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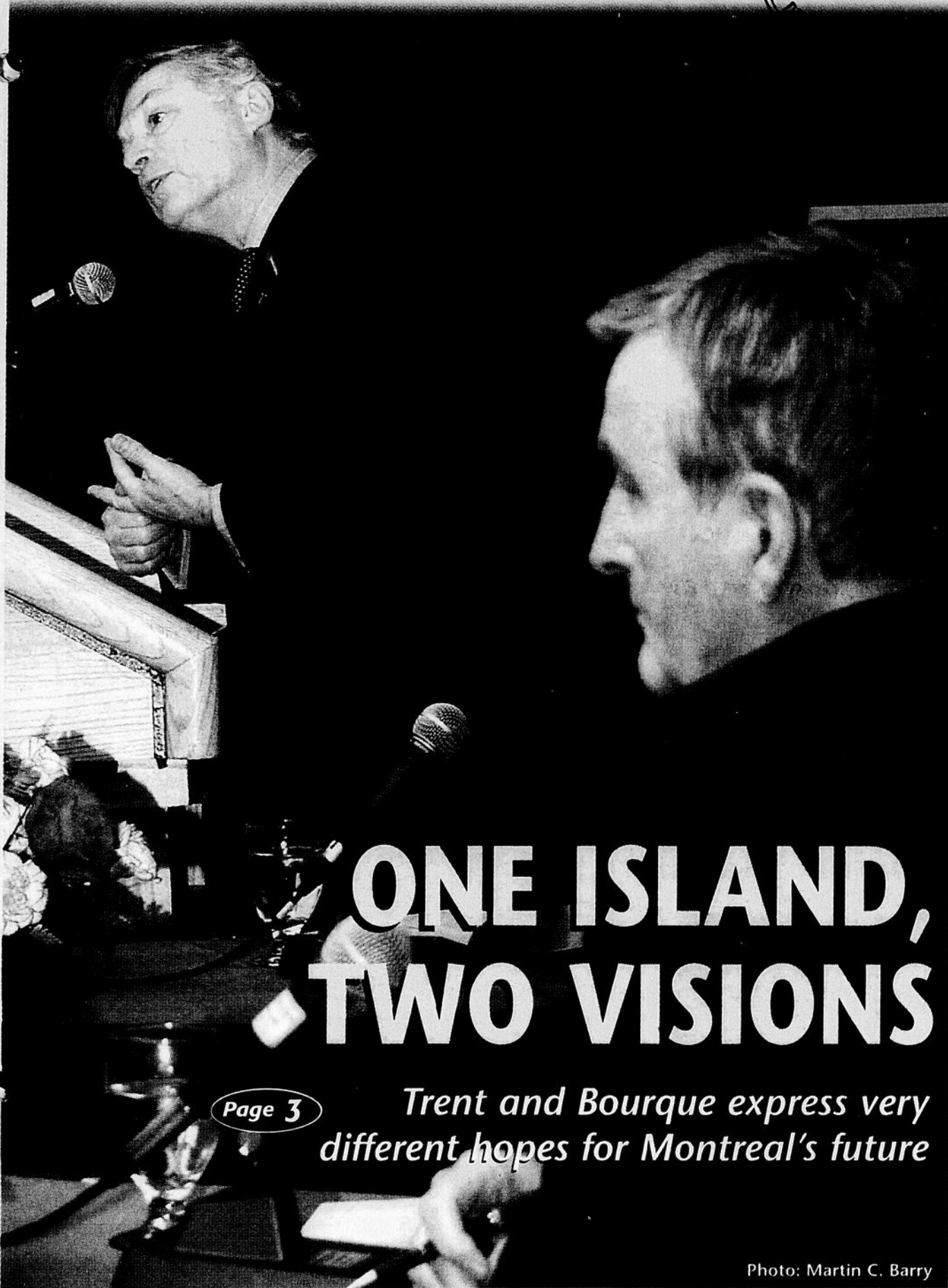
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*Trent and Bourque express very different hopes for Montreal's future*

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**Water meters could appear in Westmount**

Martin C. Barry

**W**estmounters who own swimming pools could be paying more for the water they consume if the megacity introduces meters or similar user-pay measures as part of a new water management plan.

As part of an overhaul of Montreal's deteriorating water system, the Tremblay administration announced last month that it is planning on making Montreal's water delivery network "self-financing" by 2013. In principle, the water works would eventually generate enough cash flow to pay its own costs.

In some former municipalities such as St. Laurent, meters have been used for years to measure water consumption. However, in areas like Westmount, the cost of water service (which has always been provided by the City of Montreal) continues to be included in the municipal tax.

The Tremblay administration is considering the installation of 15,000 water meters in industrial, commercial and institutional sectors everywhere in the megacity at a cost of \$25 million. Long overdue for an overhaul, Montreal's water network is estimated to be leaking as much as 40 per cent of its contents.

Alan DeSousa, the Montreal executive committee member responsible for the water system, told *The Examiner* last week that the idea of water meters in residences has not been ruled out completely.

"On the residential side, we've given ourselves two to three years to come up with a plan where we can establish a policy to approach as closely as possible the principle of consumer pay-as-you-consume," said DeSousa, who is also president of the St. Laurent Borough Council.

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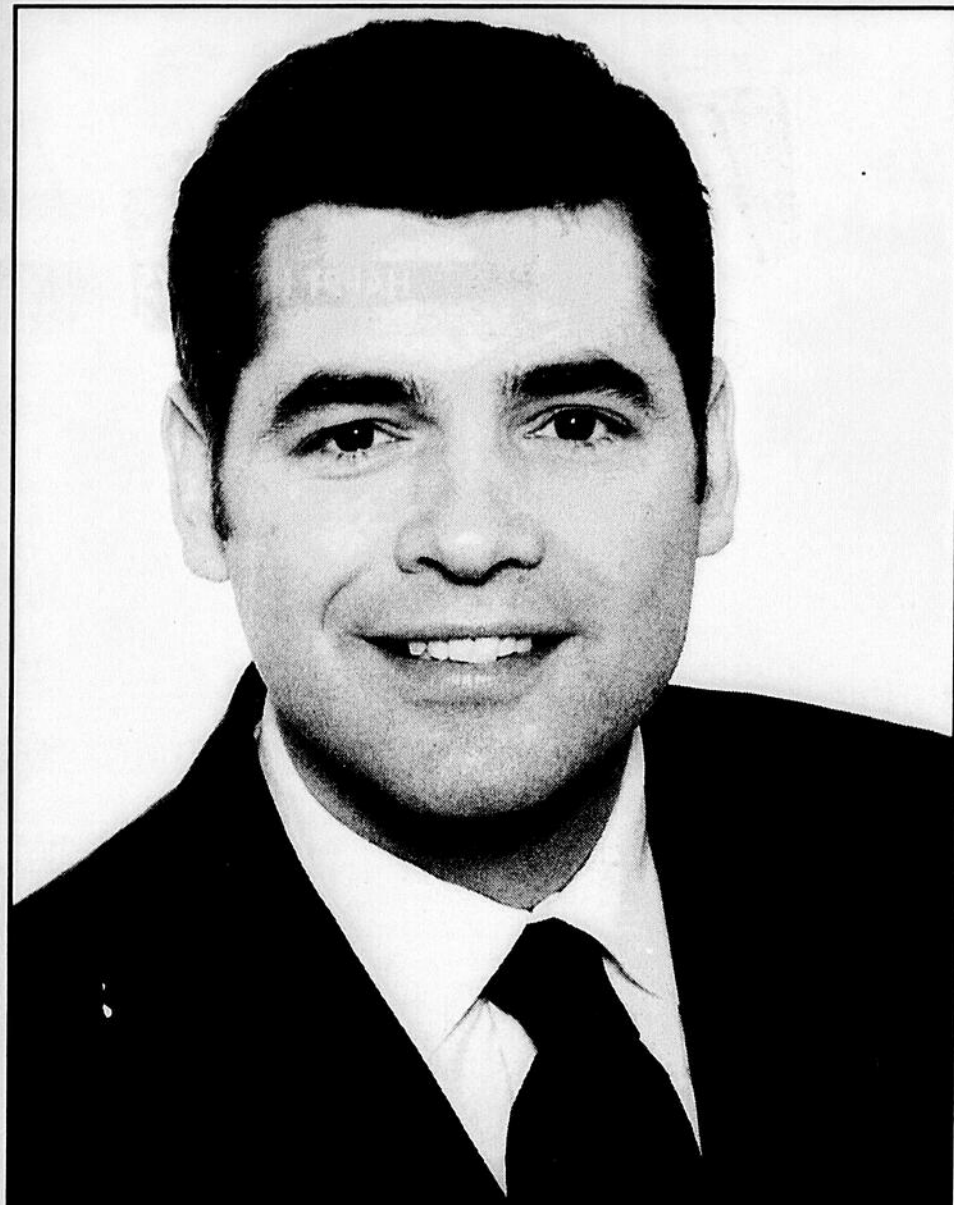
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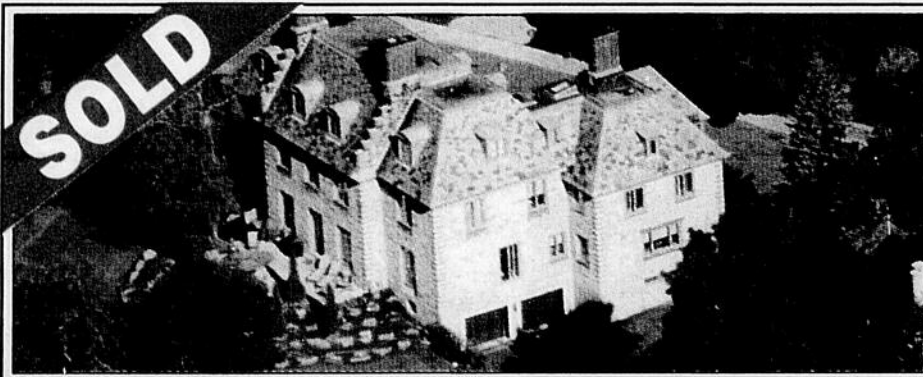
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# MERGER VS. DEMERGER

## Trent airs views with Bourque at Canadian Club

Martin C. Barry

**If it wasn't the first time Peter Trent and Pierre Bourque were meeting publicly to compare the pros and cons of the megacity, it was certainly their first chance since both got tossed out of office.**

Addressing a lunchtime meeting of the Canadian Club of Montreal at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel last Monday, the former City of Westmount mayor—who seen as the main force behind Quebec's decision to allow municipal demergers—and the former mayor of Montreal—who is often described as the 'father of the megacity'—took turns at the rostrum.

Trent's term came to a premature end in 2001 when Westmount was forcibly merged with the City of Montreal. Bourque, on the other hand, failed in his bid to become the first mayor of the megacity he was largely responsible for creating.

