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From left: Public Security Director Richard McEnroe, City Councillor John de Castell, his wife, Terry Lanthier, Mayor Karin Marks, MP Lucienne Robillard and MNA Jacques Chagnon were among the local dignitaries who gathered at the Westmount Cenotaph on Sunday afternoon.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Marks sweeps mayoral vote

De Castell wins battle for Ward 8 council seat

> Martin C. Barry

Acknowledging her decisive victory in last Sunday's municipal election, Karin Marks told supporters and other residents who gathered at City Hall the night of the vote that "it's pretty humbling" to be elected mayor of Westmount.

"It's a remarkable community and it's a huge responsibility," she said.

"And as I look around the room to those pictures," she added, referring to the portraits of past Westmount mayors that adorn the council chamber, "I'm even more aware of the traditions and the history in all of that, and the footsteps in which I'm following."

Marks gave thanks for the support she received from her family—most of whom were at City Hall on Sunday—as well as from friends and the citizens of Westmount.

"Among the more important was Peter Trent, who was both my very good friend and my mentor," she said. "I really appreciate that he set the bar so high for this job."

Looking toward the future, Marks said that if there was one thing she wanted to ask of residents, it would be that they have patience. "We will work as hard as we can to get them back as much as we can of the city they had before this merger took place," she said.

Remembering the fallen

Westmounters hold traditional service at local Cenotaph

> Martin C. Barry

About 80 residents and an equal number of Canadian Forces personnel gathered last Sunday at the Westmount Cenotaph on Sherbrooke Street to remember the sacrifice made by thousands of Canadian soldiers over the years in armed conflicts between nations.

Sherbrooke Street was closed between Kensington and Clarke avenues for a parade of Canadian Forces

personnel and cadets, members of the Royal Canadian Legion and Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who made their way past a reviewing stand after the ceremony.

The service began shortly after 2 p.m. with the hymn, 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past', followed by scriptural readings and prayers by the leaders of several of Westmount's religious institutions.

Rabbi Leigh Lerner of Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom, read 'Aftermath,' a poem by the Jewish poet Siegfried Sassoon, who wrote unsparing-

ly about his experiences in the First World War:

'Do you remember the rats and the stench of corpses/ Rotting in front of the front line trench?/ And dawn coming, dirty white, and chill with a hopeless rain./ Do you ever stop to ask—is it ever going to happen again?'

Father Yves Guillemette, pastor of St. Léon de Westmount parish, read a work by the French poet Charles Péguy. A bugler later played the Last Post, and the traditional minute of silence was observed.



A young soldier stands guard during last Sunday's ceremony

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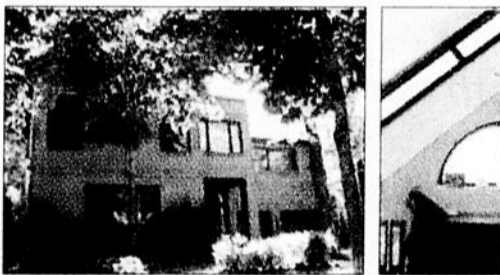
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Voters stress municipal autonomy

> Maggie Scott

Westmount residents turned out at polling stations this past Sunday to address their concerns about the city by voting in the municipal election.

The polling station at Victoria Hall had a steady, if sparse, stream of people coming through its doors and the concerns that topped people's agendas seemed to focus on Westmount retaining its decision-making autonomy.

Dr. Henry Olders, president of the Westmount Municipal Association, said he wants Westmount to return to the way it was. "Many people in the city, I think, are hoping that things will return as much as possible to how they were before the forced merger," he said.

"The management of the city has worked

well for quite a while; it's a nice place to live. Many residents showed how committed they are to the city in the demerger process, and many people volunteered then and I think will continue to volunteer. Our goal is to get the kind of city that the people who live here think it should be."

Olders added that there should be concern for how the city is run and that people should make their voice heard.

"The provincial Liberals have given the demerging cities a lot of grief throughout the demerger process. The latest pronouncement of Madame Normandeau rejecting the Transition Committee report and their recommendations is another blow to democracy. So even though the only two races in Westmount are probably a forgone conclusion, it's still important that people turn out

to vote because it's important that we're committed to democracy."

Patrick Bolland is another resident who feels similarly. He doesn't normally vote, but did so this year to make a point.

"One should send a message through to Quebec City that the movement towards diffusion wasn't just a one-shot affair and the important issue is that decisions be made locally rather than city-wide."

The issue of merged versus demerged has been a hot topic all along and depending on where people's priorities lie, opinions vary drastically.

