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Fire Department blood donor clinic far exceeds this year's goal

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Local News

ST. LOUIS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF WESTMOUNT BOROUGH

Martin C. Barry

Bruce St. Louis, the City of Westmount's director general, has been appointed manager of the borough of Westmount, which is slated to begin operations in the new year.

According to the Montreal Transition Committee, which is gradually laying down the groundwork for the new island-wide City of Montreal, St. Louis—who has been with the City of Westmount for the past 26 years—begins his new job on Oct. 1.

Westmount is in the midst of contesting Bill 170, the legislation which creates the megacity. Presuming the megacity becomes a reality on Jan. 1, St. Louis will be on the megacity payroll at that time. Instead of reporting to Westmount's mayor and council, he will report to the director general of the megacity through a regional assistant director general.

Last week, the Transition Committee announced the assistant regional director general for Westmount would be Gaetan Laberge, currently Verdun's director general. Eleven other assistant directors general are to be appointed by the time the megacity's bureaucracy is all in place.

"I'm very happy," St. Louis said in an interview this week. Westmount, said St. Louis, was the only borough of which he had applied to the Transition Committee to become director. The positions of director for Montreal's 27 boroughs were subject to a competition.

"I had only one goal, and that was to remain in Westmount," St. Louis said. "I've been here 26 years and this is the only place that I want to be if, in fact, change is to come. I wanted to make sure it was in my interest and, hopefully, also in the interest of continued excellent service delivery to citizens, that I remain at this post."

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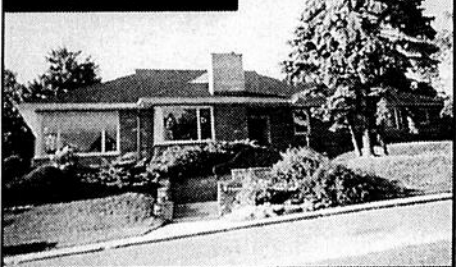
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Five local firefighters volunteer for NYC relief work

Marilynn Vanderstey

Life for five Westmount firefighters, and in fact life at the Westmount Fire Department itself, will never be the same thanks to the camaraderie between fire departments in New York City and Westmount this past weekend.

Last Friday morning, Mayor Peter Trent, Director General Bruce St. Louis, Fire Chief Jim Adams and fellow firefighters were on hand to send off a team of five firefighters to New York City.

Lieutenant Ian Ritchie, John Valiquet, James McAllister, Ryan Kiley and Michel Amesse got into the staff car and left to go help with the cleanup effort in New York City. The three days that they spent with their colleagues at New York City fire stations changed their perspectives about the city of New York, heightened their feeling of a global firefighters brotherhood, patriotism and the Canadian-American relationship.

The plan started when the Westmount firefighters announced to Adams, "Chief, we are going." They had planned to go down in their own cars and wanted permission to take their bunker suits. Adams had to think quickly.

While he appreciated and understood

the motivation, he realized the practicalities. The firefighters would not be covered by insurance if they went on their own, and they couldn't just arrive in New York City unannounced.

Adams refused permission, but took steps to make it happen. "Half of department wants to go," said Adams, "but we decided to send these five out and see what happened. The men were very concerned about their brothers missing in the States and they wanted to help."

Adams called St. Louis and told him he wanted to use the staff car. St. Louis gave his okay and the firefighters made arrangements with their union and for food and lodging.

"We could all identify with what the firefighters in New York City had experienced," said Adams, standing in front of a Westmount fire truck flying the American flag in solidarity. "The men decided to wear the black armbands and to fly the American flags on the buildings and trucks."

Ironically, the Westmount firefighters' annual blood donor clinic was planned for the same day blood donor clinics

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Next collection in Westmount

Spring 2002

ORDER OF CANADA RECOGNIZES FIVE OUTSTANDING WESTMOUNTERS

Katie Eiggins

Westmount has always been well represented at Order of Canada investitures, and the latest list of honourees bears this out once again.

When Governor General Adrienne Clarkson hands out the awards, five local residents will be among those bestowed with "the highest honour any Canadian can receive" for their contributions to the country.

Rodolphe Albert Millaire, Robert Murray, Herbert Sibliin, Marjorie Bronfman and Clara Balinsky will all be honoured at Rideau Hall next month.

Millaire was promoted from Officer to Companion. According to a recent Order of Canada news release, Millaire "is one of those outstanding figures who are making Canadian performing arts history."

He has been recognized for his distinguished achievements in the arts. Other Companions to the Order of Canada include Karen Kain and the late Mordecai Richler.

As a young boy running around the streets of Montreal, Millaire never imagined that one day he would be one of only 165 Companions of the Order of Canada. Being promoted from Officer to Companion was an unexpected surprise for Millaire. "I never dreamt of becoming a Companion," he said this week. "I thought my career was slowing down. I never expected my peers to nominate me for something so special."

For Millaire the promotion helps him to feel he has achieved something in life, and it is an achievement he takes to heart. "I am proud of this award, as I am proud to be Canadian," he said.

Robert Murray of Ramezay Road was made a Member in 1991 and has been promoted to Officer for his ongoing service to Canada.

"My daughter tells me I received this promotion because of my baby blue eyes," said Murray affectionately. Then, in earnest, he pointed out that there are "countless others who are equally deserving but who aren't nominated."



Robert Murray



Marjorie Bronfman

In memory of his brother Leonard, who was killed in World War II, Murray, also a war veteran, has worked for the Department of National Defence for the past 15 years. Currently national vice-chair for the Canadian Forces Liaison Council, Murray works to convince employers to encourage employees who wish to join the reserves. He is also honorary chair of the Quebec Blue Cross and president of the Durand Murray Research Foundation.

Murray plans to attend the ceremony in October at Rideau Hall with his wife and grandson. He said he wants to show his grandson individuals whose values have made Canada a better place.

Roslyn Avenue resident Marjorie Bronfman was made a member for her philanthropy. Over the years she has supported numerous local institutions, including the Centre for Oncology at McGill University, the Palliative Care Centre at the Jewish General Hospital and the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, through the Marjorie and Gerald Bronfman Foundation.

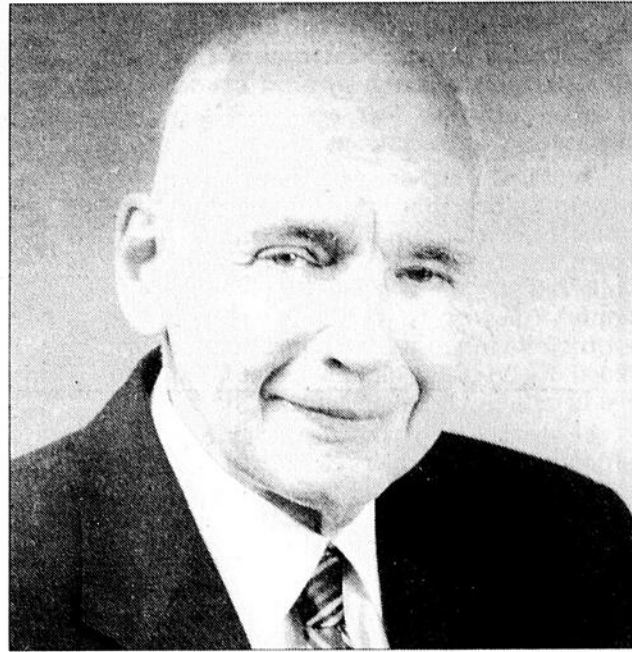
According to spokeswoman Laddi Woolhouse, Bronfman thought "they must have made a mistake," when she learned of the award. For Bronfman, who was born an American and became a Canadian after her marriage, "to be recognized as a Canadian who has made an outstanding contribution made the award even more significant."

Unaware that he had been nominated, Herbert Sibliin of Aberdeen Avenue was surprised to learn he had received the Order of Canada for his distinguished service to the community. "I feel humbled by the honour," he said. "I am very grateful."

A consultant and retired chartered accountant, Sibliin has been a board member of the Jewish General Hospital for 20 years. He also holds the titles of governor emeritus and honorary treasurer of McGill University.

Sibliin chuckled as he recalled how he learned he had been named a member of the Order. Calling from work, Sibliin reached wife Jacqueline on her cell phone while she shopped for groceries. She told him there was a letter for him from the Governor General at home marked personal and confidential. Sibliin told her she could open it, so gripped by curiosity and excitement, she left her shopping cart in the middle of the aisle, much to the surprise of other shoppers, and raced home to open the letter for him.

"I was thrilled," Sibliin recalled with a note of



Herbert Sibliin

delight in his voice. "I have a great love for this country."

Clara Balinsky was made a member for her life-long volunteerism. Balinsky said volunteering is essential to leading a fulfilled life.

"You can't just live and eat and go out to have a good time and not think of all the people who have so many problems," said the de Maisonneuve Boulevard resident. And even after founding the Montreal Concert Society, volunteering for half a century and participating in fundraising events that have raised more than \$1.7 million for various charities, Balinsky said she isn't ready to call it quits.

Friends have urged the 80-year-old Balinsky to slow down, saying "Enough, already!"

Her response to them is simple. "I don't feel I can cut it out," she says. "It's not the way that I can live. It's important to do these things."



Clara Balinsky

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BLOOD DONOR CLINIC DRAWS A RECORD CROWD

Local firefighters collect 244 units of blood for Héma-Québec

Marilynn Vanderstey

Generous Westmounters turned out in large numbers last Friday for the Westmount Fire Department's tenth annual blood donor clinic, far exceeding organizers' expectations.

By 5:20 p.m. on Sept. 14, donors at had already more than met the original objective of 125 units of blood. More than 150 units had already been collected and there were still about 75 donors lined up in the damp weather with waits of up to two hours to give blood in one of the eight beds set up in the fire station by Héma-Québec.

According to fire department officials, when the doors closed at 8 p.m. a total of 253 units had been collected over the past eight hours. After the screening process, the final count was 244 units for Héma-Québec.

The blood donor clinic has become a community event. This year more than 80 Westmount businesses gave door prizes, food, and as always, coffee and doughnuts.

According to organizers, donors started lining up at 1:30 p.m., half an hour before the clinic was scheduled to open. Inside, the firemen from the morning shift were busy making spaghetti that would feed up to 100 people throughout the day.



Vanessa-Katrina Rivizzigno-Godon joins Fire Chief Jim Adams and Capt. Earl Graham in congratulating 1,000th blood donor Gloria Hunter (centre).



The busy scene inside the fire station last Friday afternoon

By 4:30 p.m. the clinic was more than busy. "People came prepared to wait," said chief organizer Capt. Earl Graham. "They either brought books or came with friends and did not complain about the wait. And of course we fed them with coffee and doughnuts and soft drinks."

Graham organized the blood donor clinic in 1992 in commemoration of the Westmount Fire Station's 100th anniversary. "I wanted to start a project that could become an annual event. We thought a blood donor clinic would be appropriate since, like the fire department, it helps the community. It is coincidental that because of the disaster in New York that people are coming out this year in droves."

In past years the clinic has managed to collect an average of about 125 units. This year the goal was another 125, a figure that would make for a total of 1,000 units collected over the event's ten-year history. Firemen and volunteers watched in anticipation for the 1,000th donor, and at about 2 p.m. Gloria Hunter of Lansdowne Avenue joined the lineup. Almost two hours later, while she was giving blood, she was surprised and delighted to find out she was that much sought-after 1,000th donor.

Much fanfare followed as she was photographed and given a collection of prizes, including flowers from Westmount Florist, perfume and a baseball cap with 'Westmount Firefighters' embroidered on the front. This was the 63rd pint of blood Hunter has donated. She said she has a rare blood type and realizes the importance of sharing it. This year, however, she had a more personal reason for giving. "My son works near the World Trade Centre site in New York and donating blood made me feel that I could do something," she said.

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6:47 p.m. 4380 Côte des Neiges: Smell of gas reported. No odour detected on arrival, no readings on metre. Gaz Metropolitain also attended and confirmed there was no leak.

7:05 p.m. 1 Rosemount: Fire alarm set off by cooking on the sixth floor.

Monday, Sept. 10

10:05 a.m. 470 Roslyn: Defective alarm.

10:25 a.m. 4444 Sherbrooke: Alarm set off by broken steam relief valve in penthouse.

8:42 p.m. 4350 Ste. Catherine: False alarm caused by student tampering with pull station at Westmount High School.

Tuesday, Sept. 11

1:15 a.m. 4646 Sherbrooke: Smoke detector set off by person smoking in hallway.

Knifepoint robbery at Westmount Square ATM

MUC police are looking for three suspects in connection with an armed robbery that occurred at an automatic teller machine at 1 Westmount Square last Wednesday at about 8 p.m.

The incident began further east on Ste. Catherine Street, when two men were walking towards the McDonald's restaurant at Atwater. As they passed the Buffalo Bill's restaurant next door, they were beckoned inside by the three suspects, who offered them a deal on a computer.

One of the victims stayed behind at the restaurant while the other was taken to the automatic teller machine in Westmount Square, where he was forced at knifepoint to withdraw \$500 in cash. The three suspects managed to get away with the cash.

Police have released the following descriptions of the men they are looking for: The first is an English-speaking black male about 18 years old with short black hair, 1.77 metres tall and weighing 59 kilos. He was wearing a black baseball cap and a red t-shirt. The second is a black male about 28 years old with no hair, 1.88 metres tall and weighing 81 kilos. He speaks English with an accent and has a horizontal scar on his left cheek. He was wearing a black leather jacket. The third is a black male about 23 years old with short hair and a goatee, 1.80 metres tall and weighing 72 kilos.

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11:56 a.m. 450 Kensington: Bomb scare at Shaar Hashomayim caused by suspicious motorist. Cordoned off the area. MUC police and Public Security also attended. Turned out to be a false alarm.

12:30 p.m. 400 Kensington: Report of a stove left on in apartment. Checked premises and found stove had been turned off.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

6:51 a.m. Westmount Bowling Green: Alarm signal showed trouble on Hydro transformer in underground substation. Hydro Westmount and Public Security also attended. Found conditions normal and recommended verification of alarm system.

9:52 a.m. 250 Kensington: Report of strange odour traced to roofers' tar.

12:36 p.m. 34 Holton: Smell of smoke traced to defective transformer in electrical box.

1:07 p.m. 4430 Ste. Catherine: Defective alarm.

Thursday, Sept. 13

4:41 a.m. Westmount Train Station: Alarm set off due to water leaking into system.

Friday, Sept. 14

6:10 a.m. 4001 de Maisonneuve: alarm accidentally set off by workers at Dawson College.

7:23 a.m. 26 Shorncliffe: Smell of gas in area traced to pesticide sprayed on neighbour's trees.

9:00 a.m. 3295 Cedar: Alarm accidentally set off by workers.

11:19 a.m. 4626 Sherbrooke: Heat detector at Victoria Hall set off by open oven door.

7:03 p.m. 3500 de Maisonneuve: Defective ballast on neon light fixture.

