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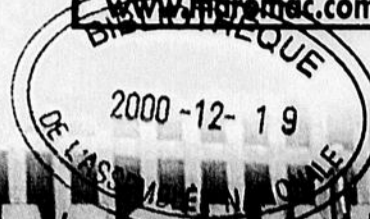
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Local News

'MONSTER' ANTI-MERGER RALLY DRAWS 3,000 WESTMOUNTERS

Martin C. Barry

By the busload, by car and on foot, Westmounters made their way Sunday to the heart of the city that wants to take over their own.

"Hands Off Our City," declared placard after placard held by as many as 3,000 Westmounters—part of an estimated 70,000 residents of Montreal's suburbs who converged downtown for a 'monster' rally protesting Bill 170, Quebec's forced municipal merger legislation.

The count was made from an overhead helicopter, based on an estimate that the densely-packed crowd overflowing McGill College Avenue between Ste. Catherine Street and de Maisonneuve Boulevard was almost double the 40,000 supporters organizers had hoped for.

In all, 36 school buses rented by Westmount brought 1,800 residents to the rally. The rest arrived on their own. The sight of Public Security officers from Westmount and other suburbs escorting the suburban dwellers through the 'foreign' territory of the City of Montreal was reassuring, while at the same time surreal.

Supporters from Montreal Island's suburbs, as well

as some from the City of Montreal, were joined by residents from eight South Shore municipalities which the government also plans to merge into one, and citizens from the Quebec City area and the Outaouais region where mega-cities are also being formed.

Mayor Peter Trent, introduced as one of the anti-merger movement's most eloquent spokesmen, was one of three keynote speakers. "The world outside is starting to listen but our own government is silent," he said. "According to the polls, over 60 per cent of

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WESTMOUNT MAKES HEADLINES IN BOSTON AND NEW YORK

Martin C. Barry

Westmount was in the spotlight south of the border last week.

In articles published in the Boston Globe and the New York Times, two of the world's leading newspapers focused on the city's role in leading the movement protesting Quebec's controversial municipal reform.

"By decree of the Quebec govern-

ment, and without any serious consultation with hundreds of thousands of citizens about to lose their hometowns, 28 municipalities will be merged next year into a giant new Montreal," staff writer Colin Nickerson pronounced in an article on page A12 of the Globe's Dec. 4 edition.

"It's as if Massachusetts waved a wand and transformed Brookline, Cambridge, Milton, Quincy and other independent communities into mere neighborhoods of Boston," wrote Nickerson, who quoted Mayor Peter Trent and Councillor Karin Marks.

"In the process, dozens of proud old communities will be wiped off the map, many stripped of the Anglo identities that have for so long irked Quebec's separatist powers-that-be."

Referring to controversial full-page advertisements purchased by the government in daily newspapers recently, Nickerson wrote that Quebec is "resorting to disinformation to promote the concept." The implication of the ads, he said, was that Boston "is a merged megacity," when in fact "the last big amalgamation of Boston occurred between 1868 and 1873, when Charlestown, Brighton, Dorchester, Roxbury and other communities were annexed. Present-day metropolitan Boston is much closer to Montreal Island as it exists now, a relatively small core city bordered by municipalities with strong identities of their own."

James Brooke wrote in the New York Times' Dec. 8 edition that local-control advocates have "derided megacities as an urban trend that

went out with sideburns and bellbottoms... with the anti-merger battle led by Westmount, the richest city in the province... People in Westmount are rich, they are largely English, and they pass persnickety zoning rules like banning garden pesticides, smoking in public places and houses made of wood."

While both articles focused on Westmount's anglophone heritage and the linguistic dimensions of the municipal reform, the Times noted that following the anti-merger rally in Pointe Claire two weeks ago, "something odd happened: Canada's two solitudes started cooperating... the issue of local control bridging Quebec's age-old linguistic and cultural divides."

In Montreal's small cities, Brooke concluded, "the crisp early winter air has been sharpened by talk of legal action and civil disobedience, most likely padlocking municipal files or blocking provincial highways."

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'Not our last budget,' Trent insists

Martin C. Barry

Westmount will be tabling what could turn out to be its final budget next week, despite a defiant assertion by Mayor Peter Trent to the contrary.

If Bill 170, Quebec's municipal reform legislation, comes into force, Westmount and other suburbs to be merged into a Montreal Island megacity would lose their municipal status to raise taxes and compile annual budgets by the end of next year.

But Trent insists this will not necessarily be Westmount's last budget, to be presented at a special meeting of council Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. "I don't think it will be. I think that's a defeatist statement, and we all have to be careful about making statements like that," said Trent.

"I refuse to use such formulations

because I feel it's inherently defeatist. I prefer not even to acknowledge that. I say we're going to fight (Bill 170) to the bloody end and therefore for me it's not our last budget. It's a budget in a very difficult time when our future is uncertain, but I will never say it's our last one because I intend to keep on fighting."

While it usually takes Westmount eight months to compile its budget, according to the mayor, the anti-merger battle has taken up so much time lately, even planning the city's expenses has suffered.

"Unfortunately this year I can't say we'll put as much effort as we normally put into it," said Trent. "It's going to be the one budget that we adopt without the degree of scrutiny we usually apply. At this point I'm not prepared to suggest what the budget may contain. We're totally wrapped up in the merger fight."

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 By Marilyn and Michael Lally

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Protesters had a great time

Marilynn Vanderstay

We started boarding the school buses around 12:15 Sunday afternoon. Slowly, the buses from Westmount crawled along Ste. Catherine Street, turning onto Dorchester.

At Guy, the street was gridlocked and some of the more impatient abandoned the buses to walk to the meeting site at Place Ville Marie.

There were several families, including four or five nine- to 12-year-olds on my bus. When one of the boys made a disparaging remark about Premier Bouchard, his father laughingly told him to be careful, that he might find himself in a re-training camp where they would reeducate his thinking.

When we finally reached our de-

boarding site at René Lévesque and Peel, we picked up our placards and headed for the march, easily filling the boulevard with a wave of people. A truck making the honking sound of a snow truck was trying to get through. We didn't know what he thought he was going to accomplish. Didn't he know that we would be 40,000 strong and that today the street was for the rally?

We had been given the words to the anthem of the day, 'C'est Ma Ville', written especially for the rally, and when we arrived it was being broadcast from a booth at Place Ville Marie. An emcee was calling out attendance for the cities and as ours was called we waved our placards and Westmount flags, cheering loudly.

From there the walk around the block continued. French- and English-speaking people laughed and commiserated together over what the Bouchard government thinks it's doing, messing with our cities. The rally was one of solidarity—both French and English united against the common enemy: the provincial government's Bill 170.

The placards were unforgiving, demanding that Bouchard listen when the people—his people—speak. They reminded him that the job of governing includes listening to the people.

To keep the crowd active as they marched, young people adorned in holiday tinsel walked along holding megaphones and leading the crowd in chants of "Ne touchez pas a ma ville, ne touchez pas a ma ville!" One young man, dressed as a

Christmas tree, strolled through the crowds on stilts, honking the same refrain.

The comments from the walkers were interesting and often funny. A woman was walking on the street and her husband suggested she get up on the sidewalk. The man behind them quipped, "That's because they don't clear the snow off the sidewalks in Montreal the way they do in Westmount and Kirkland."

Wherever I looked, up and down the boulevards filled with placards and winter coats, there were groups of Westmount ralliers carrying their yellow and black 'Hands Off My City' signs. At

one corner I met up with Westmount volunteers Patricia and Frank Phillips, who had come to the rally supervising a busload of Westmount residents with special needs. The Phillipses had also spent several days working at the phone centers reminding residents to join the rally. Unfortunately, it seems those calls fell on the deaf ears of the young and middle aged; most of the ralliers from Westmount were 50 years old or more. Do they know something the younger generation doesn't?

Two protesters from Westmount summed up their feelings. Susan Salvati and her husband are here from the United States for a special project with Bell Canada for only five years. They bought a house in Westmount, believing at the time that they would stay here. Susan was incensed. "I can't believe the government can just go against the will of the people. Is this a democracy or a third world banana republic?"

Good question. Except that in a banana republic a rally of this magni-



Some protesters wittily expressed extreme views



Martin C. Barry

Although he did not address the crowd, Quebec Liberal leader Jean Charest lent his support on Sunday.

tude would have been a breeding ground for snipers from the many office windows that lined the route. "Thankfully there is only one Canadian army," remarked another man, "Or who knows what would be going on today."

At the end of the rally a variety of speakers gave speeches in French and English about why we were there and that our premier had better start listening to the people.

Mayor Peter Trent spoke articulately as usual about the importance of democracy. A very angry young lady from Côte St. Luc gave a talk reminiscent of the movie Network: "We are mad as hell and we won't take it anymore!" she shouted.

Judy Clarke, a Westmount resident for 22 years, summed up the feelings of everybody who came out in the cold to march. "I just can't bear to see the end of Westmount," she said. "What can I say? I love it here, and I just don't want to see it disappear."

'Monster' anti-merger rally draws 3,000 Westmounters

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Quebecers are against mergers." (See full text of Trent's remarks on page 5)

At a press conference afterward, Trent said, "It's one thing to have small demonstrations, another to have the mother of all demonstrations as we had today. Had this been the summer, we probably would have had 150,000 people."

Trent denied a reporter's sugges-

tion that Sunday's rally was a focal point for English-speaking suburbanites mostly, and not French ones. Referring to articles about Quebec's forced mergers published in the Boston Globe and New York Times last week, Trent said: "It's interesting how in another country they view this as no longer an anglophone or francophone thing. We're all together saying we want to be listened to and have a chance to say what happens to our cities. The two linguistic groups have

joined together."

Also at the rally was Quebec Liberal Opposition Leader Jean Charest, although he did not address the crowd. When asked whether he felt he would be affected by the potential disappearance of Westmount where he has a home, told *The Examiner* he wasn't personally concerned.

"I haven't looked at it from that point of view. I spend so much time travelling outside," said Charest, who

has pledged to repeal the forced mergers if the Liberals come to power in the next provincial election.

Asked if he spends much time at home in Westmount, Charest said: "I spend a heck of a lot of time travelling across Quebec and not enough time at home. That's what my wife thinks. I'm not dealing with this from a personal point of view. It's not my personal interest here. It's the interest of the people of Quebec."



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Conseil Allumage du Menorah

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La cérémonie commencera devant l'escalier de façade de l'hôtel de ville au 4333, rue Sherbrooke et sera suivie d'une réception à l'intérieur.

Bien que l'événement soit gratuit et que tout le monde y soit invité, il faut néanmoins réserver. Prière de composer le 989-5265 et de laisser un message. Veuillez aussi apporter des denrées non périssables ou toute autre forme de contribution pour les démunis.



Hydro Westmount

L'électricité en bref

Voici revenu le temps de l'année où il faut prendre des précautions chaque fois que le mercure descend sous la barre des -18°C. Entre le 1^{er} décembre et la fin du mois de mars, lorsque nous connaissons des périodes de grand froid, il importe d'établir des priorités à l'égard de la consommation d'électricité, notamment durant les heures de pointe, de 17h à 19h30.

Dans la mesure du possible, il faut éviter de faire fonctionner ses gros électroménagers – machine à laver, four, sèche-cheveux et radiateur électrique portatif – ou, à tout le moins, en limiter l'usage. Ce faisant, vous aiderez à réduire les risques de panne attribuable à la surcharge des circuits. Vous contribuerez en outre à diminuer la pénalité élevée imposée à Westmount par son fournisseur d'électricité, Hydro-Québec. Info: 925-1414.



Bibliothèque

Inscription aux programmes d'hiver pour enfants

L'inscription aux programmes 2001 de la section des enfants se poursuit pendant le mois de décembre. N'oubliez pas de vous inscrire sans tarder aux heures de conte, aux séances de bricolage ou au club de lecture pour enfants. Tous les programmes sont gratuits. Info: 989-5229.

Club de lecture anglaise

Le club de lecture anglaise se réunira le lundi 18 décembre, de 19h à 21h, pour discuter du livre *The Luck of Ginger Coffey* de Brian Moore. Cette histoire curieuse décrit le prix social de l'échec tel que vu à travers les yeux du personnage principal du roman, Ginger Coffey. Lanimatrice du club est Harriet Gold. Info: 989-5386.

Les arts pour enfants (7 ans et plus)

Couronnez vos vacances par une explosion de couleurs! Le dimanche 7 janvier, de 13h à 14h30, la section des enfants accueillera un professeur du Centre Saidye Bronfman qui vous montrera comment créer votre propre composition florale. Veuillez vous inscrire par téléphone, au 989-5229, ou en personne, au comptoir de la section des enfants.



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Sports et loisirs Inscription

Les inscriptions pour les activités hivernales ont commencé le 4 décembre dernier. Il reste des places pour certaines activités Info: 989-5353.

Dates à retenir · Datebook

Dimanche Sunday

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- Inscription aux programmes d'hiver pour enfants, Bibliothèque
- Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library

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- Bibliothèque fermée
- Library Closed

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- Bibliothèque fermée
- Library Closed

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- Bricolage florale Bibliothèque, 13h à 14h30
- Flowerscape Crafts Library, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Lundi Monday

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- Club de lecture anglaise Bibliothèque, 19h à 21h
- English Book Club Library, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Inscription aux programmes d'hiver pour enfants, Bibliothèque
- Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library

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- Library Closed
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- Arena Closed

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- Séance du conseil Hôtel de ville, 20h
- Council Meeting City Hall, 8:00 p.m.

Mardi Tuesday

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- Inscription aux programmes d'hiver pour enfants, Bibliothèque
- Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library

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- Hôtel de ville fermée
- City Hall Closed
- Bibliothèque fermée
- Library Closed

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- Société d'horticulture Bibliothèque, 19h
- Horticultural Society Library, 7:00 p.m.

Mercredi Wednesday

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- Inscription aux programmes d'hiver pour enfants, Bibliothèque
- Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library

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- City Hall Closed

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Judi Thursday

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- Conseil: Séance spéciale Budget, Hôtel de ville, 17h
- Special Council Meeting Adoption of Budget City Hall, 5:00 p.m.
- Allumage du Menorah Hôtel de ville, 17h30 à 19h30
- Menorah lighting and Chanukah celebration City Hall 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Vendredi Friday

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- Inscription aux programmes d'hiver pour enfants, Bibliothèque
- Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library

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Samedi Saturday

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- Victoria Hall fermée du 23 décembre 2000 au 8 janvier 2001
- Victoria Hall Closed from December 23, 2000 to January 8, 2001

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We will fight this contempt for democracy, Trent tells crowd

Peter F. Trent

(The following is the full text of the speech Mayor Peter Trent delivered to the assembled crowd at Sunday's anti-merger rally on McGill College Avenue.)

We are all here together to say one simple word: No!

What do we say to Bill 170? No.

What do we say to the gutting of our cities? No.

What do we say to Madame Harel and Premier Bouchard? No.

Our fight for democracy has made it into the New York Times. In Friday's edition, Madame Harel was quoted as saying: "The government will not let itself be dictated to." Madame Harel, get with the program. In a democracy, you're supposed to listen to the people, not the other way around. The world outside is starting to listen, but not our own government. And do you know what? According to the polls, over 60 per cent of Quebecers are against the mergers.