But in Westmount it seems there is a consistent view of the issue.

Gibby Rosenberg prefers a demerged city. "I liked it better before there was a merger. Now they've got partial demerger, it's like

being a little pregnant. I'd like to go back to being completely separate. I feel the city was well run. People got exactly what they needed, what they wanted," he said.

Those who came out to vote also felt the importance in doing so.

Ninety-two year old resident Stanley Frost said, "We all complain enough if things go wrong, so when we get a chance to vote good people in to look after them, we should at least make that effort, shouldn't we? People ought to vote in municipal elections!"

As for the new electronic ballot system, it seems to have been a welcome change for most voters.

Upon leaving Victoria Hall, Mary-Martha Wright commented, "I think they're marvelous! Very easy and (the votes should) be collected and counted so fast."

Incumbents Marks and de Castell both win clear mandates to serve the reconstituted City of Westmount



Former mayor Peter Trent congratulates successor Karin Marks on Sunday night.

Photo: Lauren Sweeney

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"But it won't happen immediately and it won't happen without some hard, long work, and we're prepared to do that. But we need them to be patient. We won't be able to accomplish it all immediately."

When the ballots had all been tabulated shortly after the polls closed at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Marks had 3,177 votes—or nearly 90

per cent—compared to 375 for her challenger, Metcalfe Avenue resident Gerald Glass, who had less than 11 per cent.

In contrast to the many acknowledgements Marks made to her supporters, Glass, who spoke afterwards conceding defeat, chose to emphasize that he conducted his campaign virtually alone.

"I myself did everything by myself, because even my wife didn't want me to run, so she didn't help me," he said. "That's a fact. I didn't have any support from other councillors or anybody else."

On the results, Glass said, "I had hoped to get a little more than that." He pointed out that with less than 15 per cent of the vote, he will not be eligible for a partial refund of election expenses from the provincial elections office.

Glass spent about \$1,000 on his campaign. Though past retirement age, he has not ruled out the possibility that he'll run for office again in Westmount, if he remains fit and no other candidates present themselves for an elected position four years from now.

In the only election for a council seat, in Ward 8, incumbent borough councillor John de Castell won easily over Redfern Avenue resident Allen Nutik.

De Castell obtained 286 votes (72.96 per cent), while Nutik got 106 (27.04 per cent). The voter turnout was lower than expected in the Ward 8 election. The seven other council positions were all filled last month by acclamation.

In acknowledging everyone who helped him, de Castell mentioned his older brother, Peter, a former Westmount resident, who passed away last year. "He had always been a big supporter of mine, starting from the very beginning when I first ran," he said. "This victory is for Pete."

On the election outcome, de Castell said Nutik and he both ran good campaigns. "I think it was provocative enough to develop

some interest. That said, I would have been a lot happier with a bigger turnout.

"I think the turnout was slightly down in Ward 8 from 1999," he said. "I guess that was unfortunate. But on the whole, obviously I'm very pleased with the results. About 73 per cent of the vote is certainly a strong mandate."

In an interview the following day, Nutik

said, "The voters who voted and the voters who did not vote have spoken. The slate that was not a slate worked very hard and they won."

He added, "There are other elections. We have a non-responsible Liberal government in Quebec City and we have a possible referendum upcoming. There are other wars to win."

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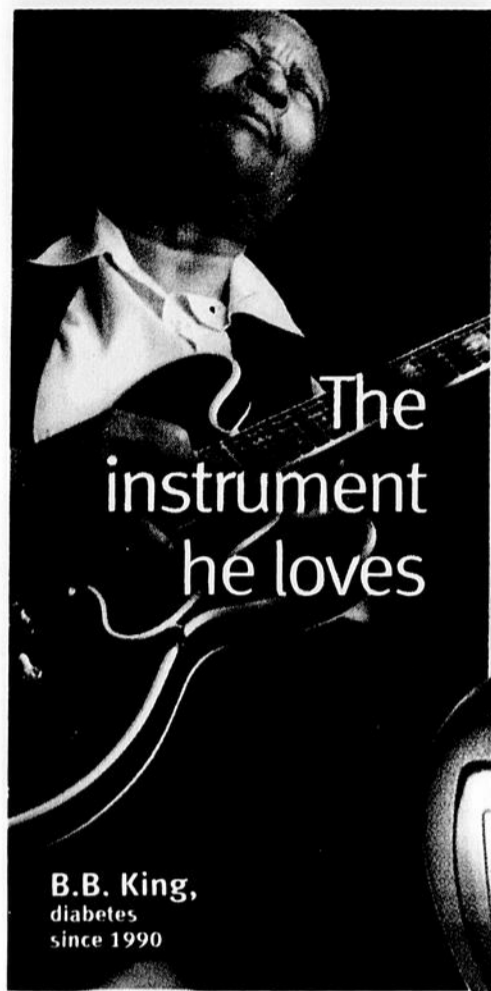
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On the Scene

Jessica MURPHY

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"There was evidence the car had been rifled through," said Public Security Director Richard McEnroe.

