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## WESTMOUNT HEATS UP ANTI-MERGER BATTLE

*UMBM rally Dec. 10 is next big event*

**T**he Nov. 19 referendum on the provincial government's imminent municipal reforms was not the climax of Westmount's fight to retain its autonomy—in fact organizers of the city's anti-merger demonstrations have vowed to increase pressure on Quebec City.

"We will not accept defeat," city councillor Karin Marks said this week. "We will keep fighting—we have to keep fighting."

The Westmount Lawn Bowling Clubhouse, which was pressed into service as headquarters for the City's 'No' committee for the referendum, will be retained as the nerve centre for ongoing anti-merger activities.

"We're putting out another call for volunteers," Marks said. "There will be a major phoning campaign next week to get as many people as possible out to the big rally downtown on Dec. 10."

Marks also pointed out that the 'No' committee's phone number, 931-1111, is still available for those who wish to volunteer.

Organized by the UMBM, the Dec. 10 rally is scheduled to take place on McGill College Avenue and is expected to be the largest yet. "Each municipality is hoping to send 2,000 people," Marks added.

While she agreed that convincing 2,000 Westmounters to attend the rally is far from impossible, Marks said it will take an enormous amount of work, hence the call for more volunteers.

Westmount Municipal Association president Kathleen Duncan is also well aware of the work ahead, but says she is willing to do whatever it takes to stop the government's plan.

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## WESTMOUNTERS TAKE ANTI-MERGER MESSAGE TO QUEBEC CITY

*Citizens brave cold and drizzle to join Sunday's rally in provincial capital*



Double duty: City councillors had their hands full in Quebec City—Cynthia Lulham with son Harry (left) and colleague Tom Thompson (right).

**Martin C. Barry**

**The rally had barely started when Harris Pompili looked like he'd already had enough.**

As placards waved and slogans were loudly chanted, the four-year-old son of city councillor Cynthia Lulham appeared to be asleep. A little annoyed, too, perhaps, but for the most part oblivious.

"Wake me when it's over," Harry's expression seemed to say.

While Lulham watched over him on the road back to Montreal after the anti-merger protest in Quebec City last Sunday, she had a busload of Westmount residents to care for as well, but was taking her tasks in stride.

"He slept through most of the rally," Lulham said after spending the morning and afternoon taking head counts, handing out boxed lunches, and assisting young Harry to the loo at the back of the vehicle, of course.

"I think the last 15 minutes on the bus got to him, but the rest of the time

he enjoyed it. But if you ask him, he knows the slogan 'Hands Off Our City'."

Despite cold and drizzly weather, about 60 Westmounters joined an estimated 5,000 citizens of other municipalities from Montreal Island and the Quebec City area at the demonstration in front of the National Assembly, which was closed for the weekend.

The rally was at least half the size of an anti-merger demonstration in Pointe Claire early last week. More rallies are planned, including one at the Longueuil Metro station on the South Shore at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and another on Dec. 10 on McGill College Avenue, in which Westmount is expected to play an important role.

Addressing the crowd at this past Sunday's rally, Quebec Liberal leader Jean Charest repeated almost verbatim what he said in Pointe Claire a week earlier.

Reminding the crowd of the PQ's unpopular health care reform, Charest committed himself to fighting the forced municipal mergers.

In the National Assembly last week, the Opposition leader's efforts consisted of an appeal to the government to hold a referendum on the issue, which was promptly declined by Deputy Premier Bernard Landry.

Westmount historian Aline Gubbay, author of several books on the city's history, said she is taking notes for Westmount's ongoing story.

"This is a big thing, very much a part of our history and very exciting," said Gubbay. "How can you overlook a turnout like that? This is people saying 'I feel strongly about this issue.'"

Parkman Place resident Bill Marler said he was especially impressed by the number of French-speaking supporters from the Quebec City region who have joined the movement against the municipal reform.

"The fact that it was all in French was great," said Marler. "It means they can't say, like they did with the Fairview rally, that it was just a West Island thing."

Virginia Elliott of Hillside Avenue was also impressed by the number of

people from different backgrounds drawn together for a common cause. "So many people going out on a cold day and demanding to be heard," said Elliott. "This may be what unifies Quebec, because it's really pulling people together who normally would think they have nothing in common."

City councillor Tom Thompson summed up Westmount's position. "This business that there are going to be lower taxes and better services for everyone is not true at all," said Thompson.

The province, he maintained, doesn't need to remove the municipalities' autonomy to meet the reform goal.

"If there is a need for fiscal equity, it can be accomplished by taking neighbourhoods like Westmount and charging (us) more. We would send them a cheque and they would not have to take away the autonomy of the city and the opportunity for the citizens to determine the quality of life and the type of activities they want in their own community."



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### Emplois d'été

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## Bibliothèque

### Amnistie: «Nourriture ou amendes?»

La Bibliothèque a lancé sa collecte annuelle «Nourriture ou amendes?» le lundi 27 novembre. Si vous déposez des denrées non périssables dans notre panier de Noël lors du retour de livres ou de documents audiovisuels en retard, nous annulerons les amendes exigibles sur ces documents. Les aliments seront remis au Service de la Sécurité

publique de Westmount aux fins de sa collecte annuelle d'aliments pour les résidents démunis de notre communauté.

Si vous ne déposez aucune denrée, on percevra les amendes normales, qui seront ensuite versées à la même œuvre. Cette amnistie sera en vigueur jusqu'au 15 décembre, moment où les pompiers et les officiers de la Sécurité publique commenceront la distribution des paniers.

### Inscription aux programmes d'hiver pour enfants

L'inscription aux programmes 2001 de la section des enfants commencera le mercredi 6 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.

### Bricolage de Noël et de la Hannoukah

Venez célébrer la saison des Fêtes en bricolant des articles d'artisanat dans le cadre de notre séance de bricolage. La séance des enfants de 4 à 6 ans aura lieu le lundi 4 décembre, de 16h à 16h45, et celle des enfants de 7 ans et plus le jeudi 7 décembre, de 16h à 16h45.

### Club de lecture française

Le club de lecture française se réunira le mercredi 13 décembre, de 19h à 21h, pour discuter de lettres rédigées par des auteurs célèbres. Le groupe est animé par Marie-Anne Poggi.

### Conférences automnales

Joignez-vous à nous le mercredi 13 décembre, de 19h30 à 21h, pour une soirée en compagnie de Monique Dykstra, photographe et chroniqueuse au quotidien *The Gazette*. M<sup>me</sup> Dykstra racontera des histoires à propos de Montréalais bizarres et merveilleux qu'elle a rencontrés pour les fins de sa chronique, *Monique Dykstra's Montreal*. Tout le monde est invité à assister à cette conférence. Info: 989-5386.



## Services de protection Collecte annuelle d'aliments

Tout résidant admissible à recevoir un panier d'aliments pendant le temps des fêtes doit communiquer avec les Services sociaux du CLSC-Métro au

plus tard le vendredi 8 décembre au 934-0354.

Toute personne qui désire contribuer des denrées alimentaires non-périssables peut les apporter aux endroits suivants:

- Hôtel de ville, 4333 Sherbrooke
  - Centre Greene, 1090 Greene
  - Service de la protection, 19 Stanton
  - Bibliothèque de Westmount, 4574 Sherbrooke
  - Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke
- Veuillez noter que les vêtements et les jouets usagés sont refusés, mais les jouets neufs dans leur emballage d'origine sont acceptés. Info: 989-5468.



## Conseil municipal Illumination du sapin de Noël

Le maire et les conseillers municipaux convient tous les membres de la communauté à l'illumination du sapin de Noël, qui aura lieu devant l'hôtel de ville le lundi 4 décembre, de 19h à 20h, avant la séance du conseil. On y lira l'histoire du sapin de Noël, on servira du jus de pommes chaud et des biscuits et on entonnera des chants de Noël. Veuillez apporter des

denrées non périssables pour la collecte d'aliments de Westmount. Info: 989-5226.



## Événements communautaires Concert des fêtes

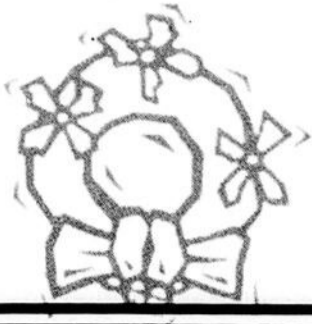
Le Chœur des jeunes de Westmount ainsi que les élèves des cours de musique offerts par le service des sports et loisirs présentent, sous la direction d'Ira Sokolova, un concert de musique de Noël. Cet événement aura lieu le samedi 9 décembre à 14h au Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Ouest. Le concert comprend des élèves d'âges préscolaires, et élémentaires ainsi que des adolescents et adultes. Entrée libre. Info: 934-0535.

## Société d'horticulture de Westmount

Dawn Smith et Bob Flynn de la compagnie Smith Brothers Florists présentent un atelier d'arrangements floraux pour le temps des Fêtes le mardi 12 décembre à 19h dans le salon de la Loge au Victoria Hall. Gratuit pour les membres, 5 \$ pour les non-membres. Info: 989-7939.

## Dates à retenir

Dimanche	Lundi	Mardi	Mercredi	Jeudi	Vendredi	Samedi
					<b>1 décembre</b>	<b>2</b>
					• «Nourriture ou amendes» Bibliothèque	• «Nourriture ou amendes» Bibliothèque
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• «Nourriture ou amendes» Bibliothèque	• Bricolage, 4 à 6 ans Bibliothèque, 16h à 16h45 • Illumination du sapin de Noël, Hôtel de ville, 19h à 20h • Réunion du Conseil Hôtel de ville, 20h • «Nourriture ou amendes»	• «Nourriture ou amendes» Bibliothèque	• Inscription aux programmes d'hiver pour enfants, Bibliothèque • «Nourriture ou amendes» Bibliothèque	• Bricolage, 7 ans et plus Bibliothèque, 16h à 16h45 • Inscription aux programmes d'hiver pour enfants, Bibliothèque • «Nourriture ou amendes» Bibliothèque	• Inscription aux programmes d'hiver pour enfants, Bibliothèque • «Nourriture ou amendes» Bibliothèque	• Le Chœur des enfants de Westmount, Concert de Noël, Victoria Hall, 14h • Inscription aux programmes d'hiver pour enfants, Bibliothèque • «Nourriture ou amendes» Bibliothèque
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
	• Noël Hôtel de ville fermée	Hôtel de ville fermée	Hôtel de ville fermée			



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## Human Resources

### Summer employment

The 2001 Summer Employment Forms will be available at the reception desk in City Hall starting Friday, December 1, Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please note that the deadline to submit your application is Wednesday, February 28, 2001 at Westmount City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, H3Z 1E2. Info: 989-5208.



## Library

### Amnesty: Food for Fines

The Library is launching its annual Food for Fines drive beginning Monday, November 27. Bring in non-perishable food items for our Christmas basket along with your late books or audiovisual materials and we will cancel your fines. The food will be given to the Westmount Public

Security Unit for its annual food drive for needy families in the community. If no items are given, the regular fines will be collected and donated to the same cause. This will continue until December 15, when the firefighters and PSOs will begin distributing Christmas food baskets around the city.

### Winter Registration: Children's Programmes

Registration for the Children's Department 2001 Programmes will begin Wednesday, December 6. 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.

### Christmas and Hanukkah Craft

Come celebrate the holiday season by making handcrafted items in our craft session. The session for children between the ages of 4 and 6 will take place from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. on Monday, December 4. The session for children 7 years and over takes place on Thursday, December 7, from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

### French Book Club

The French Book Club will meet on Wednesday, December 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to discuss letters written by famous authors. The group leader is Marie-Anne Poggi.

### Fall Author Series

Join us for an evening with Montreal photographer and Gazette columnist Monique Dykstra on Wednesday, December 13 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Ms. Dykstra will share stories about some of the weird and wonderful Montrealers she's met while doing her column, *Monique Dykstra's Montreal*. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Info: 989-5386.



## Protective Services

### Annual Food Drive

Any Westmount residents eligible to receive a food basket this holiday season must contact the CLSC-Métro Social Service Intake Department at 934-0354 by Friday, December 8.

Anyone wishing to contribute non-perishable food items may bring them

to the marked boxes at the following locations:

- City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke
  - Centre Greene, 1090 Greene
  - Protective Services Department, 19 Stanton
  - Westmount Library, 4574 Sherbrooke
  - Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke
- Please note that clothing and used toys are not accepted, but new toys in their original packaging can be included in this collection. Info: 989-5468.



