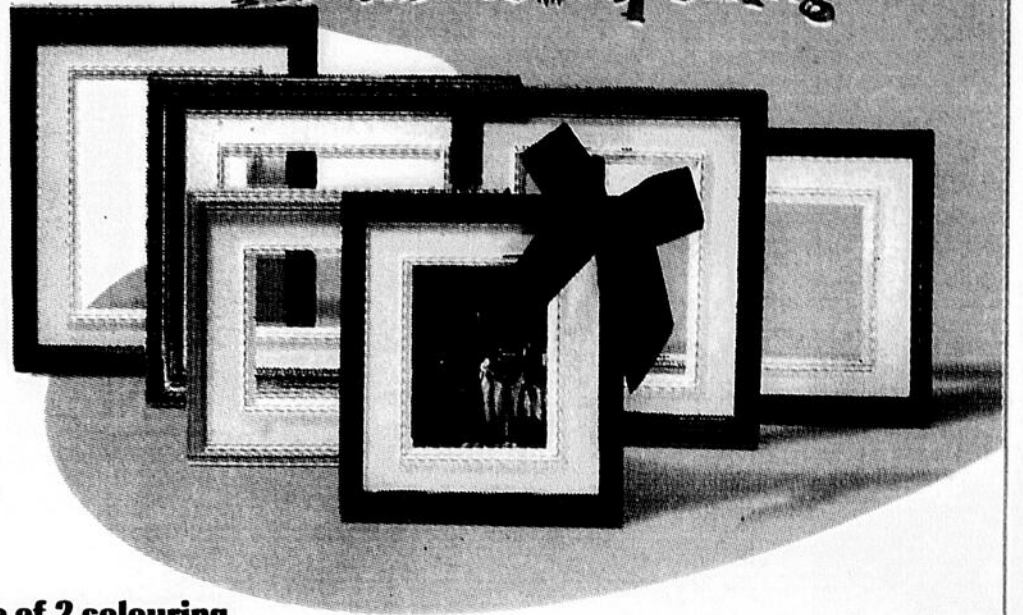
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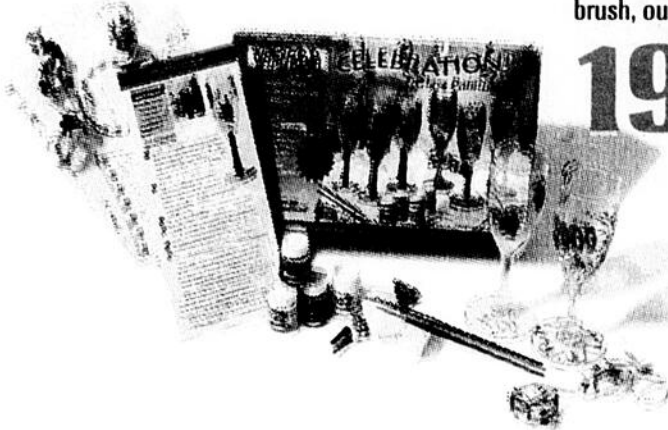
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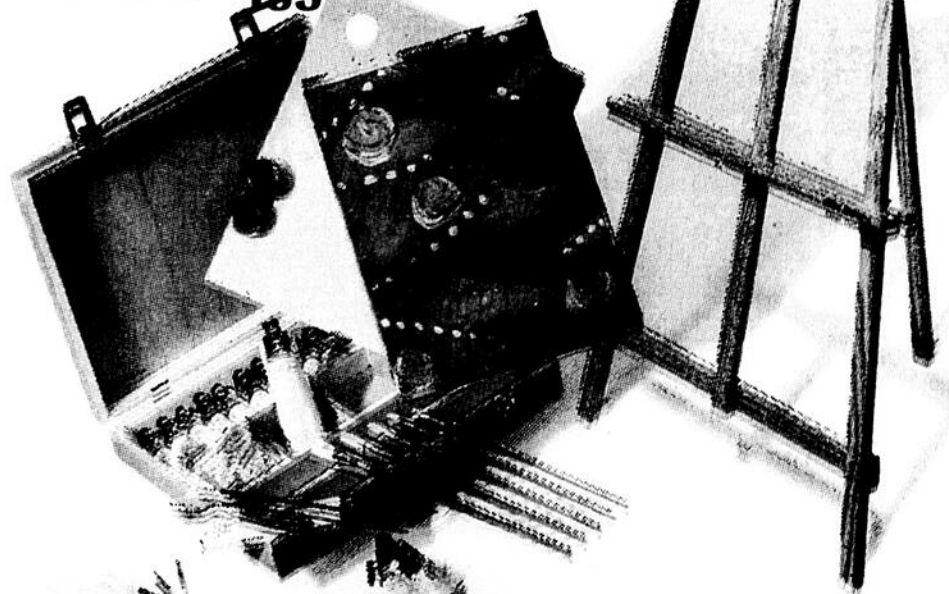
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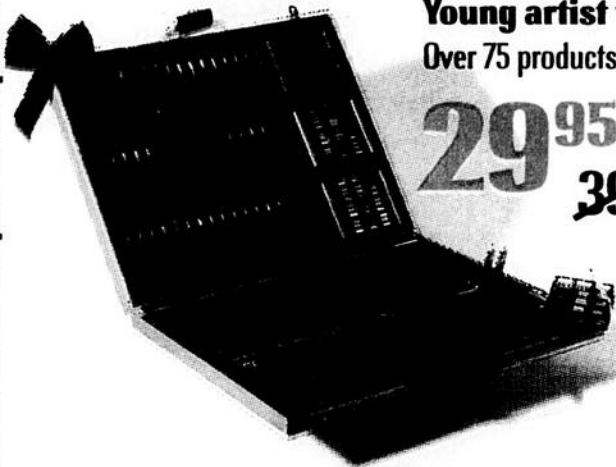