With Bill 170, this autocratic government has reached a new low. Article 9 allows the cabinet to change anything, anytime by simple decree. We now have government by diktat. Another example? The transition committee, a group of non-elected people, can play with your tax money. At will.

Your government tells you Bill 170 will lead to savings and lower taxes. Yeah, right. It didn't happen when Halifax was merged. It won't happen in Toronto. If bigger is better, why is the City of Montreal in such a mess? Why does Montreal spend 35 per cent more per capita than the rest of the Island cities? And how's this for a recipe for cost increases: One island, one city, one union.

Your government tells you they are eradicat-

ing our cities to achieve fiscal equity. Well, all that takes is for one city to write a cheque to another. You don't have to wipe it out. Besides, the new Montreal Metropolitan Community will contribute tens of millions into the City of Montreal. All in the name of fiscal equity. So what's the problem?

Your government says our cities will survive in the form of arrondissements. Don't believe them. These arrondissements will be administrative subdivisions of a bigger, fatter City of Montreal. They will be totally dependent on a centralised bureaucracy for money and employees.

Yet, according to Pierre Bourque in The New York Times, we "are going to be spoiled children." Do you feel like spoiled children?

Your government even resorts to playing fast and loose with the facts. In full-page ads, they compare the Island of Montreal with the City of Boston, without telling you that the Boston region has 282 cities. That's right: 282 cities. They don't need to merge in order to compete internationally.

Your government says they have consulted. Sure they've consulted—they've consulted with themselves. Come to think of it, they're saying: It takes a referendum to break up a country, but not to destroy a city. *Deux poids, deux mesures.*

Your government is placing you in triple jeopardy. You get higher taxes, you get poorer services, and you get to lose your city.

The government doesn't own our cities. We mayors don't own our cities. You own your city. It's yours and they are taking away something you own. Don't let Bouchard and Harel declare open season on our municipalities.

We will fight this arrogance, this contempt for democracy. You have my word. I was not elected mayor to preside over the liquidation of my city.



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City Page

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Council

Menorah Lighting

The Mayor and Councillors, in cooperation with the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue and the Temple Emanu-El Beth Shalom, invite Westmount families to join in a Chanukah celebration on Thursday, December 21st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The event will begin on the front steps of Westmount City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke Street with the lighting of the first Chanukah candle at 5:30 p.m., followed by an indoor reception.

It is free of charge and open to everyone, but reservations are required. Please phone 989-5265 to leave a message. Please bring a non-perishable food item or other contribution for the needy. •



Hydro Westmount

Electricity in brief

It's that time of the year again when we need to use caution every time the temperature drops below -18°C. From December 1st until the end of March during periods of severe cold, it is important to prioritize electrical consumption, particularly during peak hours between 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Whenever possible during this time period, avoid or reduce your use of major appliances – washing machines, ovens, dryers, and portable electrical heaters. In doing so, it will help prevent power failures caused by overloading the circuits. It will also help the costly penalty assessed to Westmount from our electricity supplier, Hydro-Québec. Info: 925-1414. •



Library

Winter Registration: Children's Programmes

Registration for the Children's Department 2001 Programmes continues in December. Don't forget to register early for storytime, arts and crafts sessions or the children's book club. All programmes are free of charge. Info: 989-5229.

English Book Club

The English Book Club will meet on Monday, December 18th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to discuss *The Luck of Ginger Coffey* by Brian Moore. This intriguing story portrays the price society exacts for failure as seen through the eyes of the novel's protagonist, Ginger Coffey. The club leader is Harriet Gold. Info: 989-5386.

Art for Kids (ages 7+)

End your holidays with a burst of colour! On Sunday, January 7th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., a teacher from the Saidye Bronfman Centre will show you how to create your own flowerscape in the Children's Department. Please register by phone at 989-5229 or at the Children's Desk. •



Public Works

Snow Removal

We need your help to keep the City clean and safe during the winter. Full access to sidewalks is essential for the community, and for seniors and young children in particular. Do not dump snow on sidewalks, lanes or streets – add it to the existing snowbanks for removal by our snowblowers. Please advise your private contractor accordingly. Snow

piled on the sidewalk interferes with our small equipment and prevents us from carrying out plowing and sanding. Your cooperation will allow us to clear snow quickly and efficiently. Info: 989-5311.

Garbage Collection

Please note that there will be no garbage collection on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st. Refuse must be kept until the next collection day. Recycling collection will take place as usual. Info: 989-5311. •



Sports and Recreation

Registration

Registration for winter programs began on December 4th. Spaces may still be available. Info: 989-5353. •

DIRTY LAUNDRY

Ever since the irrepressible Mordecai Richler penned a scathing account of Quebec's wacky language laws for *The New Yorker* way back in the early 1990s, the Parti Québécois has been awfully touchy about coverage in the American media.

When that much-publicized article came out, Canada's most lovable grouch was hailed as a national hero and the powers that be in Quebec City scrambled into damage control mode. How dare the truth be told in one of North America's most influential magazines!

And embarrassment was hardly the right word in early 1998, when 60 Minutes aired a segment that ridiculed the presence of 'language cops' on Victoria Avenue. Language czarina Louise Beaudoin granted 60 Minutes an interview for that piece—probably just to avoid looking like those sleazy businessmen who know the jig is up and slam their door on the camera. To her great credit, Mme. Beaudoin was gracious and articulate as she faced the CBS camera, but from her expression it was obvious she wanted to crawl under a rock.

Quebec's dirty laundry should not be aired south of the border, or even outside the province for that matter—at least that is what the PQ government seems to believe. This of course raises the question of why. If its policies, proposals and legislation are all sound, honourable and based firmly on common sense, why should it fear outside scrutiny?

The answer appears to be simple enough: looking ridiculous to the rest of the world is certainly not one of Premier Bouchard's 'winning conditions' for the next sovereignty referendum. As a result, Quebec's anglos—easily the most consistent victims of controversial legislation—have a firm ally in the 'foreign' press.

Last week—no doubt to the great chagrin of Premier Bouchard—Quebec was once again caught with its proverbial bloomers down south of the border. In its Dec. 4 edition, the *Boston Globe* ran an excellent account of Montreal's current merger crisis, using Westmount as its primary point of reference. Mayor Peter Trent and city councillor Karin Marks were both quoted in the piece, which gave both sides of the argument but clearly pointed out the government's inherent illogic.

Why the *Boston Globe*? Because the provincial government has hailed Boston as a shining example of a merged mega-city that works. But as the article was quick to point out, this is absolutely untrue. On the contrary, Boston is a successful sum of well over 100 separate municipalities—a fact Mr. Trent has been stressing all along in his anti-merger speeches and writings.

If the Boston piece wasn't enough, the *New York Times* got in on the act last Friday. Yes, the Big Daddy of American journalism has turned its attention to the situation here and once again the Quebec government has been caught in an embarrassing blunder in front of our American neighbours.

If this continues, how far away are 'Lucien Bouchard' sketches on Saturday Night Live or David Letterman spouting one-liners about Louise Harel?

Whether promoting the example of Boston as a successful mega-city was an innocent error or a bold-faced lie meant to deceive the undecided, the PQ should never have ventured into an area its PR people are obviously not qualified to handle. How much public money—which could have been spent on health care—was wasted on this fiasco?

One of the fundamental rules of propaganda is you have to make it look good. By attempting to strengthen its pro-merger argument with misinformation, the government has lost an enormous amount of credibility both here and abroad. How's that for a 'winning condition'?

Commentary

Wayne Larsen



Jacques Chagnon, MNA for Westmount-St. Louis

The federal election is over and it took a lot less time here than in the United States to confirm the results! Only in the most powerful nation on the planet would they still be questioning which of the two candidates is the winner one month after the election.

Here at home things were much simpler; we have elected the third Liberal majority government in a row and Mr. Chrétien should be congratulated for his success. On the local level, I would like to congratulate Lucienne Robillard for her brilliant re-election.

The day may have seemed very long for those electors who arrived at designated voting locations only to discover that some of the polling stations were missing. Elections Canada officials must have been surprised to hear scrutineers tell them on election day that due to the inclement weather, they had decided not to show up for work, even though they already had the ballot boxes and ballots with them at home.... We'll take measures to ensure that we don't have the same scrutineers in the next provincial elections.

To come back to the federal election results, I humbly admit

that I was wrong about what the final result would be—even on the regional level. I have to tell you that the individual who most closely predicted the actual outcome was John Rae, who I met at the home of the British consul general before the elections were called. It was six weeks before the election when he told me what the result would be and, quite honestly, I felt that he was either exaggerating or that he was being a bit too optimistic. But no, his crystal ball was more reliable than mine. We decided then that we would speak again after the campaign to "humbly" analyze the results.

Since John Rae is a decent man, I will enjoy having lunch with him and eating humble pie. Nevertheless, I'm going to give him some time to recover from the elections and myself some time to get through the intensive sitting at the National Assembly, after which we will set up our meeting. In any case, the election results are excellent!

One factor that no one could have imagined before the election call was the effect of the backlash against forced mergers in some ridings. This helped to consolidate the Liberal win in the riding of Saint-Lambert on the south shore of Montreal. The same phenomenon cost the Bloc three seats in the Quebec City region. Even in cities like Saint-

Bruno and Boucherville on the south shore, the campaign ads that warned 'Bloc=PQ=Forced fusions' caused the Bloc MPs in these ridings to lose some support. We will have to keep fanning the flames in order to reap the dividends in the next provincial election campaign.

Speaking of forced mergers, Mayor Trent accompanied the delegation of suburban mayors to the opening of the hearings of the parliamentary committee on Bill 170. The government refused to hear the City of Westmount and the Westmount Municipal Association separately, despite the fact that I had presented a motion requesting this in the National Assembly.

However, the Liberal caucus took the initiative of holding parallel public hearings. This made it possible for 40 groups that the government had refused to hear, to present their positions to the Opposition and, as such, allowed the voices of the City of Westmount and the Westmount Municipal Association to be heard.

Since this is my last column before Christmas, allow me to wish you a very Merry Christmas. There is still one more column before the New Year, so I will formally welcome you into the new millennium a little later.



Letters to the editor

THANK YOU, WESTMOUNT!

To the editor:

We would like to thank all the Westmounters who turned out on Sunday in such great numbers for the downtown rally to protest the forced mergers.

Our presence, and that of the other municipalities from across the province, gave credence to our cause. To see the tens of thousands of people noisily, but peacefully, protesting was very rewarding.

Honourable mentions should go to those Westmount volunteers who helped by hanging posters, passing out flyers and mastering bullhorns. Special recognition should go to those who accepted the endless tedium of the recruiting phone calls, particularly Jane Martin, Madeleine Steele, Derek Walker and Frank and Patricia Phillips, who didn't skip a day in two weeks.

It would be wonderful to think that out lives can

now return to normal. Unfortunately that is not the case and we remain alert to react as events unfold in the next few days.

On Monday, minister Harel spoke of two changes to Bill 170—denying mega-Montreal the right to interfere with the duties of the districts and fixing an annual cap of five per cent on tax increases. Neither were responses to the rally; both amendments had been promised by the premier days ago.

Just how the government continues to go ahead with Bill 170 despite the outcry and lack of evidence of benefits is incomprehensible. Perhaps the best clue is in Premier Bouchard's decision to hide for 25 years the calculations on supposed property tax reductions. If they are so good, why is he not trumpeting the figures?

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One Year Ago
December 16, 1999

DEVON FACELIFT: "The tennis court in Devon Park will soon be getting a 30,700 facelift that features a new synthetic grass playing surface. Public Works Director Fred Caluori has announced that the refurbishing project, which also includes a brand new lighting system, is scheduled to be carried out in the spring."

Five Years Ago
December 14, 1995:

PARTITION TALK: "Arguments pushing for the partitioning of Quebec in the event of, or even before the province's separation from the rest of Canada are dangerous. Westmount Mayor Peter Trent said this week in a speech before about 30 people at the YMCA meeting of the Westmount Municipal Association. In a talk on 'Post-Referendum Westmount', the mayor said he is not sure what the solution is to the current post-referendum morass, but suggested that the public should not always turn to politicians to lead the way."

Ten Years Ago
December 13, 1990

BANK CLOSURES: "Two Westmount branches of the Toronto-Dominion Bank are closing in favor of an 'ultra modern' larger branch to open at Greene avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard in late March, a TD official confirmed last week. The two branches which will close when the new branch opens are at 4117 Sherbrooke, corner of Elm avenue, and at 4335 St Catherine, corner of Redfern avenue."

Fifteen Years Ago
December 12, 1985:

GOODBYE PICCADILLY: "The Piccadilly Theatre, a Westmount establishment that raised controversy because it advertised and showed sexually explicit films, is to be replaced by a physiotherapy clinic. The cinema, located at 5025 Sherbrooke street, closed earlier this month after its landlord, the Westmount Medical Building Inc, bought the cinema's lease a year before its December 1986 expiry date."

Sixty Years Ago
December 19, 1940:

WESTMOUNTER PERISHES: "Official news was received in the city yesterday afternoon that the Hon. Gordon Scott, who resides at 10 Braeside Place, was killed in rescue operations after the liner Western Prince was torpedoed in the Eastern Atlantic. The former Provincial Treasurer of Quebec, who was aboard the boat as financial advisor to the Hon. C.D. Howe, lost his life when a lifeboat containing 26 survivors capsized after striking the side of a rescue ship."

Four Westmount firefighters promoted

Patrick A. Kerkhoven

Four members of the Westmount Fire Department were awarded promotions in an official ceremony at City Hall on December 4.

During the ceremony, firefighters Ian Ritchie and Yves Theberge were promoted to the rank of lieutenant; and lieutenants Earl Graham and Craig Davis were promoted to the rank of captain. Each was greeted by Mayor Peter Trent and Fire Director James Adams, and councillor Barbara Moore awarded them with their new uniform badge.

Adams explained that promotions within the department are done as often as needed, usually when preceded by the retirement of a captain.

"When a captain retires, we have to replace the captain with a lieutenant, which then means that we have to find a new lieutenant from among the firefighters," he said.

Although the process of internal promotion may appear simple, it is far from it, as only the most deserving personnel are awarded promotions.

"Those promoted are chosen by an exam process that has seven parts, made up of a committee of six people who ultimately decide on the promotions. They are myself, Bruce St. Louis, the director general, Gordon Black, director of Human Resources, an outside agency, and the two other directors," said Adams.

The grueling exam process begins with close scrutiny of each candidate's CV, recounting their accomplishments of the last five years. Then the selection committee scans the records of each applicant to see that all is in order.

"We look for any special things the candidate has been doing," said Adams. "For example, the two lieutenants we promoted to captain had projects they were involved with. Earl Graham organizes a blood drive regularly, and Craig Davis has done research and investigation on response to terrorism."

A written exam is the next step in the process, followed by an oral exam given by an outside agency for recruitment examination. These are followed by a practical exam that requires aspiring lieutenants to present a 15 to 20 minute lecture on a piece of equipment used by the fire brigade. Hopeful captains, meanwhile, are required to give a speech on leadership. Finally, the applicants must prove written and oral proficiency in English and French by way of an exam and an interview conducted by St. Louis and Adams.