A group of Westmounters and friends of Trent—including the borough's three councillors, Victor and Barbara Drury, Kathleen Duncan, Doug McDougall and Don Wedge of the WMA, and former Westmount city councillors Jim Wright and Margaret Lefebvre—reserved a table for more than \$800 so they could offer support.

Speaking in English and French, Trent delivered his demerger message to the crowd of a few hundred, consisting mostly of corporate executives—not all of whom appeared receptive to his anti-amalgamation message.

"A decentralized megacity is like forc-

ing people to marry, and then giving them permission to do a little fooling around," he said, drawing a few hearty laughs in response. "I'll go for divorce, thank you very much," he added.

"Divorce is permanent. Even alimony can change."

At one point, Trent put a spin on the linguistic divisions some critics have attempted to insinuate while arguing against demergers.

"Across Quebec, only one third of francophones saw their cities disappear," he said. "One half of anglophones saw their cities disappear. You might even argue that there are more Jews in favour of de-amalgamation than Catholics. Are we now going to talk about a religious divide?"

"You have to keep in mind that if we demerge, we're simply going back to the way we were—we're not going back to some structure that never existed before," he added. "And it must be said that there are probably ten reasons to be against the megacity. For an anglophone perhaps there are 11, but it's only one of the many reasons to be against the megacity."

"One of the justifications for the creation of the megacity is the political and economic clout that this is supposed to create," he said. "People talk about a grab bag of assorted virtues that would flow when they create a megacity. 'International competitiveness will be improved, political cohesion will be improved, we'll be ending the squabbling mayors.'"

But far from being an international trend, the creation of megacities gained



**Sporting blue demerger ribbons, Westmount's three councillors were among the group of residents supporting Peter Trent at Monday's luncheon at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.**

a degree of popularity only in Canada, Trent claimed, adding that Quebec, Ontario and Nova Scotia have collectively spent about \$1 billion, so far, creating megacities. Noting that in the United States and Europe enshrined rights assure that municipalities cannot be wiped out by larger governments, Trent maintained that in Canada municipalities have no such guaranteed rights to exist.

"Wiping out cities against their will is really an abuse of power," he said. "In my view, the recent spate of municipal mergers in Montreal probably will be the last forced municipal mergers in the civilized

world."

Bourque, also speaking in English and French, compared himself to a famous black American civil rights activist while describing his vision of Montreal as one city unified. "I had a dream, like Martin Luther King had a dream also, to unite people in order to live together, to build something together," he said.

There was an ideal behind this idea, Bourque insisted. "An ideal of compassion, also of sustainable development, an ideal of uniting Montreal francophones and anglophones, north, south, east and west, in a territory which belonged to all of us."

## Water meters could appear in Westmount

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There may, however, be other ways of approximating individual water use without any additional cost, he added. "It might be a flat-rate system."

DeSousa admitted, however, that he prefers water meters. "If you are going to do it on consumer pay, the best way to do it is with metering."

Even though the Tremblay administration appears to have dropped the idea of water meters for residences, Westmount Borough President Karin Marks said the use of meters or similar measures in specific residential situations hasn't been abandoned. "The idea of increasing the cost on people who have swimming pools—I think there's a certain validity to that," she said. "But that's a fairly limited number of people."

Concerning another issue relating to water, DeSousa was unable to confirm whether Westmount will be forced to pay the cost of repairing its own water mains—an amount far exceeding the capital works budget the borough receives from the Centre City. The responsibility was recently

transferred by Montreal to Westmount and the Borough of Côte St. Luc-Hampstead-Montreal West.

Marks said Westmount is still waiting for a definite answer. "Part of

what we pay for in water is that service that has always been centralized and was given to us," she said. "We need an answer, we need it in writing, and we need confirmation of the fact

that that which we were given before, we will continue to be given. If not, there has to be some kind of compensation so that we can take over that responsibility."

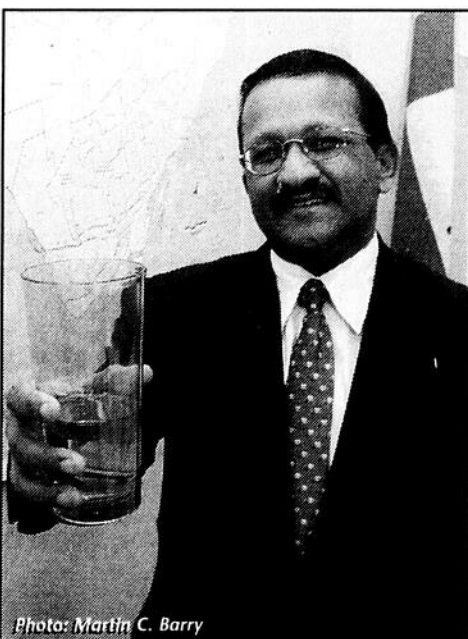


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# SPENDING SPREE HITS BOROUGHS HARD

**The spending philosophy of Montreal is a prime example of Westmount's need to regain its own autonomy through demerger, Borough President Karin Marks said at the Dec. 1 council meeting.**

She cited, in particular, the megacity's escalating budget for 2004, the lack of economies of scale, an apparent disregard for sharp tax increases and the processes for voting on huge expenditures without revealing details or benefits. The 2004 budget "is very bad news," she said.

She "deplored" the lack of time—less than one day—that she and other members of the megacity council were given to study the budget.

She also called the 5.1 per cent spending increase "unacceptable," especially in a year when huge property valuations will translate into soaring property taxes for many boroughs—including Westmount.

She also condemned the manner in which the megacity council at its last meeting pushed ahead with approval of a long term expenditure for developing an integrated computer software system across the island in advance of demerger referendums.

Although an initial amount of \$14 million that was approved covered only the nine boroughs of the former Montreal, the council committed itself to \$53 million in the future for the larger project "mostly to single bidders and it was voted on anyway," she said.

"The most remarkable part," she added, "is that the benefits will be quantified along the process." How can one agree to spend \$53 million of taxpayers' money without analyzing the

benefits, she asked. "Once again, it's political," she said. "Is this really the most important thing to be done right now given the financial constraints?"

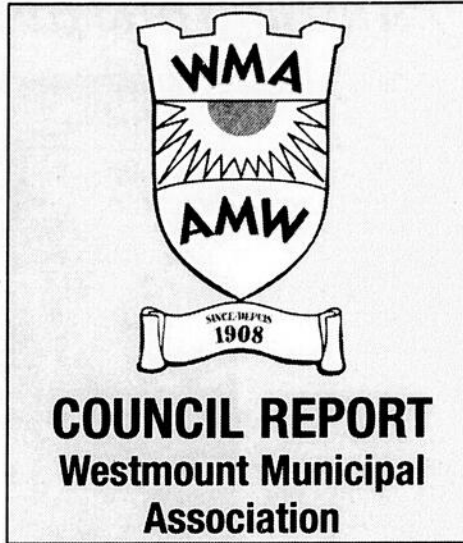
The economies of scale promised by creating a megacity aren't reflected in the budget, she explained. The 5.1 per cent increase exceeds the rate of inflation. For the owners of single-family homes in Westmount who face an average increase of 9.7 per cent on the property valuations, the impact of this budget compounds into a tax increase of about 30 per cent in the last three years.

Although Montreal Mayor Gérald Tremblay had stated the budget was drawn up with "citizens in mind," Marks said, those who face steep tax increases "would beg to differ."

She said she and others would be pressing the megacity to adopt a ceiling on the amount tax increases.

### Bill 9 confusion

On the deposit of Quebec's amended Bill 9—demerger legislation—Marks said: "I wish I could tell you I'm not as confused as you." Bill 9 requires that 35 per cent of all eligible voters on the electoral list must vote in favour of demerger regardless of how many



turn out to vote.

As well, she said, in setting up an agglomeration council to run centralized services such as police, transit and fire, the powers given to the megacity mayor "are reprehensible."

On balance, however, although Westmount would not have much say in these centralized services, "we don't have much say in them now." While a demerged

Westmount might have only a small voice on regional issues, it would have a stronger voice on local issues.

Together with a common front of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) and Défusion Westmount, Marks said, "we will be forging ahead to get back our autonomy within the context of this law."

### Heritage awards

Marks called up representatives of two Westmount heritage properties that won Montreal awards this year for preservation work at 85 Church Hill and Galerie de Bellefeuille at Greene and Ste. Catherine.

### Library contributions

The recent Friends of the Library book sale generated \$5,137 for Westmount Public Library, Borough Councillor Cynthia Lulham announced. The library also received \$1,700 donation from the McMann Estate, a Vancouver foundation.

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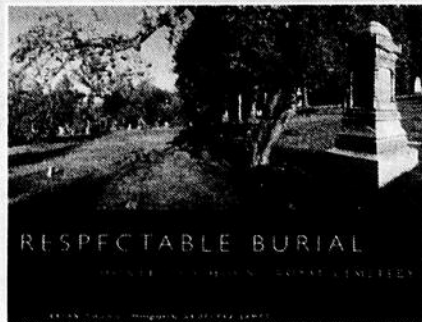
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### Filing claims

Anyone intending to file a claim against the City must notify Montreal within 15 days through Westmount's borough office or at Montreal offices downtown, de Castell said. Such claims include falls on icy streets, for example. "It's of paramount importance you make your intentions known," he said, even if details follow at a later date.

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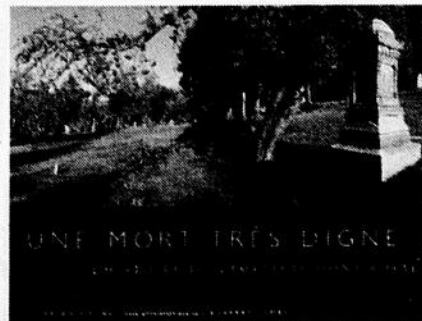
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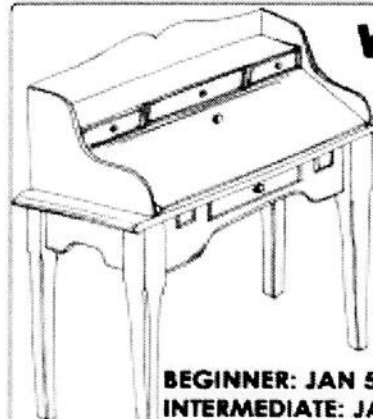
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# WESTMOUNT JOINS C.L.D. DES TROIS MONTS

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**T**he Borough of Westmount recently became a member of an organization mandated to stimulate local economic development by helping young business people.

The Centre Local de Développement des Trois Monts is part of a network of CLDs put in place by the provincial government some years ago. The 'Trois Monts' name refers to Westmount, Mount Royal and Outremont, as those two other boroughs are the other members.