## City Council

### Christmas Tree Lighting and Carols

The Mayor and City councillors invite everyone to attend the lighting of the Christmas tree in front of City Hall on Monday December 4, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., prior to the December Council Meeting. Join us for a reading of the story of the Christmas tree, hot apple juice, cookies, and Christmas carols. Please bring a non-perishable food donation for Westmount's Christmas basket collection. Info: 989-5226.



## Community Events

### Choir concert

The Westmount Children's Choir and the choirs of the City's recreation programme, all under the direction of Ira Sokolova, will perform in a Christmas concert on Saturday, December 9, at 2:00 p.m. at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke. It includes students from the pre-school, children's, teen and adult singing classes. Admission is free.

### Westmount Horticultural Society

Dawn Smith and Bob Flynn of Smith Brothers Florists will present a workshop on *Designs for the Holidays* on Tuesday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Room at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke. Admission is free for members and \$5 for non-members. Info: 989-7939.



## Datebook

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday December 1	Saturday 2
3 •Food for Fines Drive Library	4 •Crafts, ages 4 to 6 Library, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. •Christmas Tree Lighting and Carols, City Hall, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. •Council Meeting, City Hall, 8:00 p.m. •Food for Fines Drive	5 •Food for Fines Drive Library	6 •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library •Food for Fines Drive Library	7 •Christmas and Chanukah Crafts ages 7 and up Library, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library •Food for Fines Drive	8 •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library •Food for Fines Drive Library	9 •Westmount Children's Choir, Christmas concert Victoria Hall, 2:00 p.m. •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library •Food for Fines Drive Library
10 •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library •Food for Fines Drive Library	11 •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library •Food for Fines Drive Library	12 •Westmount Horticultural Society Workshop: <i>Design for the Holidays</i> , Victoria Hall, 7:30 p.m. •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library •Food for Fines Drive	13 •French Book Club Library, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. •Fall Author Series Library, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library •Food for Fines Drive	14 •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library •Food for Fines Drive Library	15 •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library •Food for Fines Drive Library	16 •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library
17 •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library	18 •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library	19 •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library	20 •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library	21 •Menorah lighting and Chanukah celebration City Hall, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	22 •Winter Registration, Children's Programmes Library	23
24	25 •Christmas City Hall Closed	26 City Hall Closed	27 City Hall Closed	28	29	30

## LUCIENNE AGAIN!

**T**he colourful posters are all coming down, the empty Styrofoam cups have been collected into garbage bags, and temporary campaign offices across the country are being abandoned—reverting to vacant store fronts and other real estate white elephants.

Yes, it's all over but the sweeping up, and once again incumbent MP Lucienne Robillard has been given a clear mandate to represent Westmount in Ottawa for another four years.

*Commentary*

Wayne Larsen



Although she certainly has her share of vocal critics—as any politician does—Mme. Robillard has consistently proven that she remains dedicated to her constituency. Even as a cabinet minister in charge of a major portfolio, she has found enough time to attend most major events in Westmount—from Family Day to special masses at St. Léon de Westmount Church—not to mention sending in a bi-weekly column to *The Examiner*.

Of course the critics will pounce on this, claiming that she is visible in Westmount only when most convenient for her or at 'fun' events, and her *Examiner* column is usually a glorified federal government press release—but how many other MPs do half that much? I'm sure even the most obscure backbenchers in Ottawa don't make the effort to keep in touch with their constituents with a few hundred words in their local paper every two weeks, in fact an annual holiday greeting flyer is about the most contact the average Canadian has with their parliamentary representative.

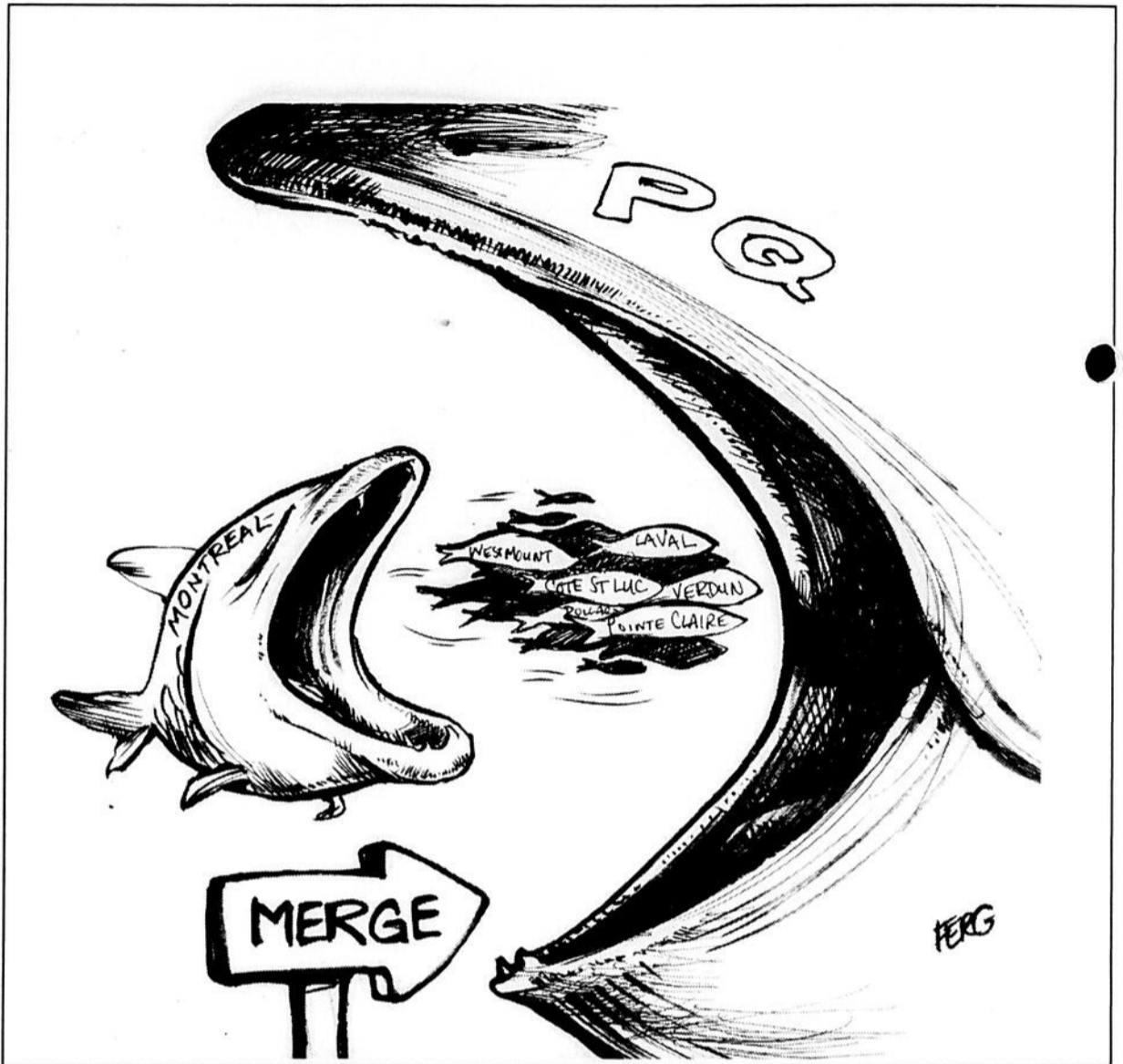
Politics is a complex game, full of controversy and multifaceted issues—as the current municipal merger battle proves beyond a doubt—so on the whole Westmounters are fortunate to be represented by someone like Mme. Robillard. If they weren't, the well-informed voters would not have re-elected her by such a wide margin on Monday.

As one of the organizers (along with Stanley Baker and Kathleen Duncan of the Westmount Municipal Association), I was particularly pleased with the 'Meet the Candidates' evening at Victoria Hall on Nov. 21. Attendance far surpassed our expectations, and Victor Drury once again proved to be an excellent choice for moderator.

This was easily the largest and most important campaign event in Westmount-Ville Marie, and although it was unfortunate that two candidates did not attend, those who did used it to their fullest advantage. Mme. Robillard was solid in defending both herself and her party's policies, and PC candidate Bryan Price came off as a bright, earnest politician with a definite future. As for sheer courage, Bloc Québécois candidate Marcela Valdivia deserves an immense amount of respect for holding her own in what was obviously hostile territory.

The most pleasant surprise of the night was Michel Laporte, a homeless man running on the Parti de Rien ticket. The amiable Mr. Laporte endeared himself to the crowd by using his speaking time to sing a catchy song about the plight of the homeless. He had no illusions about beating Mme. Robillard, but simply by running he succeeded in drawing attention to a very serious issue and hopefully attracted a few substantial donations from his new-found Westmount friends.

But my personal favourite was Patrice Caron of the Marijuana Party, who presented his single-issue platform and then fidgeted for the next two hours (munchies?) before expressing his disappointment at being virtually ignored by questioners and bolting dramatically from the hall. Mr. Caron's platform was passionate and articulate, but I liked him for more selfish reasons. As it had fallen to me to open the meeting, which entailed introducing each candidate and their party affiliations, I may now have the rather dubious distinction of being the first person in Westmount's conservative history to utter the word 'marijuana' over Victoria Hall's PA system.



## IT MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL

Jacques, MNA for Westmount-St. Louis

**A**s I had anticipated (I always write my columns a week before they appear), Bill 170 on forced mergers was presented in the National Assembly. You are already well aware of the contents of the bill and, of the 63 per cent of you who voted (an exemplary participation rate, by the way), 98 per cent were against those aspects which concern you the most.

Nonetheless, Minister Harel does not want to listen; she does not want to take a very legitimate point of view into consideration. After all, the only referendum that counts for the Bouchard-Harel tandem is a 'winning' referendum on Quebec sovereignty. The same consultation process is sometimes good, sometimes not so good, depending on what they want to hear.

On November 22, I presented a motion in the National Assembly proposing that the parliamentary commission that will be hearing the organizations selected by the government, also hear the City of Westmount, as well as the Westmount Municipal Association. The government refused in both cases.

Not only do they not listen to the results of

referenda, but they also refuse to listen to the elected representatives of the population, as well as their association. This means that the representatives of the City of Westmount will be thrown in with all the other representatives of Montreal's suburbs, representing more than 800,000 people, for a total presentation time of just one hour. A few days later, the same parliamentary commission will spend an hour listening to the South Shore municipality of Lemoyne, which represents just 12,000 people. This is a nice way to run a parliamentary commission that knows how to put things into perspective!

The Minister announced that she will not listen to arguments of content and substance as to the economics of her legislation. She has also said that her government will not give in to the public demonstrations that are beginning to be organized in the four corners of Quebec. At the Fairview Centre in Pointe Claire, more than 15,000 people came to support their municipal councillors. All of the mayors and all of the MNAs for Montreal's island suburbs were there, as well as representatives from the South Shore municipalities, such as Boucherville and Brossard.

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# "HANDS OFF MY STREET!"

A Stayner Street resident takes a loving look at her funky, storied neighbourhood

**Old News**



(from the examiner archives)

**One Year Ago**  
December 2, 1999:

**COURT ACTION:** "The City of Westmount plans to take legal action against the large apartment complex at 4300 de Maisonneuve for failing to install an emergency generator. The law firm of Bélanger-Sauvé, which represents the City of Westmount, has been instructed to take all necessary action against the owner of 4300 for violating Bylaw 1241—which calls for all residential buildings of at least 10 storeys to have had a generator in place by Nov. 5."

**Five Years Ago**  
November 30, 1995:

**TRENT RE-ELECTED:** "Westmount Mayor Peter Trent was officially acclaimed this week to a second term as head of the Conference of Suburban Mayors. Other positions in the mayors' group will be determined by mid-week. Transit issues remain the primary focus of the Conference of Suburban Mayors—"one reason why I wanted to stay," said Trent on Tuesday."

**Ten Years Ago**  
November 29, 1990:

**PAQUET RETURNS:** "Marie-France Paquet returns to Westmount as city clerk next week after a whirlwind career with the Montreal Urban Community. When she left the city as assistant city clerk Nov. 2 to advance her career, she had no idea her superior, Robert Wilkins, would make a similar move less than two weeks later. The sudden departure of both employees dealt a blow to city hall operations. But it didn't take long for the void to be filled when Ms. Paquet was hired back after working just two weeks as deputy coordinator of the MUC's standing commissions."