The thoroughness of the selection process ensures that only the best will represent Westmount in the important duties of the Fire Department, and renders the promotions of these four men all the more significant.

Referendum volunteers honoured by city council

Westmount holds a 126-year tradition of strong volunteer work by its citizens. Whether volunteering for activities and programs with the sports and recreation department, or for other community events, there is a strong pull on Westmounters to help make and become part of a warm community.

Never was this more true than on Sunday, November 19, when Westmounters came out in droves to vote in overwhelming majority against the municipal reforms proposed by the provincial government.

In gratitude of the long hours and undying efforts that volunteers contributed to the No campaign, the City specially recognized the work of four local women, Louise

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Councillor Karin Marks, who worked closely with these four women during the No campaign, had high praise for them.

"They are very knowledgeable about elections and referenda. They know how to go about ensuring that everyone gets involved in the democratic process," said Marks. "They have helped in many elections, including getting our former MNA Richard French elected—and even myself when I first ran for council."

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**AUGUST SAW AVERAGE SALES
OF \$624,700**

Andy Dodge, CRA

(NOTE: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount one- and two-family dwellings in August, 2000, as they appear on transfer tax information provided to the City. A list of sales can be found on Page 10.)

It appears that homes selling for less than \$400,000 are becoming the exception in Westmount.

Only four of 23 one- and two-family dwelling sales were registered in August for prices lower than \$400,000, and even though there was only one sale over the \$1 million mark, the average for one- and two-family homes was almost \$624,700. Seven sales were registered in the \$600,000 to \$700,000 bracket, surrounding that average price, while nine others had prices between \$400,000 and \$600,000.

By contrast, nine of 27 sales in August last year were in the \$300,000 to \$400,000 bracket, so certainly the general attitude toward Westmount houses has taken a dramatic shift in the past year.

Highest price declared in August was \$2,500,000 for 22 Edgehill Road, a house which has been on and off the market for the past eight years. That sale was registered as "\$1 and other considerations," with the price indicated for transfer tax purposes; the lowest declared price of the month, \$200,000, involved 4172 Dorchester Boulevard, which also represented the biggest markdown from 1995 valuation, at nearly 14 percent. The Edgehill price was

more than twice its 1995 valuation, but not quite as high as the markup recorded for 354 Redfern Avenue, where a property evaluated at \$398,500 sold for a stunning \$939,000.

Six condominium sales were registered in August, including three on the eighth floor of Westmount Park Towers, 4700 St. Catherine Street West, all private arrangements which just happened to coincide. All of these sold above municipal evaluation, but the average markup is not quite as strong as it is for one- and two-family dwellings. In general, condos this year have been averaging 10 per cent higher than the 1995 assessments, while last year the average was only 16 per cent, thus there has been a strong improvement in those prices, as well.

August registrations represented prices negotiated in April, May and June, in general, as the market was slowing down from its springtime peak. Recent sales reported by local agents indicate that slowdown has now been reversed entirely, and even the \$625,000 average price has climbed to \$675,000 (see 'November Sales: Zoom!' on page 34).

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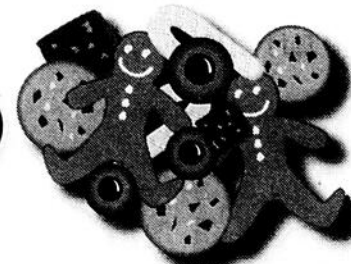
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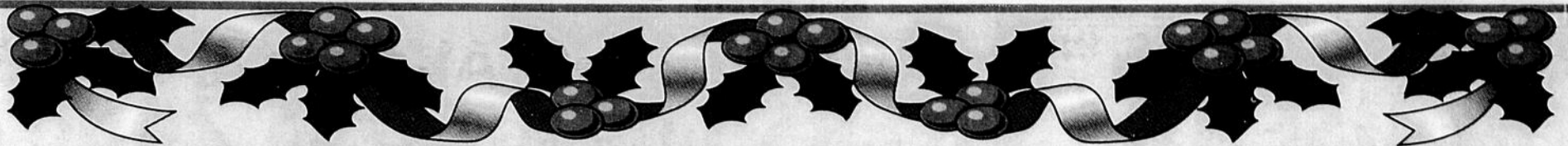
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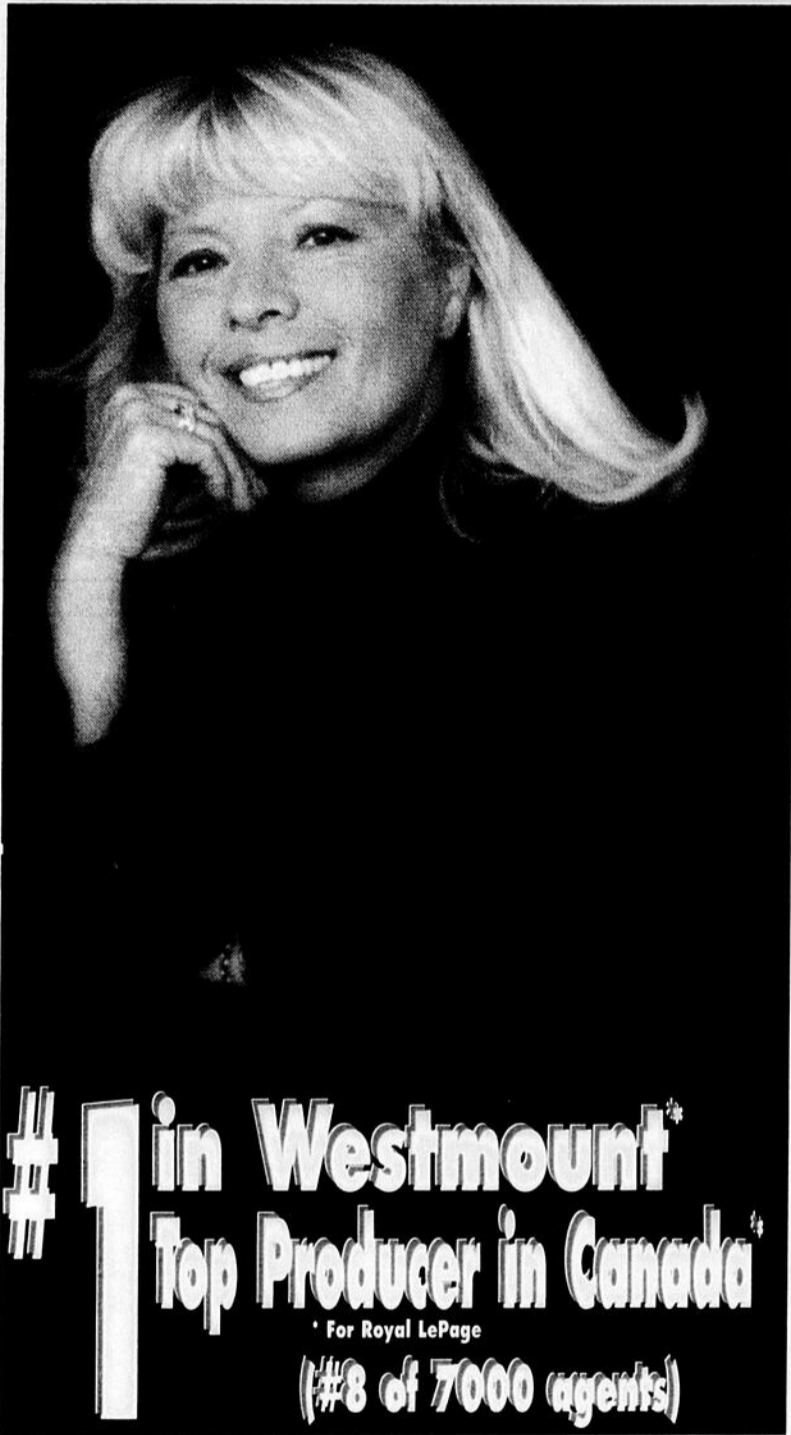


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Homes

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516 Argyle	Judith Margaret Kruger	Pierre Lapointe	\$786,000	\$674,100
521 Clarke	Monique R. Lafontaine	Stephen MacCulloch & Suzanne Fortier	\$605,000a	\$400,100
184 Côte St. Antoine	M. Charlotte Fulford	Christopher Dunkley & Alison Sorbie	\$390,000	\$255,500
4172 Dorchester	Wichers Maria Ruardi	Johan Kempkens	\$20,000b	\$232,000
22 Edgehill	Eileen Goldfarb	Jean Guy Desjardins	\$1c	\$1,094,300
307 Grosvenor	Giovanni Migliara, Anthony Infantino, John Massa	Pierre Bitz & Mary Stadlwieser	\$1d	\$237,900
634 Grosvenor	Donna Runnalls	Catherine Kierans	\$1e	\$259,000
521 Lansdowne	Joanne Hyde & Stuart Zuckerman	Michael Hughes & Paola Samuel	\$616,000f	\$444,900
522 Lansdowne	Manfred Krull & Gesa Schafer	Michel Fleury & Johannes Labrosse	\$450,000	\$309,800
548 Lansdowne	Richard Dumont	Laurent Nahmiash	\$434,000	\$241,800
605 Lansdowne	Wallace Bruce S. Crowston & Taka Ohkubo	Hugo Sarrazin & Mili Choi	\$540,000	\$410,100
477 Prince Albert	Claudia Isabel Hulme	Josée Francoeur	\$1g	\$429,300
250 Redfern	Stephen Hurlburt	Paul D. Hamilton & Frances A. Jansen	\$419,000	\$300,200
354 Redfern	Milica Kvajic	Ulf Mattison & Susanne Elfving	\$939,000	\$398,500
28 Rosemount	Sydmay Mary Fisher	Pierre Casgrain	\$655,000	\$566,300
484 Strathcona	Bryan Sanctuary	Catherine d'Amour	\$610,000	\$390,500
62 Summit Crescent	est. Joseph Hopmeyer	Judith Kruger	\$600,000	\$732,100
3243 The Boulevard	Sylvain Meyer & Caroline Codsì	George Grivakis	\$695,000	\$793,000
3664 The Boulevard	Elaine Dalfen	Oleg Krichevsky & Nicoletta Mooohamed	\$675,000	\$531,300
30 Thornhill	Gestion Medipresse Inc.	Virginia Nelles & Robert Tetrault	\$452,500	\$360,000
736 Upper Belmont	Claude Généreux & Myriam Legault	Mark Hannon & Shoshana (Shana) Ross	\$1h	\$396,100
765 Upper Lansdowne	Ghislaine Richard	Marc André Giroux & Laurie Wiseman	\$560,000	\$451,200
488 Victoria	Charles Wainrib & Barbara Rubin	Mojtaba Youssefi & Nina Salehabodi	\$295,000	\$239,800
4345 Westmount Ave.	Alan Kreisberg & Amy Wittman	Royal LePage Relocation Services Ltd.	\$492,500	\$450,700
38 Windsor	Mataman Inc.	Clarissa Desjardins	\$545,000	\$351,900

Duplexes

73-75 Hallowell	Leandre Laroche	Nour Eddine Hajibi	\$330,000	\$287,600
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Condominiums

46 Academy, #16	Stein B. Ellingsen	Gregory S. Anderson	\$225,000	\$150,000
200 Lansdowne, #303	Tracy Brennan	Mario Pasteris, Lidia Pozza, Rosalia d'Angelo, Sergio Furlanetto	\$245,000	\$161,100
12 Somerville	John Langlais	Dusanka Pavlovic	\$219,000	\$175,000
4700 St. Catherine, #803	Kathleen Anne Dolan	Issie Sidney Weissglas	\$1i	\$471,400
4700 St. Catherine, #805	estate Lionel Mackay Smith	Guy Fournier	\$495,000	\$468,500
4700 St. Catherine, #807	Patrick Crowley & Marilyn Manley	Stanley Heisler & Linda Claire Cohen	\$530,000	\$371,000

Apartments and Commercial

320-20A Victoria	Gestion D.F. Gardner Ltée.	Animalerie Chatonnelle Inc.	\$248,000	\$233,300
349 Victoria	Jeannette Armand	Animalerie Chatonnelle Inc.	\$252,500	\$131,500

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348-50 Lansdowne, 50%	Lucie des Parois	Hélène des Parois	\$165,000	\$135,550j
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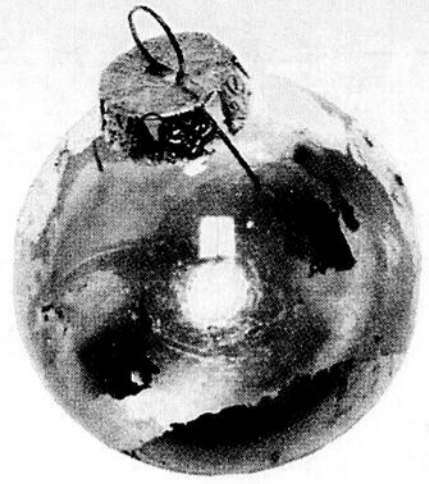
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- d Price was declared as "\$1 and other considerations;" no value was declared.
- e Price was declared as "\$1 and other considerations;" no value was declared.
- f Two consecutive deeds, each for 50% of the total.
- g Price was declared as "\$1 and other considerations;" no value was declared.
- h Two consecutive deeds, each for 50% of total. Price on each was declared as "\$1 and other considerations;" transfer tax was paid on a value of a total \$579,000.
- i Price was declared as "\$1 and other considerations;" no value was declared.
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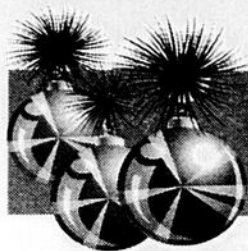
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In Armenia

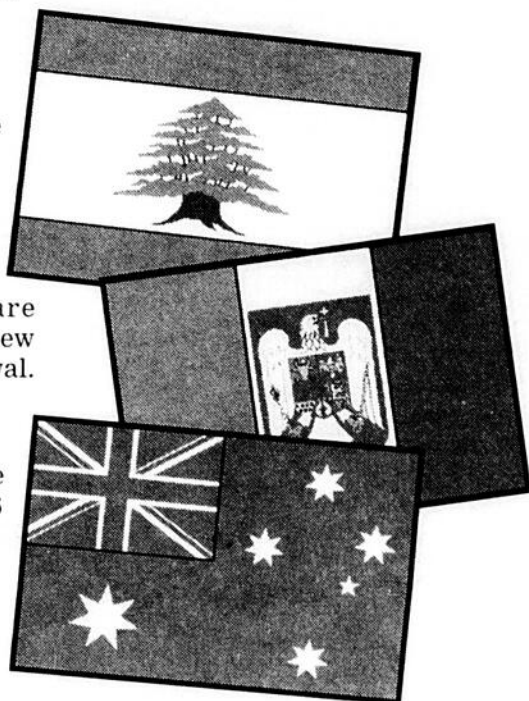
At five minutes to midnight, the lights are turned off and all the taps are turned on to empty out the water pipes. Families wait in silence for the new year to begin. At midnight, the lights are turned back on and the taps are turned off again. That way, the new year begins with a complete renewal.