CLDs, which are non-profit organizations, exist to stimulate employment and the economy in general, by encouraging the creation of small businesses, and by providing low-interest loans and other services to entrepreneurs, usually young people, who are just starting out in business.

Previously, the former City of Westmount had resisted joining the CLD because of membership fees. The

fees were dropped after a reorganization of the CLD network, which occurred at about the same time as the creation of the megacity.

"We felt it was a good opportunity and that it was our responsibility to become a part of (the CLD) so that our citizens would have access to it," said Westmount Borough President Karin Marks. "In the past, it required more investment financially on the part of the community. That is not the case right now and so we feel it is a good thing for the community."

"At this point the Quebec government provides all the funding," she added.

"We have to provide all the people in terms of volunteers. So it's not taking money from our budget to do that. The money is being provided, and it gives an opportunity to young entrepreneurs from our community to have access to that."

The CLD des Trois Monts, whose offices are in Mount Royal, has a number of programs for young entrepreneurs.

The group works in conjunction with other local economic development agencies—which are often identifiable by acronyms like CDEC (Centre de Développement Économique Communautaire), or SAJE (Service d'Aide aux Jeunes Entreprises)—the latter which helps young entrepreneurs write formal business plans.

"We can give financing for starting a business," said Chantal Legault, CLD des Trois Monts' associate-director. "But there are some criteria that have to be met, and we do favour some sectors more than others. For instance, we don't touch retail. If somebody wants to open a store, we don't touch that."

"We have a pretty wide net-

work," she added. "We try to help new entrepreneurs as much as possible. We also help businesses that are in expansion. So if somebody wants to open a new branch of their enterprise, then we'll help them also."

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## The Last Demergerer

**A**n urge to merge has swept over the land, and town after town has submerged, swallowed up by the greedy megamajor of the megacity. Only a small pocket of resistance remains.

Holed up in their mountain retreat, a small group of villagers cling to their ancient ways. They appeal to the emperor for help, but he is under the influence of his evil adviser, Borkadork, who has stripped the village leaders of their power and threatens to outlaw the sacred symbols of their way of life: the combover, the blazer, and the bowling ball.

*Off the Leash*

George Bowser



The villagers place their faith in Lakamoto, their deposed mayor. He is a reluctant hero who travels about on foot, encouraging resistance and reciting dreadful poetry. He has vowed to reclaim the village, and resists any attempt to divert him from his mission. "I have the capacity," he says, "and the audacity. I shall defeat the megacity! Never surrender! For English, say 'English.'"

The emperor's emissaries invite Lakamoto to negotiate, and he travels to the capital to meet them. They tell the future former ex-mayor that his little village has no place in the modern world. "Bigger is better," they say. "This is self-evident," they say, thereby hoping to avoid a discussion. They shout their slogan: "Economies of Scale! Economies of Scale." Lakamoto rejects this argument. Many times he has returned penniless from giant superstores that made the same claim.

In desperation, Borkadork offers Lakamoto a bribe: the megathrone. "No thanks" says the former future ex-mayor, in a strident tone "my people and I shall go it alone. Keep your throne—I have one of my own!"

Lakamoto attempts to sway the emperor. He reminds him that he promised to help the villagers. He appeals to his sense of fair play. "I'm appealing to you," he says. "You don't appeal to me at all," replies the emperor, "perhaps if you wore something a little tighter..." Lakamoto persists, and finally the emperor relents, and over Borkadork's objections, he offers a compromise. The villagers may petition for the return of a few bits and pieces of symbolic tat, and Lakamoto can have his old job back. But they'll have to send their money to the megamajor, who can do whatever he wants with it. "But that's taxation without representation," says Lakamoto. "I know," says the emperor. "At least it rhymes," says Borkadork. "Shut up," says Lakamoto.

Lakamoto returns to the villagers to tell them they must accept the shameful offer, but that he is now obliged to commit sewerpipe. Outraged, and encouraged by Lakamoto's heroism, the citizens rise up and march off to meet their enemy, carrying an effigy of their heroine, Victoria Hall, and armed only with bowling balls.

On the windy, snow-covered green in front of their former city hall, they confront Borkadork and the emperor's hordes of bureaucrats. The bureaucrats have brought their frightful secret weapon—endless reams of paper, all written in French. The villagers, realizing too late that they should have brought scissors and a dictionary, are defeated.

Yet their struggle has won them a kind of victory. In recognition of their glorious past, the villagers are allowed to retain their name, their traditional blazers and their bowling balls. But the combover is outlawed forever.

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## Union violence threatens 'social peace'

*MNA*

Jacques Chagnon



**W**e knew very well even before the last elections that we didn't have a lot of sympathizers and friends among the union apparatchiks. Of course, it's true that as federalists we are far from representing their political ideal.

As you know, the three major unions adopted secessionist resolutions more than 30 years ago. During the last ten years, we saw the Parti Québécois government work in close collaboration with the union elites. Together they defined what they saw as the public good, and their idea of "social peace" was defined in terms of their own interests. This social peace was based partly on intimidation and partly on having both hands in the public purse.

How could anyone not see that it didn't make any sense to keep more than 90 different union accreditations to manage the personnel of the McGill

University Health Centre? Same thing at the Université de Montréal Hospital, with more than 75 accreditations. It verged on the ridiculous and had to be changed, as we said repeatedly during the election campaign. We even put it in writing and now we are moving ahead to fulfill that commitment. There will not be more than five union accreditations in the hospitals and after union raids in June, all of the unions will be in one of these accreditations. The province will save millions of dollars that will be better invested in patient services rather than in the management of workplace relations.

Another bone of contention between the unions and the government concerns the proposed changes to article 45 of the Labour Code, which places limits on outsourcing. The government's intention is to relax restrictions on outsourcing by widening the legal scope of the definition of a business.

To make a long story short, we have questioned article 45 for several years now. No government over the last 20 years has had the courage to amend this article. This is what is

upsetting the union world. Once modified, the Labour Code will be similar to what is found everywhere else in Canada. Is it not normal to want to improve our situation by giving ourselves the legislative means to be competitive when it comes to job creation? It's a question that we must address with courage, given the unions' refusal to discuss the issue. No need to be a wizard to understand the union demonstrations which sometimes lead to vandalism. MNAs have had their riding offices ransacked, and ministers and MNAs have been intimidated. The union spokespeople are offering to stop the intimidation and violence and return to what they call "social peace", in exchange for the status quo (that is, for us to do nothing). In other words, social peace has become a pretext for extortion: if you do nothing we won't break anything. A society in need of social change can not allow itself to bow to intimidation, nor allow elected officials to be intimidated.

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# Unions putting Charest to the test

*Uncensored*

Tommy Schnurmacher



**If you believe union leaders, Premier Jean Charest has declared war on workers. Union leader Arthur Sandborn, one of the leaders of the CSN (Confederation des syndicats nationaux) has described Section 45 of the labour code as a keystone to labour peace.**

Implicit in that comment is a threat. Don't change one iota of the labor code or else.

Or else what?

The unions have made it abundantly clear that they are not about to give up without a fight. No kidding. They are hardly going to welcome subcontracting and the sobering prospect of working harder to make less money.

What are the Liberals to do? They have the unenviable task of cleaning up the financial and fiscal mess left by an irresponsible Parti Québécois. Charest has been elected on a platform of re-engineering Quebec society to ensure that we join the rest of North America in facing the challenges of international competition.

Charest has no need to worry about losing the union vote. He never had it in the first place. But if he thinks he's in for an easy ride, he's wrong. Unions may have lost considerable clout in the United States and the rest of Canada, but they remain a solid powerhouse in Quebec where they maintain a stranglehold on the public service.

This week's 'Day of Disruption' on Thursday is but a small taste of what we can expect to see if Charest is serious about tackling our formidable unions.

Charest has already noted that he fully

expects the unions to protest. But watch for them to do much more than that. They will flex their muscles which they have not had to do for some time.

Initially, they will try to find ways to inconvenience the Charest government without alienating the public. They won't be shy. If that doesn't work, they will simply move on to holding the public hostage, like their counterparts did in Great Britain during the Thatcher years.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was not called the Iron Lady for nothing. She proclaimed that the spoiled unions were receiving excessive wages for insufficient output.

They howled with rage and dared her to do anything about it. She did, even as garbage lay uncollected and the dead went unburied.

Thatcher had been intent on a policy of less government, less expenses and lower taxes.

Charest's re-engineering of Quebec society, we are told, has similar goals. It remains to be seen if Charest will also scale back the culture of corporate welfare that doles out undeserved millions to large corporations.

Perhaps Charest hopes to increase productivity. Perhaps he even hopes to create a climate of individual achievement and entrepreneurship to replace the culture of entitlement that has become a hallmark of Quebec society thanks to successive governments both Péquiste and Liberal.

Almost 20 years ago, Thatcher had it out with Marxist union firebrand Arthur Scargill as Britain shivered through a coal strike.

Scargill lost. But union leaders shouldn't lose too much sleep over a similar outcome in our neck of the woods.

Charest's hardly a Mike Harris. He's certainly no Margaret Thatcher.

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## Surprising twists by a government under fire

Glenn Wanamaker

**The labour movement's case against the Charest government was beginning to look mighty compelling.**

There is the bill to amend the famous Article 45 in the Labour Code. Of all the things on the Christmas wish list submitted by employers to the Liberal government, this is by far the most cherished.

It's blandly called Bill 31, but for the chambers of commerce, the Conseil du Patronat and the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, this is like finding a Hot Wheels T-Wrecks Playset under the tree.

With this, they can farm out work to a sub-contractor without having to pay heed to a duly negotiated collective agreement. And in turn, the sub-contractor can offer lower salaries and diminished working conditions. Now how cool is that?

Very cool. Employers would have flexibility to better control their costs, helping them be more competitive, especially when faced with imported lower cost alternatives.

On the other hand, it would diminish the collective bargaining process. Employers would no longer have to bother with negotiating contracting out clauses in collective agree-

ments because the law would allow them to act as they wish with only a bare minimum of negotiation required.

If employers thought the balance of power was weighted too much in favour of employees' rights before, Bill 31 will tip the balance the other way. The result will be the creation of more jobs, says le Conseil du patronat, but a decrease in salaries and benefits, again according to the employers' group.

So that's Bill 31. Then there are the stocking stuffers, such as Bill 30, which would slash the number of bargaining units in the health care system from 3,671 to 1,961.

This has all the appearance of being a sensible toy which would allow everyone to turn an extremely complex negotiating process into something more manageable.

But the unions see it as a way for the government to delay settlement of pay equity issues and to postpone renegotiation of collective agreements, which expired last June, for 450,000 public employees.

No one can deny it's a short-term money-saver, not even the PQ, which itself put off negotiations last spring so they wouldn't complicate its election campaign.

Then there is Bill 8, which

removes the right of about 15,000 home-based child care providers to unionize, and Bill 7, which does the same thing to family-type health care providers.