**Twenty Years Ago**  
December 4, 1980:

**HERITAGE QUESTIONS:** "Should the entire City of Westmount become a 'conservation area', in which the façades of all homes would become public domain? Should citizens be privy to the plans and designs of private developers seeking to construct new homes in Westmount? What is aesthetically pleasing, and who determines the norm? These are a few of the questions that will have to be dealt with by a special Westmount heritage committee in the coming year, a committee due to be formed in response to the outpouring of concern shown last Wednesday at the joint Westmount Municipal Association-Westmount Historical Association meeting on heritage properties."

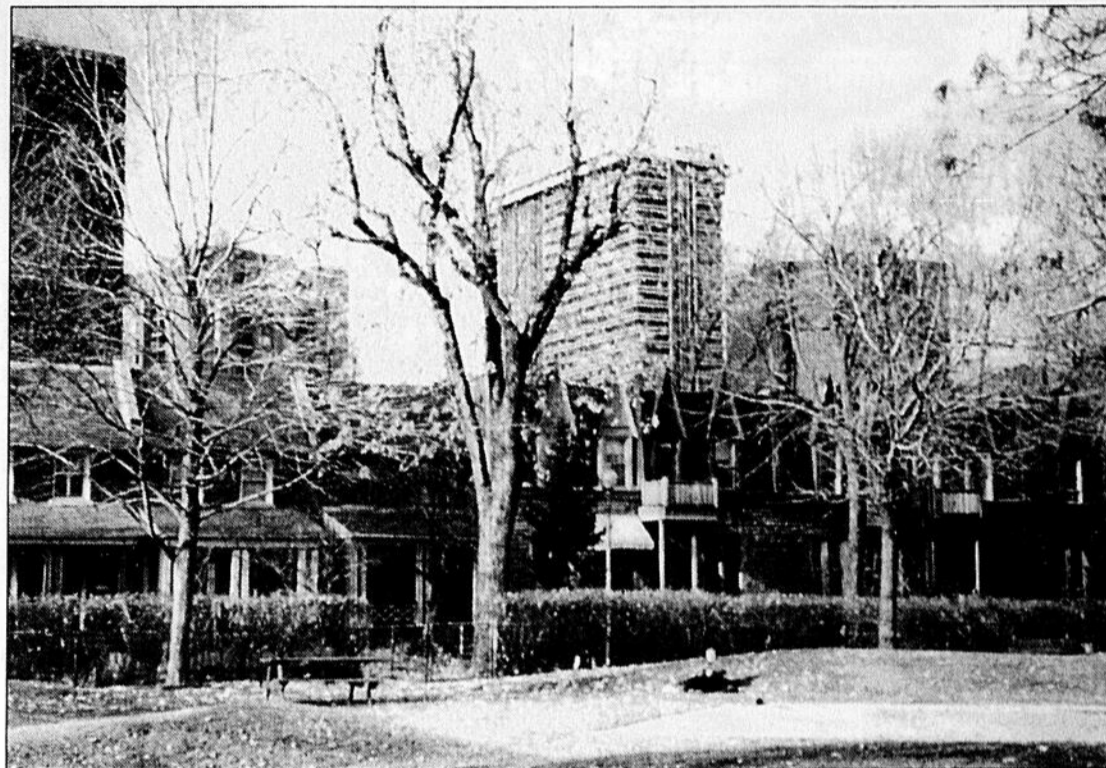
**Jan Kaluza**

**Where's Stayner..? Many people ask me about my street, including Montreal taxi drivers. There are people living a few blocks away who aren't aware of its existence, nestling unobtrusively as it does in an enclave in lower Westmount, like Spenser's Fairie Bower.**

Stayner, which is off Greene Avenue south, is one of many small streets in a flourishing, funky neighbourhood comprised of solid Victorian homes with ornate facades gentrified in the last ten years by young professionals. It has become, as the real estate agents might say, a desirable area.

Families, kids and dogs (labs and golden retrievers seem to be the pooches of choice) have taken over from the renters and the lodgers of the old rooming house days. There are hockey sticks and baby carriages parked in the hall, four-wheel drives and mini-vans parked in the lanes. Kids play on the street or in Stayner Park, as they did in the good old-fashioned days, and people walk their dogs around Stayner Park.

Francophone, anglophone, allophone, any-phone, it's an eclectic mix:



The old homes along Stayner Street have a rich, fascinating history

writers, teachers, hi-techies and housewives coexist contentedly. Life is so pleasant you could lose your urban edginess if it wasn't for the fact that Stayner's a hop, skip and jump away from downtown. If I stand on the sidewalk outside my house looking eastward over the chimney tops on Clandeboye, I can see in the near distance Place Ville Marie and its omnipresent laser piercing the night

sky. Greene Avenue, with its trendy frock shops, restos, art galleries and the excellent Cinq Saisons food hall, is a minute's walk away. Location! Location! Location! To paraphrase Royal Le Page.

For the community-minded, there's the Greene Avenue Centre, which also houses a daycare.

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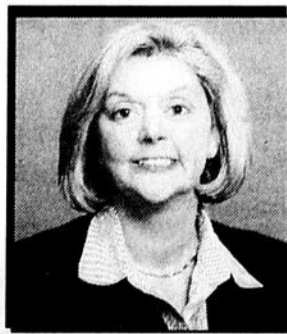
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# Dog Day Afternoon was enjoyed by all

**Marilynn Vanderstay**

**It was anything but a hot, sultry day Sunday afternoon when dogs took their masters for a walk to the Dog Day Afternoon event at Victoria Hall.**

The Westmount Dog Owners Association, the voice of dogs in the city, organized the 11th annual event, and despite the inclement weather and competition from another dog show at Place Bonaventure, 30 dogs registered to join in the festivities—down 50 per cent from last year.

The program started with Obedience Trials, an exhibition of dogs going through their paces, presented by Lakeshore Dog Training. The children were impressed as the dogs jumped and ran and sat on command.

Next every dog had an opportunity for its 15 seconds of fame as it strutted its stuff across the stage during the

Breed Parade. Past President Beryl Parker emceed the parade, giving an informative introduction for each dog and its breed. Parker was president of the WDOA for 20 years and is very knowledgeable about dogs and their behaviour. Some of the participants barked impatiently, waiting for their turns.

The contests were sheer fun. The eager participants were more interested in sniffing than showing their noses, however, for the Most Interesting Nose contest. Eager children from the audience were recruited as judges. Misty, a Sheltie Collie, was thrilled with herself as she took first place.

In the Tying a Necktie contest, owners were challenged in a timed competition to tie the fastest necktie on their dogs using a Windsor knot. The fastest participant, and perhaps the most patient, was Sasha, another Sheltie

Collie, for her colour co-ordinated tie.

The most fun for the dogs was the Singing contest. In this vociferous event, owners coached their pets to sing, woof, hum, howl or yap melodiously along with Elvis Presley's 'Hound Dog'. And sing they did. And in harmony. When the music ended the winner was a soprano white poodle.

Door prizes were fantastic thanks to volunteers Katie Malloch, Francie Montgomery and Cheryl Pashlin. Sponsors included K-9 Plus, Little Bear, Renaissance Dog Training, and Pat Backman Grooming Services. The grand prize was a one-week stay and spa visit at Possum Place.

Dog owners were encouraged to take a membership in the WDOA. "There are 1,200 to 1,500 dogs in Westmount, yet less than 100 are members of the WDOA," Parker informed the audience. "The \$10 annual fee helps maintain the dog runs in the city, which give dogs a place to run without their leashes." She continued to explain that the WDOA not only promotes responsible ownership and self-regulation, but has also created and maintained a proven and effective liaison with City Hall, limiting the need for municipal regulation.

President Bridget Blackader concurred, reminding participants that after the ice storm in 1998 the WDOA gave the City \$6,500 to help clean up Summit Park.

# No plans for dog-control bylaw after Rottweiler banished

**By Martin C. Barry**

**Despite the banishment this week of a Rottweiler from the city, Westmount is not planning to get tougher with certain breeds of dogs.**

On Monday in municipal court, Judge Keith Ham ordered Dimitry Zhivotovsky, owner of Queenie, to pay a \$400 fine for keeping his dog unleashed and to remove the animal from the city within 45 days.

In August, the 75 lb. female Rottweiler attacked Eddy, a tiny Lhasa Apso owned by Cathy Baran, on Sherbrooke St. The smaller dog suffered six gashes to the chest and back and underwent two operations costing Baran \$1,500 in veterinary bills.

Although some municipalities like Outremont and Lachine have introduced bylaws that require the muzzling or make it illegal to own certain breeds of dogs, Westmount is far from doing so, says Mayor Peter Trent.

"Right now we haven't any time for that, and certainly it's put on the back-burner," said Trent. Westmount's struggle to survive the Quebec government's municipal reform is taking precedence over all else, he added. "I can't answer any questions on dogs right now. I can only tell you we're working 18 hours a day to ensure we survive beyond the end of this year, so I'm afraid Rottweilers are not very high in my list of priorities."

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# LIBERALS MAKE A STATEMENT IN QUEBEC

Incumbent MP Robillard wins handily in Westmount-Ville Marie

**Sidhartha Banerjee**

**It was a given in the early morning hours of Nov. 28 that the riding of Westmount-Ville Marie would be draped in Liberal red and white—the only question was by how much.**

Lucienne Robillard, who won the seat in Westmount-Ville Marie in both 1995 and 1997, won a third consecutive mandate from the people in 2000. While there were far fewer votes cast in the riding this time, the results were almost a carbon copy of the 1997 federal election.

Robillard, the president of the Treasury Board, had been careful but cautious at the beginning of this election and had hoped to increase her majority. While she received 5,000 fewer votes this time around, the Liberal incumbent maintained the 60 per cent clip she received in 1997. Robillard handily defeated distant second place Tory candidate Bryan Price and third place Bloc Québécois candidate Marcela Valdivia by a comfortable 48 per cent margin.

Robillard said that it would have been a major challenge to maintain the type of support she got in 1997 when she defeated the second place Progressive Conservative candidate, who received just 17 per cent of the vote, but said she was happy with the outcome.

But an even bigger story is in the rest of Quebec, where the Liberal Party had a successful run. The party gained an additional seven seats Monday, capitalizing on a major decline in the Tory vote across the province, coupled with the threat of forced municipal mergers—which had a number of municipalities voting against the Bloc Québécois to send a

message to their provincial counterparts in Quebec City.

The idea of 'Blocking the Bloc' had been reiterated by provincial Liberal leader Jean Charest at a mass rally against municipal mergers this past Sunday in Quebec City.

Michel Laporte, a homeless man running on behalf of the large number of homeless in the community, finished in a virtual tie with the Marijuana Party candidate for seventh place. Laporte, who had hoped to garner 15 per cent of the vote in order to regain his \$1,000 deposit, fell considerably short of that goal, getting just under 2 per cent of the votes cast.

Voter turnout was relatively low compared to past elections as only 56 per cent of the nearly 67,000 eligible voters cast a ballot. In the 1997 federal election, more than 70 per cent of voters went to the polls in the riding.

## City seeks volunteers for Dec. 10 rally

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"A lot of people will probably say this is going to get railroaded through by the government anyway, so what's the point of protesting?" Duncan said on Tuesday. "We've got to get out there and do something. Each one of us is equally responsible for ensuring that our community survives."

For those who may not be able to attend rallies, Duncan said there are plenty of other ways for Westmounters to get involved in saving their city.

"I implore all citizens to come out and speak their mind," she said. "If you can't show up for a rally, come out and volunteer. We all have to put our best foot forward."

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# CITY HONOURS VETERAN OFFICERS

**Sidhartha Banerjee**

**F**or Sgt. Robert Stringer, 20 years as a Public Security officer in Westmount has gone by in a flash.

It's been a learning experience—we've learned over the years how to appreciate people, how to work with people," Stringer said in an interview at City Hall last Monday.

"It's been very, very fast. I've had a good 20 years and I've worked with some good people. I'd do another 20 if I could do it."