In Romania:

Christmas is for children above all. The holiday starts around 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, as groups of children start going door to door singing carols or putting on plays, dressed as the Three Kings.

In Australia:

On Christmas morning, children open a red stocking filled with goodies and gifts. They spend the day doing sports, surfing, and having barbecues, because Christmas comes in summer in Australia!



The centuries-old tradition of exchanging gifts

Much as we modern consumers like to shop, we didn't invent the custom of exchanging gifts. It is a practice that dates back to the most

ancient tribes. In early societies, young children would be given offerings at important festivals. In 12th-century France, this evolved into the custom of presenting gifts in honour of Saint Nicholas, while nuns distributed gifts to the poorest members of society.



This custom rapidly spread throughout Europe, and was adopted by both rich and poor. Today, gift-giving has spread to all countries, but differs according to race, religion and culture. In Egypt, gifts are left at the foot of the bed while children sleep on the night of December 25. In Greece, gifts are exchanged on New Year's Day. In Hungary, treats and small gifts are left in children's shoes on December 6. In Vietnam, Christians give presents on Christmas Eve, while Buddhists celebrate Tet, the first day of the new year.

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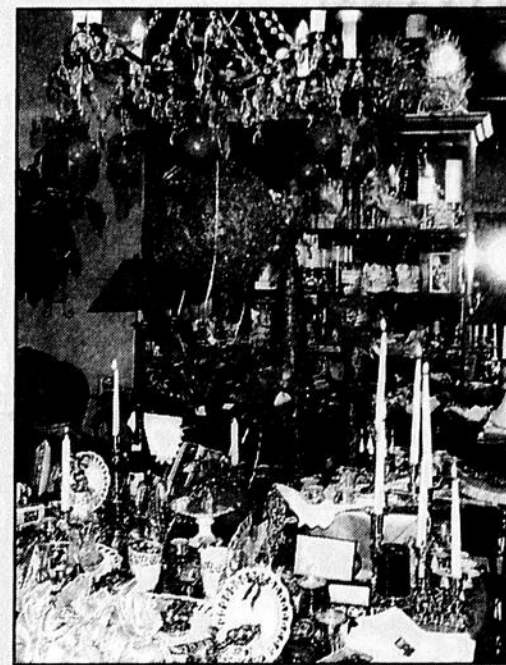
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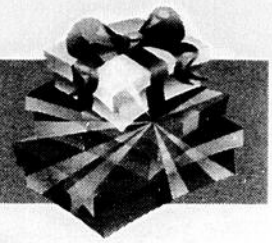
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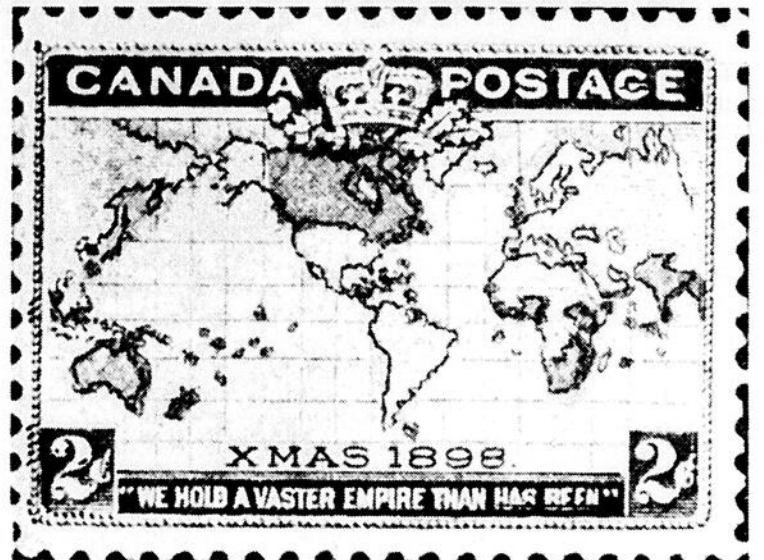
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a map of North America highlighting all the lands of the British Empire, and a legend which said, "We Hold A Vaster Empire Than Ever Has Been."

Mulock's objective was to propose a standard postal rate for all destinations in the British Empire. Despite its instant popularity, the Christmas stamp did not become an annual tradition until 1964. At that time, the stamps bore contemporary holiday images, and were worth three cents — the cost of sending a greeting card in an unsealed envelope.



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To maintain trouble-free digestion, drink herbal teas made of mint, verbena, camomile, thyme or rosemary. Or if you're not comfortable with herbal remedies, stick to a cup of hot water. A hot water bottle on the belly also helps.

Alcohol dehydrates the brain, which causes the infamous headache of a hangover. To avoid or reduce the pain, drink a lot of water during and after your alcoholic indulgence. The next day, pasta or foods high in protein can help set you straight.

To counteract the effects of the alcohol, it is a good idea to have a good meal before drinking, and to snack between sips.



Food attenuates the effects of alcohol by preventing it from passing too quickly into the blood.

Finally, to prevent exhaustion before the holidays even

begin, start shopping for gifts far ahead of time. The best plan is to go early in the day and have the store wrap everything for you. Even better, have them deliver it to your home.

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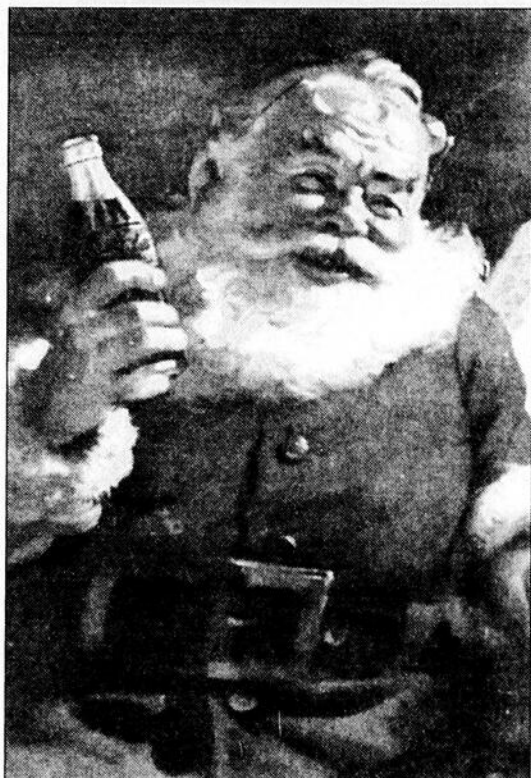
Coca Cola's Spokes-Santa

In 1860, the New York-based newspaper, Harper's Illustrated Weekly, published a famous illustration by caricaturist Thomas Nast. It envisioned Santa Claus in a red suit with white fur trim and a large black leather belt. For almost 30 years, Nast continued to illustrate the Santa legend.

In 1885, he fixed Santa's address with a drawing of two children looking at a map of the world on which Santa's journey was etched from the North Pole to the United States. The next year, the American writer George P. Webster elaborated on this idea, adding that Santa's toy workshop was well hidden under northern ice and snow.

In 1931, Father Christmas took on a new image in an advertising campaign for Coca Cola. Illustrator Haddon Sundbloom portrayed Santa as a man with a large belly, a friendly face, a jovial air and a debonair attitude. This image was used by Coca Cola for almost 35 years, and was later broadcast via television to children all over the world. Children's

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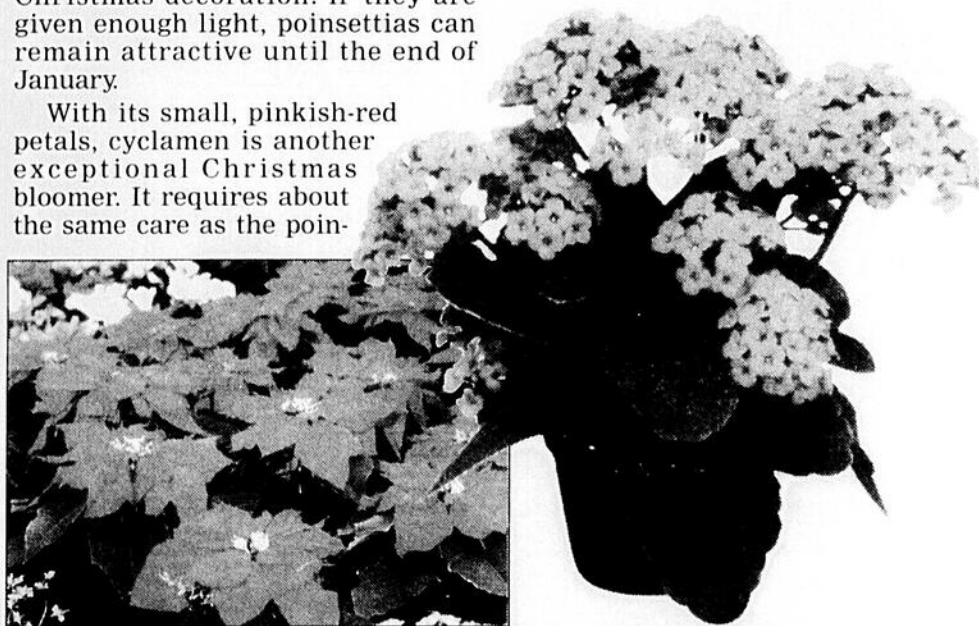
Christmas has many traditional floral emblems. But aside from the holly and the mistletoe, there are also many flowering plants that make great Christmas gifts.

In North America, the poinsettia rivals the spruce tree for seasonal popularity. Known in scientific circles as 'Euphorbia pulcherrima', this plant was discovered in Mexico in 1825 by Joel Robert Poinsett. Its bright red leaves make it the perfect Christmas decoration. If they are given enough light, poinsettias can remain attractive until the end of January.

With its small, pinkish-red petals, cyclamen is another exceptional Christmas bloomer. It requires about the same care as the poin-

settia, but can be placed in areas with lower light. In fact, although you can put it in front of a window, it does best away from direct sunlight.

Hibiscus, azalea, Christmas cactus and Norfolk Pine are also seasonal plants. In some countries, fruit tree branches are also part of the celebration. According to German tradition, the branches are cut on December 4, then put in a vase of water so that they flower at Christmas.



Santa's signature look



It's everyone's favourite image of Santa: a roly-poly man in a bright red suit trimmed with white fur. But who designed this smashing ensemble? If Christian Dior had been alive at the time, he would surely have coveted the

assignment. But the credit goes to an illustrator and cartoon-artist named Thomas Nast, who worked for Harper's Weekly. It wasn't until 1886 that Nast finally saw his design printed in colour.

Christmas tips & tricks

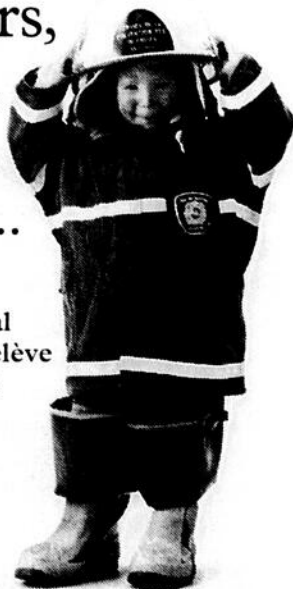
The holiday season is ripe with surprises and unexpected events. Some of these surprises are less festive than others, and to prevent them from putting a damper on the festivities, here are a few tips and tricks to keep in mind.

If a guest spills a glass of wine on the new carpet, one way to prevent a stain is to cover it with salt. But that technique leaves another mess to clean up. Instead, try pouring carbonated water on the spot and sponging it dry. Repeat. With a good shampoo, the carpet will be as good as new.

Cats tend to nibble on plants, but if your kitty feasts on the lush Christmas poinsettia, he may suffer from stomach cramps and diarrhea. Poinsettias are toxic to humans as well, so keep a close eye on visiting toddlers.

To prevent candles from dripping onto the tablecloth, place a few sprigs of cedar or spruce at the base of the candlesticks, using straight pins. But make sure you blow out the candle before the flame gets too close to the greenery.

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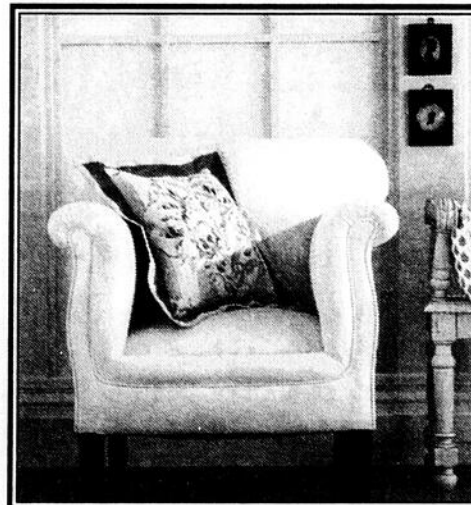
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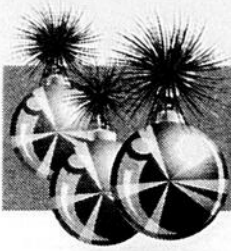
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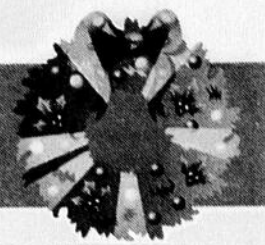
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Who would be Mrs. Claus?

Don't think that Santa Claus never had a love life... Five or six centuries ago, he was quite the looker. Cinderella would have doubtless agreed to marry him, if he had only asked her. But although he said he needed to keep all his energy for the children, the truth

was that he was in love with Esmeralda, a beautiful goat girl. He dreamed of travelling from town to town with her, on a flying sleigh. Unfortunately, the young beauty laughed in his face.

For years and years, he thought only about her. He started making terrible mistakes in his work, even getting lost in the skies... One year, it took him until December 26 to finish the job!

Despite Esmeralda's rejection, Santa retained hope in someday establishing a Claus family. The elves encouraged him to settle down, and at one time held meetings with the seven dwarves to discuss the possibility of a match with a certain raven-haired, white-skinned, ruby-lipped beauty of their acquaintance...

But Santa eventually found his Mrs. Claus, to the great happiness of the elves and reindeer alike. And together they live in the North Pole, happily ever after.



"Does Santa have milk and cookies in every house he visits?"

We spent Christmas in Florida when Sara was four years old. She was sure that Santa Claus would not be able to come because there was no snow. I told her that he would travel in the sky. She said that didn't make any sense, because it was just too hot for him. And that was it for Santa in our house."

-Mary, Sara's mom.

"When I told Sophie that we were going to wrap presents for poor kids, she said: Mommy, how come Santa doesn't give presents to poor kids? I was speechless."

-Helen, Sophie's mom

"Alex once told me that if Santa had a cookie and a glass of milk in everybody's house, he would feel sick to his stomach!"

-Louise, Alex's mom

"When Ellen asked me: why is there a Santa Claus? I explained that Christmas was two holidays in one: a religious occasion marking the birth of Jesus, and a celebration of love. And it was because we loved each other that we gave each other gifts. She answered: So what does Santa have to do with it?"