These bills, which are supposed to reflect "the desire for autonomy and independence" amongst these workers, allow the recognition of associations, which could negotiate agreements about working conditions.

But it exempts the sector from provisions of the Labour Code, cuts off access to social measures, such as parental leave and occupational health and safety, and deprives them of employer pension plan contributions.

The introduction of these bills all at once seemed enough to solidify the case that the Charest government favours the business class.

Then last week, it did the opposite to what unions expected on the issue of labour standards in the garment industry.

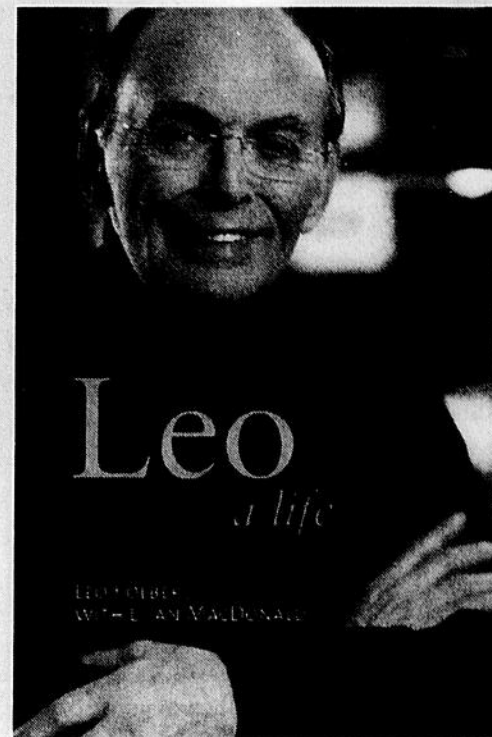
Instead of abolishing a decree which protects the working conditions of about 40,000 workers, Labour Minister Michel Després announced measures which two major unions have applauded.

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He not only increased the minimum wage in the industry from \$7.30 an hour to \$8.00 and guaranteed it will permanently remain 50 cents ahead of the standard minimum wage, but also maintained certain other working conditions.

In adopting the measures, Després

has gone further than the previous PQ government, which refused to do more than extend labour standard protections on a temporary basis.

**Tax news**

So it seems that neither rain nor snow nor progressive acts of government will stop Thursday's "national day of disruption".

**OPINION**

Trade unions are committing to an "imaginative" series of protests that could affect if not paralyze activities in both the public and the private sector.

Meanwhile, other changes are afoot affecting daily lives.

Finance Minister Yves Séguin cheerfully announced late on a Friday

two weeks ago that tax brackets which determine our rate of taxation will be adjusted upwards by two per cent in January.

This is good news, he said, because it will leave \$250 million more in our pockets. Currently, the lowest rate of taxation (16 percent) is applied on taxable income of up to \$27,095. Starting in January, that rate will apply up to \$27,635.

But what Séguin didn't say is that he changed the rules. The PQ government had ruled that tax brackets would be adjusted according to the consumer price index, which for the current year is 3.1 percent, not two percent. Under that formula, the tax bracket noted above would have been set at \$27,935.

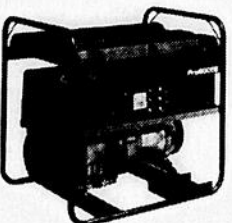

So while Quebecers in all tax categories will save, we won't save as much as we might have.

Séguin says though that he's not done. He's considering other creative ways to help taxpayers, especially those with children, to save money, perhaps through changes to the sales tax.

And if Thursday is the day for disruption, Monday will be the day for revelation, because that's when Séguin says he will reveal the full extent of the financial horrors discovered in the government's principal investment agencies.

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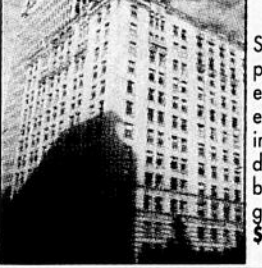


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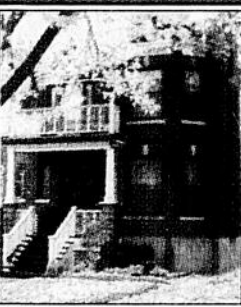
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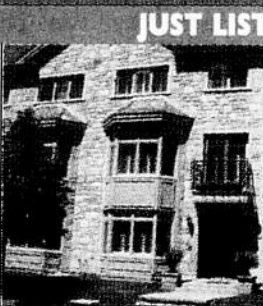


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c Valuation is 61.9% of \$369,500.

## Strong prices highlight August registrations

Andy Dodge, CRA

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

**Strong prices and high markups were the key to August registrations, with three more sales over \$1 million and only two under \$500,000.**

The 15 residential sales for which deeds were signed in August represents the lowest volume for that month since 1976, but in fact the sales averaged 80 percent above their respective 2001 municipal assessments, the highest level since the valuation roll came into force in January 2001.

The list was highlighted by the sale of 72 Belmont Crescent for \$2,700,000, more than 2 1/2 times its 2001 municipal valuation of just over \$1 million. The price was more than double the next-highest price which came in the sale of 618 Carleton Avenue, for \$1,250,000; No. 1 Douglas Avenue also sold for more than \$1 million. Lowest price for the month involved 47 Chesterfield Avenue at \$465,000, while

the lowest markup was recorded in the \$885,000 sale of 4306 Montrose Avenue, only 33 percent above its tax assessment.

With 13 single-family dwellings and two duplexes making up the residential sales list, the average price was \$915,000, the highest average price since November, 2002.

Six condominiums also changed hands in August, including four apartments, a converted duplex and a newly-built townhouse at 4660 St. Catherine Street which has yet to be given a tax value. The average price of the six was only \$361,917 and the average markup a more modest 54 percent, though Apartment 209 at 1 Wood Avenue brought its owner \$520,000, almost 2 1/2 times its assessed value of \$209,100. Interestingly, Apartment 211—on the same floor—sold for only \$315,000, just 21 percent above its \$260,100 valuation.

No commercial properties were sold in August, nor any apartment buildings, though two apartments in a triplex at 418-20 Grosvenor Avenue brought a \$419,000 price.

The sales generally represent sales contracts negotiated between March and June this year.

## November was the month for bargain hunters

Andy Dodge, CRA

**Prices pulled back somewhat in November this year, though volume was above average and it appears this year will outpace last year, despite agents' complaints there was such short supply in 2003.**

Very often we find this type of price pullback at this time of year, largely a result of lower demand in the fall than in the spring, also because some owners who had been unable to sell their houses in the spring months now are forced to "dump" them for less than planned. But, in fact, the average 85 days on the market is up only slightly from 76 days on the market in October.

Simply put, it was the low prices which moved in November, including four residential sales under \$500,000 which these days are almost unheard of, and another six between \$500,000 and \$800,000. Another three sales were in the range of \$1 million to \$1.5 million but none higher than that, thus they were not enough to pull up what otherwise was a bargain-hunters' month.

Markups were lower, too, bringing

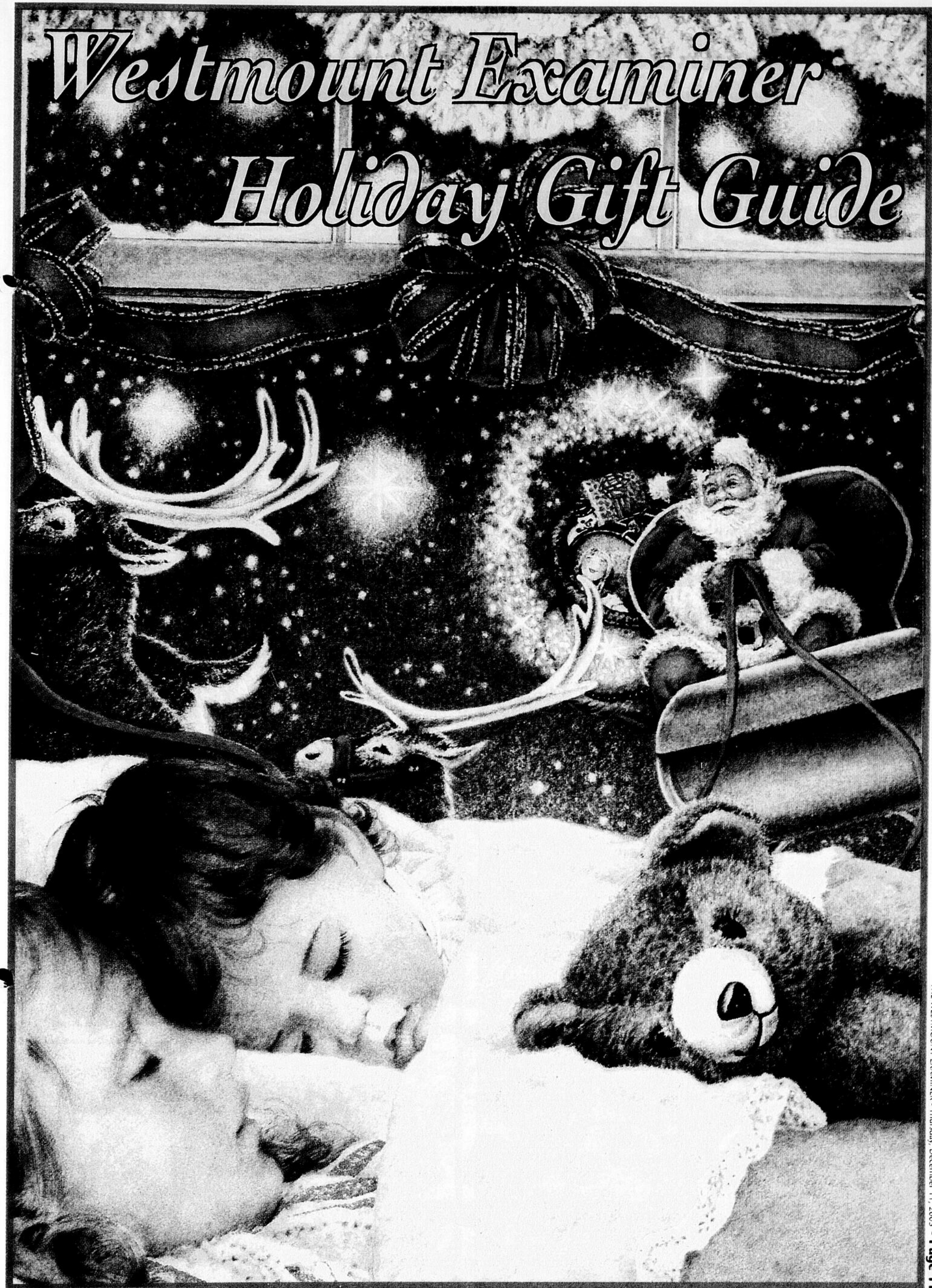
the average adjusted price down for the second month in a row and indicating a somewhat stagnant year overall, though the fall months had shown promise. But because November-December are generally less typical of overall trends, we are hesitant to say the market has peaked. Interest rates are still low, the Westmount market is still lower than other high-value markets around the world, the separatist threat is waning and the prospects of Westmount regaining its independence are strong, though Bill 9 is not what most citizens had hoped for.