The incident began when Public Security Officer Derek New was patrolling the area and noticed the open garage door. It had been closed when he passed by just 15 minutes earlier.

He stopped at the scene and called the police.

Constable Caroline Gauthier of Station 12 said the suspects opened the door of the unlocked car in the driveway and used the automatic garage door opener they found inside the car to access the garage. Nothing but the automatic door opener was stolen, which she attributes to the suspects being interrupted by Public Security.

Police currently have no leads in the case. Break-ins like these are not uncommon, McEnroe said. Gauthier advises residents to keep vehicle doors and windows locked, and not to leave the automatic garage door open-

er inside the vehicle. "Once someone has access to the garage, they often also have access to the home," she said.

Other tips for preventing breaking and entering include installing an alarm system, and to make sure all entrances are properly secured. If the house is empty for long periods of time, ask neighbours to keep an eye out, collect the mail, and in winter, clear the snow.

Security for Victoria Avenue merchants

Break-ins have not increased in the area, but merchants on Victoria are concerned after a few robberies on their street. One store was hit twice in six weeks.

"There is a movement towards panic," said Gauthier. "We'd like to assure merchants that we are giving them special attention."

They have increased police presence in the area, both car and foot patrols. Gauthier offered a few tips for merchants to improve the security of their stores:

-Add a light with a motion detector to poorly lit front and back entrances.

-Purchase a good alarm system with a motion detector and a camera that records, and publicize the system by putting the alarm company stickers in the window.

-Have good locks on all entrances, not just the front door. "Often the front door has a good lock, but in the back—a quick tap with a hammer and a turn of a screw and it opens itself," she said. "You don't want to make it easier for thieves."

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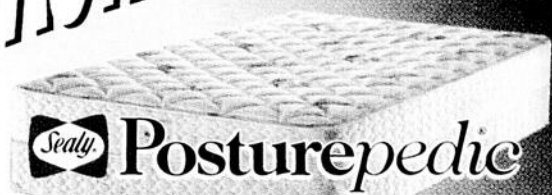
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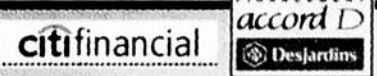


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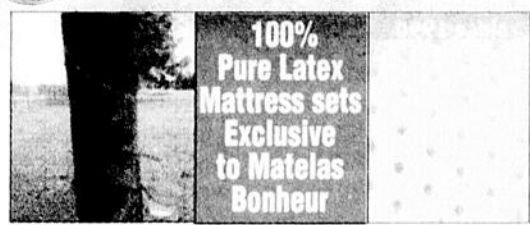
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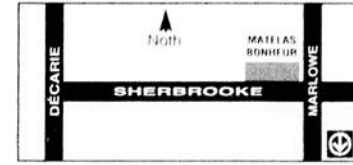
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Apathy mars election



Commentary

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Was it a lack of highly controversial issues in Westmount, or has a strong, seductive sense of post-demergence camaraderie lulled most residents into a state of blissful complacency?

Either way, results show that most people responded to the recent municipal election campaign by staying away from the polls last Sunday—despite the best efforts of the candidates and other interested participants in the soon-to-be reconstituted City of Westmount.

A strong turnout was urged to reiterate the message sent out last year when Westmounters voted to demerge from the Montreal megacity. This did not happen, as only about one quarter of eligible voters dropped by their local polling station to elect a mayor for the uncertain period ahead.

The election itself yielded no surprises. Karin Marks was given a clear mandate as mayor, garnering about 90 per cent of the vote. In cases like this, the word 'landslide' is often tossed around rather liberally, but I refrain from doing so out of respect for Gerald Glass, whose quirky, energetic campaign never gained much momentum but was nevertheless an honest tour-de-force of goodwill toward his fellow Westmounters. Sometimes it takes a one-man show like Mr. Glass's grassroots mayoral campaign to illustrate the depth to which some people care about their community.