-Peter, Ellen's dad



How to say 'Merry Christmas', around the world

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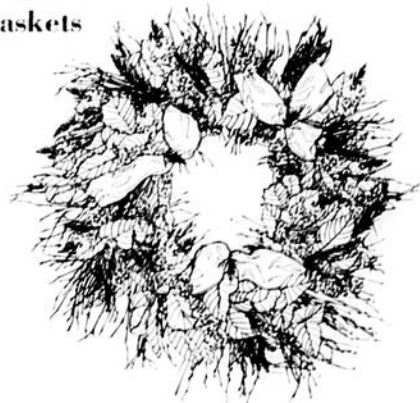
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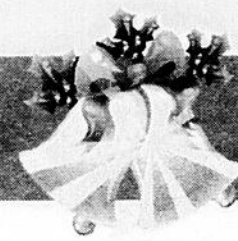
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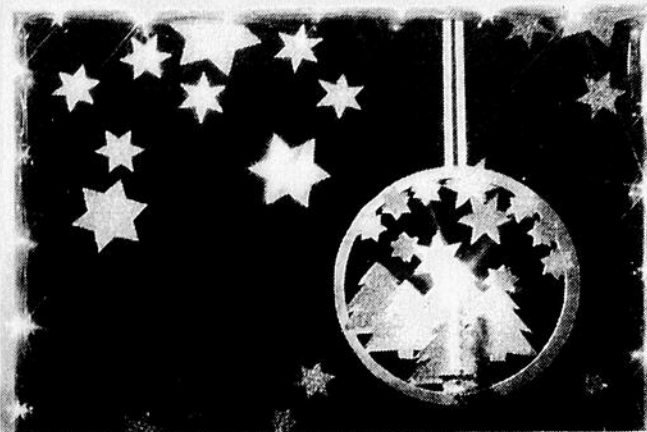




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The shining Christmas star



Using stars as Christmas decorations is a tradition that has very deep roots, not just in different families, but also in religion, in history, and in many countries around the world.

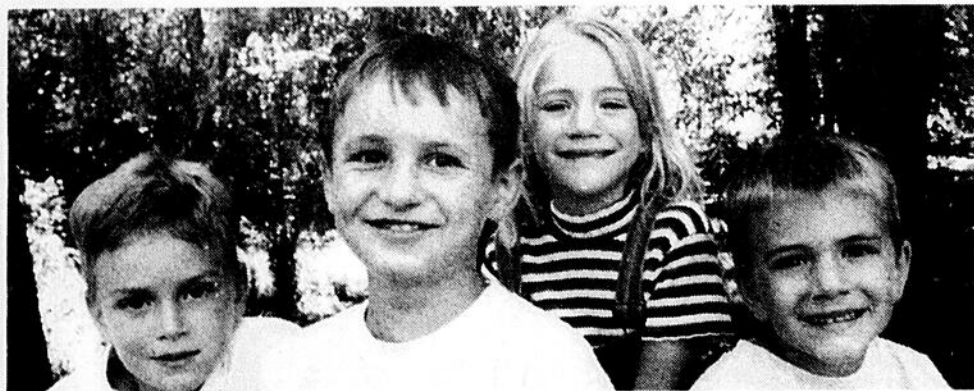
Throughout North America, whether it's made of metal or plastic, with electric or flashing lights, and in any size and shape, a star is placed on

top of the Christmas tree. In some families, the star must be placed at midnight, and if they really believe in tradition, placing the star is a job that falls to the youngest member of the family.

In Sweden, when groups of children sing Christmas carols, they carry a star attached to a stick. And throughout Advent, Swedes hang stars of all colours in their windows. In Germany, the star is one of the most precious symbols of the Nativity. In Finland, people make stars by hand with straw. And in the Philippines, the cities and villages are decorated with stars of all colours.

What role does the star play in your home?

Let the kids believe in Santa Claus!



Some early childhood specialists believe that the capacity to imagine wonderful things can influence a child's future. They say that believing in Santa Claus teaches children to dream up an ideal future for themselves, and to try to achieve their dreams. It doesn't matter if it's Santa Claus, Saint Nick or the baby Jesus—the important thing is that they believe in something wonderful.

Each family has its own Santa Claus story. In one home, Santa is an

old man who knocks on the door with a loud Ho Ho Ho. In another, he slips down the chimney despite his large belly. As long as the kids don't press for details, any story holds water.

According to psychologists, we should let children believe for as long as they want to believe. It is never "time to break it to them," because this can make kids feel deeply betrayed. By the age of seven, eight or nine, they simply outgrow it on their own.

Today's dolls... and yesterday's

Dolls have been a much-loved Christmas gift for generations of children, particularly little girls. The first dolls were invented thousands of years ago, made of natural materials and used in religious ceremonies. In modern times, dolls have been put to other uses. Some are used to promote fashion designers' clothing — Barbie wears dresses by Christian Dior, Yves Saint-Laurent and Valentino, for example. Dolls have also been used in medicine to teach anatomy. And today, dolls are the pride and joy of many a collector.

Doll houses have also been quite popular. They allow children to create their own universe, and invent games and situations that will amuse them for hours on end. In the beginning, doll houses were made by hand with very expensive materials. They were richly decorated and, not surprisingly, were bought by noble families and the very rich. Today, accessories for the afford-

able doll's world have expanded to include such items as the Barbie camper, in the image of outdoors-loving owners.



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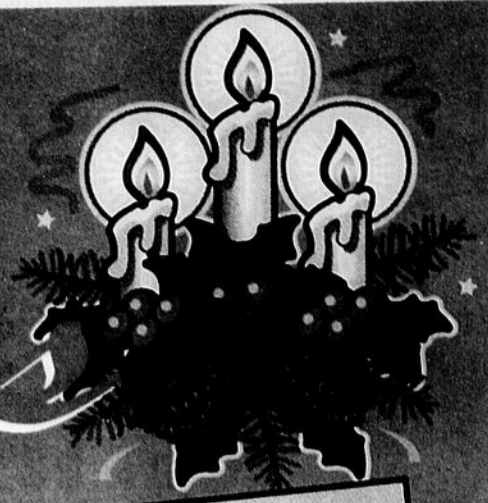
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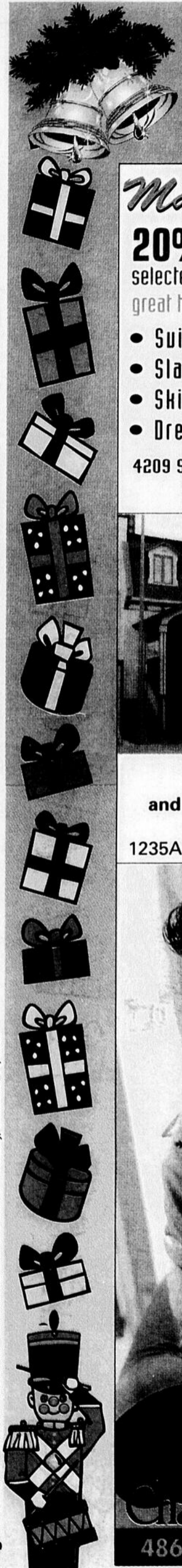
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INFLAMMATION, PART III

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WHAT ROLE HANS SEYLE PLAYED IN INFLAMMATION

THE INFLAMMATORY MODEL ACCORDING TO SEYLE

Hans Seyle was a Viennese researcher who moved to Canada where he achieved worldwide recognition for his research into the influence of stress on the living organism. His published works concerning GAS (General Adaptation Syndrome) surface in the bibliographies of all manner of scientific articles. Even today his ideas are still fostered at the Seyle and Toffler institute in Toronto, Canada.

The reaction to the influence of stress has two consecutive and alternating phases. As a result we get a self-regulating wave pattern which expands in time. Inflammation is an excellent stressor for the human body. When Seyle's model is applied to inflammation, we obtain the following.

The inflammation process does not evolve straightforwardly. Inflammation does not swell and then gradually diminish once it has passed the limit. It is a cyclical process with ups and downs and a wavy movement. This is mainly due to the self-regulating hormonal feedback system. The continuous feedback, in function of the present burdens, causes a repetitive inflammation, which will get less severe slowly but surely.

FIRST STAGE

The fig. shows us how an inflammation increases in the first phase (1). There is a definite growth of Th1 and Th2 activity. Mineral corticoids induce the inflammation. The tissue has been damaged and the acidity increases. The electric potential in the extra-cellular milieu around the inflammation increases (more electrolytes, higher acidity...). The

ground substance (see further) will be corrupted by acids. The clinical symptoms of the inflammation will become clearer. This first stage is called the shock phase.

SECOND STAGE

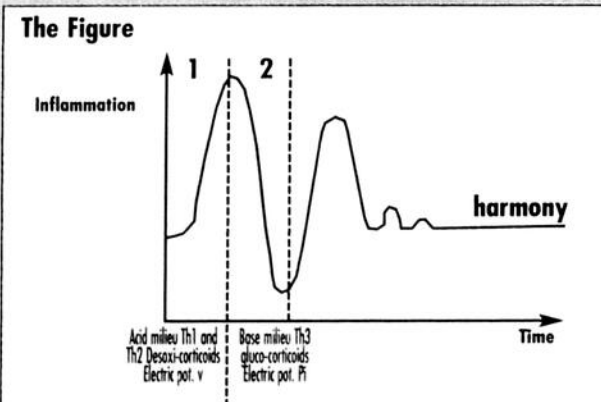
In a second stage (2), the anti-shock phase, we see a definite increase of Th3-cells, inhibiting the Th1 and Th2. The acid milieu becomes base, the electric potential lessens and the amount of own cortisone increases. All this will induce a recovery of the ground substance and tissue.

AFTER FIRST SCHOCK PHASE & FIRST ANTI-SHOCK PHASE, THE BODY WILL PRODUCE THE FOLLOWING

After a certain period of time the remaining homotoxins will induce a new shock phase, but to a much smaller extent than in the initial stage. In addition, this shock phase will be countered by a lighter anti-shock phase. Following this self-regulating method, we will eventually arrive at a balanced harmony, which is synonym of health.

The value of Seyle's model constitutes this self-regulation. In an effective organism the self-regulation feedback system that controls the inflammation, will only then cease to revive if there are no more foreign substances or damages. A lapse in this system can cause major intoxication: the body stops reacting against the homotoxins, or even worse, it starts attacking its own organism. We will discuss this aspect further on.

Seyle's model gives us another valuable argument against suppression on the inflammation.



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WHAT IMMUNOLOGICAL BYSTANDER REACTION PROF. H. HEINE DESIGN?

THE IMMUNOLOGICAL BYSTANDER REACTION ACCORDING TO PROF. HEINE

Prof. H. Heine is a histologist and worked for many years in the anatomic division of the university of Written-Herdecke in Germany. Since 1997, he is related to the Institute for "Antihomotoxische Medizin und Grundregulationsforschung". He performed pioneering research on the extra-cellular space, the anatomic-histological research

of acupuncture points and the immunological stimulation of antihomotoxic medicines.

At the end of 1997 he published the "Immunological Bystander reaction", a pharmacodynamic model (proven in vitro) for substances in the range of D1 to D14, containing proteins.

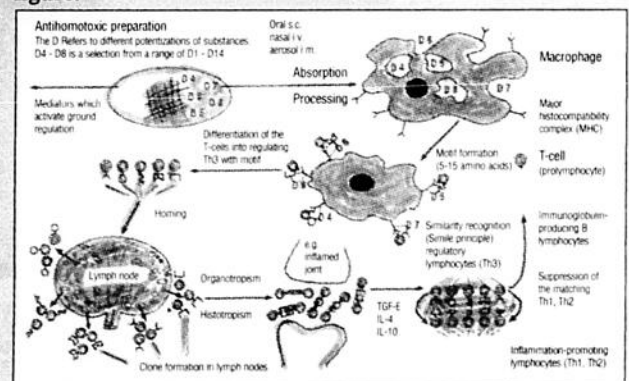
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In 1983, he founded the Italian Association of Homotoxicology & antihomotoxic biotherapy which many university are teaching it post-medical school.

Back to Prof. H. Heine & his genius model. See below the figure.



Heine's model is very important. It does not only prove that minute molecular concentrations stimulate an immunological reaction, but also explains the effect of all anti-inflammatory antihomotoxic preparations containing proteins, with as the main product Traumeel.

This figure is a very very very simplified version of Heine's model. Simplification has been provided by Dr. Bruno Van Brandt.

Dr. Bruno Van Brandt is a Belgian Md very knowledgeable as internist & homotoxicologist.

BACK TO PROF. H. HEINE

Where an antihomotoxic agent with low potentised proteins is introduced into the GRS (Ground Regulation System) patrolling macrophages will digest it almost completely. It does not matter whether the agents enter the body via the mucus (sublingual) or directly in the bloodstream or the GRS (injection). The residues are transported back to the macrophage surface in the form of short amino acid chains motifs. There they act like an antenna on the cell surface.

The motifs are recognised by passing T-lymphocytes, taken away from the macrophages and bound to receptors of their own. This is the signal for transformation into Th3-cells (regulatory lymphocytes). Since the Th3-cells contain proteins, they will be transported to the lymph nodes (homing) where they will be multiplied (cloning). The activated Th3-cells search for inflammation promoting lymphocytes (Th1, Th2, T4) from the inflammation area, which motifs are dependent on the foreign substances that caused the inflammation. The Th3-cell will look for lymphocytes with a similar motif (not equal, but following the simile principle). As soon as the similarity is confirmed, the Th3-cells immediately start with the synthesis of the highly active TGF-B (Transforming Growth Factor B), which will decrease the activity of the Th1 and Th2 lymphocytes.

Look for part 4 in next week's Examiner.

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Rigelhof pens the definitive CanLit guide

Marilynn Vanderstay

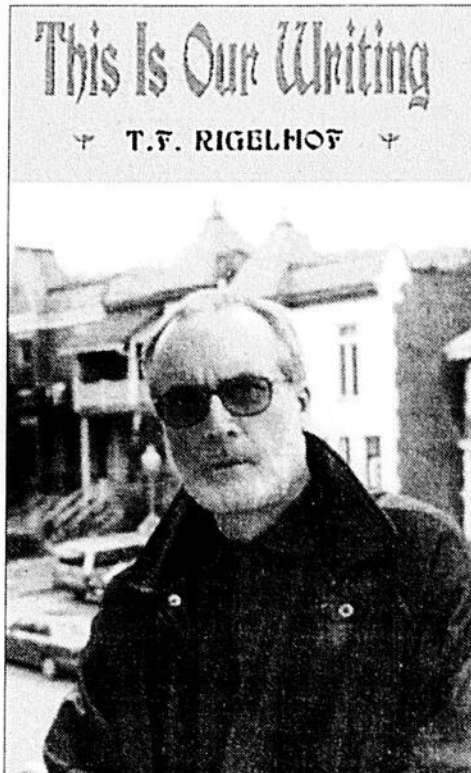
Award-winning author Terry Rigelhof's latest book, 'This is Our Writing', is a feast for readers of Canadian literature.

The Dawson College professor of ancient literatures knows Canadian literature the same way an excellent chef knows his ingredients and techniques. For the novice reader who seeks a good starting point to learn what makes good Canadian literature, to the Canadian literature aficionado who is looking for a source to deliberate with, 'This is Our Writing' is the book to read.