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A great show of support from Westmount

The stars and stripes have been appearing in windows of homes and businesses throughout Westmount as a show of support and sympathy for the American people.

It would not be too bold to state that of all local municipalities Westmount has the closest and most numerous ties to New York City.

Commentary

Wayne Larsen



With so many Westmounters working in the fields of finance, health care and the arts, many of us have friends and relatives there, as well as countless business associates and professional colleagues—not to mention the many transplanted New Yorkers currently living in Westmount, either permanently or temporarily.

This brings the horrors of Sept. 11 much closer to home, so it is therefore no surprise that in their effort to help in some way, Westmounters turned out in record numbers to donate blood at the fire station last Friday—despite bad weather and a longer than usual waiting period. And most knew there were no guarantees that their blood would be shipped south of the border; they did it because, as it has been repeated frequently in the media this past week, tragedy always brings out the best in people.

Most of us have no doubt been frustrated by the fact that we can do very little to help victims of last week's disaster, which is why we owe a tip of the hat to Westmount firefighters Ian Ritchie, John Valiquet, James McAllister, Ryan Kiley and Michel Amesse, who volunteered to spend last weekend in New York. Not only did they lend their American colleagues a much-needed hand in a time of extreme crisis and grief, they represented this city well and deserve our sincere thanks.



Our Strong Spirit of Unity

Lucienne Robillard

It is very difficult for me this week to write my column since it is inevitable to talk about the tragic events that occurred last week in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

I would like to offer my sincere sympathy to the families of the victims. This tragedy was so close to Montreal that many of us may have known a friend or a family member that worked in the World Trade Centre or Pentagon, or even in the surrounding area. There can be no cause or grievance that could ever justify such unspeakable violence. Such an attack is an assault not only on the targets but an offence against the freedom and rights of all civilized nations.

I would like to recognize and thank all the volunteers and organizations from Westmount-Ville Marie that have helped in this tragic time, particularly for the safe haven and warm hospitality they have given to diverted American air travellers. As always, this time of crisis brought out the very best in our people. From prayer meetings and vigils to the countless numbers who lined up to give blood. From a flood of donations by individuals and businesses to patience in the face of delays and inconvenience. And we were all moved by the sight of Canadians opening up their hearts and their homes to thousands of confused and anxious air travellers who had no place to go.

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Letters to the editor

Helping hands across the border

To the editor:

Within hours after the explosion of a French munitions ship in Halifax harbor in 1917 killing at least 2,000 people and blinding and maiming thousands of others, a swift response came from the United States and relief trains were on the way from New England as fast as they could be assembled.

Nothing can match the horror of last week in Manhattan, but the reaction was the same: How can we help?

Never were expressions of American gratitude greater in 1980 when it was learned that the Canadian embassy in Teheran had sheltered six American diplomats at great risk from raging Iranian mobs.

I wrote in a letter to The Globe and Mail at that time: Canadians have a long history of sheltering Americans, dating back to the Revolutionary War when we took under our wings thousands of Loyalists, known to their fellow New Englanders as Tories.

Benedict Arnold found sanctuary in Saint John, N.B. Less than a century later, we were harbouring young men from both North and South as the Civil War raged. Indeed Jefferson Davis, president of the defeated Confederacy, took refuge in Montreal. Uncle Tom found his way to Ontario. Sitting Bull moved to Canada after his encounter with General Custer in 1876.

The shoe has been on the other foot, though. Louis-Joseph Papineau fled to the United States after the rebellion of 1837, as did William Lyon Mackenzie, whose daughter, the mother of William Lyon Mackenzie King, one of Canada's longest serving prime ministers, was born in exile. Then there was the tragic Louis Riel, who was hanged later after returning from exile in the United States to lead his people in the Saskatchewan rebellion.

It wasn't too many years ago when young Americans found shelter here as the war in Vietnam tore at their conscience and took a cruel toll of their friends and comrades.

On these occasions, however, there was considerable enmity on both sides of the border. Americans have actually invaded Canada twice, capturing Montreal in 1775—a year before the Declaration of Independence.

This glimpse of history shows us how far we have come together. The enormous outpouring of gratitude on one side and pride on the other in recent days should serve to prove that no two nations on earth are closer today than Canada and the United States.

We are brothers.

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Time for a Westmount Community Council

The Westmount Municipal Association has been considering how to maintain Westmount life if Montreal is successful in its bid to annex us. Here WMA past president Doug McDougall outlines the present proposals:

One Year Ago

September 21, 2000:

VALUATION INCREASES: Westmount homeowners could have a rude—or possibly pleasant—surprise when they receive the announcement next month of their new triennial tax assessment, but the news is almost certain to be grim once the tax bills are issued early next year. The city is bearing the largest increase in overall valuations of any municipality on the island of Montreal, a 10.8 per cent hike compared to an island-wide reduction of 3.2 per cent. This will mean that the city will have to take on a much larger portion of the Montreal Urban Community tax bill, which already makes up almost 40 per cent of the municipal budget."

Five Years Ago

September 19, 1996:

ORCHESTRA DEBUT: "The new Westmount Youth Orchestra will make its debut at the Créations Westmount Creates arts festival taking place Sept. 28 at Victoria Hall and the library. They will play Beethoven's Symphony No. 1 in C Major. The orchestra will kick off the day with a performance at 10 a.m. outside the library, followed by the official opening ceremonies at 10:30."

Ten Years Ago

September 19, 1991:

FLAWED DESIGN: "A lack of consultation before and during construction has resulted in a flawed Centre d'Accueil St. Margaret on Hillside avenue. The daughter of a former resident of the nursing home, a staff member and its director-general are questioning the wisdom behind certain aspects of the six-month-old residence which was officially opened Friday. Marilyn Miller, 52, says her mother had to be moved out of St. Margaret after she fell and 'split her head open in three places' on a badly-placed doorstep in her room. Her mother, Laura Jean Smith, 92, has since been moved to the Montreal General Hospital after falling on the silver-dolomite sized doorsteps, said Ms Miller."

Forty Years Ago

September 22, 1961:

SELWYN HOUSE ARRIVES: "Selwyn House School's move to new premises in Westmount marks one of the most important dates in its 53-year history. The building was formerly occupied by the Westmount Senior High School. Mayor J.C. Cushing conducted the opening ceremony which was attended by the board of governors and former chairmen of the board. Present chairman Mr. J.G. Bourne officiated, and among those present was Mrs. Algernon Lucas, wife of the founder of the school. Mayor Cushing said Westmount was proud to welcome such a respected educational institution within its borders."

It is evident that should the municipal mergers proceed as currently legislated it is the responsibility of everyone not to become complacent with what, at first, will seem little changed. We have to be more active in preserving our quality of life and facilities to minimize their erosion.

There will be at least two major effects on Westmounters:

1. The threatened Municipal Merger will distance the population from its elected municipal officials.

Instead of nine, we will have three elected officials and the borough councillor (one of the three) will be required to address island-wide issues on a much broader front particularly if they are involved in a political party.

Budget entitlement will be decided at the supra-municipal level.

The functions of the district ("borough") office, which will replace the present city hall, will be drastically reduced. There will be significantly fewer staff.

Conclusion: The population will need citizen advocacy groups to a greater extent than under the current structure to help them deal with day-to-day municipal issues of concern to them.

2. There will be an increasing trend

toward de-westmountizing institutions.

Recreation programs and the library will be accessible to all Montreal residents.

More and more elements of Westmount will become part of the common responsibility: arterial roads, major parks (whither the mountain, I wonder), water, etc.

Staff would be employees of Montreal so career moves and bureaucratic interference would necessarily move them in and out of the community.

Though minimal at first, downtown decisions will increasingly prevail.

Conclusion: It will be up to volunteer organizations to preserve the character of the community, including fighting to make our case downtown and, perhaps, in Quebec City.

All this is in addition to the expected larger financial burden, both in large property tax increases and, as is most likely, many new substantial service charges.

The opportunity to de-merge under a Liberal government is assumed to be real based on comments made by the Liberal opposition. In order to be in a position to take advantage of the opportunity to re-establish our community we will need to maintain a coordinated focus for all Westmount activities so that de-merging can be facilitated.

To this end we would like to make the following recommendations to council and the citizens of Westmount:

1. That we introduce a coordinating body in the form of a Community Council to meet four or five times a year to deal with community issues and that this body

include all volunteer organizations in Westmount.

2. That we create a structure of standing committees chaired by either current or past members of council or residents and peopled by volunteers to continue the work of looking after particular interest areas.

3. That the WMA be one member of this Community Council; we offer to take on the administrative survival of the Council: secretarial, treasury and legal.

4. That this Council through its member organizations and committees actively assist the elected councillors by extending their efforts to preserve the community nature of the programs and services in Westmount.

5. That this Council have an outreach program to other communities to assist those that wish to establish similar structures thereby allowing us to increase our collective credible voice on issues of concern to more than just Westmount.

We believe that it is not premature to be establishing this structure in order to be ready in the unfortunate circumstance that the forced mergers not be stopped. We welcome any contributions to the debate and the effort to develop a viable contingency plan.

Doug McDougall is the WMA's immediate past president and chairs the ad hoc committee to best preserve Westmount. He can be reached at drurymcdou@junction.net or 931-3341 or send comments to the Westmount Examiner.

Our Strong Spirit of Unity

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Last week, Prime Minister Chrétien declared Friday, September 14, a National Day of Mourning to mark last week's catastrophic events in the United States. On this occasion, the public was invited to attend a formal national ceremony on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Thousand and thousands assembled on Parliament Hill and all across Canada; a people united in outrage, grief, compassion and resolve.

In such a situation, we want to reaffirm Canada's long-standing commitment to working with the United States to defend the North American continent and our common interests and values.

There is no doubt that last week's events were acts of terrorists, but allow me to address this important point that the Prime minister said on the occasion of a Special House of Commons Debate last Monday: "...Immigration is central to the Canadian experience and identity. We have welcomed people from all corners of the globe: all nationalities, colours and religions. This is who we are. And let there be no doubt: we will

allow no one to force us to sacrifice our values or traditions under the pressure of urgent circumstances. We will continue to welcome people from the whole world. We will continue to offer refuge to the persecuted..."

The foreign policy of the Canadian Government is one of active engagement in multilateral institutions, from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the United Nations and its agencies. It is in Canada's best interest to support an international system based on rules—rules that are defined and respected by the international community. In the wake of the tragedy that occurred last week in the US, we do not know what the Americans' strategy will be, it is well to early to confirm what the Government of Canada's role will be. We are committed however to continue to coordinate our activities to deliver the most timely and effective assistance that we can.

Above all, the Canadian government will pursue its active role, as an independent and internationalist country in the world. We want our foreign policies to reflect and advance Canada's commitment to values such as peace, tolerance, cooperation and

respect for democracy, human rights and the rule of law. One of the challenges we are facing is in preserving our identity, as a country. Let our actions be guided by a spirit of wisdom and perseverance. By our values and our way of life. And, as we go on with the struggle, let us never, ever, forget who we are, and what we stand for.

Many people from the Westmount-Ville-Marie riding have been calling my office seeking advice and information about friends and relatives who may have been affected by this crisis. I am therefore providing you with some important phone numbers:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's emergency hotline: 1-800-387-3124.

To make monetary donations, please contact the Canadian Red Cross by telephone at 1-800-418-1111.

For transportation information, Canadians should contact either their airline or Transport Canada, which has established a public enquiries line at 613-990-2309.

Lucienne Robillard is the Liberal MP for Westmount-Ville Marie.

Letters are welcome

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WMA condemns reduction of polling stations

The Westmount Municipal Association has lashed out at organizers of the Nov. 4 megacity election following the recent announcement that the number of polling stations in Westmount will be reduced by half.

Calling it an "assault on local democracy" and "the ultimate outrage," the WMA has harshly criticized the logic behind slashing the number of polling stations while the number of voters in Westmount remains the same.

"There have been promises from all sides—transition chief Monique Lefebvre and mayoral candidates Pierre Bourque and Gerald Tremblay—that local services will be maintained and the very first thing they cut is our democratic right to vote," said WMA president Kathleen Duncan.

"It's beyond amazing. Not only are we being annexed without a referendum and there was no fair debate in the National Assembly, but now they are making it harder for citizens to vote in their first megacity election. It is the ultimate outrage!"

Westmount has been allowed four polling stations for its 16,000 electors in the November election. In the

1999 election, there was a polling station earmarked for each of the eight wards. For last year's referendum, there were 11 stations and some mobile voting machines were taken to senior citizens' residences.

Additionally, this time there will be fewer facilities inside the stations. At recent elections, there were 59 tables, booths and boxes—one poll for approximately every 350 voters. In November, that will also be halved with one unit serving about 750 people. Election organizers say that voting machines, which will electronically read voters' marked cards, will be faster, so that fewer are needed.

"There has never been a more important election for Westmount than this," said Duncan. "This is a disgraceful time to be making such experiments and harming our rights."

Mayor Peter Trent is distancing himself from the election he is fighting to avoid. "It's just yet another example of how we will lose services in the megacity," he said. "The government couldn't even find enough money to ensure the same number of polling stations."

The WMA is working to ensure as many people

vote as possible, Duncan added. In addition to the 'Meet the Candidates' evening being co-organized with The Examiner on Oct. 22, it has commissioned a series of reports on the threatened institutions, which it hopes to publish prior to the meeting. It is also preparing a comprehensive document on the candidates' views.

Also in the works for the WMA are contingency plans in the event that the annexation goes through. "Citizens will have to be more vigilant than ever before to protect Westmount," Duncan emphasized. "At first it will seem like little has changed and complacency will be a terrible price to pay."

One result of the WMA's work is the suggestion of a Community Council (details of the proposal can be seen on page 7).

Francophone radio stations across the province this week began airing advertisements rebutting the provincial government's recent commercial boosting the mergers. To coincide with them, the plane towing the "Je me souviendrai des fusions forcées" banner will fly over the Montreal-area ridings of government ministers. WMA activists collected funding for the flight.

CPU seeks new members

The Westmount Civil Protection Unit, which assists residents in times of difficulty or emergency, is currently looking for a few more members to fill out its ranks.

Under the direction of Abe Miller, Westmount's award-winning Civil Protection Unit currently meets and trains each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the No. 2 fire station at Victoria Avenue and The Boulevard.

"Right now we're looking for about eight to ten new members," said Glenn Kipps of the Westmount Fire Department. He added that candidates must be 18 years of age or older.

Those interested in joining the Civil Protection Unit can either drop by the No. 2 fire station on Wednesday evenings or contact Kipps at 989-5233 during the day.

City looks into train noise

In response to several recent complaints from residents in lower Westmount disturbed by the late-night shunting of railway cars on the CPR tracks, The City of Westmount has announced that it is keeping a log to record these incidents.

Director General Bruce St. Louis said this week that anyone who has a complaint can call Westmount Public Security's 24-hour dispatch line at 989-5222 whenever they are disturbed by train noises in the middle of the night.

He added that these calls must be made at the time of the noise.