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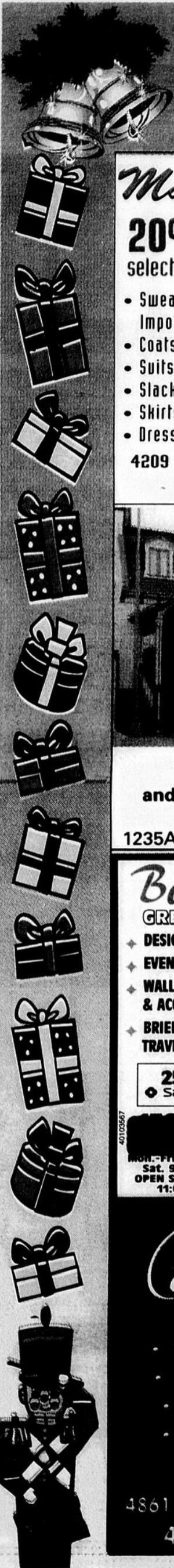
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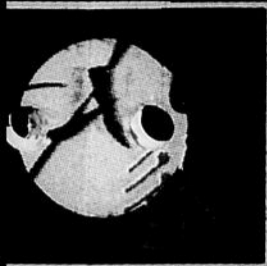
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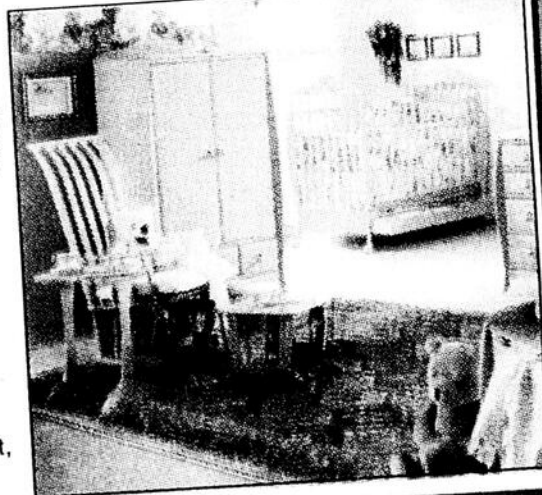
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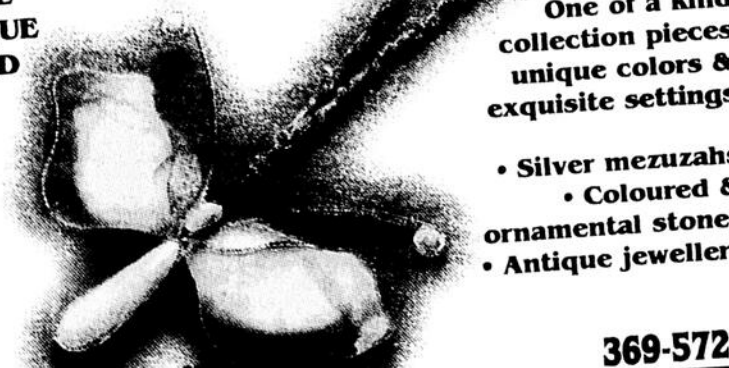