Westmount's condominium sales numbered only two, as did residential sales in adjacent-Westmount areas, and prices were generally mixed in downtown condo-coop sales. Things can be expected to be slow for the next six weeks or so, but the coming spring market can be expected to be very busy.

Here's wishing you all a very wonderful Holiday Season and lots of sales in 2004!

• A graph showing recent real estate trends in Westmount can be found on page 24.

# *Westmount Examiner* *Holiday Gift Guide*



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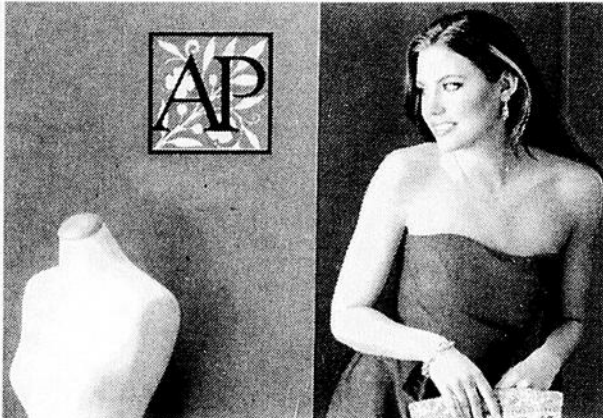
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Susana Mas

The Welcome Hall Mission (WHM) has drawn up a Christmas shopping list, making it easier for Westmount Metro shoppers to check it twice.

The shopping list is a suggestion of items residents can easily throw in their carts as they walk up and down the grocery aisles. The items can then be dropped off as a donation to the WHM's annual Christmas basket food drive as shoppers exit the store.

Although the WHM works closely with other agencies to reach out to those in need, the Metro supermarket at Sherbrooke and Victoria is the only grocery store involved in this year's WHM Christmas Food Drive, said Gaetan Nolet, director of administra-

tion at the WHM.

"When people find this out, they tend to give a bit more," said Rita Gilker, a WHM volunteer at the grocery store.

"The people of Westmount demand that we have this food drive every year," said franchise owner Graham Fletcher. "Leading up to the holiday season, all our customers want to know is when the food drive will be held."

"We are currently picking up bins full of food items up to two or three times a day," said Nolet. "We are very thankful to Mr. Fletcher and his staff for allowing us to conduct our annual food drive."

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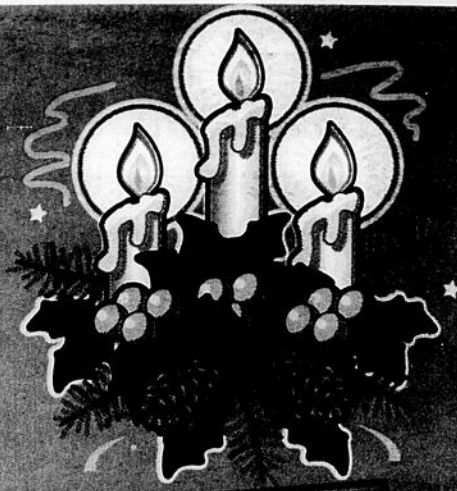
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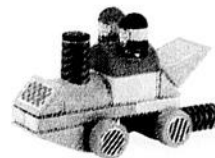
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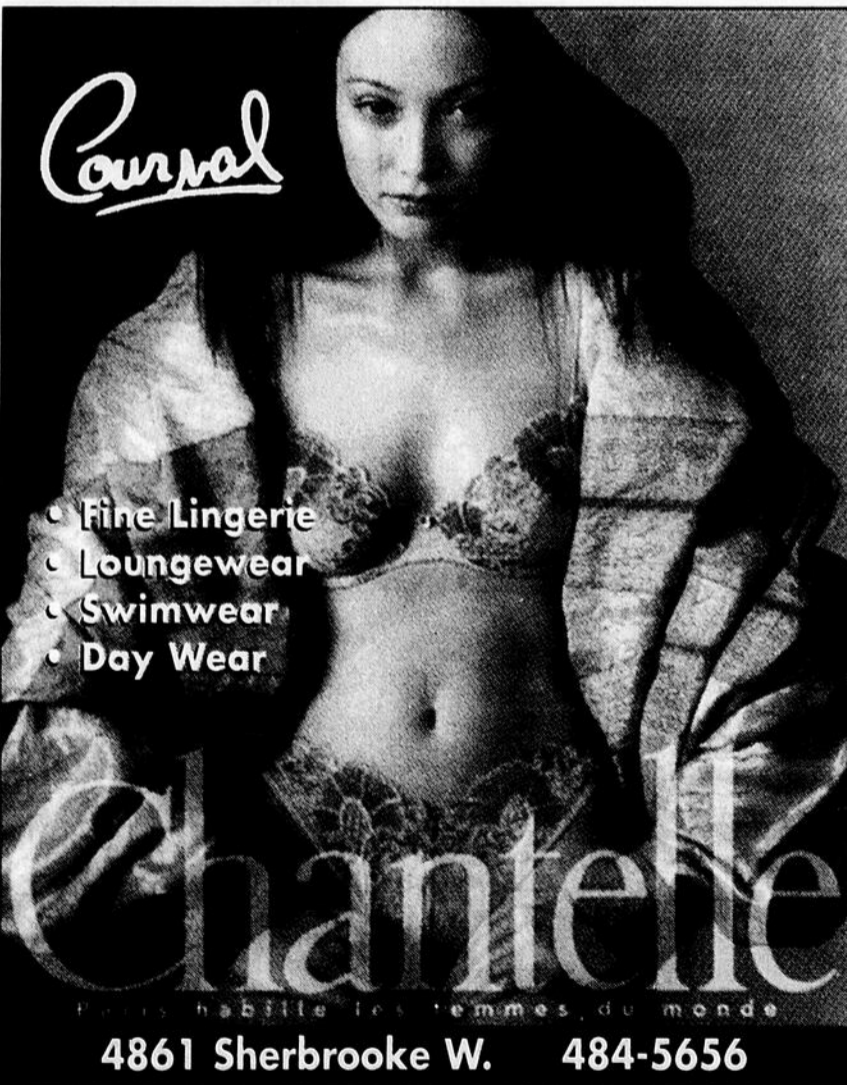
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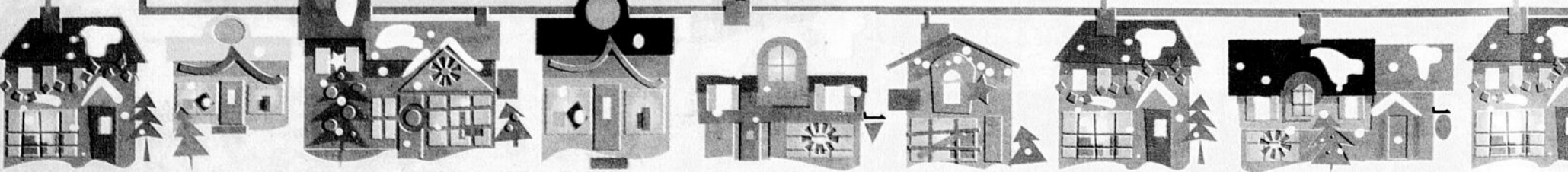
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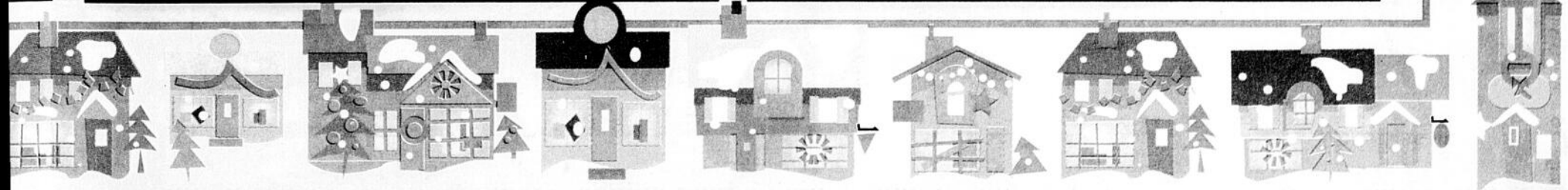
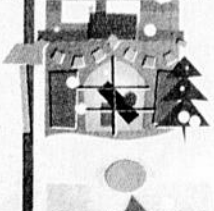
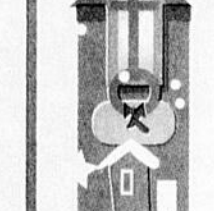
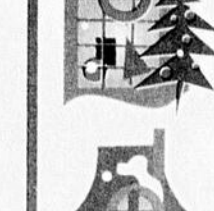
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Gilker and Therese Senecal, another WHM volunteer, have handed out hundreds of shopping lists to customers since the start of the food drive on Dec. 1.

Items on the list include canned soup and beans, pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jam, sugar, flour and oil, baby food, tea, coffee and cookies.

"Altogether, there are at least 15 to 20 volunteers that will give several hours of their time to benefit the food drive," said Nolet.

The WHM, a non-profit community service organization, predicts it will distribute approximately 3,700 Christmas food baskets to Montreal families between Dec. 19 and Dec. 22.

• The Welcome Hall Mission Christmas Basket Food Drive will be held daily until Dec. 21 at the Metro Supermarket, 4840 Sherbrooke St. W.