Mr. Glass may not have had much of a chance all along, but his determination to see his mayoral bid through to the end is a tribute to the spirit of democracy that, despite some charges to the contrary during this campaign, remains healthy in Westmount—at least among those interested in municipal affairs.

Down in the south-east sector, known formally as Ward 8, the incumbent John de Castell managed to regain his old council seat despite the best efforts of challenger Allen Nutik—perhaps the most outspoken municipal candidate Westmount has seen in recent memory.

Neither candidate had an easy time of it, as Mr. Nutik's passionate, no-nonsense approach to the issues—most notably the long-proposed sound barrier along the Ville Marie Expressway—presented a formidable challenge to Mr. de Castell's proven track record of six productive years on council, the last four of which were spent as a borough councillor in the mega-Montreal infrastructure.

Mr. de Castell may have won his seat in



Ward 8 by a safe margin of 180 votes—a far cry from the seven-vote nail-biter he managed to snatch away from Syd Wise back in 1999—but even this decisive victory had been bittersweet. It would appear that less than 400 people turned out to vote in Ward 8, which is home to an estimated 1,800 eligible voters.

According to election statistics published earlier this week, Westmount's participation rate of 25.43 per cent is the lowest on the island. The other communities saw voter turnout percentages in the 30s and even 50s.

And of those who did make the effort to vote, the vast majority seemed to be seniors. Where were all the young families Westmount has been attracting? While it may be argued that getting out to vote on a Sunday afternoon is difficult for anyone with young children, it is disturbing to think that this considerable portion of the local population is not taking an active interest in their community. If this trend continues, future municipal elections may be nothing short of disastrous.

Whether they are apathetic or merely content, the absence of most eligible voters last Sunday marred what might have otherwise been a great day in Westmount's history.

LETTERS to the editor

Gubbay coverage appreciated

To the editor,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to *The Examiner* and to the community of Westmount for the outpouring of love, support and recognition of our mother, Aline Gubbay.

The articles and editorial published in these pages over the last few weeks have paid generous tribute to her life and work; we are grateful to see her contributions so fully recognized and appreciated.

The opening photograph in Aline's last book, 'A View of Their Own: The Story of Westmount' is one that she took herself. It is of Arlington Lane, the Indian trail that led up the gentle slope to the nearby mountain springs. It is an artist's view of an everyday setting; dappled light patterns the path and stirs the imagination to connect with an earlier time and the earlier settlement that originated here. We were overjoyed to read that

the editor of this paper has strongly endorsed the "growing grassroots movement" to rename Arlington Lane in our mother's honour: "Westmount's oldest known thoroughfare should be named for its most devoted historian."

Our mother pursued her interest in the social and architectural history of Westmount with joy, enthusiasm and passion. She never tired of discovering aspects of its history and life. For her, this history was a conduit to the fuller appreciation of the people who had sustained their ability to live together throughout times of challenge, hardship and prosperity. It was impossible to spend time with Aline without becoming aware of her optimism and faith in the essential good nature of people. From this conviction flowed the kindness and gentleness that has been so amply recognized by friends and colleagues in their contact with us in recent weeks.

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November 9, 2000

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Ten Years Ago
November 9, 1995

REMEMBERING RABIN: "It was perhaps at the end of it all, when most of the 2,000 members of the Shaar Hashomayim congregation and other visitors broke into the 'Song of Peace' that the ceremonies Monday night honouring slain Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin seemed most fitting and touching. The song was what Rabin had sung in front of thousands of supporters in Israel Saturday night before he was shot by a fellow Jew, a right-wing extremist opposed to the peace process with the Palestinians."

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November 13, 1980

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Thirty-Five Years Ago
November 12, 1970

SHORTENED SERVICE: "It was a short, quiet simple Remembrance ceremony at the Westmount cenotaph Sunday afternoon. The usual parade of armed forces and others with march-past did not take place, due to emergency measures complications—but the service went on nonetheless."

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Bills need a longer gestation period



MNA

Jacques CHAGNON

Members of the National Assembly have now returned to Quebec City for the fall session, one that will be comparatively light in terms of legislation.

But this is not necessarily a bad thing, as there seems to be legislation on almost everything these days, and it is often passed much too quickly. How many times during the last 20 or so years have we seen bills adopted no more than a month after being tabled, only to be modified the following

session because certain elements were left out? The area of municipal affairs has provided numerous frustrating examples. A hastily adopted bill will be radically modified by 300 or 400 amendments only four months later. It's quite mad, actually, and barring exceptional cases, my view is that no bill should

ever be adopted in the same session that it is tabled.