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Gems: Brilliant stones are beautiful keepsakes

(Continued from page 10)

Colour is everything—the more brilliant the colour, the more valuable the gem. It is probably truer of opal than any other stone that the more beautiful the stone and its colour, the more it will cost.

Peridot—is the birthstone for August. Peridot was also a favourite of the ancients. This lovely transparent yellowish green to deep chartreuse stone was quite a powerful gem. It was considered an aid to friendship and was also believed to free the mind of envious thoughts. Because of its yellowish green colour, it was also believed to cure or prevent diseases of the liver and dropsy. And, if that's not enough, if worn on the left arm it would protect the wearer from the evil eye. It is also popular today, but probably more for its depth of green colour than its professed powers.

While not particularly brilliant, the richness of its colour is exceptional. It comes in shades of yellowish green to darker, purer green colours. It is not a hard stone and may scratch easily.

Ruby—is the birthstone for July. Ruby is the red variety of the mineral corundum. Historically, it has been symbolic of love and passion, considered to be an aid to firm friendship, and believed to ensure beauty.

Its colour ranges from purplish or bluish red to a yellowish red. The finest colour is a vivid, almost pure spectral red with a very faint undertone of blue, as seen in Burmese rubies, which are considered the finest. The ruby is a very brilliant stone and is also a very hard, durable, and wearable stone. Because of these characteristics, ruby makes an unusually fine choice for any piece of jewellery. As it is true for other popular gems, the greater the value and demand, the greater the use of techniques to 'improve' or to simulate. Again, examples of almost every type of technique can be found: colour enhancement, synthesis, substitutes, doublets, triplets, misleading names, etc. The newest synthetic rubies—the Kashan ruby and Chatham ruby—are so close to natural ruby in every aspect that many are actually passing for genuine. When getting a very fine, valuable ruby certified, make every effort to select a gemologist with both many years' experience in coloured gems and an astute knowledge of the marketplace today.



Sapphire—is the birthstone of

September. The finest sapphires are considered to be the blue variety, specifically those from Burma and Kashmir, which are closest to the pure spectral blue. Fine, brilliant, deep blue Burmese sapphires will surely dazzle the eye and the pocketbook, as will the Kashmir, which is a fine velvety-toned deep blue. Many today tend to be too dark, however, because of the presence of too much black and poor cutting (cutting deep for additional weight), but the deep blues can be treated to lighten the colour. The Ceylon sapphires are a very pleasing shade of blue, but are a less deep shade than the Burmese or Kashmir, often on the

pastel side. We are also seeing many Australian sapphires. These are often a dark blue, but have a slightly green undertone, as do those from Thailand, and sell for much less per carat. Blue sapphires also come from Tanzania, Brazil, Africa, and even the United States of America (Montana and North Carolina). They also come in other colours, especially yellow and pink, and in smaller sizes, some beautiful shades of green. These are known as fancy sapphires. Compared to the cost of blue sapphire and ruby, these stones offer excellent value and real beauty.

Topaz—symbol of love and affection is the birthstone for November. It is

one of nature's most wonderful and least-known families. The true topaz is rarely seen in jewellery stores. Unfortunately, most people know only the quartz (citrine) topaz, or glass. In the past almost any yellow stone was called topaz. True topaz is very beautiful and versatile. Topaz occurs not only in the transparent yellow, yellow-brown, orange-brown, and pink-brown colours most popularly associated with it, but also in a very light to medium red, very light to light blue, very light green, light greenish-yellow, violet, and colourless. Topaz is a hard, brilliant stone with a fine colour range, but it is much rarer and much more expensive than the stones commonly sold as topaz.

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BY BRIDGET BLACKADER

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Freebies include maintaining regular walks and outings, regular meals, and some quiet time to manage the extra-high activity levels and incipient hysteria that takes over many homes. Extra hugs are just wonderful, for giver and recipient.