The resulting registry of complaints, he said, will serve as evidence when the City submits complaints about the late-night train noise to the Agence metropolitaine de transport, which is responsible for commuter trains.

"We are particularly interested in complaints that are logged between 11:30 p.m. and 6 a.m.," St. Louis said.

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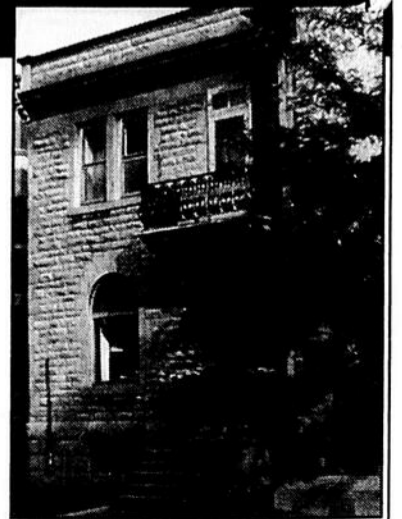
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were being held across the United States, the same day the men left.

"Although the firefighters brotherhood from station to station, department to department and Canada to the States has always been there, I have heard the word 'brotherhood' spoken more in the last three days than in the last 39 years," said Adams.

When the team arrived at Station 54 in New York City, they were put to work not at ground zero but at the station itself. "Station 54 is the only station that lost an entire shift of 15 men," said Ritchie. "and the outpouring from the public in terms of food and clothing and love was mind-boggling. A wall of flowers six feet long and five feet high had to be maintained. Platters and bags of food kept arriving to feed the firefighters so they wouldn't have to cook as usual during their 24-hour shifts, before going to a half shift at ground zero. It all seemed so surreal, there was so much food, even the homeless shelters were overwhelmed."

Ritchie continued to describe how bags of dry socks, underwear and t-shirts also kept arriving to help keep the firefighters dry. And donations of money for the victims' families kept coming.

"It is almost as if the terrorists tried to destroy the morale, and split the country apart and put it into turmoil, but if anything, it has brought the people together," Ritchie said.

Amesse agreed. "A Friday evening candle vigil started with 15 candles, one for each firefighter who lost his life, and 30 people. Within a half hour there were 1,000 people standing across three of four lanes of traffic in front of the station. Different people in the crowd would spontaneously break into 'God Bless America' or the national anthem or the Pledge of Allegiance and everyone in the crowd would join in. New York City has the busiest fire department in the world. When a truck left the station, the crowd cheered."

On Sunday the men realized that the situation was well taken care of and that it was time to go home.

On the way back, they discussed the acts of kindness they had witnessed and how else they could help. As of yesterday they have been selling stickers for a minimum donation of \$3. Proceeds will go back to New York City to help the families of the firefighters who lost their lives in the devastation. Stickers are available at the Westmount fire station at 19 Stanton Street.

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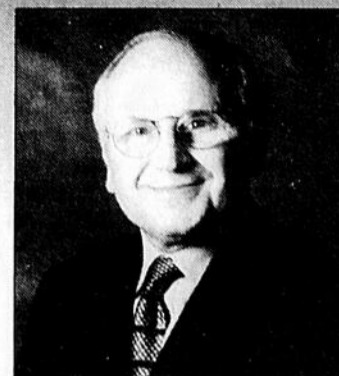
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Karin Marks

City Councillor representing Westmount on the Council of the new mega-city of Montreal

Cynthia Lulham

Local Councillor, Borough of Westmount

John de Castell

Local Councillor, Borough of Westmount

As experienced city councillors, these three will best defend our interests in the new structure. Principled and determined, they will fight to preserve our Westmount community.

We urge you to join us in supporting Karin Marks, Cynthia Lulham and John de Castell on November 4th.

À nos concitoyens/ concitoyennes de Westmount

Nous, soussignés, nous opposons au concept Bourque d' « Une Ile, Une Ville ».

Nous appuyons la bataille soutenue contre les fusions forcées.

Lors des élections du 4 novembre, nous appuyons l'équipe qui a reçu l'aval du maire Trent et du conseil municipal de Westmount, soit :

Karin Marks

représentant Westmount au conseil de la nouvelle mégaville de Montréal

Cynthia Lulham

conseillère locale, arrondissement de Westmount

John de Castell

conseiller local, arrondissement de Westmount

En tant que conseillers chevronnés, ces trois personnes sauront défendre au mieux nos intérêts sous la nouvelle structure.

Nous vous conseillons vivement de donner votre appui à Karin Marks, Cynthia Lulham et John de Castell le 4 novembre prochain.

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As Dave Innes sees it, the protection and security of a person and property are one, with prevention as the goal.

Over the past 25 years, Mr Innes and his company Cheminée Québec, have become household names to Westmounters because of his dependable chimney and home heating inspection services.

But that's not all. He is also a licensed provider of security services, and is currently in the process of extending the chimney inspection division to concentrate more on security. Innes is Director of Quebec Operations for Special Operations Security Group, a company based in Sarnia, Ont. with a staff of 20 in Quebec.

A Canadian Forces Military Police veteran and former member of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, Innes over the years developed a large clientele of Westmounters who have called upon him for regular chimney inspection, as well as expert analysis following house fires or renovations.

Larger clients for whom he has performed security work have included Zellers, the Montreal Alouettes, Rothman's, Proviso and Champlain College, where he was security director for three years. Prevention, according to Innes, is the main reason he decided to combine security and chimney inspection.

"We have been preventing problems in people's lives through inspection and chimney sweeping, and this is an add-on," he said. Innes says his dual-service can improve the quality of life around the home.

"We're already going onto roofs, and around houses and seeing problems, so it trains us to have a better eye on what is going on around and in and near the house—because, as a chimney sweeper, you observe," he said.

"Doors not properly locked, fences or enclosures not properly built—the house a little bit too accessible. There might be better lighting. When windows should be done a different way, or closed a different way, we do tell people."

Innes's past experience providing security service in Westmount includes positions with a large private security firm guarding Westmount homes. He is experienced in various surveillance methods, including audio and video, and is skilled in search and rescue in conjunction with Canadian and Quebec search and rescue agencies.

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COLLANGE LINGERIE



Since Solange Cohen opened her boutique Collange Lingerie 18 years ago, she has been catering to different women's styles with her unique selection of lingerie and sleepwear.

With her personal and private approach to service and the range of selective name brands and products, customers come to her store to find the latest in fashionable underwear, camisoles and intimate apparel.

"We meet all different kinds of women," said Cohen. "That's why we carry so many different name brands and materials. We have camisoles, cruisewear, loungewear, sleepwear. We have nightwear, underwear, bathrobes, slippers—we have everything that any woman could possibly want to feel good in."

Her imported lingerie comes from Italy, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, the United States and the United Kingdom, and she has other local brand names as well. Most of the materials that she chooses are natural fibers like silks and fine cottons. She carries exclusive lines not yet introduced on the market. And her prices vary, and she says that's all about meeting different customers' budgets.

"I don't want people to think that just because we have a beautiful store that we only carry expensive lingerie," she said, "because that's just not the case. It's not about selling our most expensive night gown—it's about having a happy customer who will want to come back to our store because they received great service."

And since 1984, when Cohen opened her store, customer service has been her priority. "We like the no-pressure approach," Cohen said. "Women want honesty and they want good advice. And when you give this type of service, 90 per cent of the time the woman comes back—and she brings her

daughter with her."

Cohen is quick to point out that the world of lingerie has changed dramatically over the years. No more plain white bras with tennis rackets, flowers or bows in the front. These days there are colourful bras, nude and skin-tone bras, suck-ins, push-ups and many, many more.

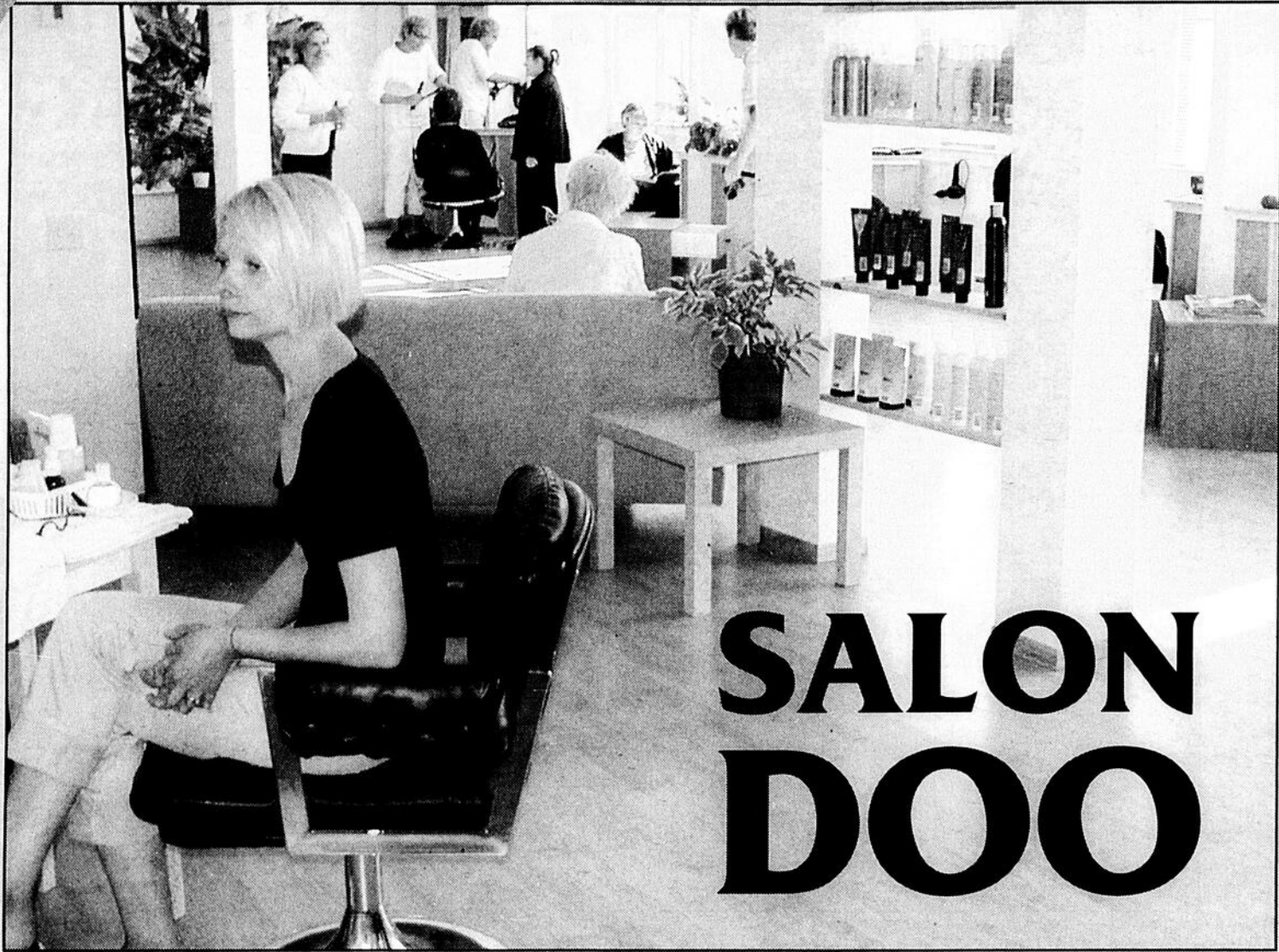
"We have bras for bigger breasts, and bras for smaller breasts," she said. "We have bras that make smaller breasts look bigger, and bras that make bigger breasts look smaller. We have bras that you can wear under a fine white blouse where you won't see any lines or straps. There are body control panties and different types of tummy-tuckers now too that make you look great and that are a lot less painful than surgery or liposuction."

One of the most common mistakes that lingerie shoppers make, says Cohen, is choosing the right size. So all of her specialized team of professionals are up to date on all the different styles and sizes that will help women look their best. "A bra that doesn't fit properly can ruin an entire outfit," she said. "We are specialized in fitting, so we know what looks good and what doesn't look good. And if we don't have a size, we can usually get it the next day."

Cohen says the reason why women buy lingerie is because it makes them feel beautiful. "Who says that panties and bras can't be beautiful?" she said. "They should reflect the person who's wearing them. When a woman feels good on the inside, she looks beautiful on the outside. She feels more confident because she knows she looks great."

Boutique Collange Lingerie has a sister store located at Ogilvy's downtown. Their Westmount store will be staying in Westmount Square but has a new location.

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SALON DOO

Over the past two decades Edouard Persson has traveled the globe in search of two things: style and fashion.

He has worked as a hair stylist and makeup artist in dozens of international cities and has worked with the best European designers. His work has been featured on the cover of such popular fashion magazines as *Elle* and *Vogue*, and he has worked closely with many international models.

His wife wanted to live in a colder city, he preferred to live in a bilingual city, so as a compromise they came to Montreal. In November 2000, they opened Doo Salon in Westmount, and along with their eight assistants have since been offering their services as hairdresser, hair colourist, Swedish massage therapist and a beauty therapist that specializes in waxing for both men and women.

"Each customer that comes into our salon is unique," said Edouard, who is the sole hairdresser at the salon. "Each woman has different qualities in her hair that can be worked with. We like to think that we have the solution. I like simple straight hair—soft hair—no gel, no mousse.

I want to style hair that moves—that's free and natural." The Doo Salon is located on the corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria, and the layout is charming. Their locale was an old apartment that they tore down to create a very bright open space with a '30s and '40s decor and stunning hardwood floors. The walls are lined with beautiful paintings by Barbara Berlin. Their music choice is usually jazz or blues, so if you closed your eyes you might just think you were relaxing in a lounge. "I wanted to create a place where I knew my customers would feel positive," said Edouard. "We wanted a certain ambiance but we still wanted to keep it simple."

His different approach to style and fashion might stem from all the learning experiences he's had since he started his career back in 1981. Over the years he's worked with such international designers as Jean-Paul Gauthier, Yves St-Laurent, John Galiano, Yogi Yamamoto, Prada, Versace and Gucci. Edouard says that when he works on a woman he is always striving to find out exactly what she wants. And he's worked with some of the fussiest and most ambitious models and actresses who have made for good practice, and good communication skills. "I've worked with a lot of celebrities who need to look their best," he said.

It's a matter of discussing what kind of image that person wants to portray and finding out the best way to achieve that look." Some of the models and celebrities that Edouard has helped find the perfect look for include Linda Evangelista, Angie Everheart, Karen Mulder, Christie Turlington, Lauren Hutton, and even Madonna and Meg Ryan. But he's also quick to point out that image isn't everything. "Many clients come to the salon wanting a Kate Moss look or some other celebrity style," he said.

"But an image doesn't make a person. An image is just to play with. It's easy to make a look, but it's also important to change your image. Sometimes an image takes away from our personality. That's why it's important to recognize that each woman is different. It's not just her face or her foot that matters—it's not about long or short hair—it's about what works. I work with gravity. It's like a piece of clothing that flows differently on each woman's body—her hair also has to flow. That's what I do—I help their hair flow."