So in short, the menu for this session seems light. This excludes, however, the important file on negotiations within the public and para-public sectors. Until now, the impression has been that negotiations have not advanced very much. The government tabled its salary framework (\$ 3.25 billion over six years), and it seems to be holding. At least I hope so. I am certain of Monique Jérôme-Forget's determination to keep the boat afloat, but there is always the risk that it will bring us to a hardening of the union positions, which, as you know, means strikes by public service workers. Whether they are rotating strikes or massive strikes, they will always prove difficult for citizens. In this case, the government will have to consider the possibility of ending negotiations and imposing its salary framework—there aren't many other solutions. We are all still hoping that these important negotiations will be wrapped up with a negotiated settlement. However, that's not always possible—it depends on the distance that separates the negotiating parties. Nevertheless, the government, as a party in these negotiations, must never lose sight

that it represents the public interest.

On another subject, I would like to congratulate all of the newly elected municipal councillors. The vast majority of them were acclaimed at the end of the candidates' nomination period. The vast majority of them were actively involved in the de-amalgamation of Westmount. Some have commented on the fact that Westmounters did not have an election in each electoral district, but we shouldn't hold this against them. The massive and sustained mobilization of recent years has provoked a sort of political exhaustion among all of our citizens who participated in the de-amalgamation movements, which is quite understandable.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the two election victors, the first being John de Castell for the position of municipal councillor, with whom I have of course already worked, and the tireless Karin Marks for the position of mayor for the new city of Westmount. To the both of you, know that you can count on me to help you throughout the duration of your elected mandate.

• Jacques Chagnon is the Liberal MNA for Westmount—St. Louis.

Marks chooses her commissioners



Civic Alert

Don WEDGE

The new City of Westmount has its mayor and she intends to use her powers of appointing eight commissioners.

One of Karin Marks' jobs this week was to meet individually with the councillors to discuss portfolios with them.

"It is obvious that two jobs would go to specialists – Guy Charette (finance) and Patrick Martin (infrastructure)," Marks explained, "but I want to hear what members' special interests are and how they can be placed to create the best team. Each individual will be responsible for one service."

The new council will have four standing committees, each made up of two commissioners and other councillors.

This organization is similar to that introduced in the early years of the Trent council. Marks intends to introduce newly defined responsibilities – infrastructure and other public works having separate reporting.

Although council met informally on Tuesday midday following a borough council meeting and a Healthy City Project briefing, the first public meeting has not yet been finalized at press time.

However, the formal swearing in takes place tomorrow— Friday, Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. in the council chamber at City Hall.

Councillors-in-training

The new councillors will have a stimulating induction into municipal life next week. On Monday there will be an evening planning meeting, and on Wednesday dinner with the transition committee.

This is just the preparation for a busy weekend retreat. Friday and Saturday are intended to be devoted to full-time council-management sessions, which will be held in an undisclosed location near Dorval airport.

On Sunday, councillors are also expected to attend training sessions hosted by the transition committee and the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ). This will be held in the auditorium of the Bourse.

These three intensive working days will test the ability of some new members to juggle their professional volunteering and personal lives with the demands of new municipal requirements.

If past history is a guide, the shape of many future council decisions is formed at such sessions.

This year, the new council will be helped by the residents' survey organized by the borough council as a tool for the new council's decision-making

Agglomeration jobs

How creative will the newly-formed council be in taking on the new structure? Will the previous organization serve the new needs? Already Karin Marks has said that there will be an infrastructure portfolio that will take advantage of Patrick Martin's experience.

Councillors de Castell and Lulham also

have special knowledge to offer given their sharing of all the portfolios for the last four years. The three-head borough council meant their involvement in almost every issue and detail. They also took on a wide variety of roles. For instance, De Castell was active with the "mayors' club" working with the transition committee. Lulham is co-chair with a CP executive of a federal committee working on the problems of train noise.

This knowledge and experience must not be lost. On the other hand, it is hard to know exactly what special skills newcomers might be bringing to the job, with past community involvement the usual qualification.

There may be opportunities for service in new ways. Much is being made of ensuring that the agglomeration does not overcharge us for anything. But equally, vigilance will be needed to make sure that we get the services we pay for.

The megacity and its bureaucrats think we are there only to subsidize their work. We have to remind them that we are clients with rights.

Individual council members might be willing to follow the activities of one-or-other agglomeration committees as a researcher for our formal representative, Karin Marks, or to shadow the staff work of director-general Bruce St Louis.

If done constructively, such initiatives could help Westmount be accepted in the hostile environment of the mega-city.