For spending money, the choice is wide. Possibilities include a new collar or leash, maybe booties against the road salt? A(nother) blanket to make a cozy sleeping spot free from drafts, even a bed? For short-haired friends, perhaps a polarctic vest for the truly frigid days to come? String chew toys and Nyla bones (flavoured or not), a cloth frisbee (the plastic ones are too hard on teeth)? Kong toys are a perennial favourite, or used tennis balls. Remember to select a toy too big to be swallowed. Pig ears and rawhide bones are very upscale, but you may consider offering small ones or removing large ones after a short period, as they can lead to runny stools if too much is consumed in one sitting. Rawhide chips don't seem to have these side effects.

And then, of course, based on the ancient knowledge that the way to anyone's heart is through their stomach, how about these extras? Think of meal additions as side dishes, not the main course, which should

remain your woof's regular food. If you are being generous, reduce the amount of regular food by a quarter or a third.

Sprinkles: Garlic powder, Parmesan or any smelly cheese bits, parsley, cod liver or olive oil (just a few drops), pesto of almost any sort.

Dunks: Some beef, chicken or vegetable bouillon to dampen the kibble.

Gobs: Plain yogurt, spaghetti sauce, apple or banana chunks.

Side dishes: Pasta, oatmeal, a poached egg, extra ground meat or meat chunks with or without spices, any and all veggies except onions (eggplant parmigiana, anyone?) and stews.

The trick is to add nummy-yums to the meat bowl. Never deliver them from the dining room table or your hand, else you'll not eat or cook in peace again! And, offer small amounts only (one to six tablespoons for small to large dogs), or you may find your offerings returned to you on the carpet!

Omissions can be great gifts, too. Absolute no-nos include bone-in poultry and any form of chocolate. Baby-proofing and puppy-proofing a home are the same thing. Keep Christmas decorations, ribbons, etc. well out of reach of curious mouths. Eggnog is too rich, but one sip of beer might be okay (keep the rest for yourself!). Tinsel poop is really uncomfortable to produce (it cuts intestines) and very messy to deal with.

If you were thinking of presenting the two-legged group with a puppy, please reconsider. The holiday season is synonymous with disrupted schedules and increased activity levels with periods of hysteria. The puppy really needs a guaranteed schedule and lots of quiet time to acclimatize with his new circumstances. Every family member needs to concentrate on welcoming the puppy and accommodating to this new family member. This is a group project probably better suited for after the holidays. A knowledgeable breeder will prefer a later collection date, too.

Happy holidays to all, full of good cheer and friends and lots of warm-fuzzies.

Bridget Blackader is president of the Westmount Dog Owners Association.

Station 12 police have announced that there are currently job openings for school crossing guards in the Westmount-NDG area.

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AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le Règlement 1267 intitulé «RÈGLEMENT CONCERNANT LE REPORT DE LA DATE DE L'ASSEMBLÉE RÉGULIÈRE DU CONSEIL DE JANVIER 2000» a été adopté par le Conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance spéciale tenue à l'Hôtel de Ville le 13 décembre 1999.

L'objet et le but dudit règlement est de reporter la date de l'assemblée régulière du conseil de janvier 2000 au lundi 10 janvier 2000, à 20 h 30.

Ledit règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ledit règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier de la ville de Westmount, 4333, rue Sherbrooke ouest, Westmount, Québec, du lundi au vendredi, inclusivement, durant les heures d'affaires, soit de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 16e jour de décembre 1999.

Me Marie-France Paquet
Greffier de la Ville

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1267 entitled "BY-LAW TO DEFER THE DATE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 2000" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a special sitting held at the City Hall on 13th December 1999.

The object and purpose of the said By-law is to defer the date of the January 2000 Council meeting to Monday, the 10th of January 2000, at 8:30 p.m.

The said by-law comes into force according to law.

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

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Me Marie-France Paquet
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FROM THE MAIL BAG



**Parade articles
generated interest**

To the editor:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the impetus created by *The Westmount Examiner* regarding this year's Westmount Santa Claus Parade.

I do believe the articles written by Wayne Larsen attracted the attention of the wonderful volunteers who organized this event, as well as the interest and support of the entire community.

Thank you for hearing the community's heartbeat.

Linda Stern
Kensington Avenue

Public Security is a much-appreciated comfort

To the editor:

Regarding Roland Sperlich's Nov. 25 letter ('Public Security is a waste'):

I am not sure I should dignify Mr. Sperlich's rant with a response. From the tone of this letter, I would say that most of the invective that Mr. Sperlich hurled at the public service personnel could equally be applied to him: a person who prefers to sit on his "butt" and who writes invective that is "good-for-nothing", "useless", an "insult to intelligence", "not one penny of benefit." and is certainly not written by someone who "qualifies for Mensa."