'This is Our Writing' is a collection of eleven essays in which the author asks what is best in what has been written by Canadians in the 20th century.

Rigelhof has earned the right to critique Canadian literature. In his lifetime, he has read more books by Canadian authors than most Canadians can remember authors. For the last 20 years he has been a book reviewer for a variety of Canadian periodicals, including the Globe and Mail for whom he currently writes a monthly review.

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The cover of Terry Rigelhof's latest book features the author with his beloved Grosvenor Avenue in the background

our society's erratic spiritual pulse," the one time seminarian has not

bought into the popular opinion of what is and isn't good Canadian literature. Instead he challenges it by holding each work up to a plumb line of his own values.

In his introduction he writes "I read for nourishment and avoid the quick fix of junk food whenever possible. I live and eat and read a lot of things, some much better than others. I crave fibre and freshness that ranges from pungent to subtle goodness too. In food. In books."

From this perspective Rigelhof has written 'This is Our Writing' on the kitchen table in his flat on Grosvenor Avenue.

But not only is Grosvenor Avenue featured prominently in the book as the home of the author, collaborator Gabor Szilasi, artists Philip Surrey and Goodridge Roberts and writer Ray Smith, Westmount itself is a main element.

With entire chunks of the book devoted to Leonard Cohen and Mordecai Richler, Rigelhof seems to have written this gem as a Canadian in general and a Westmounter in particular.

The book includes a listing of what Rigelhof believes to be the 12 very best books written in Canada in the

20th century. But it is more than a critique. It is also a personal account of the life of being a Canadian author at the turn of the 20th century. His personal anecdotes, woven around his essays, makes the reader feel as if he is having a conversation with the author over an afternoon tea rather than just reading a collection of essays and opinions.

To that end, Rigelhof has also included in the book a collection of previously unpublished photographs by neighbour and acclaimed documentary photographer Gabor Szilasi. Two of the photographs are of Leonard Cohen who Rigelhof regards not only as a poet, but as an excellent novelist. One of the photos, a shot of Mordecai Richler taken in 1973, was published in the Canadian Time Magazine, but, since Rigelhof moved to Montreal from Regina to be part of Duddy Kravitz's Canada, it was fitting to include it.

The rest are those which Rigelhof and Szilasi just selected to be in the book. "The book is a personal view of English Canadian literature that I was pleased to collaborate in," says Szilasi.

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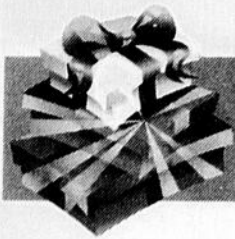
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COLOUR DOMINATES LAZAR HART EXHIBITION



'Morning/Matin' by Susan Lazar Hart

Marilynn Vanderstay

Westmount artist Susan Lazar Hart's current exhibition 'Gleanings' at the Han Art Contemporain gallery is an interesting collection of techniques, media and colour—bright, bold, vivid colour that lights up the gallery with life.

The collection of 26 recent works were painted in the mixed media of oil and encaustic to create what Lazar calls "the interaction of vision, intuition, light and reflection." The highly-textured encaustic technique calls for the mixing of pigment with hot wax, which is then applied quickly to the canvas before the wax can harden.

It also provides Lazar with the perfect medium to express her love of colour. 'Edge of Day', for example, uses a bright, bold series of reds painted in an 'abstract impressionist' style to create a vivid abstract landscape. In 'Reflections' however, Lazar uses layers of horizontal colour to capture abstract trees reflected in a body of water.

"This body of work evolves from the unconscious world we carry within us, part documentary, part subliminal, and part sublime," Lazar says of her inspiration for the series. "Here, space becomes a subject in itself, a continuous field of illusion, atmosphere, and colour."

The large 'Series 2-2,' is a wonderful, bold canvas brimming with life,

again featuring Lazar's underlying theme of trees.

An interesting ensemble of four small paintings recreate the same scene captured from dusk to dark. The progression of evening is painted starting with a daytime of oranges and reds to purples to reflect evening. In 'Morning', her reds and oranges light up the wall with the sensation of the morning sun; bright, sunny, again full of life.

The collection also includes a series of five small 7" by 9" paintings that are part of a daily painting diary Lazar worked on over a period of two years. The works are personal glimpses into the feelings and thoughts Lazar had as she painted

daily. The works are fascinating in that their size is small, yet again reflect Lazar's bold use of colour. The diary was created on raw-edged paper using the same encaustic media as the larger paintings, again giving an interesting texture to the work.

Born in Montreal, Lazar has a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Concordia University and a master's degree in fine arts from Vermont College of Norwich University. She was recently invited to talk about her work at the Creative Arts Workshop in New Haven, Connecticut.

'Gleanings', the recent work of Susan Lazar Hart, runs through Dec. 23 at Han Art Contemporain, 460 Ste. Catherine West.

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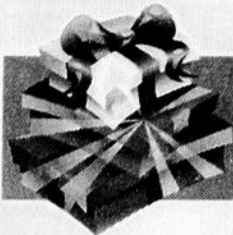
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PETTY RAISES TOYS FOR KIDS

Westmounter spearheads toy drive at annual Ogilvy's event

Jennifer Cox

Tea for two? How about a tea for toys? The ninth annual Toy Tea for children at Ogilvy's last week continued providing new toys for the children of battered women at 25 shelters across Montreal.

On the top floor of the ritzy downtown department store, walls of building blocks, stuffed animals, and puzzles greeted guests. In Tudor Hall,

women surrounded the long table of tea and snacks, while others gathered at the end of the room to watch the boys' choir from Selwyn House sing 'Frosty the Snowman.'

"We invited 3,500 women, mostly from Westmount," said organizer Ginger Petty, who has been putting the event together for nine years. "We collect toys for the children of battered women. The children are so appreciative, and the mothers are so appreciative."

Admission to the Toy Tea was by invitation only, and guests were asked to bring at least one non-violent toy to donate. After putting on a name tag, women turned in their board game, pretty doll or art supplies to add to the piles before them.

"This year's goal is 4,000 toys," Petty said. "There are between 2,500 and 3,000 kids, so leftovers go to mothers or are used on birthdays. No toy is unused."



Among the guests who mingled that afternoon were some of the homeless women from the various shelters involved in the project. "This is open to every woman who loves children," Petty said. "Each of the shelters sent one woman to represent (them)."

Danielle Pare, wife of the CEO at Ogilvy, and Patti Giffin, wife to the Ambassador of the United States, contributed as well.

The Toy Tea has not only brought attention to the battered women and children of the city. Selwyn House, an all-boys school, participated in the event and has recently been educating its students on domestic abuse. "A social worker was sent to speak about violence in the home," said Petty. "I'm so proud of them. I praise the innovative idea of talking to kids about anger."

Petty hopes that the success in raising awareness continues to grow, not only with the Toy Tea but also by encouraging others.

"I want people to use this idea in other cities," she said. "You start small and grow. Everyone needs to take care of their own backyard."

Companies like Suzy Shier and Mega Blok were of great help this year. Petty said. "Ogilvy has been a big supporter as well."

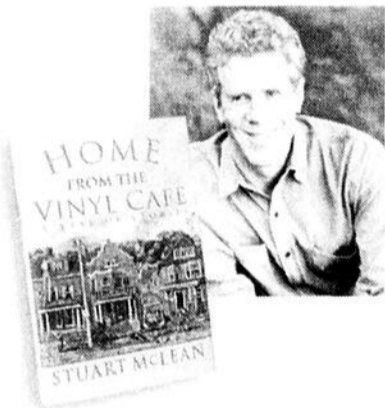
And as women sipped the last bit of tea from their white cups and slowly began streaming out of the department store, no one could help but notice the toys that now built an entire room around the entrance.

"I'm not a fundraiser," said Petty with a chuckle. "I'm a 'toy-raiser'."

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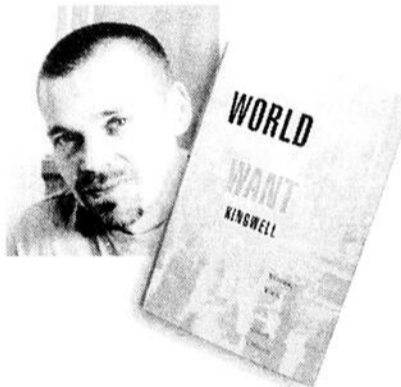
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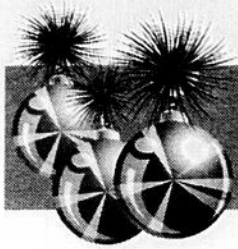
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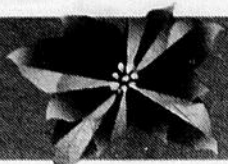
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BROWNSTEIN GOES FOR A WILD RIDE AT THE CARNIVAL

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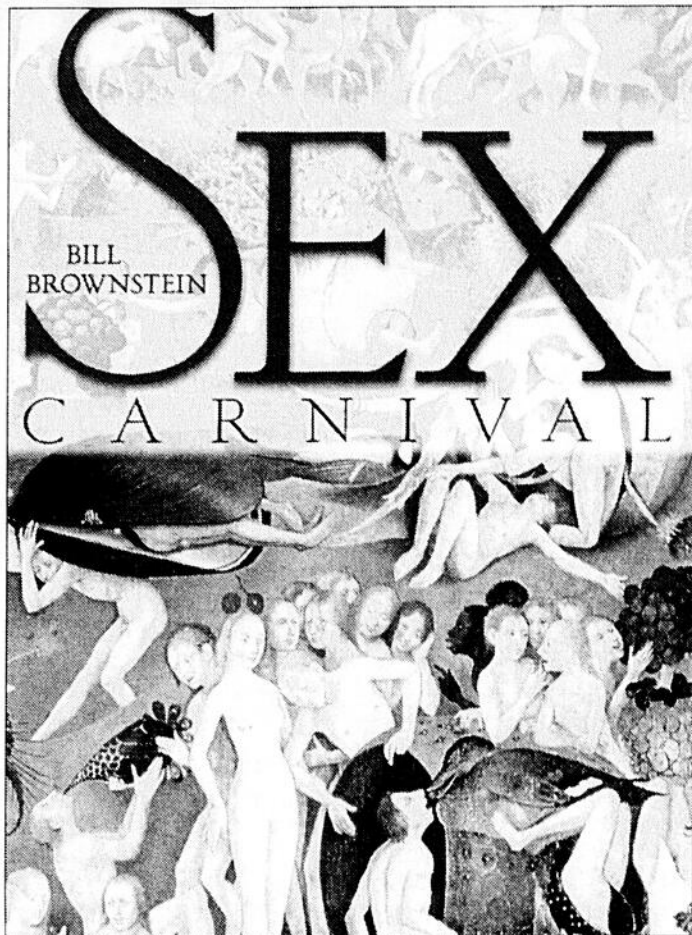
From interviews with the legendary Hugh Hefner and dominatrix Mistress Otter, to visits to Amsterdam's Sex and Erotic Museums and Montreal's own Fetish Night at Club Cream, Westmounter Bill Brownstein went on a strange and engaging odyssey for six months.

The popular Gazette columnist visited the sex capitals of North America and Europe, and ended up depicting his adventures in his new book 'Sex Carnival.'

"It was fascinating, numbing, and eye-popping," Brownstein said three days after the official launching of the book. "I saw things I'd never seen before—and I've been writing for 20 years. It was overwhelming on some levels."

The reader immediately becomes aware of this intensity when Chapter One opens in Las Vegas at the porno Oscars, and adult movie star Tristan Taormino is graciously thanking Buttman for giving her the opportunity to give a great performance. Brownstein's trek then leads him to some of the most romantic—and sexual—cities of the world, like Los Angeles and the intriguing Playboy Mansion, the Big Apple and its hardcore S&M clubs, the incredibly open-minded Amsterdam, the always-sensual Paris, and finally back home sweet (and naughty) home. The sites are something to see, and Brownstein seduces the reader with vivid images and witty dialogue.

Take, for instance, Brownstein's account of his visit with Hugh Hefner: "And then Hef shows up, exactly as billed, sporting black pajamas and red smoking jacket and clutching a Diet Pepsi... Even if he had a few surgical nips around the face, as goes the buzz, he looks grand for seventy-four... 'When I was a small boy,' he confides, 'I had a blanket that had bunny rabbits on it... I kept it on my bed. I had a mastoid operation when I was about six. When I was recovering, my parents bought me a dog... But the dog got



Bill Brownstein's 'Sex Carnival'

sick, so I put my bunny blanket on him to keep him warm. The dog only lived a couple of weeks. When he died, they took my bunny blanket away and burned it.' Hef is misty-eyed. 'So I was determined then to create a Bunny Empire.' Citizen Kane back off."

Of the many interviews Brownstein conducted over the course of those six months, his visit with Hefner remained one of the most memorable. Was it because he caught a "fleeting glimpse of Playmate of the Year Jodi Ann Paterson in the driveway" or was treated to a bottle of Playboy water? "Hefner's public image is that he's created a mystique," Brownstein said on a serious note. "But he was exceedingly moral and very articulate."

The book plunges into an

encounter with a woman in Amsterdam, "a grandmotherly type wearing the sort of loungewear you never want to see your own grandma sporting," who insists that there is nothing vulgar going on in the city's red light district—and you might believe her because, after all, she's grandmotherly.

Then the reader is whisked off to Paris and places like the Crazy Horse cabaret, who's women Brownstein described as "arguably the most gorgeous in the world."

Back home in Montreal, the writer takes the opportunity to speak with some of the most honest and decent adult entertainers out there, like Lexei Bacci, who was quoted as saying, "I'm here to prove I can be an exhibitionist as well as a damn smart businesswoman."

In his research, Brownstein made his way through the Salon de l'Amour et Seduction held annually at the Palais des Congres—who knew Montreal had become so ooh la la? "Along with Amsterdam, Montreal must be the most civilized sex capital in the galaxy," he writes.

Porno actress Bacci also said, "Hopefully I can sell my brain as well as my butt in my films." Although it may sound ridiculous, Brownstein says that 'mainstream' females are becoming increasingly involved in the adult entertainment industry, most of which are highly

intelligent and educated women. "As bizarre as it may seem, most porn stars differentiate what they do as a job and then going home to their husbands or long-term relationships," he said. "A lot of porno producers are women now. Times are changing. These women are very much aware of what they're doing."

Although Brownstein covered some of the most sensual and expressive cities on the planet, the book leaves you curious about what else is happening in foreign countries, at the far ends of the earth, that may be beyond our wildest dreams. "There's a whole other world in places like Asia, and while researching and finding these 'subcultures,' I discovered a lot more," he said.

With the release of this book, the question now is will the 'Sex Carnival' pilgrimage continue with a sequel? "There could well be," Brownstein said.

'Sex Carnival' by Bill Brownstein (ECW Press) is currently available at most bookstores.

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HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE



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Westmount schools are teaching our children the spirit of human compassion.

On the evening of November 20, the snow began to fall. In its full magical glory, the flurries continued their descent into the following day.