A councillor or even two involved in the transit board activities could be very meaningful. Its services are vital for many Westmounters, and responsibilities to the handicapped will become even more important as our population ages.

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Doctor questions lack of secondary health-care facilities

> Martin C. Barry

While lamenting the loss nearly a decade ago of the Reddy Memorial and Queen Elizabeth hospitals, a Westmount physician is wondering why there are still no secondary-care hospitals to serve Westmounters.

Following the merger of CLSCs Metro, Park Extension and Côte des Neiges last year, the new combined Centre de Santé et de Services Sociaux (CSSS) held its first annual general meeting recently.

Dr. Mark Roper, who sits on the CSSS board as regional coordinator for general practitioners, told *The Examiner* that despite the merger, the structure of CLSC Metro remains virtually intact. "The same services are there," he said.

But Roper pointed out that the Westmount portion of the CSSS territory is an anomaly because, compared to other CSSSs in the province, the area doesn't have any secondary hospitals.

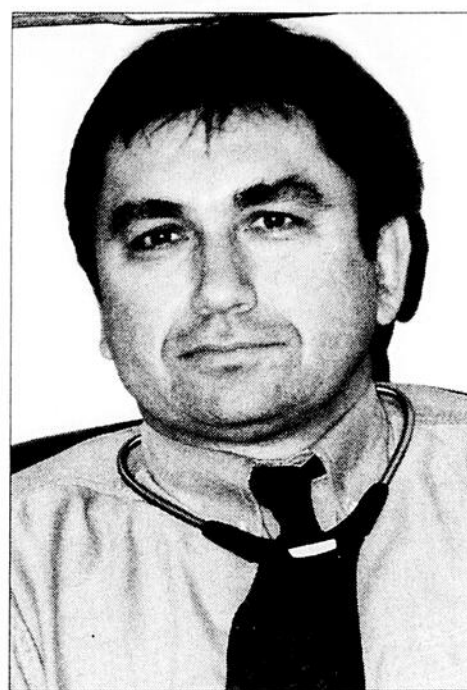
"They all went into the university network," he said, referring to the McGill University Health Centre and the Centre

Hospitalier Université de Montréal. "Indeed, it would be very handy to have the Reddy and the Queen Elizabeth back again as part of the CSSSs.

"It is worrisome for me," added Roper. "Because within the structure of the CSSSs, you're supposed to have a secondary-care hospital, and they synchronize very well with homecare and what the CLSCs used to do. You had a seamless movement from hospitals, to rehab, to homecare services. And that does not exist in our CSSS."

Roper said that with the importance placed on the new university-affiliated super-hospitals, they're taking on responsibility for more tertiary and quaternary care for as much as a third of the province. "So the big question is: where is secondary care going to occur in our CSSSs?"

Roper said that with the university hospitals contracting for services to large areas, "it is something for us to keep a close eye on—that the whole budget of these hospitals are not consumed by their responsibility in tertiary and quaternary care and that they have resources left to deliver the secondary care.



Dr. Mark Roper

Photo: Martin C. Barry

"It would be silly that you live a block away from the MUHC and you cannot access a surgeon there, while people are flying in from Témiskamingue and Kujuaaq and bypassing you," said Roper. "That's something that needs to be focused on."

At the AGM, Marc Sougavinski, the CSSS's executive director, said the biggest challenge the CSSS is facing over the coming years will be implementing a sweeping new approach to public health care the province is requesting.

David Levine, president of the regional board which is supervising the implementation of the CSSS system all over Montreal, described some of the concepts the government wants to bring in. Among other things, he outlined a "virtual institution," which would help manage chronic diseases outside of hospitals through the CSSS agency's services.

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There must also be surveillance of the police and fire departments – the latter, union driven and almost a secret service at present, seems to have no political or citizen supervision.

The law provides that the mayor has responsibilities for agglomeration work. It is going to be a huge load – probably more than now. I hope she will be offered help and be ready to accept it in her wider duties.

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Our grief and loss has been powerfully interwoven with the joy of sharing loving memories of our mother with the members of this community that was her beloved home for more than 50 years.

We thank you.
Diana Gubbay, Michelle Gubbay, Sharon Gubbay Helfer

Poor Westmount voting

To the editor:
One thing which Gerald Glass did accomplish by running against Karin Marks for Mayor in the municipal election, was to give all electors a chance to vote.

This otherwise would not have happened in the seven wards, where acclamations of candidates took place. Despite appeals from our Mayor, the candidates and public bodies, the voter turnout was pitifully low and Westmount had the dubious distinction of having the smallest percentage of voters in Montreal Boroughs and demerged suburbs on Montreal Island.