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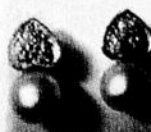
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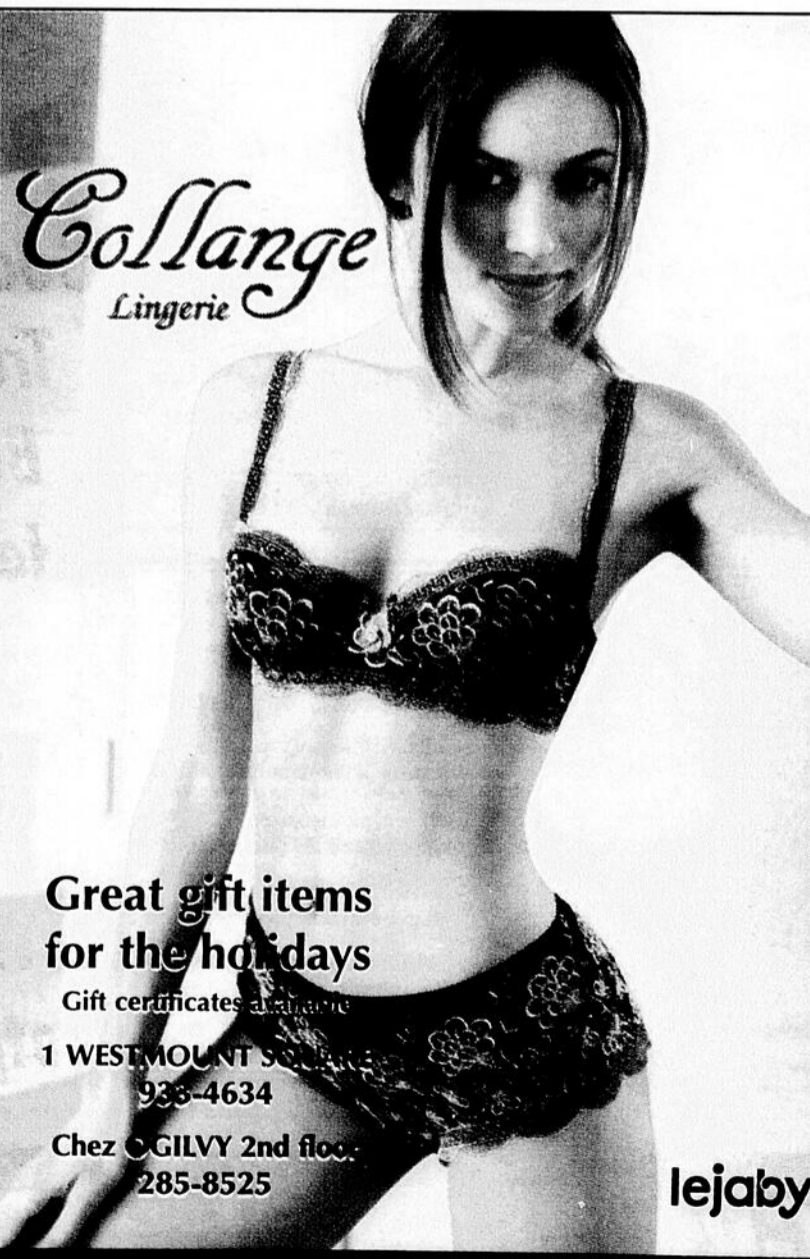
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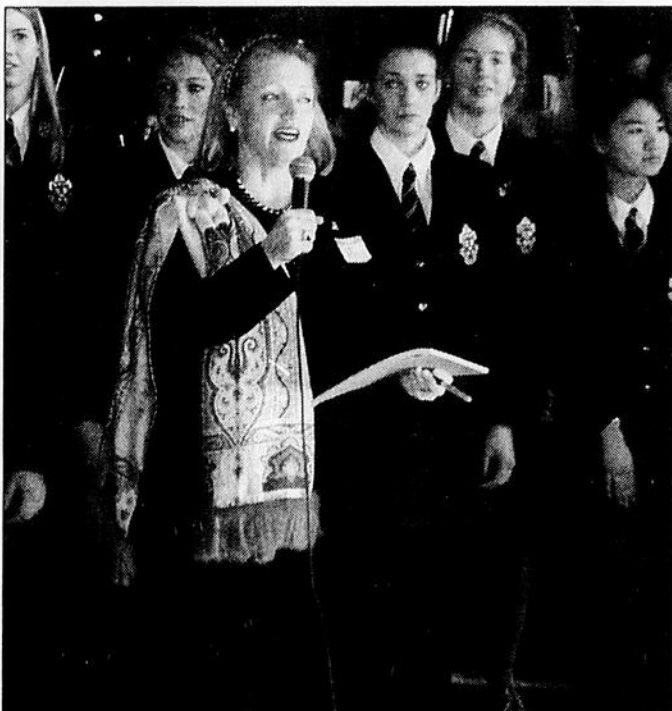
# Annual Toy Tea rings up another success

**Jennifer Cox**

**F**or many, it's their official start to the holiday season.

The 12th Annual Christmas and Hanukkah Toy Tea delivered smiles, cheer, and hundreds of new toys for children of battered women, children with AIDS, and other children's charities across the city.

Cramming onto the Ogilvy's elevator, gift bags with books and dolls in hand, the fifth floor of the downtown department store was alive with music



Flanked by members of the BCS Choir, Ginger Petty addresses guests at the annual Toy Tea.

and laughter. Once again, the entrance to Tudor Hall was in itself a room of toys, volunteers happily greeting guests and collecting the gifts they toted. Students heartily sang Christmas carols, while friends reminisced near the beautiful spread of finger sandwiches, delicate desserts, and, of course, tea.

"It's a big turnout," said Suzan Cavell, the one of the event's organizers. "It just gets bigger and bigger every year."

After a playful rendition of 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,' another organizer, Ginger Petty, took the stage. "It's wonderful having you here," she said to the children dressed neatly in their blue and green uniforms. "It is so meaningful that your school is represented here today."

This was the first year that not only private but public schools participated. "It's not just the toys, but their community spirit—the most important thing," Petty said of the new involvement. Several students from each school then made a special presentation of toys to Suzanne Tailleux Tremblay.

"We are honored to have our mayor's wife with us," said Petty.

Each child, anxiously waiting with floppy-eared dogs and plush teddy bears, approached Tremblay with their toy. She stopped the shy kids who tried to rush off to thank them tenderly. Each student received a special card from the mayor's wife enclosed with a small pin. "Look mom! Wow—my very own pin!" one little boy exclaimed as he skipped offstage.

Andrea Miller was one of the volunteers collecting and organizing the donated toys. It's her second year of being involved with the event. "There seems to be more toys this year, and a lot of variety," she said. Building blocks, board games, and sports equipment were stacked and piled around her. People continued streaming in with their armloads of goodies.

The Toy Tea began 12 years ago in Petty's home, and involved 100 guests supporting three shelters. Today, however, between 5,000 and 7,000 children will have a new toy for the holidays as more than 25 institutions are served.

"The thing that doesn't change is the love for the children," Petty said. "The continued support is fantastic. Every toy, every cent, goes to the shelters. I know we have enough toys in our community to take care of our children."

And as for all the hours and money Petty puts into the Toy Tea herself, she said, "I have a permanent high. I just love what I do and the people I work with."

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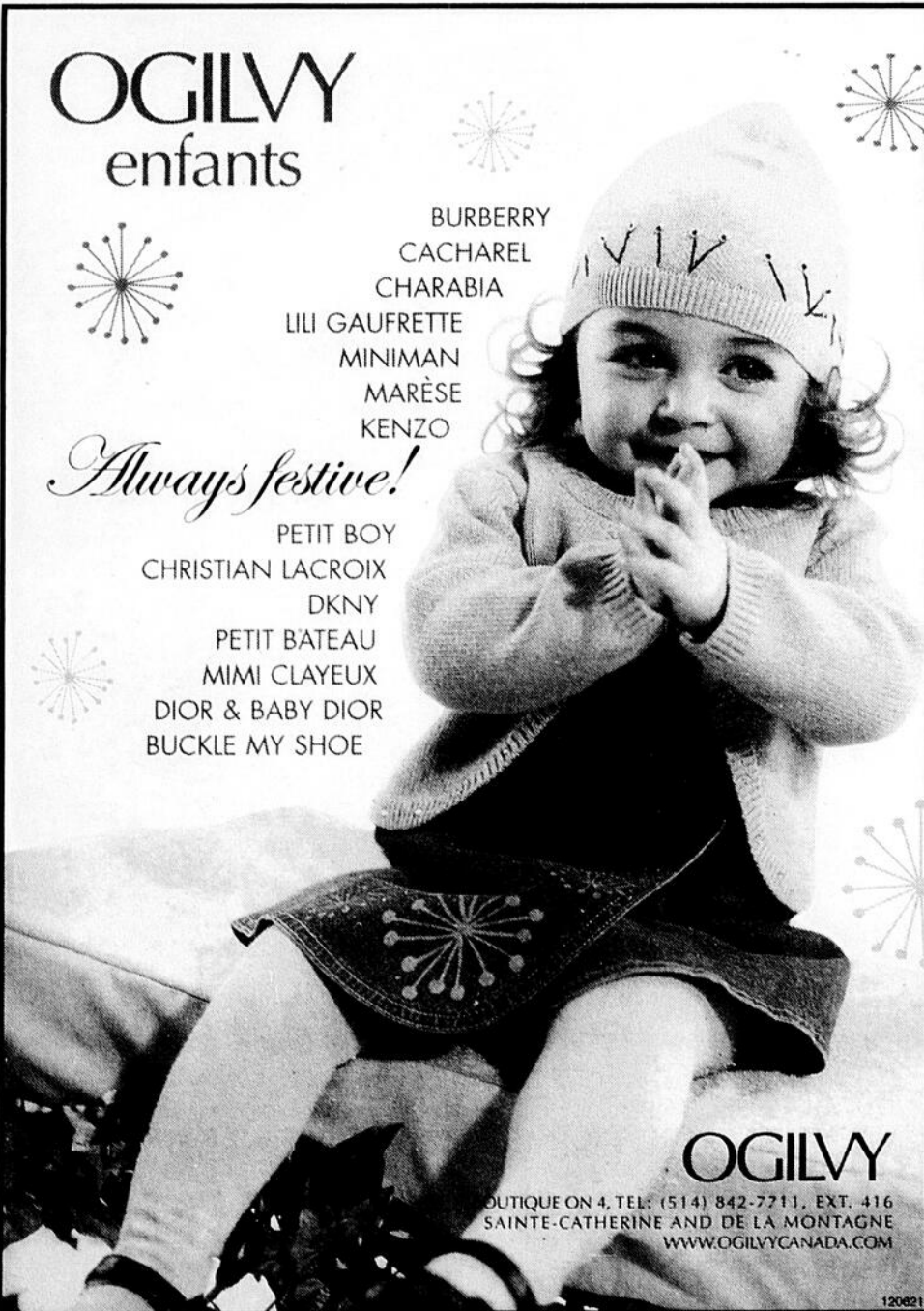
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# Public Security collects food for holiday drive

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With the help of neighbouring CLSCs, an average of 25 to 30 Westmount families will benefit from this year's Public Security department food drive. Donations can be made at various municipal buildings throughout the borough until Dec. 15.

Residents who wish to donate canned goods, new toys or money can do so at the borough office, Victoria Hall, Centre Greene or the Public Security office on Stanton Street.

If you're late in returning books,

the Westmount Library will also donate a percentage of all its late book fines to the Public Security food drive. In fact, library fines will help to provide food vouchers for the families. "The baskets we put together are supplemented by food vouchers ranging from \$10 to \$15 per person," said Novak.

Money for the vouchers also comes from the Westmount Artisans' Festival held earlier this fall. Members of the public either paid a \$2 entrance fee or donated non-perishable food items to benefit the holiday food drive.