That said, I do feel that those of us who appreciate the Public Service Officers

(PSO) should also be heard. In fact Mr. Sperlich starts off his diatribe with a reference to the Gazette article which very much reflected my own support of the Public Service.

The Public Service does have a "reassuring effect." When I exercise very early in the morning in the park while it is still dark, I am pleased to see the blue uniforms patrolling. When I am absent from my house, I can count on them checking the property. When the parties at the armoury in my neighbourhood get a bit raucous, I am pleased a PSO asks them to tone it down. When trucks and busses idle for extended periods outside my door, I am pleased a PSO asks them to turn off their motors. When traffic lights are out, such as at the corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria recently, I am happy they are there to help us all across what is otherwise a potential speedway.

I am happy to see the PSOs cruise through my back lane much more frequently than I ever see an MUC policeman. And I am happy that they keep the inconsiderate illegal parkers in line; it seems some people feel they should be able to park in front of any location they wish without care of who or what else they may be blocking.

And finally, it was the Public Security officers who tailed the robber wielding a gun through the back lane until the police could take over.

Bravo to the officers in blue. Many of us appreciate your presence.

Marjorie D. Cooper
Ste. Catherine Street

(See MORE page 19)

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AVIS PUBLIC est par la présente donné par la soussignée, greffier adjoint intérimaire de la Ville de Westmount, qu'à la suite de l'entrée en vigueur de la Loi modifiant la Loi sur la fiscalité municipale et la Loi sur les dettes et les emprunts municipaux (Lois du Québec 1999 c. 31), et à l'adoption de la résolution no. 99-423 de la Communauté urbaine de Montréal, le rôle d'évaluation foncière de la Ville de Westmount en vigueur depuis le 1er janvier 1995 le demeurera jusqu'à la fin de 2000.

AVIS est également donné, conformément aux exigences de l'article 74.1 de la Loi sur la fiscalité municipale (L.R.Q., chapitre F-2.1), que toute demande de révision concernant le rôle d'évaluation foncière, au motif que l'évaluateur n'a pas effectué une modification qu'il aurait dû y apporter en vertu de l'article 174 de ladite Loi, doit être déposée au cours de l'exercice pendant lequel survient un événement justifiant une modification du rôle ou de l'exercice financier suivant;

Une telle demande de révision doit être faite au moyen de la formule prescrite et être accompagnée de la somme d'argent déterminée par règlement de la Communauté urbaine de Montréal. La demande doit exposer succinctement les motifs invoqués à son soutien et les conclusions recherchées.

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DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 16 décembre 1999
Me Nancy Gagnon
Greffier-adjoint intérimaire de la ville

**REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT ROLL
FOR 1995-1996-1997-1998-1999-2000
CITY OF WESTMOUNT**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned Interim Assistant City Clerk of Westmount that as a result of the coming into force of An Act to amend the Act Respecting Municipal Taxation and the Act Respecting Municipal Debts and Loans (Statutes of Quebec 1999, chapter 31), and the adoption of resolution No. 99-423 by the Montreal Urban Community, the real estate assessment roll of the City of Westmount in force since 1st January 1995 is to remain in force until the end of 2000.

NOTICE is also given, in accordance with the provisions of Section 74.1 of the Act Respecting Municipal Taxation (R.S.Q., Chapter F-2.1) that any application for review relating to the real estate assessment roll of the City of Westmount, based on the ground that the assessor did not make an alteration to the said roll that he ought to have made, pursuant to Section 174 of the said Act, must be filed in the course of the fiscal year in which an event justifying an alteration occurs or in the course of the following fiscal year;

Such application for review must be made on the prescribed form and be accompanied by the sum of money determined by by-law of the Montreal Urban Community. The application for review must state briefly the grounds invoked and the conclusions sought.

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Interim Assistant City Clerk

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MORE FROM THE MAIL BAG



(Continued from MAILBAG, page 18)

Public Security necessary

To the editor:

I fully understand the writer of a long and bitter letter to you on Nov. 25, regarding the Public Security's parking fines, etc.—but without the Public Security in Westmount, there would surely be more break-ins, car thefts and hold-ups.

Regarding parking regulations: anyone wishing to change them should come, usually on the first Monday of each month at 8 p.m., to the 'open to the public' part of the council meetings at city hall.