Certainly, more Westmounters should have gone to the polls.

Stanley Baker
De Maisonneuve Boulevard

A role for citizens, too

Even citizens can intervene effectively. Over the last 35 years, Bruce Walker of the environment group STOP has used public meeting opportunities to inform elected people and provoke change. Montreal's air and water quality have benefited from his sense of public duty.

Another is Sylvia Oljemark, leader of the Green Coalition, who was responsible for pressuring the MUC into establishing five regional nature parks, which will become part of the agglomeration. (Do visit them – they are superb.)

The WMA has taken part in regional issues over the years, too. Then President Tom Thompson opened the door to MUC budget reform a decade ago. During Stanley Baker's term, the association set in motion the leadership change that resulted in Vera Danyluk becoming MUC head.

The WMA, the Healthy City Project and Seniors of Westmount Action Group (SWAG) all submitted memoranda complementing the council position to the Pichette Commission which was studying local government reform.

Citizens should think of coordinating their activity in this sphere through the WMA. There may be other linked bodies too. The transition committee has mentioned reconstituting RIGDIM, the solid waste cooperative set up to manage the proposed incinerator.

In brief...

• The borough council was back in session on Tuesday to take care of November business. In a 15-minute meeting, it approved: September payments of \$6.8 million (includ-

ing \$1.5 million payroll and \$2.3 million Hydro-Quebec); 13 building permits; repairs to lanes (\$238,000); hire of snow removal trucks (\$85,000); replacement of doors and windows at the arena and city hall (\$52,700).

• The "old guys" did not dominate our representation on the agglomeration as might have happened following Sunday's election. Now only four of the 14 reconstituted mayors are septuagenarians – John Meaney (Kirkland), Bill McMurchie (Pointe Claire), Yvon Labrosse (Montreal East) and Ed Janiszewski (Dollard-des-Ormeaux).

• Making a renewable point: There will be door prizes of four wind-up flash lamps when Bruce St Louis talks on emergency preparedness at the Healthy City Project's public breakfast meeting at Victoria Hall on Wednesday morning. Also coffee and Danish at 7:45 a.m.

• First for some time: Jean Charest was spotted shopping at a local supermarket on Sunday afternoon.

• Final words on the Gerald Glass folly: In his concession comments after the poll on Sunday evening he revealed: "Even my wife did not support me!"

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Around Westmount

Marilynn VANDERSTAY

Westmount resident Margo Wexler has had a lot to be proud of in her sons recently. LCC grad Andrew, now 30 and a student at Colorado College, made the cover of *Backcountry* adventure magazine for doing something no one else has done before. He and friend Joe Stock telemarked the 175 miles from Valdez to Anchorage in the face of 100 mile winds and storms in an unprecedented 18 days.

The enterprising Andrew, who has been an avid climber for many years, took notes during the trek and posted his story online at www.telemarktips.com where *Backcountry* magazine picked it up for publication in their November 2005 issue.

If that is not enough for the beaming Margo, Andrew's bother Anthony, 27, is

studying at John Hopkins University in Baltimore on a fully funded scholarship. Tony is one of only eight students from around the world to be granted a fully funded scholarship which will help him tremendously while he is working on his PhD in Literature.

Melamed runs for mayor

Former Westmounter and WHS grad Ken Melamed, class of '71, is running for mayor in Whistler, B.C. in a race that will go to the polls on Nov. 19.

Melamed is no stranger to politics; in fact you might say he was raised to be involved. The son of Westmount social activist and quilting diva Lanie Melamed, he has been a city councillor in Whistler since 1996. In his campaign Melamed asserts that he is in many ways the embodiment of Whistler. He moved there 30 years ago and began patrolling long before Whistler became the internationally renowned mountain resort community it is today. Friend and others who would like to know about his campaign and to wish him well can check him out at www.electmelamedmayor.com.

Aid for Mexico

Westmount resident Claudia Bierman, founder of Canadian Friends of VAMOS, invites the community to come out and support the organization that assists the poor in Mexico at the third annual Fair Trade food and craft sale, this weekend, Saturday November 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Unitarian Church at 5035 de Maisonneuve Boul.

VAMOS will have a table where shoppers can purchase Christmas balls, wooden plaques, boxes and ceramic boxes made by Casa Romero, the Canadian supported artisan workshop. While Claudia herself is presently in Mexico working with cooperatives of artisans and to develop communities, other friends will be on hand to display and sell the colourful crafts and discuss the work done by VAMOS in Mexico that includes education, feeding the underprivileged and aiding women's groups. For those who cannot get to the sale, the crafts are also available at 10,000 Villages at 5674 Monkland Avenue.