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DIRECTIONS FENG SHUI



As Western culture continues to discover the benefits of traditional Eastern perspectives of life, many are looking at Feng Shui, the ancient Chinese art and science of living in harmony with your environment, sometimes referred to as the art of placement. It works with the circulation and flow of the life force (ch'i) to create harmony and balance in both the residential and business environment.

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JANICE GREENBERG



Janice Greenberg does what she knows best—she shops. And since May when she launched At Your Service, she has been offering her services as a personal shopper and closet organizer to busy men and women. "I've always liked fashion," said Greenberg. "Last year I decided that it would be fun to take something that I love to do and make a business out of it. So now I organize closets, I sell the clothes that my clients don't want anymore. It's rewarding when I see my clients looking and feeling their best."

Greenberg says that many of her customers seek her help because they are bogged down with clutter. "Some people just don't know where to start," she said.

"People tend to keep things. They hoard. And half the time they don't know where their things are, never use them, or don't even like them. I encourage them to sell or give away those things so that they are able to reflect who they are today, not who they were ten years ago."

From organizing dinner parties to selecting gifts, from mixing and matching casual wear to colour coordinating formal wear, it's Greenberg's business to get to know the people she works with and find out just what they're looking for. "Once I've gotten to know someone," she said, "I can pin point which of the stores I'll shop at to best suit their personality and style."

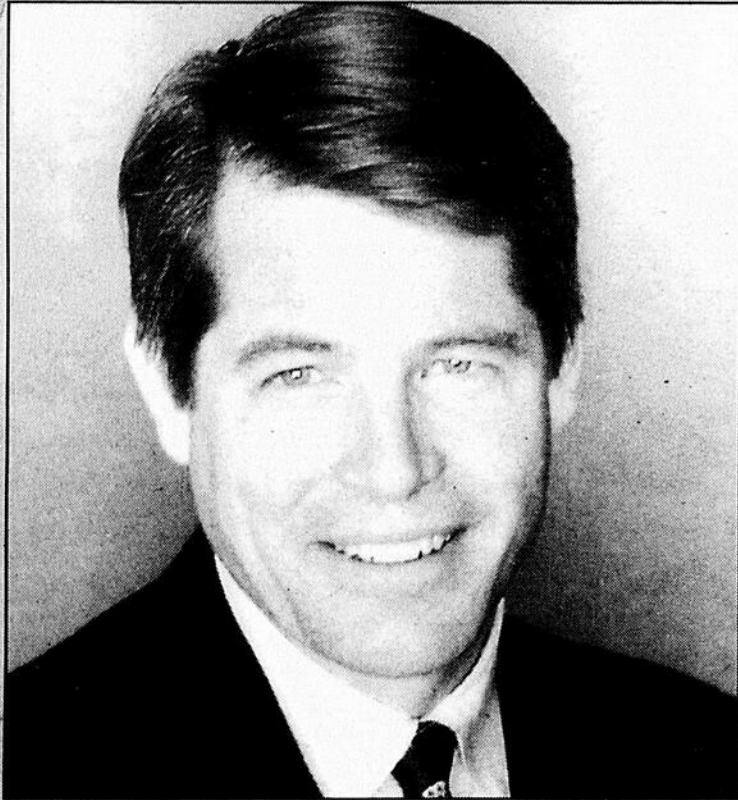
Her general rule of thumb is if you haven't worn that polka dot shirt in over a year—it's gone. "With each stage in life, you change," she said. "And sometimes it's difficult to let go. We like to see our closets full, and are concerned when they're not. When you keep things that you need, and sell the things that you don't, you end up making a few dollars, and wearing the clothes in your wardrobe. The first time you do it is always the hardest—but it really does cleanse the soul."

For the busy man, for the woman who doesn't have enough hours in her day, Janice Greenberg is At Your Service.

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DR. DOUGLAS HAMILTON



From the minute you enter the office, it's obvious that Dr. Douglas Hamilton and his friendly staff are committed to personalized, professional dental care in a relaxed and caring environment.

"When we meet with you for the first time, we really listen. We take as much time as you need to feel understood and comfortable. We then help you decide on your future dental health and offer short and long term solutions to help you get there," Dr. Hamilton said.

"In my practice, we strive for patient empowerment and focus on overall health, instead of disease. We help you to learn about yourself: we show you x-rays and models of your teeth, we encourage questions and involve you in the consultation process."

A graduate of the McGill School of Dentistry, Dr. Hamilton has been practising in Westmount for 19 years and has been at his current location for 13 years. Gentle and professional treatment in the most comfortable setting have been the standard over this time, as he and his team perform restorative and preventative procedures, as well as exceptional cosmetic dentistry. Dr. Hamilton is currently using the latest technologies such as bleaching, cosmetic veneers and titanium implants to replace missing teeth.

He is even treating sleep apnea, a condition characterized by loud snoring and the intermittent stopping of breathing, which can have serious health consequences.

While emerging technologies help improve the quality of dental care, customized personal attention to each family member remains key to the approach of Dr. Hamilton and his team. "No matter what your age, a healthy mouth and a bright smile can have far reaching effects. Our aim here is exactly the same as yours: through preventative, restorative or cosmetic dentistry, we hope to contribute to your physical comfort, outer appearance and inner confidence."

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GRETTA HASHEMI



Gretta holding her favorite lavender.

While compiling research for a master's degree on the philosophy of religion, Gretta's interest was sparked by an Hindu-based philosophy called Ayurveda.

Ayurveda is a 5,000-year-old philosophy system that helps slow the aging process as it governs the physiological, emotional and spiritual aspects of life. Ayurveda is considered the oldest preventative and holistic health and beauty care in the world. The crux to this philosophy is a unique system of body typing that categorizes every aspect of an individual's health into three distinct groups, or doshas. These three doshas determine body and skin type:

- Vata (dry, thin skin)
- Pitta (sensitive skin)
- Kapha (oily, thick skin with large pores)

Gretta's interest in the Ayurveda philosophy ultimately led to a career in holistic health. At her Aromaflex Institute, Gretta provides workshops for adults based on the Aromaflex method, as well as workshops and treatments for infants and children up to adolescence based on the Infaromaflex Touches.

Besides her workshops, Gretta provides individual consultations and treatments using a unique method that combines Aromatherapy and Reflexology with Ayurvedic techniques. Her Ayurvedic facials, massages, exfoliation and body wraps are customized for the individual dosha.

Gretta has spent 20 years working, researching, teaching, writing and appearing on the lecture circuit throughout Canada, as well as radio and television talk shows. For all those accomplishments she is thankful to her mother, Pari Hashemi, whose care and love gave her the strength to find her lifelong dream and name it the Aromaflex Institute, located at 4935 Queen Mary Road, Suite 101, Montreal, Que. H3W 1X4.

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"My deepest sympathy to the families and friends of all those innocent people whose lives were cut short in the attack on America."

- Gretta Hashemi

DONNA HINCHCLIFF,

Real Estate Agent



“It’s all about trust”

Donna Hinchcliff is a Westmount resident and has worked as a real estate agent in the area for 15 years, the last nine with Re/Max Westmount on Greene Avenue. This week Donna shared with the Examiner some thoughts on her work and what it means to her.

“It’s all about trust,” she said, “I try hard to make my clients feel very secure that they are making a good decision by always giving them all available information even when some of it may be negative. I work hard to understand what they really want and try to make sure they get it.” The result is that she has built a base of highly satisfied clients who often come back to her and refer others to her.

Open Houses are one of Donna’s favorite activities as an agent. “That’s when I get to show off the properties I have for sale and to

meet people, not just prospective buyers but owners who may be thinking about selling.” She sells almost half of her listings herself, without another agent, mainly from contacts made at Open Houses.

Donna firmly believes that maintaining good relations with her colleagues in the real estate field is one of the keys to her success. “No agent can operate alone. You need that contact with the real estate network to know what is really going on.”

“Caravans are an important part of working with the other agents and keeping up with the market.” Caravans are a type of Open House at which newly listed properties are introduced to any agent who wishes to attend. Every Tuesday Donna tries to visit all the properties on caravan, unless she has a new listing where she is receiving the other agents herself. She recommends that anyone listing their house for sale insist that their agent have a caravan as soon as the mandate is signed in order to get broad market exposure as soon as possible.

This year has been the best ever for Donna who considers that her career is still very much on an upward path. “We have not seen much impact from the merger yet. Prices are still strong but buyers are more cautious. No matter what comes out of the merger, Westmount will remain a very special, well located place to live.”

When Donna is not working with her clients you will find her on a tennis court or with her family and two dogs. “I love my work but these are the things that keep me going in good times and bad. I am very lucky to have all of them, especially my husband. His support and encouragement are invaluable to me.”

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In 1972, Williams & Esber became brokers for Lloyd's of London and remain so to this day. "They are our most prominent carrier," said Esber. Williams & Esber issues policies on behalf of Lloyd's, pays the claims on behalf of Lloyd's—"basically we do everything an insurance company does, for Lloyd's," said Esber.

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The success of Williams & Esber Inc. is their ability to attract and keep good people, qualified experts to help you relate your insurance needs into simple terms.

Ewen McLeod, the company's vice-president, is proficient in all areas of the business - automobile and residential insurance to commercial insurance, underwriting and claims. "This is a very stable place to do business," said McLeod, emphasizing that Williams & Esber employees stay with the company for years. "We're very committed to our policy holders and to their service."

Steve Lapointe is the service manager and provides policyholder service. Lapointe takes the time to counsel you on your automobile and residential insurance and life insurance. June Frechette looks after the accounts. Laurel Chase and Claudette Dinelle do policyholder service, and Heather Favvas and Karen Brown do policyholder issuance.

Williams & Esber welcomes you to a new standard of personalized insurance experience. Their team of dedicated professionals takes great pride in maintaining the Williams & Esber tradition of service and integrity.

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If you know of people who are tired of digitally automated phone service, please give them our name, Esber added.

You can be sure that Richard "Rick" Esber is always personally interested and available to hear your comments about their service. While you are considering insuring with Williams & Esber, don't forget that they are ready to work on all your insurance needs - auto, home, tenants, business and life. In most instances, they can issue your policy immediately.

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In absentia: *Ronald Gally*

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THE CLINIQUE VETERINAIRE MONKLAND A HOME AWAY FROM HOME



Back row: Dr. Shannon Whatman holding Petunia and Dr. Hemmings.

Front row: Cheryl Martin holding Arnie, Layla, Maureen Ring with Dusty, Patricia Backman holding Alex.

Missing: Dr. Caroline Simard.

Owner Dr. Caroline Simard and Animal Health Technician Cheryl Martin opened the Clinique Veterinaire Monkland in June 1998. For the first year the two ran the growing business with a little help from their families. Martin's sister Lisa, who still takes care of the animals on weekends, and Simard's mother Lucille who helped with the daily chores, allowed the duo to spend more time with their patients. Today the staff has expanded to a receptionist, Nathalie Beauchemin, groomer Patricia Backman and a new veterinarian, Dr. Annik Hemmings. This addition of a second vet made it possible to respond to customer demand to be open on Wednesdays.

Dr. Shannon Whatman, who runs her own practice in Hemmingford, and her technician, Maureen Ring, also recently joined the health team at the clinic on Wednesdays. Whatman, formerly of the Westmount Animal Hospital, missed her Westmount patients and their owners, so the opportunity to work one day a week at the clinic seemed like the perfect solution.

"Shannon and Maureen are the perfect complement to our team," said Simard. "We all share the same sense of compassion towards our patients and their owners."

From the beginning, the clinic has been an informal place for the clients and their pets to drop by for coffee and a chat, with plenty of cookies for the four-legged visitors. The clinic offers a complete range of veterinary care for cats and dogs, including vaccinations, a pharmacy, a laboratory, dentistry, radiology, surgery, specialty foods, grooming and boarding.

"One of the funniest things we see," says Martin, "is our new puppy patients pulling their owners towards the door as they walk by on Monkland. Some owners literally have to show the dogs that the door is locked before the dogs will continue on their way."

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PLUSH EVENTS



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For any sort of event that you can possibly imagine, Plush Events can arrange it and arrange it with style.

"No event is too large or too small," states co-owner Nicholas Peel. "In January, we organized the opening night promotional for the movie *The Great Gatsby*, in Grand Central Station, New York. Part of this involved hiring, fitting and choreographing 40 dancers, 1920s style."



"And then, on the other hand, we recently consulted on one single aspect of a wedding—they only needed assistance with the entertainment," said other co-owner, Laura Cousineau. "And we're more than happy to do that."

For private or corporate functions, Plush Events can plan and co-ordinate every possible detail. From organizing the catering, to the entertainment, to the décor, to the ambience, to specific multimedia needs. From streamlining one aspect, to orchestrating the entire affair, Plush Events can do it and do it well.

A client with first-hand experience of this is Josee Della Rocca. The special events coordinator at the Montreal Children's Hospital hired the company for a Valentine's Day charity event. She can't speak highly enough about the work of Peel and Cousineau.

"I'm very happy with the way the evening turned out. They were very professional and extremely well organized. The ambience was great. All in all it was completely classy."

Della Rocca was more than satisfied with the evening that Plush Events first conceptualized and then brought into reality. Proceeds from the event far exceeded any expectations and much of the success was attributed to the smooth organization and thorough planning of the night that hosted a fashion show featuring the clothes of Nadya Toto and DUBUC, a short excerpt of dance by artists from Les Ballet Jazz de Montreal and music from other featured artists.

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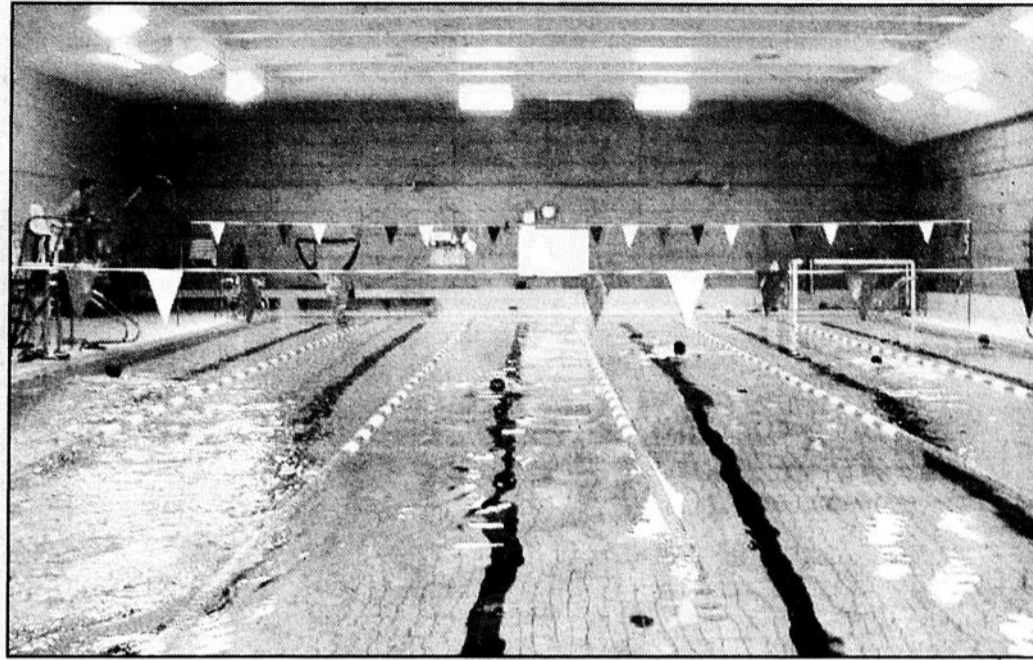
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A chat with Alex Polkki, Manager of Marianopolis Community Recreation [MCR]

What is Marianopolis Community Recreation?