Thankfully this blanketing has erased the dreary November monotone reuniting us with the beauty of winter's wonderland. But more importantly, with its arrival, the holiday feeling has quietly made its entry.

From behind closed doors, the first snowfall may be a welcoming sight. But if you're driving or walking without the proper equipment, this wintry feeling is not a good one. In the routine of most years, we may have left the changing of tires to the last minute, and the car brush seems to have disappeared along with last year's hats, mitts and scarves. Winter panic usually erupts with the first snow, as many people, including myself, leave the organization for this season to the final moment. Doesn't this procrastination system fall into accordance with that last minute search for Hanukkah and Christmas gifts? We are aware that the holidays are coming, so why do we shop frantically the week before? Did we think that they'd come later this year or is rushing just part of that annual tradition?

The 2000 calendar has Christmas and Hanukkah overlapping, making December truly festive. Educating the children to understand and appreciate the variety of holidays and the ways they are celebrated enriches the mind. It also opens the doors of acceptance towards the appreciation of all humankind.

This year, discuss the concepts of the other holidays occurring at this time of year with your kids and watch their interest rise.

Christmas

This year it falls on Monday, Dec. 25 and no one can ever forget this date, as the media promotion is everywhere. Christmas is the annual celebration honouring the birth of Jesus Christ. This festival has included many elements from earlier Pagan celebrations. Evergreens, holly and mistletoe are from earlier Celtic, Norse and German celebrations of the Winter Solstice. In North America, Christmas is a religious and a secular winter holiday. Crafts gifts and cards are exchanged and families reunite to share this special time.

Hanukkah

This Hebrew word means dedication and Hanukkah, 'the holiday of

lights', begins at sundown on Dec. 21. In contrast to Christmas, Hanukkah is more of a celebration than religious holiday. It celebrates the liberation of Jerusalem and the rededication of the Temple. When the Hebrews were preparing to rededicate the Temple, they only found enough oil for the Temple for one day. According to legend, the oil lasted for eight days. The lighting of candles for eight consecutive nights has become the way to celebrate Hanukkah. Gifts, chocolates and dreidals are distributed to the children and traditional foods are prepared.

Kwanza

This African-American holiday started in the United States in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga and begins this year on Tuesday, Dec. 26. Kwanza, a Swahili word meaning 'first fruits of the harvest', began as a holiday for African Americans to learn about their customs and culture. It lasts for seven days and each of the days represents one of the seven reasons or principles of Kwanzaa.

In many of our schools, celebrations are taking shape and through my numerous phone calls I made this enlightening discovery. The kids are not as preoccupied with the material aspects that December promotes. Our schools are teaching our children the true sentiments of the holiday season by doing something about the less fortunate. With the guidance of the teachers and principals, they are bringing joy to others. After conversing with many of the Westmount elementary schools, not only was I impressed with what they related to me, but I also had a difficult time keeping a dry eye in the process. The spirit of the holidays is alive and well and here's what I found out:

Akiva School, 450 Kensington: Here the Hanukkah spirit is in full force. The teachers have been busy integrating the holiday into science, math, art, and music. Reflecting upon the Hanukkah symbol, several activities involving pressing oil are planned. On Dec. 18, Akiva students will be watching the play 'Miriam's Well' by Aviva Ravel, and on Dec. 22 the school will have a Hanukkah assembly. As always, the school's charitable component involves the kids in the collection of non-perishable kosher food which will be donated to Mercaz. Teaching the students a true comprehension of their heritage reinforces the holiday's historical background.

St. George's Primary, 3685 The Boulevard: The holiday theme of giving is reflected at St. George's. According to Director Beatrice Lewis, community service is always emphasized. Christmas presents are delivered to St. Anne's Veteran's Hospital, used clothing and toys are sent to Tyndale St. George (Community Centre) and every class sponsors a family, providing them with presents, non-perishable items and meat. Fundraising is ongoing, with a holiday bake sale and Babar Book Store

sets up a book fair encouraging books as gifts. The parents partake in the demonstration of traditional holiday baking and a rabbi will visit with an oil press to talk to the kids about Hanukkah. Winter concerts will be held on Dec. 14 and 15, and a theatre production on the last day of school will culminate the end of their 2000 school year.

Roslyn School, 4699 Westmount Avenue: "It's definitely my favourite time of year," says school secretary Debbie Hanley. "I'm here in the office and I love to organize with the rest of the school." The children's special gifts are sent to St. Margaret's, a long-term facility for the elderly on Hillside. Last year, 96 of these residents were provided with a washcloth-wrapped package consisting of small toiletries and a stuffed animal. This year the gifts will be packaged in child-painted shoeboxes and delivered by the children. Each class at Roslyn has been collecting food for the needy and the class who obtains the most will enjoy a pizza lunch. When entering the school, be on the lookout for a gigantic toy-filled Christmas stocking. These toys will be delivered to Tyndale St. George and The Salvation Army. Thanks to the Roslyn School children, many individuals will have a reason to rejoice.

ECS, 525 Mount Pleasant: A delivery truck is a necessity to transport what this school collects. Principal Susyn Borer enthusiastically emphasized their committed effort in the preparation of Christmas baskets to make the holidays special for the less fortunate. All the grades donate perishable and non-perishable items to fill their baskets, which are sent to The Woman's Shelter. A relaxed day of no uniform for the sum of two dollars from each student raises money for Passages, a place for homeless girls. A unique holiday concert entitled 'Simple Gifts', signifying random acts of kindness, was held on Dec. 6. The lessons of unselfish deeds are always accentuated at ECS.

Westmount Park School, 15 Park Place: Seasonal activities are in session for the students at Westmount Park School. Principal Paul Saunders described the special interaction of our community in making this a meaningful time of year. Last Sunday a group of approximately 50 children attended a holiday party hosted by Merck Frosst at their location in Dollard des Ormeaux. In conjunction with Westmount's Bank of Montreal, a food, toy and clothing drive for the school has been organized, and all collections will be sent St. Columba House and Tyndale St. George. Kim Sherwood of the Gospel Choir will hold a concert at the school on Dec. 21. Giving is what the holidays are about at Westmount Park School.

The Priory School, 3120 The Boulevard: This elementary school must truly house Santa Claus's young helpers. Every child fills stockings with necessities and fun items for St. Gabriel's and even their multicultural holiday concert requires a non-perishable food item to enter. These dona-

tions are sent to the Share the Warmth Food Bank. But a unique highlight, organised by the teachers, is the Santa's Flea Market. Not only do the students get to clean their drawers at home, but they can do some holiday shopping as well. All the kids are asked to raid their house for anything in good condition to bring to school. Older kids help the younger ones shop and wrap, and in this way smaller children can surprise their parents with gifts that they purchased themselves. All the fun then leads to what this whole event is about. All proceeds are distributed to the Children's Hospital, the Quebec Association of Disabled, plus other charitable causes. Every year the grade five classes take an excursion to the Montreal Association For the Blind, where they partake in tea and singing. Are we sure that elves don't exist?

Selwyn House, 95 Côte St. Antoine: Once more there's another Westmount school to the rescue for the needy. Director Carol Manning was delighted and proud when describing what the boys at Selwyn were doing for the community. Each homeroom prepares a Christmas basket filled with a week's worth of groceries for a woman's shelter and for St. Gabriel's Parish. On Dec. 6 the grade three classes attended the Ogilvy's Tea. To enter and sing there, each child had to bring a toy, which was then donated to shelters for battered women. The students will also be having their school celebration with their Dec. 21 concert. Accentuation on the meaning of helping the less fortunate is what makes this time of year so rewarding to these children.

Let's recognize our kids for the acts of kindness and acknowledge what our schools are teaching our kids. To feel compassion for others is truly what life is all about, and kids, you have succeeded in learning that special lesson.

Kidz Notes

Recommended holiday books

'Moosetoe' by Margie Palatini, 'The Little Crooked Christmas Tree' by Michael Cutting and Ron Broda, 'Latkes and Applesauce: A Hanukkah Story' by Fran Manushkin.

Entertainment

Dec. 17: 'Alice In Wonderland' at Stewart Hall, 176 Lakeshore Drive, Pointe Claire. Presented by Tricycle Productions. For more information, call (514) 630-1220.

Dec. 23: Christmas activities on the ice-skating rink of the Atrium le 1000 de la Gauchetiere. Call (514) 393-0555.

Just a short note to all the Kidzness readers; Have a happy and safe holiday season. Be ready for next year's column catered to kid-oriented living and learning. Let us know what made your holiday special. Fax your comments to (514) 484-6028 or e-mail us at Kidzness@hotmail.com.

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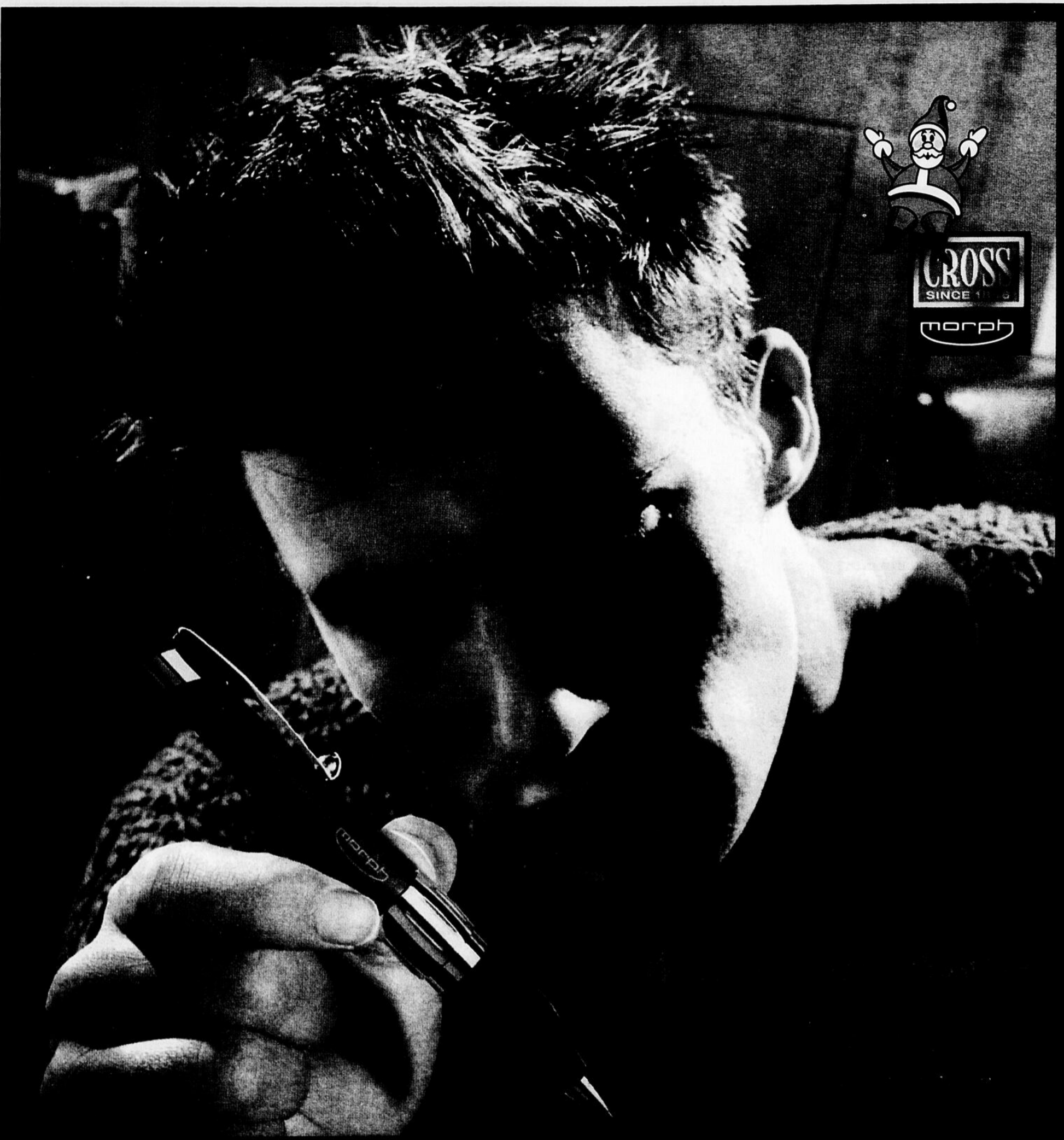


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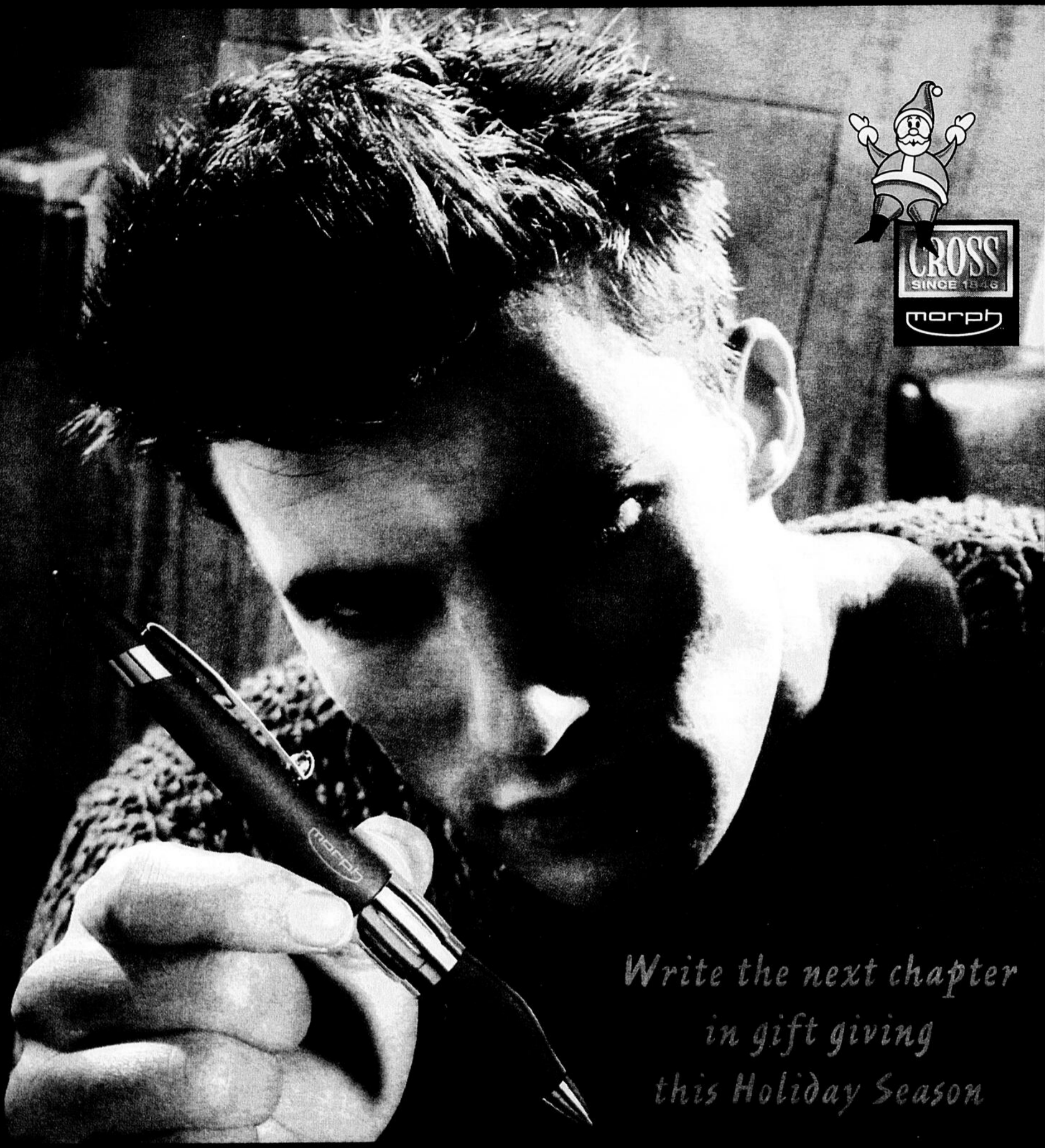
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Patrick A. Kerkhoven

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The goal of the single-page pamphlet is to empower tenants who live in Westmount by providing important phone contacts to various organizations and City departments.