As this is my last letter to *The Examiner* this century, I wish to thank the editor for his kindness and his courage in publishing all my letters. I wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Gerald Glass
Metcalfe Avenue

Hardliners become 'respectable'

To the editor:

A headline in *The Globe & Mail* last week startled me at first: It read, 'Hardline Chrétien reaches political peak'.

The story told of Mr. Chrétien laying down the law at a cabinet meeting (who

leaked the details?) and revealed that Quebec ministers remained silent as the PM spoke. The ministers mentioned were Paul Martin, Pierre Pettigrew and Lucienne Robillard, who represents Westmount.

There was an amusing story in *The Gazette* a few days earlier about reporters chasing Mme Robillard in a parliamentary corridor and hearing her respond to every question with a hurried "Have a nice day."

That perhaps explains the cheers when Mme Robillard stood in the Commons Friday and said she supports Mr. Chrétien's legislation.

If separatists are girding to do battle with Ottawa, what exactly are our Liberal MPs preparing to do to fight them? Their referendum record is pretty sorry and stories abound of federalist in-fighting on No committees and lack of enthusiasm.

Meantime, if Mr. Chrétien has become a hardliner (according to *The Globe*), those of us who have been battling for Canada should welcome him to the club (a hardliner is anyone a separatist accuses of putting Canada first or anyone the English media, both inside and outside, feel raises his voice too stridently in defence of Canada).

What term of derision will separatists and their sympathizers in the press come up with next—'Chrétieniste'?

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ROLL OF RENTAL VALUES FOR 1995-1996-1997-1998-1999-2000 CITY OF WESTMOUNT

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NOTICE is also given, in accordance with the provisions of Section 74.1 of the Act Respecting Municipal Taxation (R.S.Q., Chapter F-2.1) that any application for review relating to the role of rental values of the City of Westmount, based on the ground that the assessor did not make an alteration to the said roll that he ought to have made, pursuant to Section 174.2 of the said Act, must be filed in the course of the fiscal year in which an event justifying an alteration occurs or in the course of the following fiscal year;

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Beloved Loyola registrar dies at 98

Longtime Westmount resident Eileen Gibbons passed away peacefully at the Montreal General Hospital on Dec. 8, at the age of 98.

Born in 1901 in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, Miss Gibbons immigrated to Canada in 1922 with her parents, Thomas and Agnes (Murnin) Gibbons, and seven of her eight sisters. By 1926 the family had settled in Westmount, living at 55 Hallowell until 1992, when declining health forced Miss Gibbons to sell the family home and move into Manoir Westmount.

Miss Gibbons is well known among generations of Loyola High School and Loyola College graduates, having joined their staffs in 1942. Blessed with a head for numbers and a phenomenal memory, she quickly found herself detailed to the Registrar's Office. Over the decades it became her fiefdom, one which was ruled with a firm but loving hand. Miss Gibbons was known to work long hours to ensure that a student's records were sent by deadline to the right institutions and awards committees around the world.

In an age before computers, her exceptional memory for details and academic standings would drive her to recheck a student's file whenever something seemed amiss. More than once she caught significant errors which, if left unchecked, could have cost the student dearly. Above all else, Miss Gibbons had her students' welfare at heart. She was absolutely determined to help them get a start in life and was often heard 'lobbying' professors to be 'generous' when grading, especially the supplemental examinations.

In the days before students' rights were universally recognized and when the wisdom of those in positions of authority went unchallenged, Miss Gibbons reigned supreme. Among the all-male student body from the long-haired generation of the 1960s, it was well-known that Miss Gibbons would not release marks unless the student appeared before her cleanly shaven and with short hair! To the boys' chagrin, more than one mother called Miss Gibbons to thank her for achieving the unattainable: getting her son to cut his hair.

Miss Gibbons was the first female full-time employee of Loyola High School and Loyola College. Permission had to be obtained by Loyola officials from the Jesuit Vicar General and from Rome before she could be hired. In recognition of her efforts, Concordia University honoured her at its convocation ceremony in 1968, six years before her retirement in 1974.



Eileen Gibbons

Miss Gibbons was predeceased by her eight sisters: Ann, Agnes, Molly (Mrs. P. Ivan Larocque), Kathleen, Elizabeth (Mrs. James M. Kiely), Helena (Mrs. Robert T. Birch) of Montreal; Peggy (Mrs. Hugh Casey) of Londonderry, Northern Ireland and Dorothy (Sister Dorothea O.S.C.) of Victoria, B.C. She is survived by nieces and nephews in Canada and Northern Ireland.