Since 1987, Marianopolis Community Recreation has helped fulfill the recreational needs of the community. Operating through Marianopolis College's sports complex, MCR offers a wide variety of courses, such as Pilates, Yoga and AquaQuest. Our memberships, which run from one month to one year, are open to individuals, couples and families, and to students outside Marianopolis.

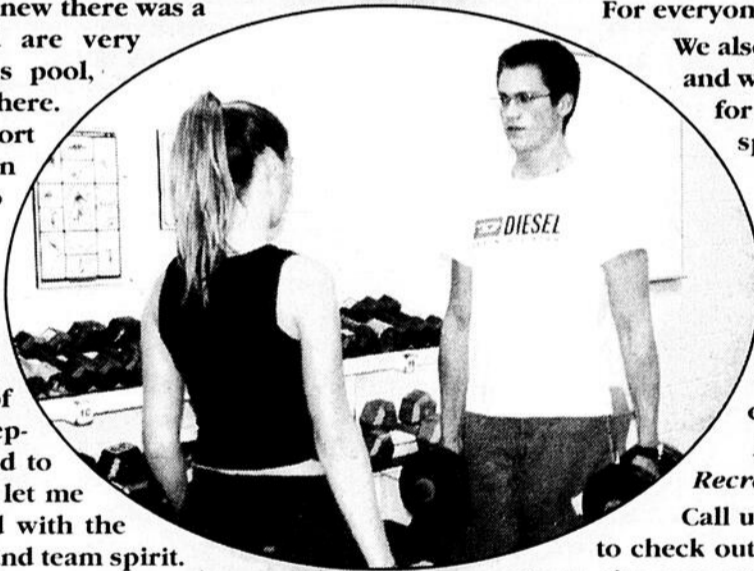
Why is the Marianopolis Community Recreation Program known as "The best kept secret in Westmount?"

Most of our new clients never knew there was a sports center on campus, and are very pleased with our large wave-less pool, friendly staff and relaxed atmosphere. Our members enjoy a modern sport facility without the intimidation often found in other health club chains, and at a lower cost!

What has put Marianopolis Community Recreation on the map?

Our staff. We have certified and experienced instructors for all of our courses. Our lifeguards, receptionists and coaches all work hard to serve our clientele. Our members let me know how often they are pleased with the staff's courteous professionalism and team spirit.

Our members. We try to get to know all of our members on a first-name basis. A lot of our clients stick around after their swim or Pilates class and chat or share a laugh. Our members really make us feel at home, and are truly a pleasure to work for.



Marianopolis College. The college's proximity to downtown makes our early morning and after-school hours especially convenient for working adults and students.

What exactly comes with a membership at MCR?

Full access to the pool, where lap swim lanes are open at all times during our operating hours for your convenience; full access to the weight room, squash courts and tennis courts, and discounts on all the courses we offer.

What kind of courses?

For adults: Yoga, Pilates, Aquafit, Circuit Training and the Phoenix Masters Swim Team.

For kids: AquaQuest, Youth Swim Team, Bronze Medallion & Cross, National Lifeguard.

For everyone: Kayaking, Karate & more!

We also rent out the gym every weeknight and weekend for groups who are looking for a place in which to play team sports.

Do you offer senior rates?

Yes! Our members over the age of 65 enjoy a 25% discount on the price of memberships.

We also offer discounts to Marianopolis Alumni and those who renew their membership early.

How can Marianopolis Community Recreation be contacted?

Call us at 937-0265, or stop by in person to check out our program. It will be our pleasure to give you a tour of the facility, and answer any questions you may have. We'll tell you about our trial packages if you'd like to try us out first!

Marianopolis Community Recreation

3880 Cote-des-Neiges

"The best kept secret in Westmount"

937-0265



NATURALANIMAL AND PAWTISSERIE HOLISTIC PET CENTRE



Quebec's first holistic pet centre has just opened in Westmount, a city known for its love of dogs and cats.

Owners Jessica Campanelli and Diana Saakian will be offering superior quality products and professional services for dogs, cats and other pets, not available elsewhere.

A variety of nutritional, herbal, and homeopathic supplements formulated for pets, flower essences and human grade pet foods, natural hygiene products, along with innovative toys, are available. Other services include holistic grooming, canine behaviour therapy, pet massage, pet nutrition consultations, and Reiki.

The in-house bakery at the Pawtisserie will be serving up human grade, organic pet treats baked fresh every day. There's even a reading corner full of informative health-oriented literature for both you and your pet.

A Westmount resident, Diana did extensive research on holistic pet care

for two years before opening the Sherbrooke Street shop with Jessica. "From what I was hearing from people, there was a great interest and need in things like supplements for their pets," she said.

"A lot of people were actually going out to health food stores and purchasing human supplements to give to their pets, and that can actually be dangerous, because formulations and dosages are not necessarily equivalent between humans and animals."

Diana's professional background is as a nutritionist for humans, and as a clinical aromatherapy specialist. Naturalanimal does not offer the services of a veterinarian on its premises, but works in association with a consulting homeopathic veterinarian with 12 years' experience, in addition to 37 years' experience as a traditional veterinarian, to which clients can be referred.

Jessica is a canine behaviour therapist. "We're going to be offering canine behaviour therapy, and there's going to be another canine behaviour therapist who's going to be working with us who studied in Scotland, the U.S. and Canada and published several publications," she said. According to Jessica, about 60,000 dogs are euthanized every year on the island of Montreal, largely because people aren't learning enough about canine behaviour.

"Most of the time we work together with the owner, because a well-behaved dog begins with an owner equipped with knowledge—so we teach the dog owner how to improve communication with their pet," she said. When a pet has done something wrong, timing becomes a crucial factor. "A lot of owners punish their dogs quite a

while after they do something wrong. The dog cannot associate the event with the punishment because they have an extremely short association span. So we teach the owner timing and try to work on prevention."

Another important service Naturalanimal offers is grooming. "The grooming that we offer is quite different from what is in the mainstream today," said Diana. "The products are all natural products and our groomers are trained in T-touch, which is a form of massage that works on pressure points as acupuncture would. What it does is that it calms the animal naturally and reduces stress. We take the time to soothe and to calm them."

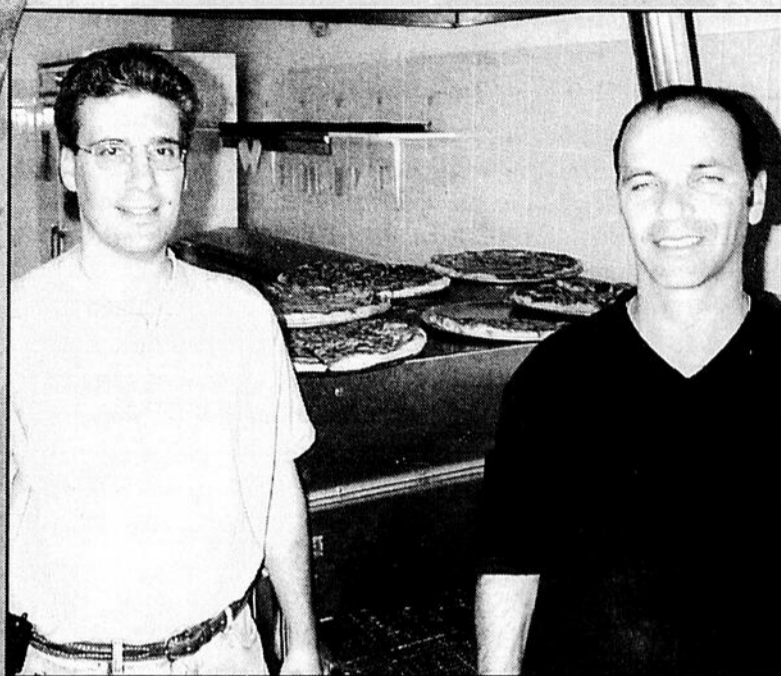
Cat grooming is performed by a groomer specializing in cats. The groomer's services are available by appointment on Tuesdays. "She has a way with cats that nobody else seems to have," said Diana.

"A lot of people are hesitant to bring their cats for grooming because it's very expensive and a lot of groomers won't do it because they're afraid of being scratched." Flower essences, like the Bach flower remedy, or Chinese herbal remedies, can be administered for calming pets 30-minutes prior to a grooming, and have no harmful ingredients or side-effects.

Naturalanimal is looking forward to working alongside all pet owners to enhance their animals' well being. We hope to meet your pets soon (owners also welcome)!

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AUTHENTIC PIZZA THE ITALIAN WAY FROM PIZZA PRIMA



When was the last time you had pizza as it should be—made the Italian way in an authentic Italian pizzeria?

These days, not every pizza maker follows a traditional Italian recipe, and therefore it's not an Italian style pizza.

Pizza Prima specializes in pizza and pannini made the Italian way.

According to Livio Greco and Antonio Vincelli, co-owners of the Sherbrooke Street W. pizzeria, many pizza makers—especially fast food chains—have gotten away from pizza's Italian origins.

One of the secrets of Pizza Prima's success is freshness.

"We make our dough and sauce fresh every day," said Greco. "We use only the finest ingredients for tomato sauce, whereas in a fast food or franchise place the sauce is made who knows where—in some warehouse from which it's distributed."

Pizza Prima uses genuine Saputo mozzarella—an ingredient, according to Greco, that the chains don't bother with because it's more expensive. High quality pepperoni, such as Roma, and top-grade vegetables, are among the toppings at Pizza Prima.

The fast food chains have other ways of making their pizza that Greco and Vincelli avoid. A job applicant, whose previous experience had been at a fast food pizzeria, came into their restaurant recently looking for work as a pizza maker.

"I told him, go ahead, take some dough and spin me a pizza," said Greco. "He started his fancy maneuvers with the dough and destroyed it because it wasn't the dough he was used to working with. So I took over the dough and said, 'Now I'm going to show you the Italian way of making pizza.'"

The Italian way of spinning pizza dough, said Greco, is simple and has few of the spectacular spinning maneuvers that some pizzerias rely on to make an impression.

Greco and Vincelli are not newcomers to the pizzeria business. Greco had a pizza restaurant of his own 15 years ago, while Vincelli was at one time a restaurateur at a Montreal hotel. Both decided a few months back that what

Westmount and its vicinity needed is a "quality" pizza—a dream that has now become reality.

PIZZA PRIMA
TEL: (514) 484-0020
5457 SHERBROOKE ST. W.

(East before Concord)

EXCITING FUSION OF CUISINE, SERVICES AND MEDITERRANEAN HOSPITALITY



LA TRANSITION'S chef J.P. MacEachern

La Transition owner Maria Alevisatos and chef John Paul MacEachern were preparing an exciting harvest of new menu items and services while many of their regular clients were enjoying summer activities.

"Since March, La Transition's chef MacEachern and his dedicated staff have modified the menu so that it has taken on a new and fascinating approach to Mediterranean fusion," says Alevisatos.

Additional menu items are being offered, including signature foccaces. "The lunch crowd has enjoyed them over the last few years, and due to their popularity, the chef has enlarged them to dinner size and made them available on the evening menu for those looking for lighter fare," she says. "Six new varieties, including one with portobello mushrooms, a Szechwan style, and two salad foccaces—all unique to La Transition—are offered."

In response to contemporary dining demands, the new menu will also include a larger variety of vegetarian dishes, including main course salads and fresh pasta dishes.

"Our clients' satisfaction and comfort has always been important to us," says Alevisatos. "As a result we continue to offer casual fine dining in a relaxed and comfortable environment."

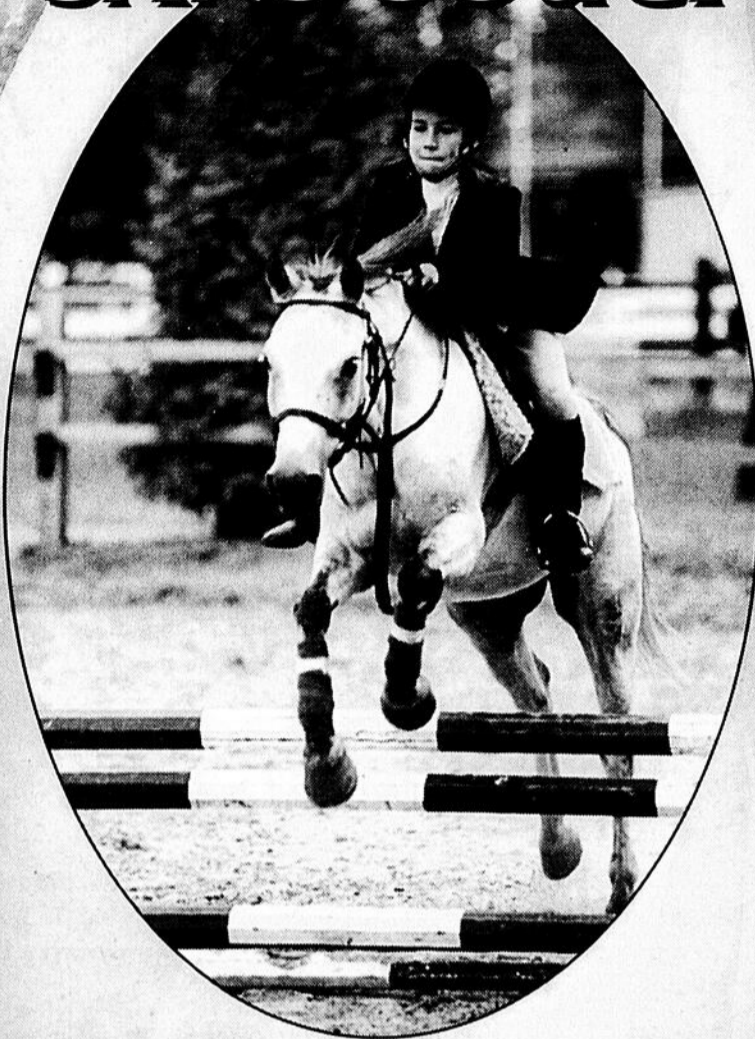
Since the beginning in 1986, La Transition has offered a take-out service. This is now being expanded to include our renowned homemade soups, bottled salad dressings, fresh pasta and pasta sauces. Preordered frozen pasta for 8 to 10 persons, ready to pop into the oven, are available to take to the country or for entertaining.