The City of Westmount honoured eight of their Public Security officers for their 20 years of service to the community in a presentation at City Hall on Monday. PSOs Chayne Barnes, Richard Clyde and Richard Turley; Sergeants Greg Cockerell, John Everatt, Robert Stringer, Mario Testa and PSO director Richard McEnroe were all presented with 20-year service medals and a hearty lunch.

"There are not many organizations or companies that can say they have those who have given service for 20 years and do it so well," said city councillor Tom Thompson.

Being a PSO is no easy job—it's 24 hours per day and takes its toll on those who patrol Westmount streets. Still, Sgt.

Stringer said he is more than prepared to deal with the shift work. "It would be my pleasure to do it," he added with a smile.

The fact that eight out of 21 officers currently on the force have been here since the very beginning is a testament to their commitment to the community, said Director of Public Security Richard McEnroe, who himself was awarded a 20 years service medal.

"It's a very stable organization," McEnroe said. "Most of the people who started are still here. It speaks very strongly for the community spirit."

"It's hard to believe that it has gone by so fast—I was a Westmount police officer before that for 12 years here," McEnroe added.

The PSO unit has existed in Westmount since 1980, initially forged by the mayor and council to fill the void left by the loss of Westmount's own police force when it was integrated with the MUC.

Mayor Peter Trent emphasized that Westmount's PSO unit was the first such unit in the Montreal area.

"It's a great help for the city to have such a wonderful public security service and we all appreciate it," added city councillor Barbara Moore.



Left to right: Richard McEnroe, John Everatt, Mario Testa, Richard Clyde, Greg Cockerell, Robert Stringer and Chayne Barnes with Mayor Peter Trent and Councillor Barbara Moore at City Hall on Monday. PSO Richard Turley was unable to attend the ceremony.

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## Local cars targeted by tire slashers

Westmount Public Security recently had its hands full with a rash of tire slashings in the southwestern part of the city.

The reports began when PSO Greg McBain spotted a few cars with punctured tires while on patrol in the area of Claremont and Prince Albert Avenue early Monday, Nov. 20. It wasn't long before a total of 12 cases were reported, all of which were handed over to MUC police.

Public Security Director Richard McEnroe said that although all vandalized vehicles were parked in front of homes displaying 'Hands Off Our City' signs, he doesn't believe that was a factor in the crimes because countless homes in Westmount—especially those on Grosvenor Avenue—have these signs posted on their front lawns.

## WYO concert includes auction of poster original

The pen-and-ink and acrylic drawing by Susan Scott, which was reproduced for the poster advertising the Westmount Youth Orchestra's Victoria Hall concert this Sunday, has been donated to the orchestra and will be sold in a silent auction during the show.

The drawing interprets a motive from Prokofieff's famous Peter and the Wolf op. 67 for

orchestra and narrator, which is the concert's featured piece. Luc Moreau, mother of the bassoonist Maude, has been busy organizing a silent auction of the drawing to cover some of the production costs of this concert.

The bidding will take place before the concert and at intermission this Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. in Victoria Hall.

The concert itself will feature a performance of 'Peter and the Wolf' by Prokofieff, narrated by Albert Millaire. Also on the program is Haydn's London Symphony and Vivaldi's Concerto in G minor with 11-year-old soloist Etienne Pemberton-Renaud.

# IT'S GOOD TO BE THE BOSS

Sidhartha Banerjee

**F**or at least one afternoon, six-year-old Jayde Dawson got a taste of what it was like to be a fire chief—and he liked it.

Dawson spent an afternoon last week as this year's Chief For a Day getting a first-hand feel of what it's like to be in the shoes of Westmount Fire Chief Jim Adams.

Dawson, a grade one student at Westmount Park School, beat out nearly 1,000 other students for the honour, which is an initiative of the Westmount Fire Department. So last week, Dawson was picked up at school by fire safety inspector Daniel de Vries, where he got to ride in a one-of-a-kind Westmount fire truck—complete with the sirens and lights going at full tilt.

Afterwards, de Vries and Dawson were at the Westmount Public Library where Dawson supervised a fire drill. While the patrons of the library weren't thrilled with the idea of having to go outside in the midst of a torrential downpour, they cooperated by standing in between the front doors while Dawson made his rounds to make sure the building was secure.

From there, it was on to the fire station for a tour of Westmount's protective services building. Sitting in the chief's chair, Dawson signed some official documents—as only the fire chief can. However, the shy six-year-old was somewhat reluctant to sign a contract authorizing a very high-priced expense, but after some prodding from the veteran Adams, he did finally agree.

Dawson was also presented with an authentic Westmount Fire Department hat and a trophy with his name engraved on it.

At age six, Dawson is the youngest fire chief for a day in the department's



Fire Chief Jim Adams welcomes Jayde Dawson

history. He achieved this feat by identifying a number of fire hazards on a sheet distributed by the fire department each year. Answering a sheet where students are asked to circle four fire hazards, Dawson actually found six.

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**(NAPS) — If the idea of finding time to shop for everyone on your list is beginning to make you shiver, you might want to consider following a new trend: a gift for the whole family. Looking for ideas for family gifts? Here are just a few to contemplate:**

- Has your family always wanted to hike in the Rockies, visit Niagara Falls or tour the Maritime provinces? Combine your holiday and vacation budgets, and take your dream vacation this year. Give the kids their tickets for Christmas.

- Home computers have never been less expensive or more invaluable. The hardest part is deciding which system. You might check the classifieds to see if someone is selling the system you want 'used'.

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- Help the whole family keep fit by buying equipment for a home gym. Surprise them by having it all set up, out of sight, on Christmas morning. Give sweats, leotards or sweatbands as individual gifts.

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## Great ideas for wrapping up the holidays

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- Wrap your package in brown craft paper. Use binder twine as ribbon. Tuck in a few pine, spruce or holly sprigs.

- Wrap a rectangular package in white paper and address it as if it were an envelope. Don't forget the return address and the stamps.

- Wrap your gift in foil wrapping paper. Bake a cookie large enough to fit the top of the package. Trees, bells, stars or other holiday items are good shapes to use. Decorate the cookie using decorator icing and candies or sprinkles. 'Glue' the cookie to the top of the package using decorator icing.

- Wrap a package in brown craft paper or plain white paper. Use store-bought patterned ribbon, or cut long strips of patterned fabric and finish the edges on a sewing machine, to tie up the package.

- Wrap package in store-bought theme towel or tea towel. The wrap actually functions as a second gift. Fasten the towel with clothespins and tie it with a ribbon.

- Wrap a package in newspaper. Create a 'bow' by gathering six cinnamon sticks together and tying them with ribbon. Tie the 'bow' on the

package with red ribbon.

- Let the kids draw pictures on large sheets of white paper and use these to wrap packages. Tie with colourful ribbon and make a bow by gathering six crayons together and tying them with ribbon.

- Spread a piece of foil wrapping paper out flat. Cut snowflakes out of white paper and tack them onto the wrapping paper with white glue or a hot glue gun. You can also use doilies in place of snowflakes. When the glue is dry, wrap the package.

- Wrap package in brown craft paper or foil wrapping paper. Use a string of beads, popcorn or cranberries as ribbon. Secure with tape in a few places so that the string doesn't fall off.

- Wrap package in foil wrapping paper. Spot glue foil wrapped holiday chocolates all over the top of the package.

- Using a holiday print, plaid or gingham fabric, cut two rectangles the same size and large enough to cover the gift you are wrapping. Pin the rectangle's right sides together and sew up on three sides. Turn the bag you have made right side out. Slip the gift inside. Fold open end over the gift like the flap on an envelope. Tie closed with matching ribbon, string or raffia. This works best with flat gifts such as books and wallets.

## A moving way to communicate over the Internet

**(NAPS) — It's now possible to stay in touch with family and friends this holiday season and all year in a unique new way, with the help of the latest computer technology now available in local stores. Easy-to-use hardware and software packages let families make video-phone calls, send video postcards or build home pages personalized by video clips, snapshots and sounds they've captured and reproduced.**

"The holidays seem that much brighter when your e-mail suddenly talks, your family appears onscreen singing a holiday jingle, or you see that newborn cousin for the first time," said Don Whiteside, general manager of Intel's Digital Imaging and Video Division.

Whiteside offers several tips for using video to stay connected:

### Tip One:

Be here (virtually) via video phone — Few things are more likely to bring a smile to the faces of your family members than a face-to-face video-phone call where they see your expressions and hear your familiar voice.

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### Tip Two:

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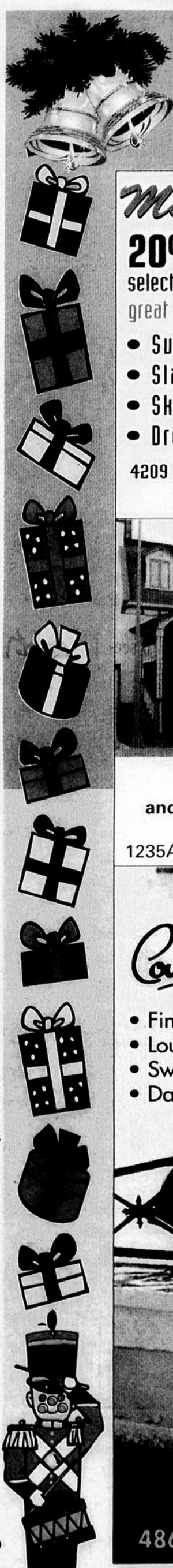
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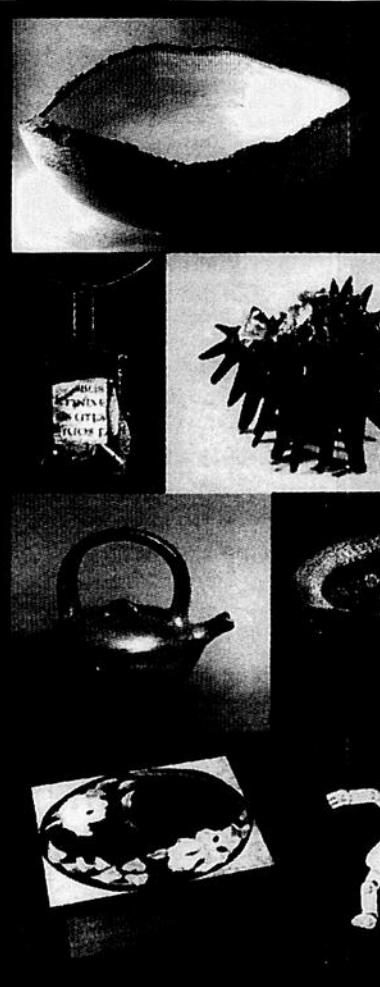
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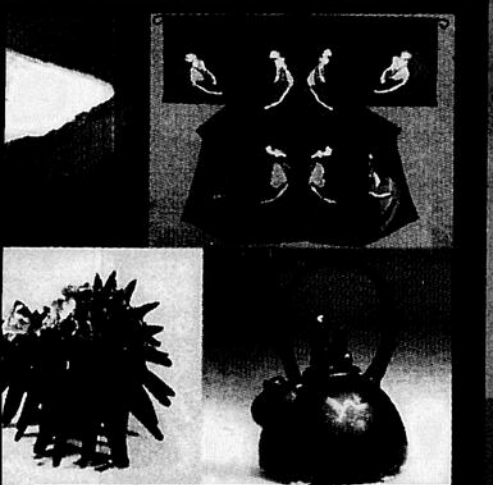
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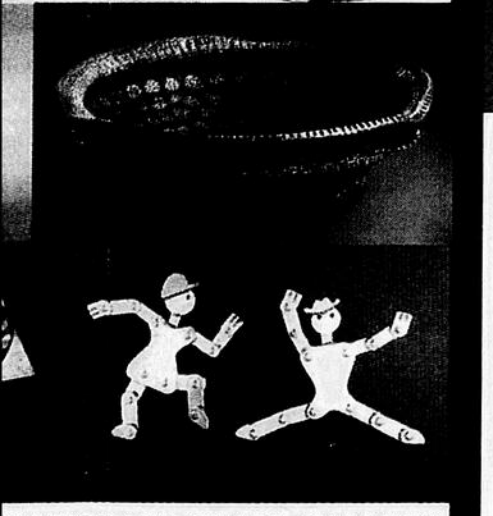
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## Holiday season not the time for a new pet

(MASI)-Although the holiday season should be filled with joy and frivolity, it is generally not an ideal time to consider introducing a new pet into the family. At any time of year, however,

serious thought should be given to adding a new pet to your household.