The food vouchers are obtained from local merchants such as Graham Fletcher, franchise owner of the Metro supermarket on Sherbrooke Street.

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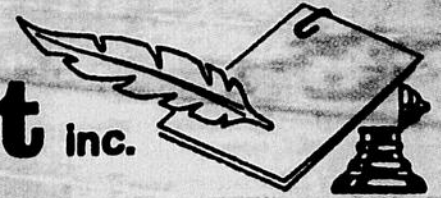
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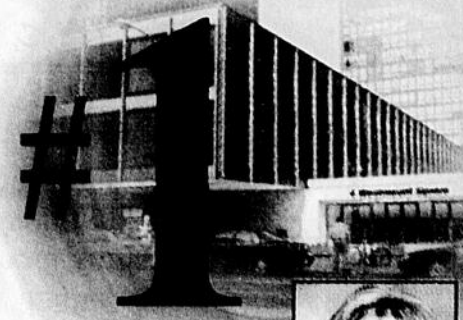
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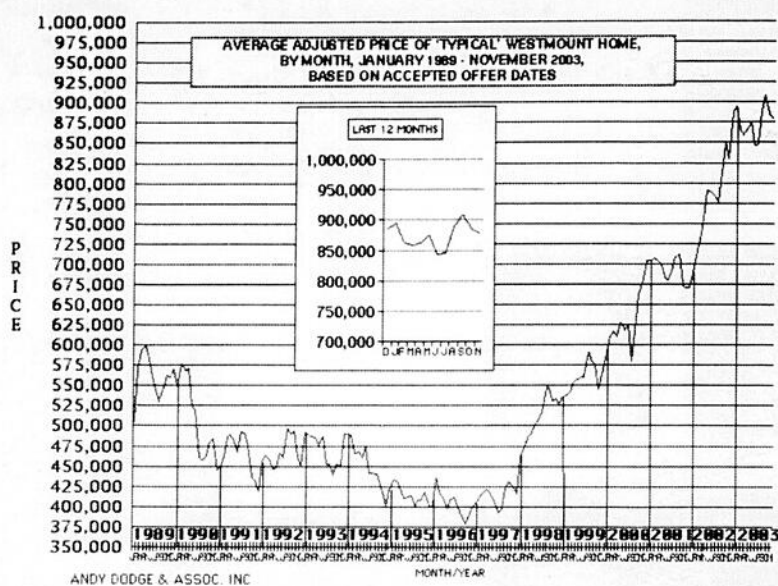
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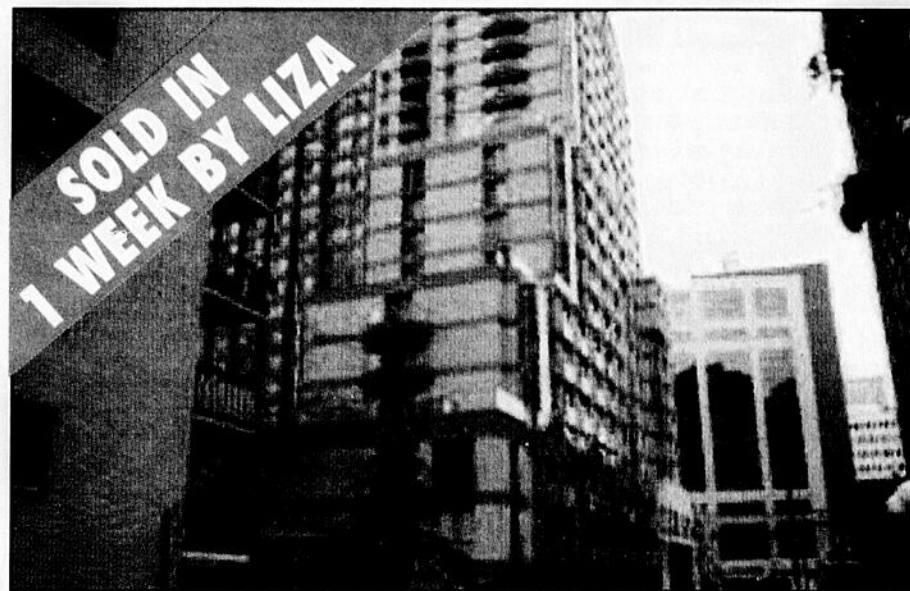
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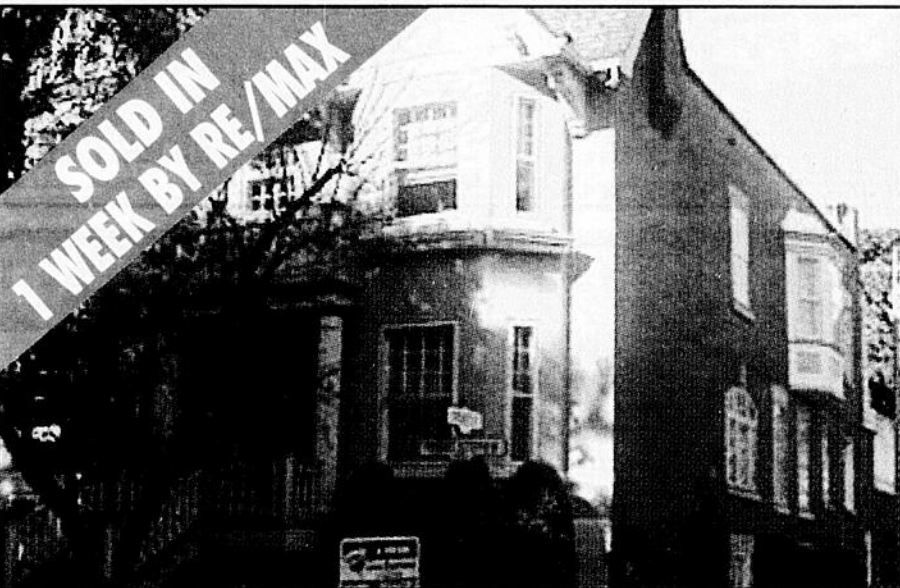
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Ted Wright



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S.T.

To start, never forget that, legally, in

our society, a person is innocent until proven guilty.

Many landlords, by the information asked and attitude presented, seem to regard all tenants as guilty of something, anything, until proven innocent.

You have opened up a real can of worms. Both sides in this contentious issue have their good points as well as bad.

This is a legal area in which there is much abuse and the various levels of government are doing nothing adequate, at present, to stop lawbreaking and solve very real problems.

Firstly, never sign anything without receiving a copy at the exact time of signing. This is the primary rule of

contract. You must also read it over completely. If you are rushed and or are refused a copy, then the honesty of the other party and advisability of signing are in doubt.

In the recent past, property registry had names of landlords included. Now, these names have been removed for personal privacy and protection. I wish to set up the contradictions of information allowed, permitted and coerced, landlord vs. tenant.

The Commission on Access To Information says in Article 5, that personal info may only be collected if it is necessary for the object of the file.

The Commission makes no mention of corresponding info the landlord

should provide which is necessary to find out if the landlord is honest, does repairs, is not subject to many court cases etc. However the tenant is supposed to assuage the landlords concerns, but not vice versa.

Your SIN number should not be given. It is an access point to much personal info. The federal government did not intend this SIN to be used in this fashion.

The landlord should be given your name and address. The landlord may be given information, if you agree, so as to allow her to know about your past payment of debt. Necessary, perhaps, to show that you pay your rent.

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**Health Card:** "The Québec Health Insurance Act states the health insurance card or eligibility card may only be demanded for the provision of health care services..."

The landlord may ask for information or permission to access personal information that is necessary to confirm the prospective tenant is a good credit risk. The important word is necessary.

Be aware though that newcomers to Québec, or students are not exempted from the obligation to prove good payment habits.

**Bank Info:** A reference from your bank showing that you honour your

obligations.

The major problem is that many landlords use illegal clauses in their application forms and refuse to give a copy of it to prospective tenants or to allow adequate time to look it over.

Landlords say that they need much information in order to guarantee a tenant is good.

The tenant cannot ask the same type of proof to show that the prospective landlord is a correspondingly and equally good legal risk, does repairs, pays bills, does not begin useless legal cases, follows laws, etc.

If you do not give a landlord info he wants when he want it, you simply will not get the dwelling. The provision in law is inadequate to stop this abuse of power.

In summation: Be prepared to give your name and surname, address, name of your bank and its address, former or present landlord's name and address, and to show your drivers permit to prove personal info. You should consider having available pertinent parts of your credit record.

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As you can see, personal information and its use is not an exact science. The Commission's document quoted above may be accessed at (www.cai.gouv.qc.ca) in the Virtual Library search box, put in "lease", as the key word, or phone (514) 873-4196.

It must be noted that "The Commission does not have the power to order a landlord to pay damages or compensation..." for abuses of the law.

In other words, illegal lawbreaking is almost without consequence. Theft of personal identity and information is the new "crime of the century". This is a serious imbalance in protection of citizens. A citizen can be forced to provide illegal personal information in the pursuit of a social need, housing. Their legal being and identity can thus be compromised.

The laws are supposed to protect us. Some fine tuning is absolutely required.

This can of worms is now open for business.

General info only. Please consult a

legal expert or official government representatives.

• *Ted Wright is the coordinator of Westmount Legal Clinic, every Wednesday at the Westmount YMCA, 4585 Sherbrooke W. 3:30 p.m. He can also be heard on Radio CINQ, 102.3, FM, Cable 88.3, every Saturday on the Know Your Rights legal show. 2:30 p.m. If you would like to ask a question, send an e-mail to: tedquestions@yahoo.ca. Please include a phone number.*

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# Cope captures photo mirages



'Cera Pavarotti' by Matthew Cope

Susana Mas

**K**nown to many as the city of entertainment and the gaming capital of the world, fabulous Las Vegas will not deceive you if it's a mirage you're looking for.

"Everything you see is artificial," Westmounter Matthew Cope said of some subjects of his recent photographs currently on display at Java U on Sherbrooke Street.

Cope's work includes several poignant photos such as 'Cera Pavarotti', a picture of Luciano Pavarotti framed by a domed church ceiling. "What you don't see is the hundreds of people staring at him," said Cope of a picture taken inside the Venetian Casino in Las Vegas. The photo is part of Madame Tussaud's renowned collection of uncannily realistic wax portraits of Las Vegas celebrities.

Other pictures in Cope's series include 'Waiting for the King', a photo of a Vegas Elvis impersonator and 'Liz and Monty', a picture of legendary actors Elizabeth Taylor and Montgomery Cliff seen on a television screen.

"Most of my photography is spontaneous," said Cope. 'Santa Monica Hat Guy' is a perfect example of what happens when one seizes the moment. Cope asked to take a picture of a Los Angeles entertainer. What he got wasn't at all what he expected. "I had no idea he was going to do that," said Cope of a man with his cheeks puffed out to their fullest capacity. The picture is a reminder of Dizzy Gillespie without the trumpet.