In line with responding to clients' requests, as of this Saturday, September 22, La Transition is expanding its operating hours to include Saturday lunches. This first Saturday will be inaugurated by hosting the 'drop in center' for Alevisatos' Westmount High School 1971 Reunion.

"We are all looking forward to implementing the new changes this fall and to do so with a strong commitment to our guests' satisfaction," she says.

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SANS SOUCI RIDING CENTRE



Photos: Frank Menzel

DOES YOUR CHILD DREAM OF HORSES?

Parents seeking an exceptional summer camp for their children should look no further than the Sans Souci Riding Centre.

Owned and operated by Don and Carolyn Sedgwick, Sans Souci balances the highest standard of English riding with an enjoyable summer vacation for campers between the ages of 8 and 16. Every year this exclusive summer riding camp attracts campers from all over Canada, the United States and abroad.

Sans Souci is situated near the village of Ste. Clotilde, only 30 kilometres south of Montreal, on 350 acres of rolling rural landscape. The Sedgwicks work year-round at the camp. During the off-season, continuous improvements are made on the property, buildings and facilities to ensure Sans Souci continues to be one of the most popular riding camps. "We love what we do," says Don Sedgwick, "and I think that comes across to the children and their parents."

Sans Souci's extensive facilities provide the scope for many types and levels of riding instruction and experience. The Centre sports several schooling rings, a dressage ring, a permanent hunt course of solid natural obstacles and a beautiful cross-country course. A large indoor arena is available for inclement weather.

The primary objective of Sans Souci has always been to expertly teach the sport of English riding. Carolyn Sedgwick is a certified Canadian coach with 25 years' experience. Don is

an experienced rider, horse trainer and stable manager who competes actively in provincial horse trial competitions. "It is the many years of experience that has given us the ability to make this camp what it is," says Don.

Sans Souci Riding Centre is primarily a residential summer camp. It offers four two-week sessions every summer, as well as a six-weekend session in the spring and in the fall. Children learn the skills of equitation by qualified instructors under the supervision of a certified Canadian coach. In keeping with the camp's philosophy, there is also an emphasis on education in horsemanship, showmanship and stable management. The Centre is accredited by both the Quebec and Ontario camping associations, as well as the Quebec Equestrian Federation.

Hand in hand with the camp's standard of excellence is a commitment to maintaining a light-hearted, fun atmosphere. "We maintain a high standard for our riders," says Don Sedgwick, "but we're here for both those who have a goal of working with horses for a career and for those who just love coming every summer as part of their school vacation."

Besides the riding programs, counselors organize many activities throughout the day. A favourite spot during the hot summer days is the attractive in-ground swimming pool, which is supervised at all times by a certified lifeguard. Activities that are energetically played include soccer, basketball, volleyball, badminton, ping-pong and team mini-Olympics. Some of the nighttime activities include scavenger hunts, talent shows, corn roasts and campfires. The children sleep six per room in comfortable, cozy cabins. The cabins have full bathrooms and are separated into male, female, junior and senior.

Summer and fall enrolment is limited to just 65 campers per session. With Sans Souci's popularity growing every year, the Sedgwicks ensure individual attention by keeping each session small. "We establish and value a personal relationship," says Don Sedgwick. This explains why so many young riders in each session are return campers.

Every session ends with a horse show where campers have the chance to demonstrate their riding abilities for their friends and families. Recently, a parent of one of Sans Souci's happy campers wrote to the Sedgwicks: "When I saw her trotting so elegantly with her horse at the show, with her smile and enthusiasm, I had a funny feeling that she just might have found her niche."



SANS SOUCI RIDING CENTRE

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Website: www.sans-souci.qc.ca

BOUTIQUE TOVA OFFERS A FRESH FACE TO WESTMOUNT



Boutique Tova is quickly becoming the solution for Westmount shoppers who want a new look in casual wear that is trendy but unique. Owners Michelle Luterman and Josh Silver have put together a collection of 'glam' street wear that is on the cutting edge of style.

"We are big believers in individuality," says Luterman. "We go to the shows in New York and find up and coming designers that we believe are going to be big names in fashion and we introduce them into the market. This season we are introducing 11 new designers. These designers' fashions are offered at our retail location on Sherbrooke Street. As well, we are helping further the success of some of these designers through distribution and word of mouth. We hope to be getting these lines well known across Canada in the coming year. Boutique Tova is a place where we are testing the market. We believe our customers have the keenest sense of style and therefore we can see which lines will fly and which ones aren't up to par. We have been right so far and hope that the future will hold more of the same."

One of those designers is Luterman herself, who has created a complete line of accessible and fun jewellery, t-shirts and jeans. The designer is self-taught, and a strong believer that inner peace comes from finding your passion in life. "I spent my university years going from field to field and was never quite satisfied. It was only upon rummaging through my old room at my parents house that I found my old beads. Playing with them was my new way of spending a Saturday night. I was addicted to coming up with new ways of doing things and obsessed with finding new materials. My happiest days are when I find new suppliers and they let me go through their boxes of odds and ends that have been sitting for 20 years."

The elegant but everyday unique pieces are designed using semi precious stones, pearls and crystals. "We have been very successful with the jewellery, and are presently supplying 17 stores, including some in New York City."

The partners opened the shop just three months ago to have people from various age groups and all walks of life see what is new and funky in casual wear.

"We offer not just jeans and t-shirts, but distinct lines of casual clothing designed to look more glamorous yet feel comfortable. We believe that there is resurgence in personal style and that people are needing to find different and unique pieces to use in a way of expressing themselves. We do not buy in quantity but rather in quality, if possible we only buy one of each piece of clothing and accessories. We don't want anybody who shops here to see someone else with the same item. Dare to be different and outrageous...Tova everyday elegant."

Mention this story and receive a gift from Tova (while quantities last).

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CLIENTS ARE #1 WITH SUSAN WOODS



"Happy clients mean I have done my job well," says Susan Woods, and clients constantly praise her efforts on their behalf.

Tenacity and vigilance, competence, attention to detail, listening to the client, and well-honed problem-solving skills are some of the descriptive phrases clients have used in attesting to her skills.

Her business background, and the fact that she has negotiated from the perspective of a property owner, means she represents her clients extremely well when putting together a deal.

"I believe in going the extra mile," says Susan. "I work hard for my clients, whether they are buying or selling. My clients look to me to advise them, and because I want to establish working relationships that will last for many years, I make sure the advice I give is the best for my clients, now and for the future."

"That advice means how to buy the house that is the best buy for their money, the best way to buy, mortgage information and protection for the client during the writing of the offer."

As one client so aptly put it, "I do not intend to keep Susan's attributes a secret. People should know that Susan is someone who cares about her clients and is intent on building her reputation on the professional care of these same clients. On all counts, Susan is to be commended."

Susan has been involved in the Montreal community for many years. She has been on the Board of Directors of many political and health care institutions. More recently, she spent ten years as a member of Concordia University's Board of Governors.

This Westmount resident knows that the confidence clients have in her ability means positive discussions among friends that lead to client referrals.

"I'm one of the lucky ones," says Susan. "I love my work, which I practice seven days a week, and I meet wonderful people—many of whom have become my friends. What could be better?"

"Please call me and let me add your name to my list of important clients, and be prepared for some extra special service."

SUSAN WOODS
AFFILIATED REAL ESTATE AGENT
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LE WALDORF SENIOR RESIDENCE



Le Waldorf Seniors Residence at 7400 Côte St. Luc Road continues to expand its services and its staff to best meet the needs of its residents by providing excellent care and innovative programs.

In March, Le Waldorf opened a second tower to provide residents needing long-term nursing and assisted-care living with the same quality of lifestyle the autonomous residents have enjoyed in Tower One since 1991.

Recently, Lynne Cattiny, a registered nurse, was made Director of Care for both Tower One and Tower Two. "Lynne's dedication to our residents and her uncompromising care and nursing experience is an asset to all who reside at Le Waldorf," said Executive Director Eileen Rabinovitch.

Le Waldorf Tower One is known in the Montreal community for its quality and continuity of care. "Joining Cattiny and her staff, we are privileged to have Ellen Tissenbaum, Regional Director and Dr. Rubin Becker, Medical Director, as part of our health care team."

To fulfill that further, Tower Two was opened in the spring to give assisted care and/or nursing care to our growing senior population. For the residents of Tower One, should their circumstances change, they feel enormous security and gratitude knowing they can transfer to Tower Two for additional care, while still living in their familiar surroundings. "It is an enormous relief for both the resident and their families," said Rabinovitch.

Feedback on Tower Two has been phenomenal so far. Residents, families, and the professionals are quite impressed with what Tower Two has to offer. There is assistance with daily dressing, hygiene, 24-hour supervision, three meals provided in dining rooms, situated on each floor, laundry services, and nursing care.

More than that, however, residents furnish their own apartments so it is really their own home with their personal belongings. The atmosphere in Tower Two is elegant and warm, and most welcoming. The beautiful décor and furnishings are only surpassed by the respect, compassion and genuine

friendliness amongst residents and staff. While Tower Two is an assisted care and nursing care facility, from the décor to its caring staff it has that hotel-like feeling.

"Le Waldorf has taken its commitment for quality and care for the past 10 years to new levels. Even when a resident has moved to Tower Two, she is still encouraged to maintain as much autonomy as possible. Residents are given assistance in the exercise room and are encouraged to visit the backyard or to participate at events in the multipurpose room.

Events are varied and are aimed at maintaining a quality of learning in the lives and minds of the residents," said Cattiny. "Although the average age of the residents in Tower One is 79, and 85 in Tower Two, we try to provide them with interesting and stimulating programs. A variety of singers and musicians such as the 'Golden Age Choir' entertain. Guest speakers such as Dr. Joe Schwarz inform and encourage the residents. Artists are invited to exhibit and demonstrate their work. A music appreciation course, which was a thorough study of the history and styles of music, was very popular, as are speakers from different clubs and museums."

The administration is currently developing an inclusive profile system in which every resident's information will be stored for use by staff and outside professionals to ensure each resident always receives optimum care. To make an appointment to view Waldorf One or Two, contact Eileen Rabinovitch at 369-1000.

LE WALDORF RESIDENCE

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The Final Update

Finally, a bank built on what people really want – legendary service

To Our Valued Customers And Employees

This is my last merger update to you, and I'm proud to say that the integration of the retail operations of TD Bank and Canada Trust is now complete. A merger of this size has never been done in Canada before, and I'm proud of the women and men who have worked so hard to make it such a success.

The merger has brought together hundreds of branches, thousands of employees and millions of customers. All our retail branches, our telephone and Internet banking services have been integrated, as have all our products and services. Our two operations are now one, from coast to coast.

The Best Of Both Worlds

With our integration, the names "TD Bank" and "Canada Trust" will not be passing into history. Instead, they'll anchor our new brand name, "*TD Canada Trust*", combining the best elements of both organizations and continuing the values and practices that have made each of them the financial institution of choice for so many Canadians.

Our Employees Made The Merger A Success

When we announced the merger two years ago, we re-committed to treat our employees with dignity, respect, and above all, fairness. Since then, they have gone the extra mile, taking extra training and enduring disruptions to their work and lives to ensure that any inconvenience to our customers would be kept to an absolute minimum. **Our employees are extraordinarily skilled, flexible and loyal, and they have earned high praise and thanks from all of us. I personally thank each and every one of our employees for their contributions.**

Our Biggest Thanks Goes To You

I also want to thank you, our valued customer, for your patience and understanding during this first critical phase of our merger. We made some mistakes along the way. Any initiative this complex in a country this vast could never be glitch-free. But I hope we have resolved any issues quickly, completely – and cheerfully.

As we move forward in creating the best retail bank in Canada, let me say again how much we appreciate your business and how hard we are working to keep it.

Improving On Business As Usual

Right from the start of the merger, we made a number of commitments. We extended our hours, expanded our ABM access, temporarily froze our fees for some services and eliminated them entirely for others. We did this for the main reason we brought our two institutions together: to build a bank that would not only look after your money, but look after you as well.

We made some other promises back in 1999: to keep in touch regularly; to let you know well in advance of any changes to your accounts or your branch; and to respect your good standing, ensuring that your banking history will be recognized as our two operations became one.

We also promised that we would minimize the impact of our branch consolidations. Our goal is to deliver the most convenient access for our customers with the least impact on our employees. To that end, some branches must be consolidated or relocated. This process began in March of this year and will continue until 2003.

We are also going to be opening new branches, including free-standing branches, as well as ones located in retail stores across the country.

Building A Better Bank – The Next Chapter

We promised you a lot, and I'm proud to say that we delivered on those promises. We brought together two of Canada's finest financial institutions so that we could move on to the next stage – that is, creating a more comfortable banking experience. Part of that experience will find us closing gaps brought about by the merger and offering you products and services that just were not available until our two operations had become one.

You have my commitment that better banking can become a reality for millions of Canadians who no longer have to believe that all banks are the same.

Thank you again.



Ed Clark
TD Canada Trust



3RD FIELD ENGINEERS DISPLAY THEIR MANY SKILLS

Austin Webb

Westmount's Third Field Engineers Regiment held an open house last Saturday at its Hillside Avenue armoury, giving the public a chance to ride in a tank, clear a minefield, taste rations and learn just what it is a military engineer does.

Despite the auspicious timing, this is an annual event held to kick off the Regiment's traditional recruitment period. "Although nothing was planned, it just so happens that the sad events to the south have heightened the appearance of all the armed forces throughout NATO," said Lt.-Col. Raymond Giguere, the Regiment's affable Chief Commanding Officer.

Whether or not the situation in the United States will help with recruitment in Westmount is debatable in itself. "(The terrorist attacks) might sort of peak the interest of some people," said Chief Warrant Officer George Gohier, "but really it's the softening of the economy that's going to help bring us some good-quality, reliable people."

Most of Saturday's potential recruits were more interested in the challenges of being a field engineer than in any impending conflict. Stephan Alexandre was one of the 25 people who signed up or left their names. "It's an interesting job," he said, "because you're not just a soldier—you're there to help out the army and that can make a real difference."

Field engineers are the men and women who build bridges, sweep minefields and clear obstacles so the infantry can function on the ground. It's this hands-on element that draws many to the Regiment.

Lt. Ian Laporte, a Université de

Montreal communications student, summed up the appeal of being an engineer succinctly: "We do everything the infantry does, but we have the best toys."

Some of those toys were on display in the armoury Saturday, and across the street at the Westmount High School field. In the armoury, soldiers explained how field engineers use mine-detection devices, assault boats and 'Bailey Bridges' to give the army tactical support. Cpl. Jason Purchard, 22, looked slightly comical as he modeled a heavily-padded mine-detection suit capable of surviving a close-range blast.