• Don't give pets as gifts—Companion animals should be considered a lovable, but lifetime commitment. However, many pets given as presents are frequently surrendered to shelters. It's best to wait until after the hectic holiday season before adopting a pet. If your family is considering adopting in the near future, books and videos about animal care make wonderful presents and can help adults and children prepare in advance for the responsibility of pet ownership.

• Don't adopt exotics—While some people believe that animals such as hedgehogs, snakes and hermit crabs make wonderful pets, nothing could be further from the truth. Wild animals can never be truly domesticated and are best left in the wild where they can survive and flourish.

• Talk to your children about pet care and responsibility—One of the greatest gifts you

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Experts at the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies suggest that if you already own a companion animal,

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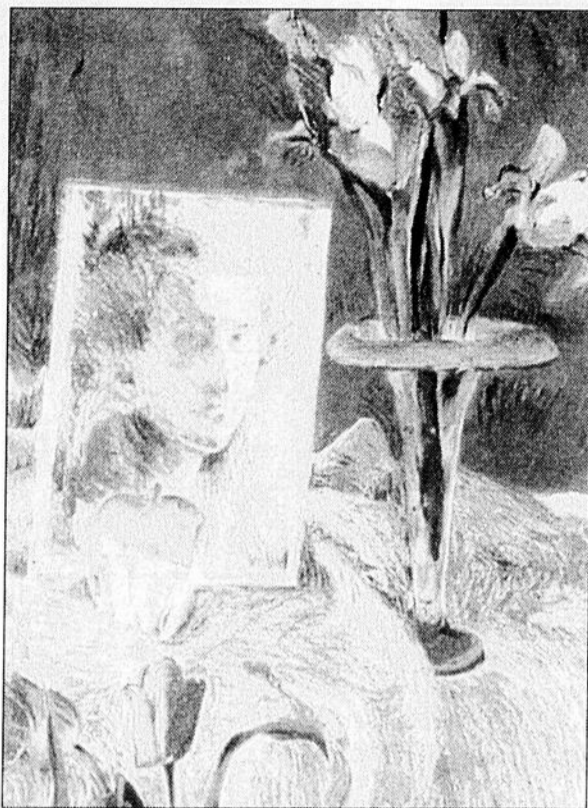
Marilynn Vanderstay

**T**he collection of sketches and drawings by Westmount artist Barbara Palca Dickstein currently on exhibition at Victoria Hall reinforces the exuberance and strength of Dickstein's artistic voice.

Her work 'Alone I See and Am' is a drawing of three women, each facing a different direction. That painting sums up Dickstein's artist statement. "To draw is to see - and then to tell. Each mark, each gesture, is part of me and the whole is what I want to tell." She explains that we are alone, we see and we are, and that is what she paints. She achieves that in a long awaited solo exhibition that features 23 large works in a variety of media.

Dickstein works in a figurative style that looks for the most part, sketchy. "But," she assures us, "although the work may look like a sketch, it is completed. I work on the piece until it is done, whole."

Her works not only depict the people she is featuring, but capture life and its emotions. Her sketching style leaves out a lot of information, freeing the viewer to make their own decision about what the visual work is doing. 'I Am Alone' is a good example of this. The viewer not only enjoys the work in itself, but is also challenged to decide



Barbara Dickstein's 'Persephone's Gift II'

what is going on. Is it simply a mother and daughter, or is it something deeper?

The artist often uses her titles to introduce the question of what is going on. 'Liaisons Dangereuses or My Niece in her Wedding Dress'

features a beautiful young lady in a flowing wedding gown. The woman has a pensive look on her face. Is she, as the title suggests, feeling a little apprehensive?

In most of her paintings Dickstein uses limited colours. When she does use colours, however, they are bold and vivid. 'Jadson', a young male model, portrays a young man in bold amber and orange-red tones painted on a gold background. Similarly, 'Shower of Gold', also painted on a gold background, could be a woman in a shower. Or is she?

Dickstein's landscapes are equally compelling. 'The Park' and 'Park III' are two of the artist's series featuring Westmount Park. Looking at them, the viewer can feel not only the lushness of the grounds, but also the ambience that makes the park unique—the ease of the rolling hills, the walkways, the water. If Peter Krausz is correct in suggesting that landscapes are memories saved by the mind, then Dickstein has captured many Westmount memories in hers.

Her still life works are painted with bold colours. 'Jug with Poppies', although more defined than some of

her other works, still features her unmistakable sketching technique. 'Still Life: Life and Death' leaves the viewer with another decision: are the green foliage and flowers symbols of life being compared to the death in what could be a funeral home?

The most gripping painting of the exhibition is 'Bosnia', in which a lone woman is lying on her back. Is she dead? The pain of the war is vividly depicted in the woman's face. Dickstein started the series about Bosnia after the televised war brought the horror into her living room and she was greatly moved. She hopes to continue with the series in her future works.

Dickstein has been interested in art all of her life. It is what she is and what she does. Her work is represented in many corporate collections and the Canada Council Art Bank. In Westmount she is also well known for her teaching. She taught at Concordia University in the 1980s and has been on the faculty at the Visual Arts Centre for almost 20 years.

Victoria Hall curator Victoria Le Blanc summed up Dickstein's impact on her community. "Barbara is an artist's artist," she said. "Many now successful artists studied with her. For many she was their first instructor, and Barbara imparted her passion for art to them. 'Wow!' they would say, 'I wish I could paint like that!' And she would teach them."

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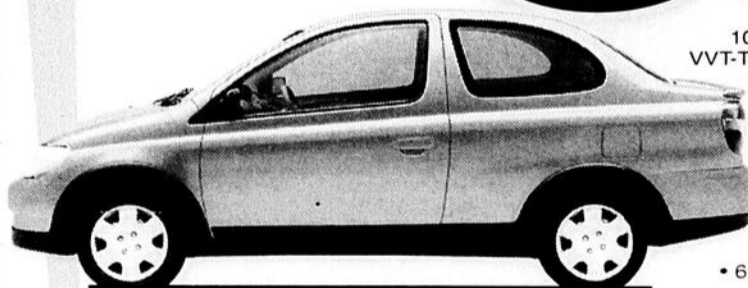
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# WESTMOUNT DOCTOR SPEARHEADS NEW BREAST CANCER CENTRE

Marilynn Vanderstay

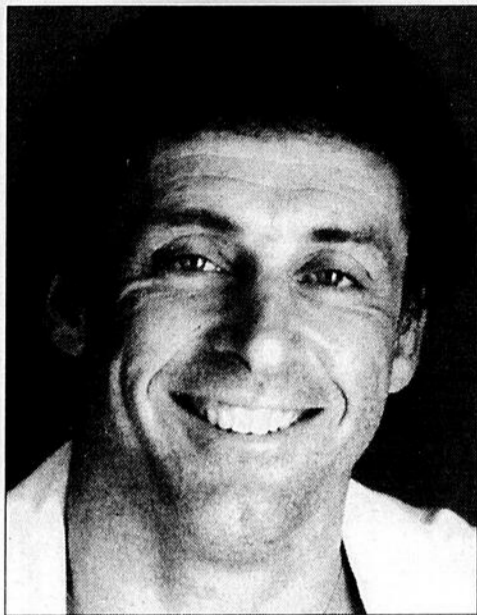
**W**omen with breast cancer in Montreal will be able to experience 'one stop shopping' at a new MUHC breast cancer diagnostic centre scheduled to open next September.

The announcement was made by Westmounter Dr. David Fleischer, director of the Montreal General McGill Breast Cancer Clinic, at a fundraising event at La Transition restaurant on Nov. 8.

"The breast cancer clinics at the Montreal General Hospital and the Royal Victoria Hospital will merge to provide state-of-the-art diagnostic services and treatment, from first detection to treatment and post-operative care," said Fleischer. "(This is) a combined effort to make the treatment of breast cancer less traumatic and more dignified for the patient—and to make the treatment process more efficient."

The new centre will be at the Royal Victoria Hospital, where Fleischer will work with longtime colleague Dr. Antoine Loutfi. For many years the two have shared problems and successes, and have worked closely together to make the concept of such a center a reality.

Fleischer first started thinking seriously about the center after a patient came to him three years ago with a



Dr. David Fleischer

story that would change his life forever.

"She told me how she had waited seven months from the original discovery of a lump and its diagnosis to see me," he said. "At once, I actually felt the trauma and the frustration and all the other emotional issues the woman had endured. I immediately felt that we had to do better for our patients."

This was not the idea of an idealis-

tic doctor fresh out of med school. Fleischer graduated as a surgeon from McGill University in 1974. By 1992 his career was developing so successfully that he was working not only as a trauma professional in the intensive care unit at the MGH, but also operating a private office and running two out-patient surgery clinics. Overwhelmed by the heavy workload, he decided to close his private practice, but associate Dr. Ray Brown advised him to maintain his breast cancer patients—not only because he was a specialist in the treatment of the disease, but also because they were loyal to him. They agreed and his specialization started to grow.

By the time the patient came to him, he was well known for his treatment of the disease. In 1997 he helped to develop the Advanced Breast Biopsy Instrument (ABBI), which is now being used in breast cancer centers throughout North America and parts of Europe.

Fleischer clearly understood the challenges both he and the hospital would have to face, yet he made the centre a personal goal and enlisted the support of sponsors such as the Montreal Breast Cancer Foundation, which had sponsored the development of the ABBI unit.

Meanwhile he continues with his treatment of the disease. Always concerned with using the best diagnostic tools available, Fleischer is in the process of overseeing a study of scintimammography, a nuclear study which preliminary studies have indicated is perhaps more sensitive to new breast cancers, but far less invasive than traditional mammography.

In his private life, Fleischer has raised two children with his wife Ruth, who is an associate professor of psychiatry at McGill and a child psychiatrist at the Montreal Children's Hospital. Their daughter Andrea is a computer specialist in Vancouver, and

son Tim plays football for the Montreal Alouettes.

"We spent many weekends following Tim around the country, often logging 1,500 kilometers on the car in a single weekend, driving to Boston or St. Catherines to watch Tim play ball," said Fleischer. "But it was great family fun."

With the concept of the Diagnostic Centre coming into fruition and the work now in the hands of the architects and construction crews, Fleischer is working on a new project—developing computer-based teaching using interactive multimedia. Fleischer, who is also an associate professor of surgery at McGill, now spends half his time developing courses aimed at helping medical students better manage their lecture notes and tutorials.

"These will also be very helpful for students and doctors in remote areas," he said. "I am finding this very exciting. I love teaching."

The recent launch was the first official fundraiser for the Diagnostic Centre. La Transition owner Maria Alevisatos, who organized the event, reported that 94 diners participated in the launch. Alevisatos donated 18 per cent of the proceeds from the meal to the new work, and diners were each given pink ribbons, the symbol of breast cancer research. The servers wore aprons embroidered with the pink ribbon that patrons may purchase for \$35 each, with \$20 going to the centre. Copie Resolutions donated the programs, which included recipes for the special event's menu.

Estimated totals for the fundraiser ranged from \$1,800 to \$2,000 and more is expected from the donation cards available on each table.

Former Westmount Mayor May Cutler lauded the event as a tribute to Dr. Fleischer. "We are very fortunate that an American hospital has not been able to steal Dr. Fleischer from us and that he has stayed," she said.

## Chagnon: Mergers make no sense

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Jean Charest was also invited to speak and he received a thunderous ovation. He told the crowd that, "We share the view that the public interest commands that the population be consulted, that they be permitted to receive and read about the government's studies that have been hidden and that they be able to freely choose the milieu in which they want to live."

Question period has already provided proof that Bill 170 compromises some of the very principles for which the government likes self-censorship. Take pay equity for example. Last November 20, the government published a full-page advertisement in newspapers pointing out that there is less than a year remaining before the pay equity program will apply to women in Quebec. However, Bill 170 allows municipalities that merge to move the implementation of pay equity back four years, meaning that they would not have to apply this law until 2005. This implies a temporary dip in municipalities' salary expenditures. The government does not want to tell us how important this detail is because it was not counted in the cost simulations pub-

lished by the government. Obviously, you will understand that these simulations make every attempt to minimize the probable increases in tax bills.