"For whom the guide is useful to, although they may be few are far between, are the elderly people who may be facing rising rents that they can't afford and pressure from their landlord," said James Griffin of the WMA, who has been overseeing the project since its inception.

"An elderly person, for example a lady whose husband has passed away, can feel very lonely when there's a difficult situation with her apartment. She may feel as though no one will go to bat for her. The guide will hopefully lead her to pick up the phone and get some help. The Contactivity Centre or the Regie (de logement) are only a call away."

Concern over the pamphlet arose when the City printed numerous copies in order to distribute them at the end of the summer. The printing was done, however, after the City hired a graphic artist to revamp the appearance of the guide without formal consultation with the WMA, which had produced the first draft.

After finally receiving a copy of the new version, the WMA conducted a survey at Contactivity Centre to determine which version of the guide was easier to grasp.

When the majority of seniors picked the original WMA draft, the City did not distribute its version. Further consultation among city councillors led to the addition of a new introductory paragraph, titled 'Your landlord is key', as the City had deemed the draft to be overly biased against landlords.

"There were several councillors who were landlords who wanted the added text," said city councillor Barbara Moore. "It took a while to get it out, but council worked in a small group with members of the WMA, and we were satisfied with it. If we weren't, it wouldn't have gone out."

The final version of the pamphlet incorporates the style of the first draft with the added information of the second, making all parties content.

The confusion over the pamphlet also led to the City publicly discussing its printing policies for literature that is distributed to citizens of Westmount during its monthly council meeting in November.

"I'm reasonably satisfied with the result," said Griffin. "It's now out there for the tenant in need."

The pamphlet is currently available at Victoria Hall, Contactivity Centre, the Westmount Library, the Westmount YMCA and through the Westmount Municipal Association.

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Andy Dodge, CRA

Westmount appears already to be in the middle of its spring surge in real estate prices, with markups soaring as supply dwindles.

There appears to be plenty of money ready to invest in Westmount real estate, perhaps coming out of the stock market or the dot-com industry, the stronger U.S. dollar and, generally, the recovering economy locally. The confidence in local real estate belies the threats of municipal amalgamation and higher taxes down the line.

Two sales over \$1 million, five more over \$600,000, seven between \$400,000 and \$600,000 and only two lower than that (including one share sale) are indications of how strong the Westmount market has become.

In November last year, the normal fall sell-off of houses which had not moved during the summer months pulled the value of the 'typical'

Westmount house down to \$544,000; this year the market bottomed out in August and has been soaring ever since, pushing \$675,000 and threatening to go even higher! The market is now between 20 and 25 per cent higher than it was in mid-1999, the basis for the new valuation roll, so homeowners receiving tax bills next month should not consider their valuations representative of current market value.

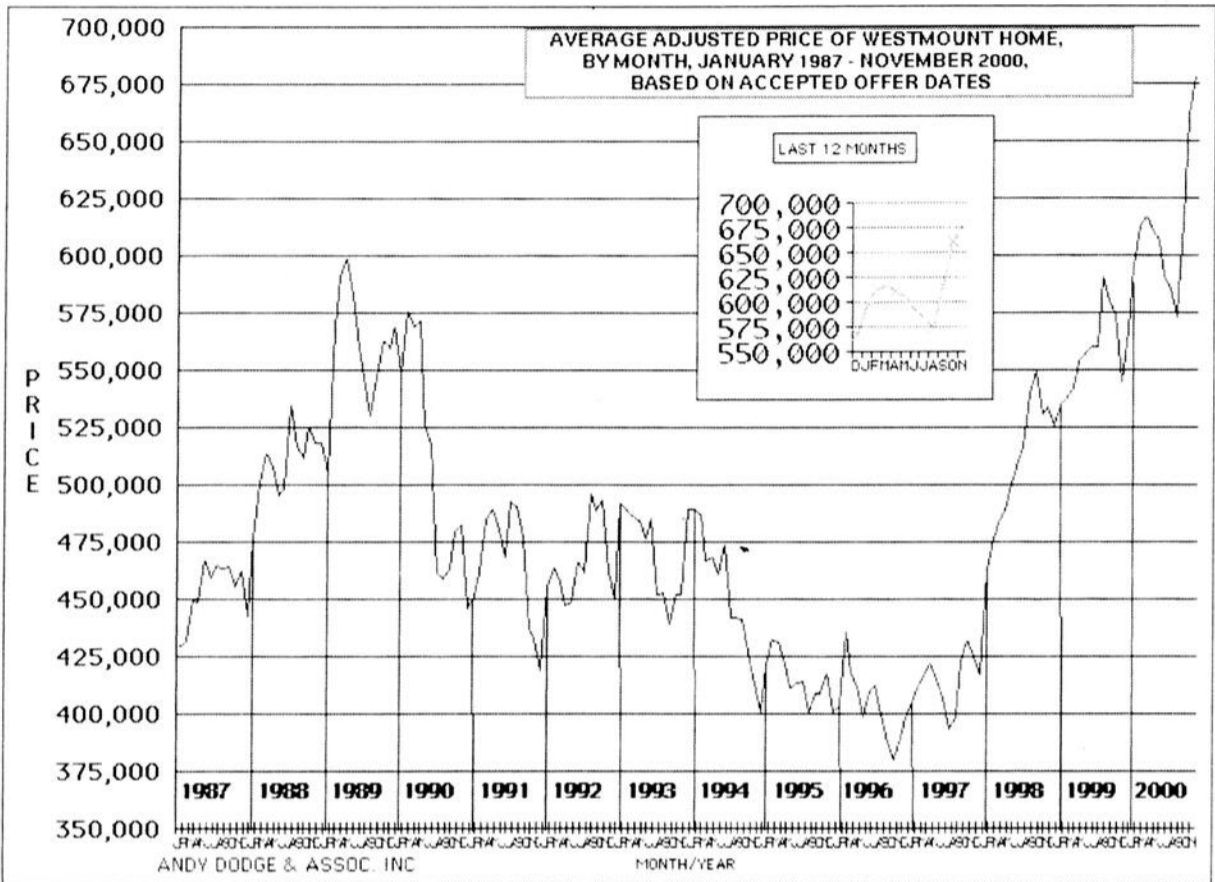
Volume is down slightly from the last three years, but considering the very short supply of houses it is actually very strong. The average number of days on market was 70, and in fact four properties were exposed for less than a week. The average is the

lowest in the past two years, an indication not only that a typical property can move quickly, but also that most of the backlog of overpriced houses has been swallowed up.

The adjacent-Westmount market is soaring, too, with prices climbing upwards of 20 per cent this year compared with last year, and volume equal to last year among one- and two-family

dwelling, up noticeably among condominiums (mainly downtown).

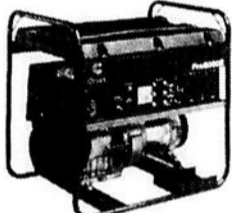

November saw six houses and one full duplex selling to the north of Westmount, four to the west, two to the east and two more in the 'Golden Square Mile' district. Agents report 19 sales of condominiums and co-operatives in the central Montreal area, keeping the same pace as has been recorded throughout the year.



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Thursday, Dec. 14

The Westmount Historical Association's fall lecture series concludes its look at family-owned Westmount businesses with A.H. Campbell Gallery and Fine Art Framers, at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library. Admission is free for WHA members, \$5 for non-members. Info: 925-1404.

Farfalu Gallery holds an exhibition of members' work at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave. Vernissage is at 7 p.m. Info: 488-9558

Sunday, Dec. 17

'Bach's Christmas', featuring Studio de musique ancienne de Montreal, will be performed at St. Léon de Westmount Church, 4311 de Maisonneuve, at 4:30 p.m. (Cantatas I, II and III) and 7:30 p.m. (Cantatas IV, V and VI). For ticket info, call 861-2626.

Monday, Dec. 18

Marriage Information Meeting at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., at 5:30 p.m. Couples

considering intermarriage or conversion by one partner before marriage are invited to attend in order to learn of Temple's policies and practices with Rabbi Leigh Lerner and Temple administrator Ron Boro. Info: 937-3575.

Thursday, Dec. 21

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights: Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom will hold a candle-lighting ceremony at the front steps of Westmount City Hall from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Info: 989-5314.

Ongoing

Westmount Toastmasters Club will not meet on Thursday, Dec. 14, or Thursday, Dec. 21. Regular weekly meetings will resume on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001 at 7 p.m. in the Ward Room, Victoria Hall. Call 484-1807 for further information.

Help the YMCA make Christmas brighter for children in need. We are collecting new, unwrapped toys which will be distributed by the Pointe St. Charles YMCA to those in need of assistance. Toys may be dropped off at the Westmount YMCA or the TD Bank on Greene Avenue or the Claremont and Sherbrooke branch.

Entraide Bénévole Métro, a non-profit organization that offers free services for seniors in the downtown and Westmount area is looking for volunteers to accompany seniors to medical appointments, do grocery shopping or drop by for friendly visits and walks. Contact Dominique or Lily at 939-9575.

Soccer 101: Free indoor training program of initiation to soccer (practice and games) for boys 4 and 5 years old takes place each week in a local gym. To register call coach Jan Spaniel at 931-0881.

Westmount Healthy City Project: Have a health problem? Consult the health data base in the Westmount Public Library.

The Westmount Youth Orchestra rehearses every Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Victoria Hall with conductor Mark Simons. Everybody who likes to see an orchestra rehearsing is welcome to drop in between 12 and 1. Young musicians who would like to join are invited to call Françoise at 485 3521 or Agnes at 486 2813 for more information.

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

Women's Writing Group is looking for new members to gently critique work, encourage creative ideas and have fun. Meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Public Library. Info: Cathy at 489-7643.

The Orpheus Singers, a CBC prize-winning chamber chorus, is holding auditions for soloists and experienced choral singers. The group rehearses in Westmount on Monday evenings. This season's repertoire includes Bach, Josquin and Takemitsu. Info: 489-3739.

The St. Matthias' Church Choir of Men and Boys is recruiting boys aged 7 to 12 who would like to learn to sing, earn pocket money and participate in organized activities, including trips. For information, please call Peter Hawkins, director of music, at 933-4295/6.

Shaar Hashomayim Duplicate Bridge Club, 450 Kensington, on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. Lunch at 11:45 a.m. \$7.50 per person. Info: Barbara Bronstein at 938-1405.

Mary's Recovery, 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.

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: 637-2726.

Westmount Park Church is seeking members for its new Youth Choir. If you are under 15 and like to sing, come join us for musical instruction and practice. 4695 de Maisonneuve, from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Info: 937-3455.

Women's Amateur Acapella Choir is now auditioning new members for its Fall and Winter season. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9:15 p.m. at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W. Info: 488-5231.

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Firehall project on track despite vocal opposition

Martin C. Barry

A plan by Westmount to sell Fire Station No. 2 to a developer for use in a seniors' residential project passed an important stage last week over the objections of a nearby resident.

At a public meeting held by Westmount Dec. 6, Victoria Avenue resident Philip Cercone voiced strong disapproval to the firehall being re-used for any purpose other than its original one.

"I'm concerned that the City is not listening to the people," Cercone insisted in an interview. "It's the only public building the City owns in the area. The City has done nothing about the fire station for over 10 years and now is allowing the developer to take the problem off its hands."

When originally proposed last year, citizens living near the project on The Boulevard objected to various impacts the high-rise portion of the project just outside Westmount in the City of Montreal would have. Although Montreal held no public consultations, developer Aaron Gelber agreed with requests from Westmount to make several changes to his plans.

A poll in the neighbourhood conducted by Westmount indicated a slight majority of resi-

dents favoured the revised plan. The fire station, which served upper Westmount for decades, has been inactive as a fully-functioning firehall for more than 10 years.

Despite an initial report in local e-mail newsletter Westmount Explained that the Westmount Historical Association recommended acceptance of the revised plan, the WHA has yet to issue a pronouncement.

"We never said we were for or against it as a group," said WHA president Flora Lee Wagner. "It'll be nice to see it preserved one way or the other. I personally think it's a good adaptive re-use of the building. I'd like to see the building preserved."

Wagner said she did not want to see the same fate befall the fire station as happened to Westmount's Victoria Avenue train station, which has fallen into disrepair despite the WHA's efforts to restore it.

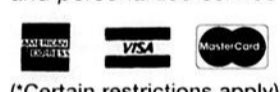
Councillor Karin Marks of the Architecture and Planning Committee said the project is on track for approval by council next year, although "we're not pushing it one way or the other."

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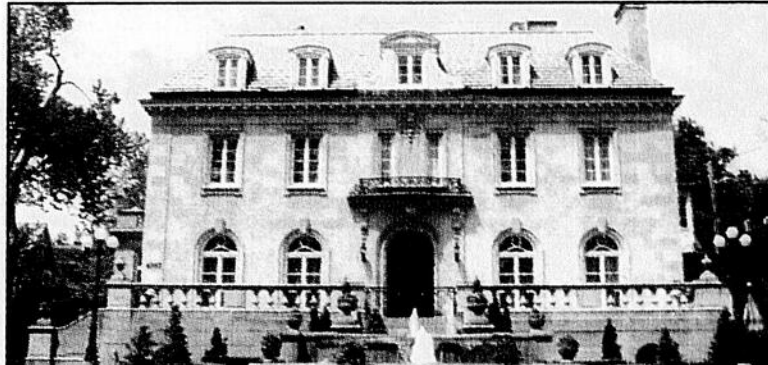
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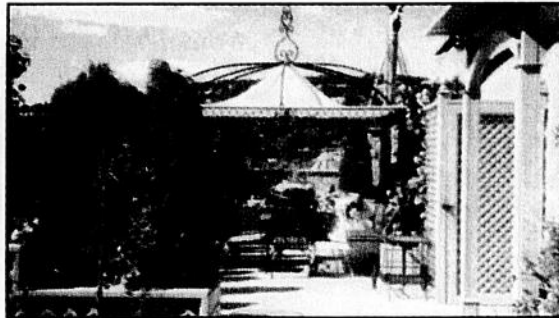


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