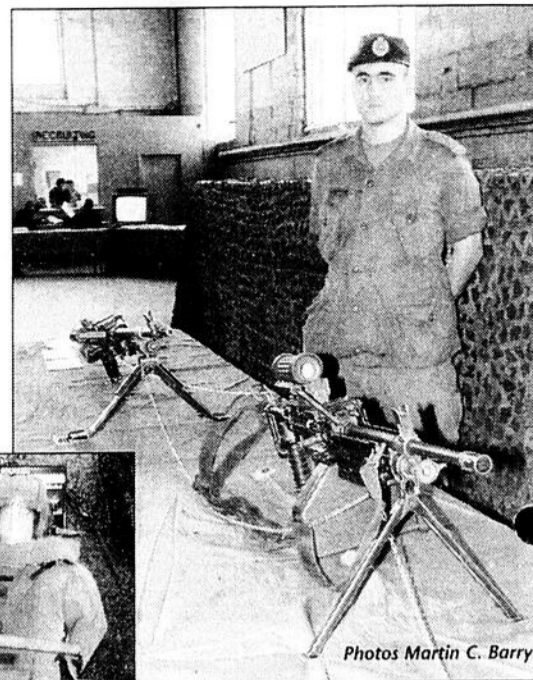
In the field across the street, Cpl. Stefan Jarolim showed a group of boy scouts from LaSalle how the engineers clear a minefield. One scout walked ahead, waving a metal detector over the ground and placing tiny canvas tents over suspect areas. Lying flat on his stomach in the grass, scout Patrick Carpenter, 12, prodded the earth under the tents with a long poker. Gingerly, he uncovered a shiny nickel and Cpl. Jarolim explained how he should attach a grappling hook and get to a safe distance to detonate the 'mine'.

Later, Patrick tasted some field rations as he took a bumpy ride around Westmount High's long-distance track in the Regiment's M-113 bulldozer carrier. In between bites of a surprisingly tasty packet of scalloped potatoes and ham, Patrick admitted that a field engineer's job seems "pretty cool."

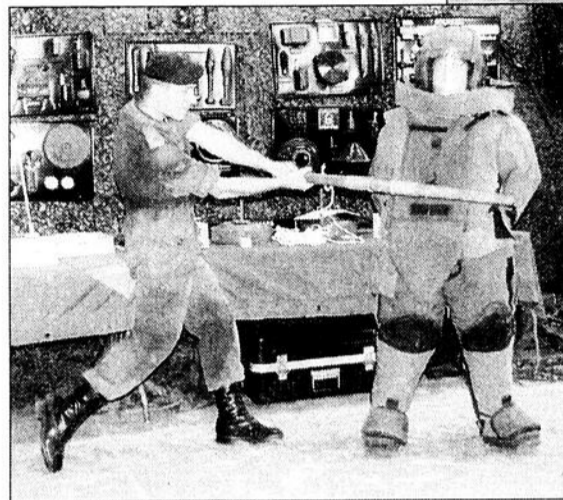
Three Field, as the Regiment calls itself, is part of the Canadian Armed Forces' Primary Reserve. This means its recruits are there on a part-time basis. Lt.-Col. Giguere, himself an executive at Bombardier, stressed the importance of

the reserves in Canada's Armed Forces: "We hope that Canadians realize they can participate in the reserves on a part-time basis while still having civilian jobs, so should Canada need additional forces, we'll be ready."

A few of the engineers on hand Saturday are on their way to some of Canada's peace keeping missions. Pte. Mike Golden, 19, recently got the call for a six-month tour in Bosnia. He'll be part of NATO's peacekeeping force, helping build schools and clear roads in the



Photos Martin C. Barry



hydraulic tools, including chain-saws and water pumps, he used to help train basements and clear fallen trees after the storm.

Lt.-Col. Giguere says he's never been prouder of his men than he was after the ice storm. "The response from our reserves was overwhelming; absolutely everyone wanted to pitch in and help their country and their city," he said. "It was like the Alouettes had a chance to win the Grey Cup in Montreal."

former Yugoslavia. "I'm going to put into application what I've learned here over the past three years; it's an opportunity to travel and use my training," he said.

The Third Field Engineers have done their share of work at home as well. Many of the soldiers helped out the city in the wake of the 1998 ice storm. Henry Buczynski showed off many of the

For more information on joining the Third Field Engineer Regiment, call: (514) 496-2704.

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RÈGLEMENT SUR LES PLANS D'IMPLANTATION ET
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LUNDI, 1er OCTOBRE 2001 - 19h15



PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING
BY-LAW ON SITE PLANNING AND
ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES
MONDAY, 1st OCTOBER 2001 - 7:15 P.M.

AUX PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR UN RÈGLEMENT SUR LES PLANS D'IMPLANTATION ET D'INTÉGRATION ARCHITECTURALE

TO PERSONS INTERESTED BY A BY-LAW ON SITE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par la soussignée, assistant-greffier de la Ville de Westmount,

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, Assistant City Clerk of Westmount.

QUE le Conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors de sa séance spéciale du mercredi 12 septembre 2001, a adopté, par résolution, le projet de règlement 1305, intitulé «RÈGLEMENT SUR LES PLANS D'IMPLANTATION ET D'INTÉGRATION ARCHITECTURALE»;

THAT the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount, at its special meeting held on Wednesday, 12th September 2001, adopted by resolution, a draft by-law 1305, entitled "BY-LAW ON SITE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES";

QUE ledit projet de règlement a pour objet et but notamment:

THAT the object and purpose of this draft by-law is among other things:

1. de remplacer l'actuel Règlement 1181 en mettant à jour les directives pour construire et rénover à Westmount et sur la base d'une étude des bâtiments construits après 1950, de mettre en partie à jour le classement des bâtiments et d'inclure les bâtiments érigés depuis l'adoption du règlement 1181;
2. d'assujettir la délivrance de permis de construction, de lotissement, de démolition et de certificats d'autorisation ou d'occupation à l'approbation de plans relatifs à l'implantation et à l'architecture des constructions ou à l'aménagement des terrains et aux travaux qui y sont reliés;
3. d'indiquer les zones (39 secteurs patrimoniaux) et catégories de constructions, de terrains et de travaux visés;
4. de déterminer les objectifs applicables à l'implantation et à l'architecture des constructions ou à l'aménagement des terrains ainsi que les critères permettant d'évaluer si les objectifs sont atteints;
5. de prescrire les directives pour rénover et construire à Westmount;
6. de prescrire le contenu minimal des plans et des documents devant les accompagner;
7. de prescrire la procédure applicable à la demande de permis ou de certificat.

1. to replace the current By-law 1181, by updating the Guidelines for Renovating and Building in Westmount, by partly updating the rating of the buildings (based on a study of buildings built after 1950) and by including buildings erected since the adoption of By-law 1181;
2. to subordinate the issue of a building, subdivision and demolition permit and a certificate of authorization or occupancy to the approval of plans relating to the site and architecture of the constructions and the development of the land and related work;
3. to specify the zones (39 character areas) and classes of constructions, land or work to which it applies;

QUE ledit projet de règlement s'applique à l'ensemble du territoire de la ville.

THAT the said draft by-law is applicable to the entire territory of the City;

QUE, conformément aux dispositions des articles 123 à 127 de la Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme (L.R.Q., chapitre A-19.1), ledit projet de règlement sera soumis à la consultation publique quant à son objet et aux conséquences de son adoption, lors d'une assemblée publique présidée par le maire, cette assemblée publique étant prévue pour le lundi 1er octobre 2001, à 19h15, à la salle du Conseil de l'Hôtel de Ville, 4333, rue Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 1E2;

THAT, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 123 to 127 of the Act respecting land use planning and development (R.S.Q., Chapter A-19.1), the said draft by-law shall be submitted for public consultation regarding its object and the consequences of its adoption, at a public meeting chaired by the Mayor, said public meeting to be held on Monday, 1st October 2001 at 7:15 p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 1E2;

QU'au cours de cette assemblée publique de consultation, le maire expliquera ledit projet de règlement et les conséquences de son adoption et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s'exprimer; et

THAT, at the said public consultation meeting, the Mayor will explain the said draft by-law and the consequences of its adoption and will hear the persons and bodies wishing to be heard; and

QUE ledit projet de règlement ne contient aucune disposition propre à un règlement susceptible d'approbation référendaire.

THAT the said draft by-law does not contain provisions making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum;

QUE ledit projet de règlement peut être consulté au Bureau du greffier de la Ville, 4333, rue Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 1E2, du lundi au vendredi inclusivement, durant les heures d'affaires, soit de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

THAT the said draft by-law is available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 1E2, from Monday to Friday inclusive, during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec ce 20 septembre 2001.
Me Nancy Gagnon
Assistant-greffier de la ville

GIVEN at Westmount, Québec, this 20th September 2001.
Me Nancy Gagnon
Assistant City Clerk

Bruce St. Louis appointed director of Westmount borough

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According to a recent report, Laberge said he expected few changes to occur in Montreal's former suburbs-turned-boroughs in the immediate aftermath of the mergers. However, there would be "quite a few" changes in three or four years, he said.

St. Louis said he wouldn't know what the future holds until he sees the facts. "Until I see a document in front of me saying here is what will change, one could speculate until the cows come home," St. Louis said.

"One thing I think is certain, though, is that it's difficult to predict what change there'll be, if any, until a new government, and a new city council, is in place, and then that decision-making body will decide ultimately what will change and what won't. The Transition Committee has their role and they're making recommendations and doing certain things, but it's really leading up to the

election of a new civic government."

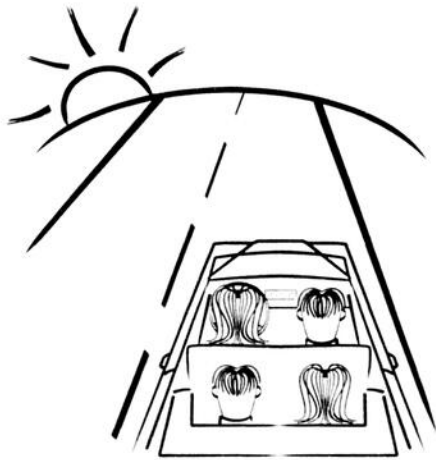
St. Louis said he didn't know to what extent his current duties as Westmount's director general will differ from those of the borough director. In response to the question, he suggested going to the Transition Committee's Web site to consult an organization chart for boroughs posted there.

"I think if you look there it will answer some of your questions," he said. "Virtually every service is listed there. The question is how much of it in the long term will remain."

According to St. Louis, culture, sports, libraries and recreation are supposed to remain as they are now under local control, but in other areas the Transition Committee is still studying whether to have areas like First Responder and fire service remain under local control.

"I won't even begin to speculate," St. Louis said on that matter.

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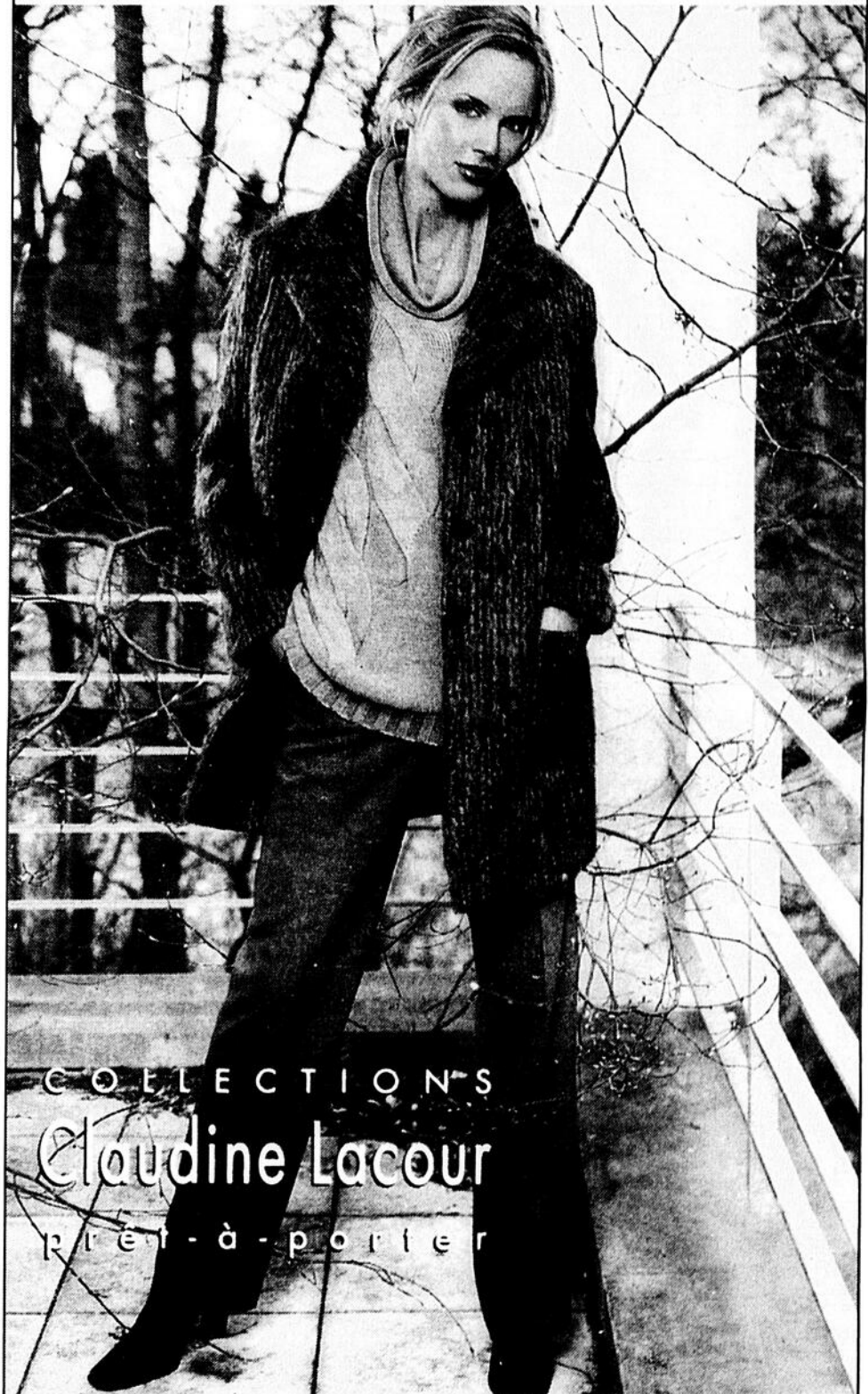
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Westmounter Tim Fleiszer is enjoying life as an Alouette

Ben Raby

As the Montreal Alouettes completed practice last Friday in preparation for their game against the Toronto Argonauts, many of the recognizable players remained on the field conducting interviews with TV personnel.

Americans Anthony Calvillo, and Mike Pringle answered questions regarding the attack on New York and Washington, while Pierre

Vercheval, and Steve Charbonneau made their regular contributions to the local French media. Meanwhile, walking off the field almost unnoticed—despite his 6'4", 260-pound frame—was Westmount's own Tim Fleiszer.

Fleiszer, a defensive tackle in his fourth CFL season, second as an Alouette, was born and raised in Westmount and is an integral asset to one of the league's most dominant defences.