On to transparency and accountability. Starting January 1, 2001, municipal councillors and their mayors will be taking a long holiday because they will be replaced by transition boards. The members of these transition boards will all be named by the government and they will make all of the important decisions. This includes naming senior management for the new city, creating administrative organization charts and drawing up contracts of every kind. In fact, they will administer \$3.3 billion in tax dollars without ever having been elected. They will be accountable only to the government and—you'd better sit down for this one—there will be no public meetings for almost a year. They will take your money, not let you say a word about it, and be accountable only to the government. This is the almost totalitarian model that the government has prescribed for the population in the lead-up to the elections for new municipal politicians next November 4.

In short, it makes no sense at all.



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Ed Clark  
TD Canada Trust



## Will mergers kill the atmosphere of Stayner and other Westmount neighbourhoods?

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I've taken jazz ballet classes at the centre with the brilliant teacher Sheila Lawrence, who is a local herself. I participate in Club Moitié Moitié, the French-English conversation evening (which is always entertaining). My fellow conversationalists often live as far afield as the West Island and the South Shore and think I'm dead jammy living just across the road.

Many of the homes on Stayner are listed as having heritage value. This includes number 71, which has an unusual Canadian motif of a beaver and maple leaves high on the gable.

Living in a tall, thin Victorian row house on a small street means you're in fairly close proximity to others, therefore it matters who your neighbours are. Fortunately, mine are friendly, interesting, tolerant and discreet. There aren't any Nosey Parkers and a live and let live attitude prevails. It's a people street, says Ruth, my neighbour who's been here for 33 years, and she's right.

Calamity struck not long after I moved in. The house was plunged in darkness and all the major appliances malfunctioned on a Friday night, with no chance of finding an electrician for love or money, and my husband abroad. I phoned Sue at number 27 in a panic and within minutes the neighbours were around en masse, gamely offering to help. Thankful beyond words, I opened a bottle of wine and we bonded amiably in the candlelight.

People are neighbourly. Well, any excuse to get together for a drink and a few laughs, said our resident comic, Ray, from number 25. They do seem to find good excuses to celebrate. When five families had their roofs done at the same time (they got a good discount), they had a party to mark the occasion, (Ray being the only one who wanted to hold it ON the roof). When Sue and Douglas, Kim and Mike and Heather and Brian had their kitchens renovated, they had a party in each new kitchen. This progressive evening (no longer confined to the kitchen, incidentally), has now turned into a bi-yearly event with an extended circle of residents where we flit from house to house eating each others nosh and drinking quantities of booze as finally we stumble the few yards back home when we cannot face another canape, chicken leg or chocolate torte. Now, plans are underway to orchestrate a Stayner Street thespian production of a murder mystery evening.

Ray has come up with another inspirational idea: to start up a Stayner Street web-site. I'm sure it would be an improvement on our streets infamously awful postal service. If we do get mail, we get Prospect's (the street on

the other side of the park) and funnily enough, they get ours. To add insult to injury, our street was actually named after Thomas Allen Stayner (1788-1868), the last and most notable of the British postmasters general in Canada, who was credited with increasing the frequency of the mail service. Ha! Well, it certainly seems to have gone downhill ever since.

Incidentally, Mr Stayner had a grand total of 16 children. That's roughly the collective number we have on the street today. Lots of babies have been popping up of late in little bunches. Anne and Willem, a French and Dutch couple, have the youngest brood to date—three year old John and his six-month-old brother, Paul. I jokingly asked Anne when could we expect the arrivals of Ringo and George.

My teenage daughter babysits Yolande and Pierre's two-year-old son, the Bambi-eyed Brontë, whom we all adore, including our 120-pound Lab-German Shepherd mutt Charlie, who thinks Brontë is Tom Thumb. Seeing that Brontë is right next door, it must be the most convenient baby-sitting gig in Westmount. The daughter milks the situation for all its worth and phones me on the job, saying she's suddenly feeling peckish and could I bring her in a snack and those yummy chocolate peanut butter cups. Alex, my 13-year-old, is also comfortably positioned to enjoy his favourite thing in the world, hockey. He thinks it's heaven to live dead opposite the Stayner Park rink, which is floodlit until 10 o'clock every midwinter night. From our front room we can hear the familiar swishing sound of skate blades on ice and the thud of the puck knocking against the boards, which serve as a signal to my son that a pick-up game is in progress. He's out the front door like a bullet from a gun, skates fastened, to play hockey until his face turns raspberry with cold.

He often plays hockey and other sports with Ian, Sue's son. Sue has lived on Stayner for 13 years. We actually met in Stayner Park when I was renting a condo in the Pom Bakery on St Catherine Street. I'd told her if a house ever came up on the street, to give me a shout. Lo and behold, when I was looking for a place in earnest three years ago I received a breathy, excited message from Sue on my answering machine, which effectively said, Get your butt round here—quick. She had seen an agent hammering in an à vendre sign on the front lawn that very morning. We moved in two months later. As our belongings were being unloaded from the truck, the husband and I struck up a conversation with a British couple who had moved two doors away from Sue the previous year. The woman had been transferred from

London to edit the Readers Digest in Westmount. As we briefly exchanged pleasantries, I thought she looked familiar. It transpired that she had been my editor for a brief period almost 20 years ago when I was a cub reporter on a London paper. It's a small world.

There are a few 'lififers' on the street, my next-door neighbour Ruth being one of them. Ruth is great—she puts me to shame as she's up at the crack of dawn in winter clearing the snow from our steps and front porch, before I even stagger out of bed.

Ruth is a little deaf, so she is spared the entire racket that sometimes emanates from our household. It's a relief in many ways to know that the dog can bark at 3 a.m. The kids can play their musical instruments and their punk CDs and have a dozen friends for a basement sleepover. I can shout at the husband, and we don't run the risk of offending the neighbours. Ruth worked as a librarian at Westmount High for 10 years and she still helps out on a voluntary basis. She paid \$19,000 for her house in 1967. Wow, I said, she could sell it for 20 times that price today, but she remained unimpressed. "I'm going to die here," she said resolutely. "I'm 78 years old, so why would I want to move?"

It would be a sadder place without her.

She remembered most of the people and happenings that have become part of the Stayner Street mythology. There were quite a few colourful characters living here, by all accounts. We had a Marxist-Leninist history professor from McGill whose politics were wild, although I believe he has since converted to capitalism. We had a strange playwright who wrote terrible plays and had done time in prison. There were people who had wild parties, played loud music and took drugs.

And there were talented, creative people too: Anna McGariggle of the McGariggle sisters, and Christopher Body the ballet dancer (Elm Street magazine called him 'the Sexiest Man in Canadian Dance').

Mordecai Richler's mother, Mrs Rosenberg, owned a rooming house. She was always trying to extract money from her lodgers. Being an orthodox Jew, she couldn't mix certain foods on religious feast days and so she wouldn't let her lodgers use the fridge. Apparently she didn't speak to her son for years. She once saw one of her grandchildren on Sherbrooke Street and he asked her, "Who are you?" He didn't know she was his grandmother.

Then there was Lenore Gnedinger, a great character, with a brilliant mind who was in her 80s, had no teeth and talked a mile a minute. She was into

people's auras and because she was so extraordinary, the National Film Theatre came to the street to film her for a documentary.

Ruth turned to me and said: "There was wife-swapping going on in your house in the 1970s, you know." Well, I'm sorry to disappoint you, but the only things that ever gets swapped in my house when the neighbours come over socially, are pot-luck recipes. I told my husband about our house's colourful past, thinking it would intrigue him, but he just asked for another cup of tea. Sue and I laughed about it around my kitchen table.

I asked Roma, a popular, well-respected resident about the Swinging Seventies, as she knows all about these things, having lived here since 1970 in the house they call the Expo House as it was converted into a hotel by a German entrepreneur for Expo '67. A writer by trade from Eastern Europe, Roma, in her sultry Babushka accent, said laughingly, "The Poor vicar who lived here at the time was horrified. He said, 'The devil has entered Stayner Street!'"

The park, on the south side of Stayner, has a life all its own, and changes with the seasons. There's wistfulness palpable in the winter when the park is deserted. In summer, it teems with life: tots on swings, street-cool teenagers playing basketball, ladies in their whites playing doubles on the tennis courts, teenage girls just hanging out in their urban decay diamante body art and Indian flip-flops. So many different sights, sounds and smells.

Now, in the autumn, it's the loveliest time of the year when the park is all crunchy with falling leaves the colours of gold, fluorescent yellow and scarlet.

The park is well-maintained and patrolled by the City of Westmount. Our friendly neighbourhood public security men in their canary yellow jeeps who circle the park day and night are a comforting sight, as you can get some iffy types hanging about on park benches. A friend of mine lives beside parkland in Montreal and complained of finding needles in the grass where junkies had been fixing up. This sends a shiver down my spine when I think about it.

As I wrote this piece, chuckling to myself, I was reminded of all the funny, and special reasons why I love living in this community. I realized that it is in danger of being irrevocably changed if Westmount loses its status as a city. I know that Stayner residents and I myself would be saddened beyond words if our clean, green cosmopolitan little oasis was destroyed.

We live here because we like it just the way it is, thank you.

So, Hands Off Our Street!

## Dog owners are the real problem: Cathy Baran

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Although Baran's complaint, and another one involving troublesome dogs at a St. Catherine St. apartment building, have come up a few times in council since last summer, Trent said he wasn't certain how much attention is being devoted to the issue.

"I can't really tell you what we're doing, because I suspect we're not doing anything. We're obviously

spending all our time working on a potential legal challenge to the (municipal reform) legislation."

In the meantime, Baran remains unsatisfied with the court's decision. She said she hasn't been reimbursed for the veterinarian's fees, despite a promise to that effect made by Zhiotovskiy to the court.

"The attitude of the owner has not changed at all," she said. "The man has done nothing to restrain the dog. It starts barking, hurls itself at the fence and terrifies me."

Baran doesn't think the city needs a bylaw banning some dog breeds. "It's the owners who are the problem, not the dogs," she said. "You ban Rottweilers you get a problem with Dobermans or German Shepherds."

She believes the city's public security department shouldn't hesitate to seize dogs and evaluate them for safety risks once they have been involved in incidents. "They should be seized immediately," said Baran.

## WHA LECTURE SERIES LOOKS AT TONY'S SHOE BUSINESS



Photo: Doreen Lindsay

Tony and Kathryn Slater Fagnoli at the WHA lecture

### Marilynn Vanderstay

**F**ifty attendees at the Westmount Historical Association's Nov. 16 lecture meeting at the library enjoyed a lively slide presentation by Tony Fagnoli, the third generation owner of Tony's Shoes.

As part of the WHA's fall lecture series on family-owned businesses in Westmount, Tony documented not only the story of his family, but also the history of doing business on Greene Avenue.

Giantonio Fagnoli, Tony's grandfather, arrived in Montreal in 1925 and moved in with distant relatives, the Polumbo family, who owned a shoe manufacturing and repair shop on Ste. Catherine Street in Westmount. He was about to learn a new trade.

Giantonio fell in love with and married the Polumbo's daughter Maria in 1927, and she gave birth to their first son Edward the next year. In 1937, Giantonio opened Tony's Shoe Repair on Greene Avenue where the Bank of Montreal now stands.

In the early 1940s a shoe store at the present location of 1346 Greene Avenue became available and Giantonio bought it. To highlight his store in an area that housed six other shoe stores, he changed the sign that read "The Real Shoe Shop" to "The Real Tony Shoe Shop."

The store offered manufacturing of shoes and "shoe repairs while you rest", commencing the style of customer service Tony's would become renowned for. Store hours were from seven in the morning until six at night, six days a week—a service that Tony still offers today. The business prospered and by 1947 the store had grown from five to 19 chairs and a shoeshine box.

Tony, who was born in 1955, grew up in the business working in the store from the age of 10. As a student at Loyola College, however, hockey and the dream of being a professional started to dominate his thoughts. He also met and fell in love with Kathryn Slater, whose parents also owned a shoe company. "It must have been the attraction of the shoe polish in the blood," said Tony.

Two years later, in 1973, however, tragedy struck. Tony's uncle Mario, who had entered the priesthood rather than the business, and had joined Mother Theresa's work in India, died unexpectedly. The following year, Edward had a lung removed which left the operation of the store to his wife Sandra. Tony and Kathy both quit school to help run the store, working on their degrees at night. Edward returned to work after only a month and continued to run the store until his untimely death in 1975 at age 55.