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Community Bulletin Board...

Thursday, Dec. 16

The Westmount Historical Association's fall lecture series concludes with 'The Décarie Family' with guest speaker Graham Decarie, professor of history at Concordia University. 7 to 9 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library. \$5 for non-members at the door. Info: 925-1404.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom's Entrenous Senior Group presents its last session this century with a chance to socialize and have fun. Entertainment with Yaacov Sassi. Brown bag lunch at noon, program at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served. 395 Elm Ave. Info: 937-3575.

Ongoing

Galerie de Bellefeuille, 1367 Greene Ave., presents the exhibition Michael Smith: Recent Works from Dec. 9 through 19. Info: 933-4406.

Contactivity Senior Centre, will hold a mini-bazaar on Mondays and Wednesdays between 1 and 3 p.m. from Dec. 6 to Dec. 15 at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve. Info: 932-2326.

St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, The Boulevard at Roslyn, continues with the special mid-week services during Advent. Each Wednesday through Dec. 22 the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at 5:45 p.m. in the chapel and at 7 a.m. a prayer break-

fast will be held. All are welcome.

Overeaters Anonymous, a non-profit self-help group welcomes anyone who wants to stop overeating. Weekly meetings held at the Westmount YMCA, 4585 Sherbrooke, at 2:30 p.m. Info: 488-1812.

'Ships, Sea and Sky', a private exhibition of marine paintings by George H. Archer, whose paintings are on display at naval and maritime museums in Canada and internationally. From the age of sail through World War II. By appointment only. Info: 933-7711 or fax 933-8624.

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The Gallery at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke, presents an exhibition of sculptures by Herbert Bercovitz from Nov. 19 to Jan. 2, 2000. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 989-5226.

Montreal Millennium Melon Seeds are now on sale at the Westmount Public Library, Hogg Hardware, Nicholas Hoare and Dig This (Ogilvy's). Heritage seeds, history and growing instructions, \$5. A fundraiser for the Westmount Train Station Project. For info or orders call 990-2237.

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welcome. Info: Denyse Morrow at 934-0499.

Westmount Toastmasters: Take the fear out of public speaking each Thursday evening at Victoria Hall at 7 p.m. Info: 367-5986 or 937-1346.

Canadian National Organization for the Widowed holds bereavement support groups Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Mondays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 4823 Sherbrooke, suite 220. Info: 934-0280 or 931-3935.

Recovery, Inc., a non-profit bilingual self-help group for people seeking help in dealing with fear, anger, stress, depression, anxiety, panic attacks and phobias meet every Monday, Tuesday. Info: 933-1904.

Rotary Club meetings: The Rotary Club of Westmount meets each Wednesday at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke, at 12:30 p.m.

Westmount Monday Evening Bridge Club meets every week from 7 to 10 p.m. in Victoria Hall. To register, call Esther Chamberland 989-5212.

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

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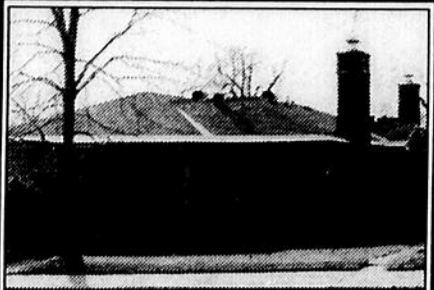
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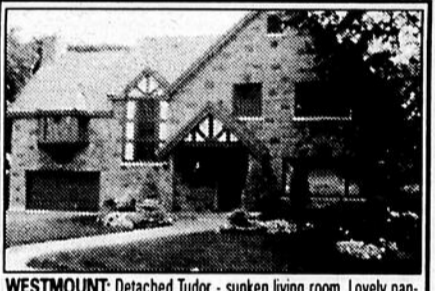
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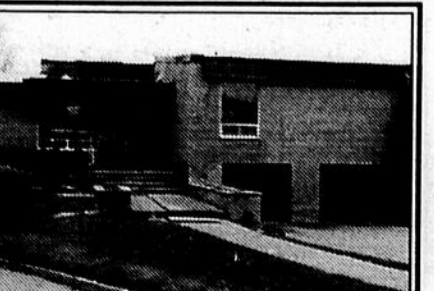
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