Though his name may not be

Calvillo or Pringle, the 26-year-old Fleiszer has quietly put together impressive numbers since 1998, when he began his pro career as a member of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Selected first overall in the 1998 CFL Draft, following four years of starting at Harvard, Fleiszer's rookie campaign in Hamilton was a memorable one in which he saw action in 15 regular season games.

"The veterans in Hamilton really helped out my first season," says Fleiszer. "The entire Hamilton organization treated me extremely well during both my years with the team."

Unfortunately for Fleiszer, a promising rookie season was followed by a sophomore year he would rather forget. He suffered a season-ending shoulder injury in the first game of the year—a game which would be his last in a Ti-Cat uniform.

"The 1999 injury was tough to overcome," he recalls. "I had worked hard that off-season, hoping to crack the Hamilton starting lineup and instead I found myself rehabbing. It was very frustrating."

Despite the injury, Fleiszer's hometown Montreal Alouettes saw potential in the Westmounter and signed him prior to the 2000 season. Playing in Montreal is a dream come true for Fleiszer, who grew up hoping to one day sport the uniform of either the Montreal Expos or Canadiens. Fleiszer loves the home crowds and appreciates having family and friends at the home games to cheer him on.

"It's great having friends of mine in the stands, many of whom

attended Selwyn House with me," he says. "I usually get to put aside tickets for them, so it's nice to be playing at home."

Fleiszer was highly athletic growing up, playing organized baseball, hockey, rugby and of course football. However, following his Selwyn House graduation, Fleiszer chose to pursue football. In the fall of 1994, he began an impressive four-year stint at Harvard University, where he would receive academic All-American honours, as well as a first team All-Ivy League selection. In 1997, Fleiszer capped off his college career in style, as Harvard captured the Ivy League championship.

Fleiszer is actually quite familiar with winning, and this dates back to his high school days. Of all the achievements Fleiszer has racked up throughout the years, he is quick to say that "winning at all levels is what I am most proud of. A Bantam championship while in eighth grade at Selwyn, an Ivy League title at Harvard and a Grey Cup championship with Hamilton."

Although this is only Fleiszer's fourth season in the CFL, he is already attempting to make it to his fourth Grey Cup game.

"The Grey Cup games are great," he says with a smile. "The excitement, the intensity... very much like a Selwyn-LCC game. Winning one in Montreal, though, would top it all."

Tim Fleiszer may not score touchdowns. He may not appear in any CFL promotional commercials and he may not be required to stick

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around following practice to speak with the media. Still, he is enjoying an admirable career, which sees this Westmount native win, wherever he may be. He is a key ingredient on the Als' defence and a player the team hopes to have for years to come. If winning is in the Als' future, you can count on Tim Fleiszer to be there getting the job done.



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Selwyn House (0-1) will look to bounce back this Saturday at 10 a.m., when they pay a visit to Lower Canada College to take on the Lions in one of the most anticipated games of the year. Also this week, Selwyn's Bantam squad opens its season on Friday at 3:15 when they host Laurentian High School, also at the Westmount Athletic Grounds.

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The Westmount Historical

Association's fall lecture series begins with guest speaker Capt. Craig Davis, who will discuss the history of the Westmount Fire Brigade at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke. Free for members, \$5 for non-members at the

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Friday, Sept. 21

1971 Westmount High grads are celebrating their 30th anniversary with a reunion Sept. 21 to 23 in Westmount. Graduated in 1970 or 1972? You are welcome to join us. Info: 489-3694.

Saturday, Sept. 22

Benefit Street Sale for the Community Committee on Elder Abuse, at Lorraine and Claremont Ave. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 483-1380 local 2016.

WARM Writers presents author Mary Soderstrom, who will speak about 'Recreating Eden: a Natural History of Botanical Gardens' from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Library, 4574 Sherbrooke. Free admission. Info: Jeanette Paul at (450) 468-5410.

Feng Shui seminar with Ildiko Brunner at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Reservations: (514) 592-7901.

Monday, Sept. 24

The Westmount Public Library presents award-winning children's author Sheree Fitch, who will tell her humorous stories from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Library, 4574 Sherbrooke. Bring your favourite teddy bear and enjoy a bedtime snack. Info: 989-5229.

'Hidden Links Between Spirituality and Your Everyday Life': Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Leigh Lerner at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. Brown bag lunch at noon, lecture at 12:30

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Tuesday, Sept. 25

'Your Aging Parents and You', a six-week workshop with Francis Kucharsky, begins at Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve. Free tuition, registration required. Info: 932-3433 or 932-2326.

Franglo, a fun way of practicing French and English, begins meeting at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. at 6 p.m. Register by Sept. 15. Info: Petra 843-4038.

Entre Nous Senior Group at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., presents 'Consumer Protection' with a representative from the McGill Legal Information Clinic. Brown bag lunch at noon, program at 1 p.m. \$1. Info: 937-3575.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Gurdjieff Sacred Dance & Exercises with audience participation at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater, room 201, at 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Info: 369-1300.

Thursday, Sept. 27

'The God of Small Things' by Arundhati Roy will be reviewed and discussed by Carole Tenbrink at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater, at 7 p.m. Free for Atwater Library members, \$3 for others. Info: Janet at 935-7344.

Yom Kippur Study Hour at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., presents 'One Step Ahead' with David Azrieli, who will relate some of the remarkable tales from his recent book. Info: 937-3575.

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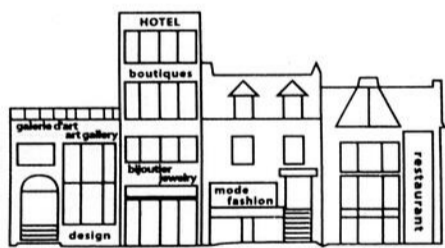
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Bulletin Board

Deadline for submissions is Monday at noon preceding the next publication. No exceptions. Submissions may be edited or omitted for space.

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Ongoing

The Orpheus Singers, a CBC prize-winning chamber chorus, is holding auditions for experienced choral singers and soloists. Rehearsals in Westmount on Monday evenings. Info: 489-3739.

Singers Needed: Experienced singers are invited to join Chorale Nouvelle de Montreal, under the direction of Robert Frederick Jones for its fall programme of works from the classical repertoire. Info: 486-3669.

Sue Rusk's fitness classes are back at St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, Lansdowne and The Boulevard, with Norma Sherman on piano. Classes are Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Info: 934-5083.

Aimeriez-vous chanter dans un chœur local? Le Chœur Saint-Léon de Westmount recrute de nouveaux membres pour la saison 2001-2002. Renseignements: Chantal Rioux (450)

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Chateau Westmount: Anyone wishing to do volunteer work with the elderly is asked to contact Millie Karpman at 369-3000. Wonderful opportunity for students; win-win situation for seniors.

Do you have historic photos? Westmounter Janet MacKinnon is working on her Masters thesis on the development of Côte-St-Antoine, and is looking for historic photographs of the area. Of interest are the early houses and farms in Westmount. Please contact Janet at janetm@total.net.

Talmud Study Session at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., every Saturday at 9:15 a.m. beginning Sept. 15. Rabbi Leigh Lerner and Rabbi Elina Bykova take turns teaching contemporary Talmud classes. Info: 937-3575.

Westmount Toastmasters Club meets each Thursday at 7 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Learn to speak in public with confidence. We welcome guests. Info: 367-5986

Balady dance classes at Centre Greene: Beginner and advanced, morning and evening classes. Registration has begun for Fall 2001 session. Info: 931-6202 or 483-0972.

The Westmount Walking Club meets each Tuesday and Thursday at 6:15 a.m. sharp at the corner of Church Hill and Côte St. Antoine for a walk up to the Summit and down. The walk will take about 45 minutes and is cancelled if it rains. No dogs, please. Info: Anna Hospod at 935-4920.

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.

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

The Montreal Camera Club meets each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve, entrance at rear. Slide shows, competitions and workshops. Visitors welcome. Info: (514) 637-2767.

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.

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teers 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 Westmount Youth Orchestra rehearses every Saturday 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 Francoise at 486-3521 or Agnes at 486-2813 for more information.

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

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.

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



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Individuals, couples and families of all races are encouraged to consider making this is a very special commitment to a child, either for full-time or for periodic respite care.

For more information please call Batshaw Homes for Children at 932-7161 ext. 473, or drop in on Wednesdays between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 6 Weredale Park in Westmount.

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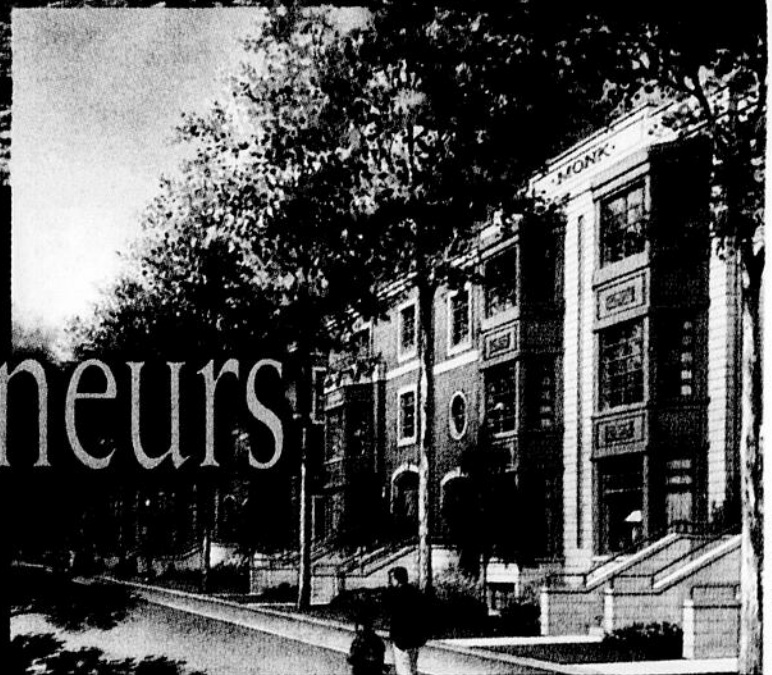
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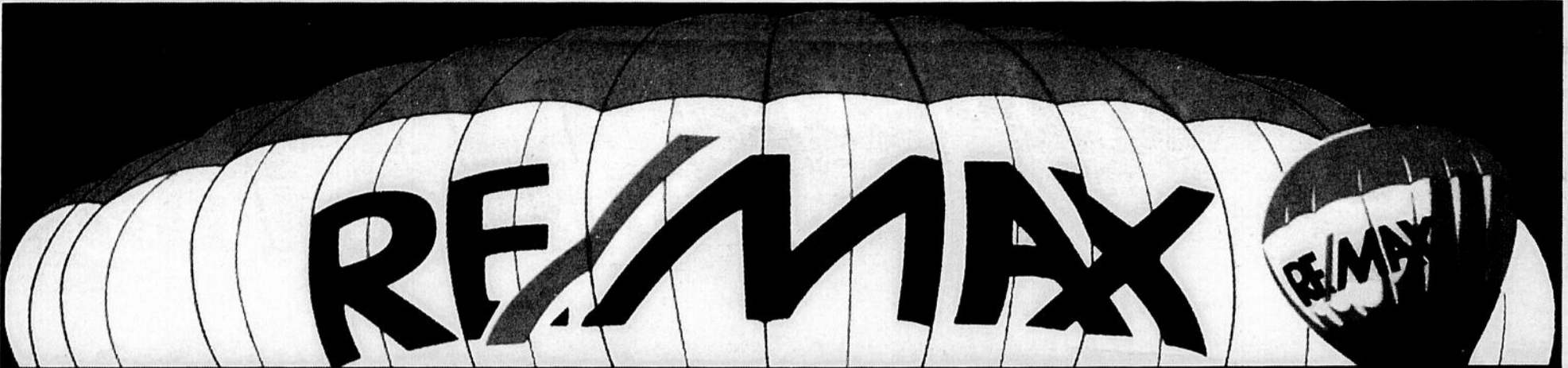
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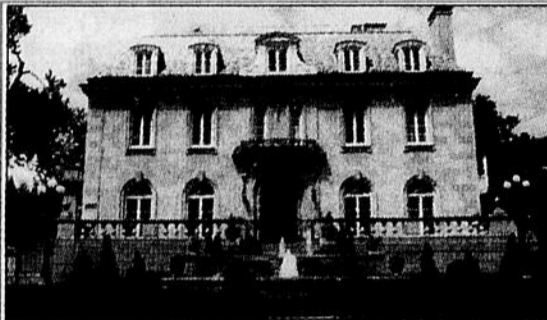




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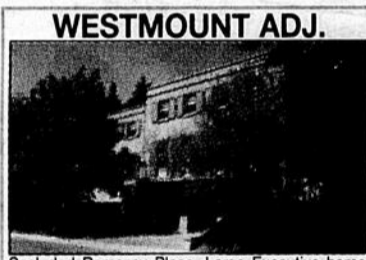
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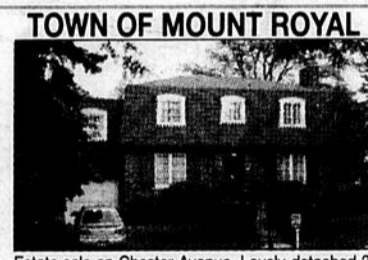
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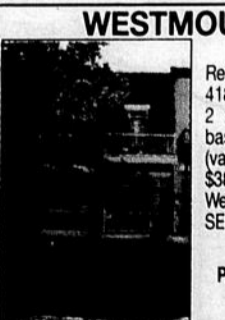
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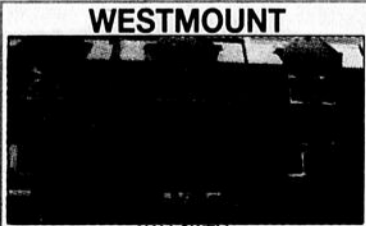


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NEW! NEW! NEW! Cute as a button! Semi, 4 bedrooms, renovated kitchen & bathroom, OFF, Oak floors - beautiful garden. \$329,000.



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BRIGHT MOVE-IN CONDITION, 4 bedroom family cottage across from park. Quality renovations, beautiful Victorian details, hardwood floors, exposed brick, garage & more. New price \$319,000.

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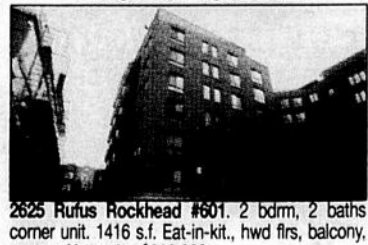


Superb 3 bdr, 2 bath 1564 s.f. apt. Great entertaining space. Open concept, eat-in-kitchen. 25 ft terrace. A/C, garage. \$325,000.



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2625 Rufus Rockhead #601. 2 bdr, 2 baths corner unit. 1416 s.f. Eat-in-kit., hwd flrs, balcony, garage. New price \$219,000.
2645 Rufus Rockhead #501 Close to Lachine canal. 2 bdrms, 2 baths, 2 car garage. Asking \$229,000