In December 1975, after proposing to Kathy the previous spring, Tony informed her he could not marry her unless she agreed that they would make a career of running the store. She did and the rest is history. They were married in 1976.

On August 12, 1978, while Kathy gave birth to their first child, the family said goodbye to Tony Sr. who passed away in the same hospital. Out of respect to Tony, they named the baby Robert Anthony. Sister Christina was born in November 1983.

In 1997, Tony's Shoes celebrated 60 years in the business. The savvy retailers, however, realized their success had come from making excellent customer service first and foremost, and by always keeping one step ahead of the competition.

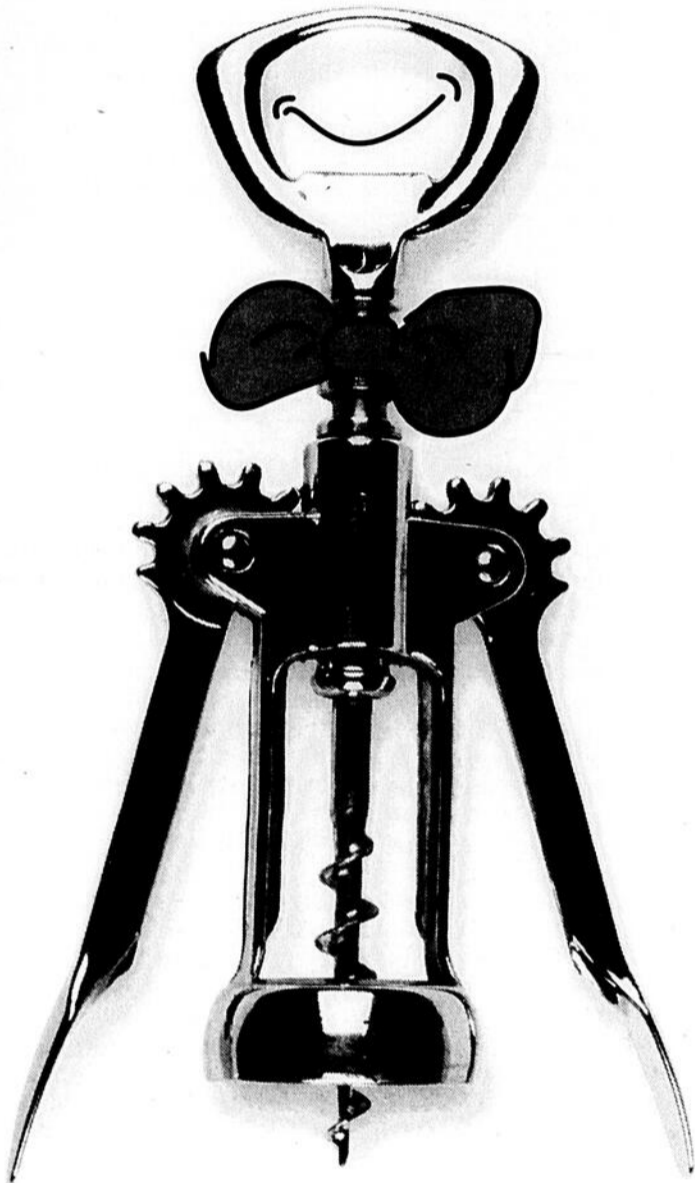
That year, in an effort to reach into the new millennium progressively, they put the first of three sites onto the Internet, doing business with sole weary customers around the world including Australia and Russia.

In 1999, Tony and Kathy published the first of the new line of biannual catalogues. In February 2001 the store will be closed for a week to refurbish the shoe display. "Our goal is always to help our customer enjoy the shopping experience in any way we can," said Tony.

Westmount mourned with the Fagnoli family at the passing of Maria Fagnoli, widow of Giantonio Fagnoli, and matriarch of Tony's Shoes, on November 13, 2000.

The WHA continues with its series Family Owned Businesses in Westmount next month, Thursday, Dec. 14 with a presentation by the Campbell family on the A.H. Campbell framing and gallery business.

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## St. Stephen's says goodbye to departing ministry team

Marilyn Vanderstay

**T**he Community at St. Stephen's Anglican Church on Dorchester will be saying farewell to its founders Canon Robin Guinness and wife Sandra next week. The ministry team accepted a call from an inner city church in Toronto and will be moving there Dec. 6.

Twenty-five years ago they accepted a similar call to the St. Stephen's parish, only to find out that the church, which had been without a minister for eight years, had been sold. Guinness arrested that and made the determined decision that with God's help he would resurrect the work and make it into the thriving mission based community it is today.

The Community said farewell to the Guinnesses with a farewell celebration recently at the Greene Avenue Community Center. Residents from the Stayner Park area and other members of the Westmount community joined with the congregation to celebrate God's plan for the Guinness family and share the memories.

A casual fellowship time with fruit punch and a jazz combo started the evening as members, past members and

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# ROTARY CLUB HELPS WELCOME NEW CITIZENS

Patrick A. Kerkhoven

**A** formal-looking Victoria Hall hosted an event on Wednesday, November 22, that usually passes through the bureaucratic process without much cheer.

Things changed for 25 new citizens of Canada as they were officially sworn in at Victoria Hall with the Westmount Rotary Club present as well as guests that included the Hon. Lucienne Robillard and Mayor Peter Trent.

The auditorium was transformed into a court, with Judge Jeanine Beaubien presiding over the formalities. The first matter was the repetition of the oath of allegiance to the Queen, which the new citizens could recite in either English or French.

Once the swearing-in was complete, each new citizen was invited up onto the stage to be awarded their citizenship certificate, a book documenting Canadian history, and an array of flowers.

"You have waited a long time to become Canadian citizens," Beaubien said to the audience,

"and you have found yourself a job and a place to live. Finally, today, you can say that you are citizen of this country. This is your day to be remembered."

Beaubien also had praise for the Rotary Club of Westmount for coordinating the event. "You've done a wonderful work here," she said. "You are to be thanked."

The idea of hosting the citizenship ceremony originated with John Sullivan of the Montreal chapter of the Rotary Club. Sullivan passed his idea onto Ted Sancton, president of the Westmount chapter, who then inquired about all the legal details pertaining to the ceremony.

"John Sullivan proposed the idea of us hosting this event a few months ago," Sancton said. "He knows Judge Beaubien, the citizenship judge, and put us into contact with her to learn about the bureaucracy involved. We really decided that it would be nice to join in the celebration of this event. I've been to some of these before, such as when my wife became a Canadian citizen.

They are held at the government building and are just very dry. This is much more of a celebration."

A celebration it was indeed, complete with two bartenders serving wine and cheese refreshments along with other goodies to which the new Canadians and the rest of the audience were treated.

"I didn't really know what to expect," said Rotary Club member Charles Bierbrier. "It turned out to be quite nice."

The 25 new citizens sworn in represented 20 different countries, a whopping characteristic of Canada's mosaic ethnic make-up that Beaubien emphasized, naming only some of the countries of origin, such as Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Cuba, Ethiopia, Jamaica, China, the Philippines, and Trinidad-Tobago.

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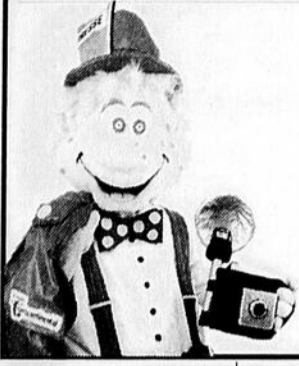
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*Robin and Sandra Guinness to leave St. Stephen's Church*  
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friends arrived. Many who have been part of the congregation came, some many miles, to greet the Guinnesses.

In lieu of being at the event, Archbishop Hollif and Bishop Hotchinson of Montreal, sent video greetings commenting the Guinnesses for "their remarkable vision on faithful wonderful leadership".

In lieu of telegrams, e-mails of greetings were read from friends and missionaries from around the world. Community members and guests then had the opportunity to step up to the microphones to share what the ministry had meant in their lives and to give their testimonies.

The highlight of the evening was when their son Joel stood up and gave his testimony of who his parents are; that they walk the talk. Then the three grown children, including Bryan and Paul, performed a song they had written and composed for the evening. The weepy parents then gave their thanks, which were followed by a standing ovation for the couple.

The church began as a parachurch ministry working with other established ministries including Youth With A Mission (YWAM) and the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowships at McGill and Concordia universities. The students identify with their lively music and enjoy socializing over lunches and dinners. The family-like community has become for many a home away from home. The Guinnesses were instrumental in creating that hospitality, which included thousands of dinner, served in their home to church members, the community and those in trouble. For the last 12 years the church has been home to the Open Door soup kitchen.

The congregation of around 150 is fed itself throughout the week by a solid Bible-based teaching and praise and worship on Sunday. Guinness explained that the service is on the longish side in length to give the worshippers a solid foundation on which to live the rest of the week. Throughout the week the tightly-knit community meets in groups in homes for Bible study and fellowship.

On November 18, after a lively time of praise and worship, Guinness, using his renowned raspy voice, preached his last sermon. The Community ended the service with a blessing, sending their ministry team out to do a new work. Then there were the goodbyes that lasted for over two hours after the service.

Nick Brotherhood has taken the position of priest-in-charge while the Community seeks a new minister. The Guinnesses have contracted to work for three years at their new church, and to live a busy retirement back home in Montreal. To that end they have not sold their home in Westmount.

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**Sean Virgo** will read from his new collection of short fiction 'A Traveller Came By: Stories About Dying' at the Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

**St. Léon de Westmount Church**, 4311 de Maisonneuve, presents a fundraising evening to benefit the children of San Pablo, Honduras. Featuring clowns Pierrot-Moutarde and Boussole, and a children's choir under the direction of Chantal Rioux. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Info: 935-4950.

## Saturday, Dec. 2

**Samedi Greene** presents a Fun Festival with the Amazing Ben Griffin from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. Admission is \$1. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Info: 931-6202.

## Sunday, Dec. 3

'A Christmas Carol', performed by CBC radio personalities Fiona Downey, Katie Malloch, Nancy Wood, Dave Bronstetter and Stuart Robertson, along with the St. Matthias' Choir of Men and Boys at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke, at 7 p.m. Admission is a non-perishable food item for the Westmount Protective Services' Christmas food drive.

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**Westmount Youth Orchestra** directed by Mark Simons performs 'Peter and the Wolf, op.67' for narrator and orchestra by Sergei Prokofieff (English version) narrated by Albert Millaire. Also on the programme is Joseph Haydn's 'London Symphony' and Concerto for violin in G minor with 11-year-old soloist Etienne Pemberton-Renaud. 3 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Tickets are \$10, \$8 students. Info: 933 7039.

**Congregation Shaar Hashomayim's** Leisure Institute presents Angela Aronson, psychotherapist and lecturer, who will discuss, "Happiness and Self-Esteem." Cost: \$5, or \$4 for members. 12:30 p.m. at 450 Kensington. Info: 937-9471.

**Candlelight Festival** of Lessons and Carols for Advent at St. Matthias' Church, 10 Church Hill, at 4 p.m. Featuring the Choir of Gentlemen and Boys, directed by Peter Hawkins, assisted by organists Jonathan Oldengarm and Colin Langille. Info: 933-4295.

**St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas** United Church, The Boulevard at Roslyn, presents its annual Carol by Candlelight Concert at 4 p.m. with Christmas music for all to sing, as well as surprise featured performers. All welcome.

## Tuesday, Dec. 5

**The Double Hook Book Shop**, 1235A Greene Ave., presents Neil and Catharine McKenty, who will be signing copies of their new book 'Skiing Legends and the Laurentian Lodge Club' from 6 to 8 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

## Wednesday, Dec. 6

**Polytechnique Memorial Service** at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve, at 7:30 p.m. Ecumenical and bilingual. Info: 937-3455.

**Benefit concert** at St. Léon de Westmount Church, de Maisonneuve and Clarke Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Featuring Robert Charlebois, Marie-Michèle Desrosiers, Daniel Lavoie and the St. Léon Choir. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under. Reservations: 935-4950.

## Friday, Dec. 8

**Sing A New Song:** Contemporary Kabbalat Shabbat for families and singles with Rachelle Shubert at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke, at 5:45 p.m. Info: 937-3575.