"I prefer to keep my eyes open and grab what I see in front of me," said Cope. Nowhere is this more apparent than in 'Broadway Windows', where Cope is taken aback by what he sees as he steps outside an art gallery in New York City. In this photo, "Two Mini-Mes are sitting in some sort of window display. The effect is almost three-dimensional," said Cope.

A recent winner of the Danny Taran Creative Photography Award, a scholarship granted annually to an emerging artist by the Saidye Bronfman Centre for the Arts, Cope is now busy mounting an exhibition for presentation there next spring.

He is also working on a New Year's photo exhibition with seven other artists including one other Westmount photographer.

• *Matthew Cope's recent photographs remain on display at JavaU, 4914 Sherbrooke St. W. (corner Prince Albert) through Dec. 14. Info: 482-7077.*

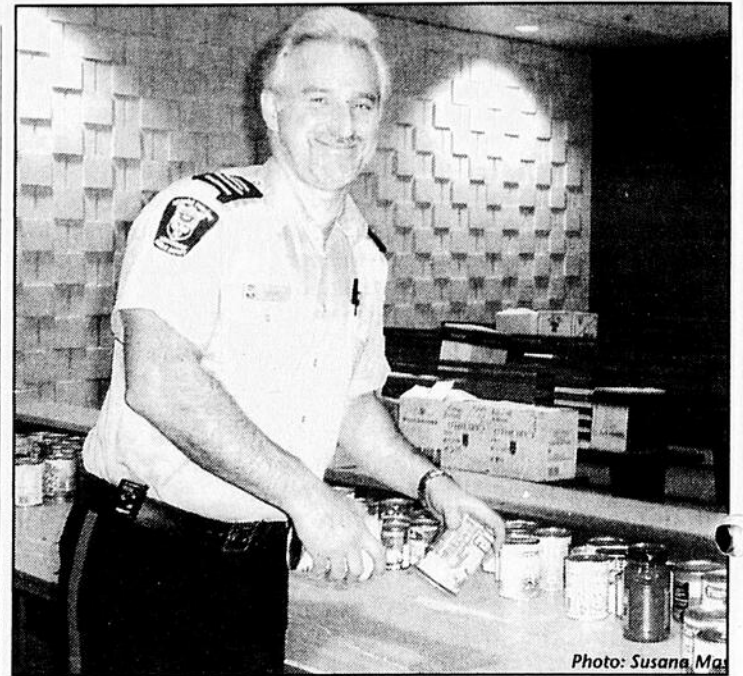


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**Community relations officer James Novak has organized the Westmount Public Security department annual food drive for over 10 years. The holiday drive's success has led Novak to consider organizing a second food drive to be held sometime next spring.**

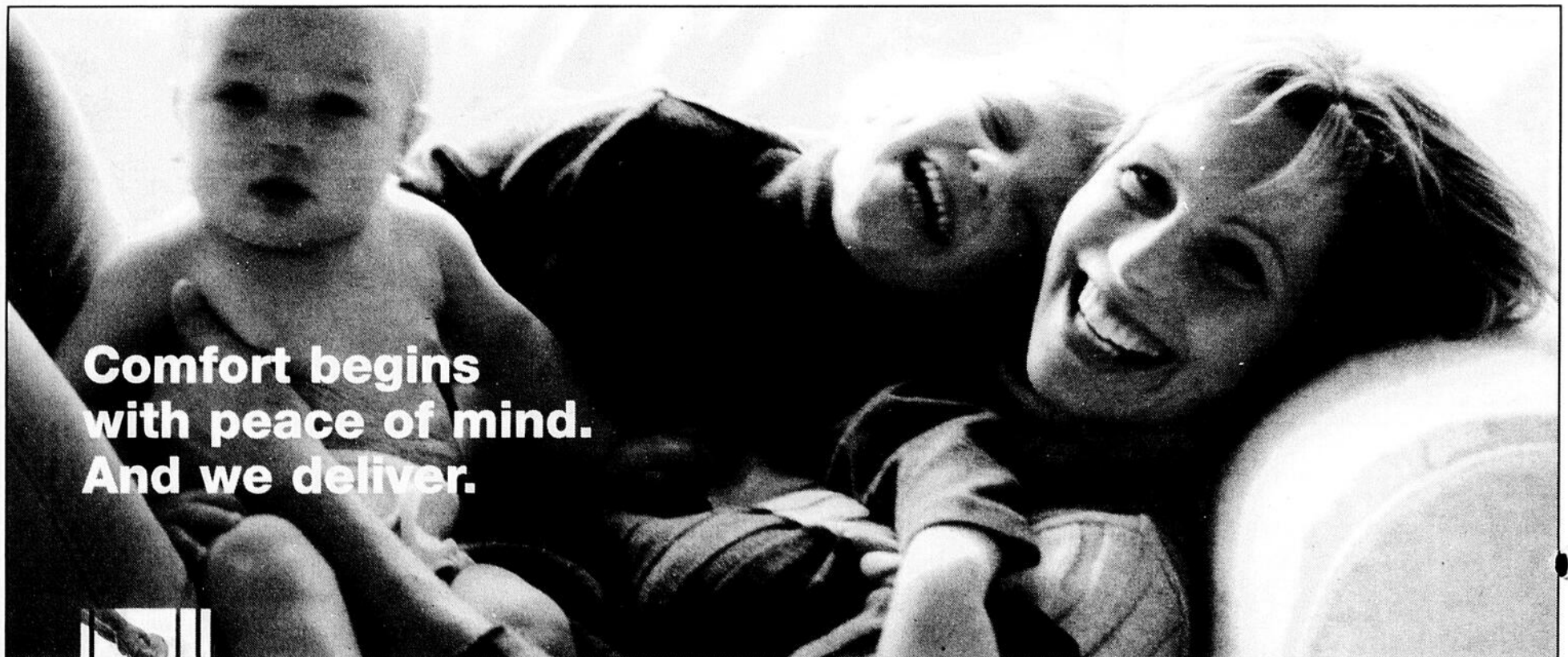
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After Dec. 15, all donations made to benefit the food drive will be collected, packed and distributed by various public security officers and firefighters. "I grab whomever I can get," said Novak.

And for the first time in years, Novak will also get the help of two volunteers who also happen to be recipients of this year's food drive.

As a general rule of thumb, families will receive at least one basket and one food voucher per family member, sometimes more.

According to Novak, the best part of organizing this food drive is in the delivery of the baskets. "You don't get the full appreciation until you've seen the smiles you put on people's faces."



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## Food and figures at the Visual Arts Centre

**Darlene Cousins**

**B**ack to Basics... that would be an apt title for the current exhibition at the Visual Arts Centre's McClure Gallery—a vibrant show that features the recent work of two Westmount artists.

Although Frankie Miller and Cynthia van Frank display very different styles and work in completely different media, the bringing together in one space of van Frank's pastel figure studies and Miller's mixed-media still-life images of food works better than most dual exhibitions.

Miller's recent paintings, which occupy the larger portion of the gallery, offer the viewer 'food for thought'—literally. Each of her works is a fascinating study of food, or, as she puts it,

"various stages of meals, from fruit to soup, are situated in semi-abstract colour fields suggesting tabletops."

For Miller, using food as an art object comes naturally, as she views food and painting as one and the same—both are sensory experiences. "Food is a very sensual thing and painting is a very sensual thing," she says. "Cooking is alchemy. There is a similarity between the action of blending and mixing food and the act of painting. There is a lot of texture to [painting], a pure appeal of the material—food expresses it well."

Miller's mixed media approach to her art also adds a captivating component to its appeal. In 'Camogli'—a large mixed media work depicting pizza and a server, a carafe of wine and two glasses—Miller achieves the ambiance of a warm Italian eatery through her

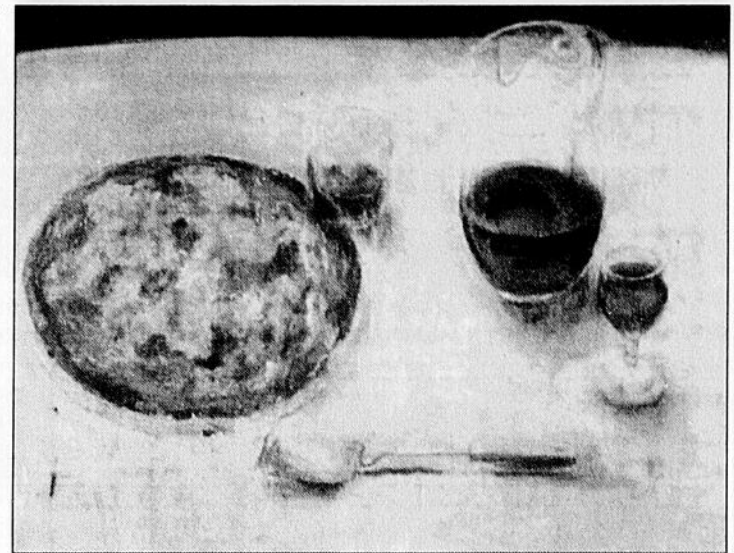
skillful choice of palette and medium.

In this case, the difficult medium of encaustic (hot beeswax) is used, creating a spatial quality that cannot be attained with paint alone. Using wax requires careful application, as well as the agility and patience to apply layer upon layer. Miller, who has been using this technique for more than ten years, makes the process seem effortless. She also incorporates objects into her work—such as the red-checked tablecloth in 'Camogli'—along with herbs and spices that blend into the paintings, enhancing the tactile sensation that makes food so alluring to us all. Miller's works are a celebration of life—as she so aptly states—"There is no such thing as paella for one. Viva!"

As the perfect complement to Miller's gastronomic images, Cynthia van Frank's recent work explores what she describes as the "vulnerability of human flesh."

In a series of six works, van Frank looks at the human body from the perspective of the body blending, or meshing, with nature. In her serene 'Asleep with Roses,' she depicts a woman in repose—eyes closed—seemingly "integrated into her environment."

Van Frank, who used oil pastels on



'Camogli' by Frankie Miller

paper for this series, employs a technique similar to pointillism to achieve a rich, glowing quality to her images. As opposed to the Post-Impressionist work of Georges Seurat—who applied dots or 'points' of colour to attain a uniform hue—van Frank uses lines of pastel colours side-by-side, giving the effect of a very tangible, sinewy appearance of the subject's flesh.

Van Frank's works present a compassionate look at the human body, almost melancholy in the sense of detachment that they convey

• 'Recent Work' by Cynthia van Frank and Frankie Miller continues at the McClure Gallery of the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave., through Dec. 20. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 488-9558.



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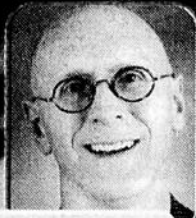
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