**Holiday Flower Workshop** with Kathryn Lamb at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave., from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. or 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. \$60, materials included. Info: 488-9558.

## Monday, Dec. 11

**Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom**, 395 Elm Ave., presents Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Elina Bykova, who will discuss 'The Light and Fire of Jewish Traditions'. Bring your own lunch at noon, program at 12:30 p.m. All welcome. Info: 937-3575.

## Tuesday, Dec. 12

**Westmount Horticultural Society** meets in the Lodge Room of Victoria Hall at 7:30 p.m. Dawn Smith and Bob Flynn of Smith Brothers Florists will conduct a workshop on 'Designs for the Holidays'. Info: 989-7939.

**Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom's** Entre Nous Seniors' Group presents 'Aging Jewishly' with Rabbi Elina Bykova. Brown bag lunch at noon, program at 1 p.m. All welcome. Free of charge. Info: 937-3575.

## Wednesday, Dec. 13

**Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom** presents Adult Holiday Storytelling with Terri Allister at 8 p.m. 395 Elm Ave. All welcome. Info: 937-3575.

**The Westmount Public Library's** fall author series continues with Montreal photographer and Gazette columnist Monique Dykstra, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. 4574 Sherbrooke. Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome. Info: 989-5386.

**Westmount High School** presents 'I Am First a Human Being' a drama that transcends time, place, race, age and gender. Featuring Yael Wittes as Krystyna Wituska and Taurean Walton as Nelson Mandela. 1:30 p.m. in the WHS auditorium, 4350 Ste. Catherine. Free admission.

## 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.

## 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.

## Tuesday, Dec. 19

**Chabad of Westmount** presents their second annual Jewish Women's Institute and Study Group. Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. A catered lunch will follow. Registration is \$65. At 4444 Ste-Catherine St. W. Info: 937-4772.

## 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

**The Visual Arts Centre** presents an exhibition of works by Micheline Beauchemin in the McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave., through Dec. 9. Guest curated by René Blouin. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 488-9558.

**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.

**Centre Greene's** fall programs have begun! Tumbling Tots on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. with stories, crafts, music and a whole lot more, \$3/drop in... TGIF every second and fourth Friday of the month, with safe, supervised evenings of fun for kids aged 5 to 10 years. \$5 per child, RSVP at 931-6202... Samedi Greene with something different every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$1 per child... Seniors' Lunch every second and fourth Wednesday offers a delicious three-course home-cooked meal for \$4 or \$2.50 take out. RSVP at 931-6202.

**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 Acheson at 485 3521 or Agnes Menzel 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.

**Joignez-vous au Choeur Saint-Léon** de Westmount! Au programme 2000-2001, venez chanter avec nous des oeuvres de la période Romantique. Renseignements et auditions, Chantal Rioux (450) 653-0037. The Interlink Intergenerational Choir is currently looking for seniors who like to sing in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Rehearsals will be held weekly in Place Kensington. Info: Contactivity Centre at 932-2326.

**The Atwater Library Book Sale** Room, 1200 Atwater, is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. Quality used books at reasonable prices. Info: 935-7344.

**St. Margaret's Day Centre** offers elderly people living in the community to come and enjoy quality of life doing activities and having a meal. Contact: Carol Hutton at 932-3630.

**Contactivity Centre** needs volunteers to spend time with Westmount seniors who wish to go outdoors but are too frail to go out alone. They are also looking for volunteers with cars to drive seniors to medical appointments. Make a difference today! Info: 932-2326.

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

**The Royal Montreal Regiment** is seeking any artifacts pertaining to the 58th Westmount Rifles, the 23rd Westmount Battalion and the 14th Battalion (Royal Montreal Regiment) and any items from WW I or WW II. Please contact Nino Lambertucci at 766-1596 or the Royal Montreal Regiment at 496-2003.

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

**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.

# INFLAMMATION

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Inflammation, whether primary or secondary, is among the most frequently occurring physiopathological process in medicine. The amazing variety of inflammation inhibitors on the pharmaceuticals market underlines the significance of the market share of these preparations in the health care sector. We have also seen a gigantic increase in the significance of inflammation inhibitors in the non-prescription and non-toxic sectors. People's awareness of the fact that most traditional antiphlogistics involve some hazardous side effects lead to many patients asking the pharmacist or doctor for a safer alternative.

Although physiologically speaking, inflammation is beneficial to the body (this statement will be explained below), inflammatory processes can get out of hand. This is why it is crucial to thoroughly understand this physiological phenomenon, especially from a homotoxicological point of view, and to evaluate deviations correctly and in good time. The object of the exercise is to gain homotoxicological insights into the inflammatory process by simple means and to find out about possibilities and limitation of biotherapy in its treatment as well as to compare the risks of traditional treatment with biotherapeutic treatment.

In addition to providing a homotoxicological view of inflammation, you will have an idea how inflammation of the locomotor system and the upper respiratory tract is treated. Finally we will explain to you the biotherapeutic significance of draining the extracellular space. Not only in the context of normal elimination of toxins and residual products but also, and perhaps most importantly, in the context of regulation rigidity.

In primary healthcare, biotherapy is not seen as the alternative to traditional medicine; on the contrary, they are often highly complementary.

Integration is up to you.

### WHAT IS INFLAMMATION?

Strange though it may be, there is no dissidence between biotherapists and conventional physicians when it comes to defining the physiopathological processes of inflammation, inflammation itself and even most causes of inflammation, and yet they are completely at odds when it comes to treatment. The reason for this is probably the difference of opinion with regards to the physiological benefit of inflammation. Let us look at it more closely.

### THE TRADITIONAL VIEW OF INFLAMMATION

An inflammation is a physiologically difficult process (see further) with many aspects. There are control systems, hormonal feedback systems, perceptions, etc. Nevertheless, these biophysical changes are significant to the patient. His quality of life goes down and the patient will go see a doctor. The patient will, in the first place, complain about the biophysical changes, which for the physician are the characteristics of inflammation, i.e.

Pain  
Swelling  
Redness  
Feeling of warmth  
Loss of function in the affected tissue

Due to an increased blood supply (redness, warmth), an increased permeability of the vascular wall, fluids and defence cells will more easily be released (swelling, pains, loss of function through pressure). This is the biophysical reason for the symptoms.

### THE DEFINITION OF INFLAMMATION

The phenomenon of inflammation can be defined as follows:

Inflammation is generally a localised but specific manifestation of defence accompanied by symptoms such as swelling, redness, feeling of warmth, pain and loss of function in the affected tissues.

To a large extent, we already know the physiological chain of reactions that leads to those symptoms. We will review some of the major aspects, which will be important in the presentation and argumentation of homotoxicological approach in inflammatory therapy.

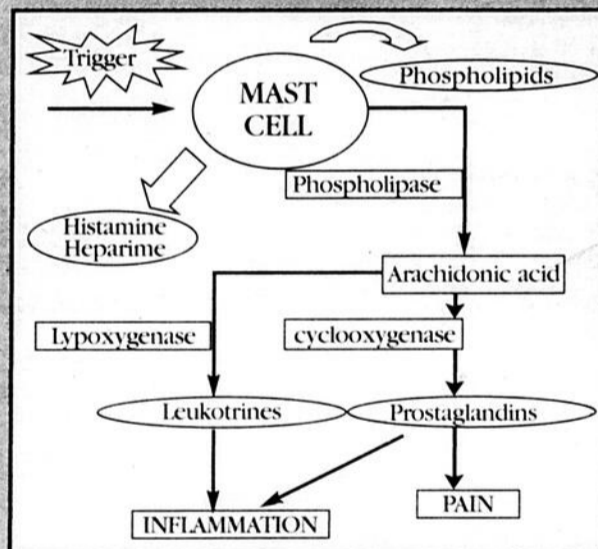
### THE PHYSIOLOGICAL PROCESS OF AN INFLAMMATION

In between the (organ) cells, collagen can be found throughout the whole body. Collagen makes up 30% of the bodily proteins. Intact collagen will be recognised by the body as innate and healthy. However, in case this collagen is disrupted by an injury, it will form a so-called "trigger" for the immune system, which will then react adequately with an inflammation. The inflammation is a way to repair the damage. It will get rid of the aggressor, drain dead tissue and repair any damage if possible.

We get the same triggering due to an invasion of bacteria or any other higher concentration of strange body's. Bacteria will for instance eliminate hyaluronidase. This is an enzyme able to dissolve connective tissue, including collagen. Not only does it damage the tissue, but moreover, the toxic matters (homotoxins) that were stored in the connective tissue (mesenchyme) will be released. The damage to the collagen is a trigger for the mast cell (basophile) to start degranulation.

In the same way pollen caught by the antigen presenting cell (APC) will force the Th2-lymphocytes to free interleukin (IL-4) via the B-lymphocytes, which will lead to degranulation of the basophile. This results in the outspoken manifestation of the inflammation.

The presence of a homotoxin will always trigger the mast cell. In case of degranulation, two important things will happen (see fig.). In the first instance, heparin and histamine will be released. Histamine induces a vasodilatation and increases the impermeability of the vascular wall. Heparin is a blood-diluting product. The combination of the two causes swelling, increased blood supply, easier elimination of liquid and defence



cells from the blood vessels (redness, warmth and swelling).

A second action is caused by the presence of phospholipids in the mast cell wall. When these are released as a result of the trigger and via a phospholipase process, they will form an arachidonic acid. On the one hand, this arachidonic acid will be changed into prostaglandin, due to the cyclooxygenase (enzymes). The prostaglandins titillate the nerves and are responsible for the sensation of pain going hand in hand with the inflammation, as well as for the further induction of the inflammatory process.

On the other hand, the arachidonic acid will be converted into leukotrienes by the lipoxygenase enzyme. The leukotrienes attract other defence cells (such as macrophages) via the process of chemotaxis to the area of the inflammation and will therefore increase the resistance. Leukotrienes will also restore neutrophils to the inflammation area. Neutrophils are phagocytes that destroy foreign substances, such as bacteria and injured tissue through oxidation processes. They use highly biochemical reactions to do so. They generate very reactive molecules, called oxidative radicals. These oxidative radicals perforate the foreign

substance in order for it to be degraded further.

The interleukin 1 (IL-1), released by the phagocytosing macrophages also has a stimulating effect. This cytokine implies a stronger reaction, because the IL-1 will for instance stimulate the T-lymphocytes and macrophages to join the inflammatory milieu.

Another aspect of inflammation is the hormonal control from the hypophysis. Light cases of intoxication are only dealt with by local defences. Once the intoxication or tissue damage gets worse, a hormonal control will start acting up (see fig.).

Serious activity of the local defences induces the hypophysis anterior to release two important hormones: STH (somatotrophic hormone) and ACTH (adenocorticotrophic hormone).

STH stimulates the local inflammation. Due to the increasing acidity (the main physical characteristic of inflammation) the connective tissue will be damaged.

ACTH is transported via the blood vessels. It stimulates the suprarenal cortex in releasing two cortical hormones. The first hormone is desoxicortisone, a mineral corticoid that also stimulates the inflammation. The second type of hormone is the glucocorticoids (cortisone) which have a double function once they are highly present. On the one hand they restrain the inflammation and act against all stress situations againsts the body, such as pain, fever, malaise, lack of appetite, inflammation, etc. On the other hand, they restrain the release of ACTH in the hypophyseal area.

The so-called feedback system is an auto-regulation system (ARS). These ARS's are very important to understand the importance of the basic bio regulation system (BBRS). ARS's are the strongest reason why we should not block inflammation with suppression therapy.

The latter is very important. It means that the glucocorticoids consist of a feedback system, which controls the inflammation. Getting rid of the toxins and repairing the tissue will, in a first stage involve damages. Once there is enough cortisone, it will restrain the inflammation and repair the tissue.

This explains the quick suppressing activity of cortisone in allopathic medicine. This substitution therapy immediately stops the activity and effect of the desoxicortisone. More so, we have to keep in mind that this external application of corticoids will also lead to a decreased production of the body's own adrenal cortex hormones. In other words, due to long term use of cortisone, the own cortisone production will decrease (atrophy of the adrenal cortex) this will influence any future inflammation.

In a well functioning organism the combination of the local defences in the extra-cellular milieu and the hormonal control system are extremely effective in releasing foreign substances and repairing damage in the tissue. This process is called inflammation. It is biological and purposeful. Suppression influences the patient's long term health in a negative way.