Vernissage at Chateau Westmount

Chateau Westmount resident and artist Glenn Ellis is having such a great time with his new passion, watercolours, he hosted a second vernissage of his latest works last week in the lobby of the senior residence. The exhibition continues until Nov. 19.

The Examiner is online

There is good news for Westmount expats who have moved out of the city proper to the suburbs or like so many are living all over the world. The *Westmount Examiner*,

Westmount's definitive voice on what is going on in the community, is now available online at www.westmountexaminer.com.

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Royal Commonwealth Society launches book

The Royal Commonwealth Society, Montreal Branch will launch a historic book, 'The Royal Commonwealth Society, Montreal Branch—75 Years, 1930-2005' by Fiona Malins on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the Atwater Library from 6 to 8 p.m.

The book details the history of the Montreal Branch. The purpose of the Society is to promote interest in and knowledge of the Commonwealth of Nations.

There are 53 countries in the group at present, ranging from small islands with just a few thousand population, to countries like India with a population approaching one billion. It is a loose association linking countries with a common background as former British colonies and territories, although not all member countries have a historical link to Britain. For more information about the book launch, phone 937-8321

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Larsen to speak at WARM meeting

Local author Wayne Larsen will be the guest lecturer at this Saturday's WARM Writers meeting.

In the illustrated lecture 'Myths Re-examined: Researching the Group of Seven', Larsen will tell the story of Canada's most famous

landscape painters while pointing out where their reputation has been based on legend rather than fact.

'A Love for the Land', Larsen's book on the life and work of Group of Seven member A.Y. Jackson, was published across Canada two years ago and is now in its second printing. He has since been busy on the lecture circuit, speaking to a wide variety of groups that include university students, arts clubs, libraries, senior residences and writers' groups. The WARM Writers lecture will take place this Saturday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 2295 St. Marc St. (corner Sherbrooke Street), for more information phone (450) 651-7044.

Sherlock Holmes Society loses member

Colin Semel, a long-time member of the Bimetallic Question, the local Sherlock Holmes Society that meets in Westmount, passed away recently at the age of 73.

Mr. Semel had acted on the London stage before coming to Canada and had regularly entertained at the Society's annual dinner. "Of good voice, he had been a member of the Montreal West Operatic Society and the Montreal Welsh Male Choir. He was a true showman and will be sadly missed by all who knew him," said friend and Society member Stanley Baker.

Carrier exposes fakes

Westmount fine art consultant Marc Carrier will present his caveat and humorous talk 'The Swindler's Art! Frauds, fakes and other flim-flams' at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave., on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

His presentation is an illustrated survey of the world's greatest art forgers, and he gives practical advice on dodging the swindles. Participants will be given an intriguing insight to the tricks and techniques of notorious forg-

ers. Some of these scams are from long ago and far away, while others have a direct connection to Montreal. Participants will hear how no one is safe from art fraud. Carrier will also show what to look for in a Certificate of Authenticity, how to identify a bogus provenance and the essential elements of a valid appraisal. Cost is \$5 at the door. Phone 488-9558 for information or go to www.visualarts-centre.ca

Artist explores sky and earth

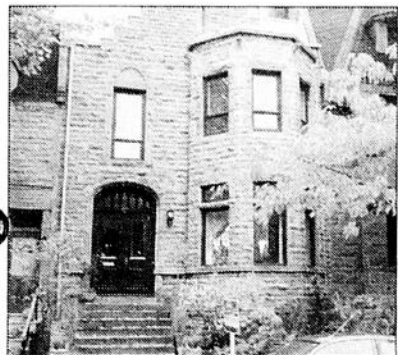
Westmount artist Ann McCall is exhibiting 'Ciel et Terre IV', her latest works of mixed media on paper and collagraph prints at the Saldy Bronfman Centre, 5170 Cote St. Catherine until Nov. 30. "The works show a natural light with a mysterious quality representing the uncertainty in the forces' of

nature," says McCall. For more information call 739-1201

Local eatery offers delivery service

For close to nine years The Copoli Restaurant on St. Catherine Street has been an ad hoc meeting place for Westmount residents and business people. In addition, owner Hossein Fakournovin has made the restaurant available to different community events, including performances and birthday parties. His Copoli burger, the largest burger in the city, and the rest of the items on his bistro-style menu are now available for delivery from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Phone 989-8580 for details.

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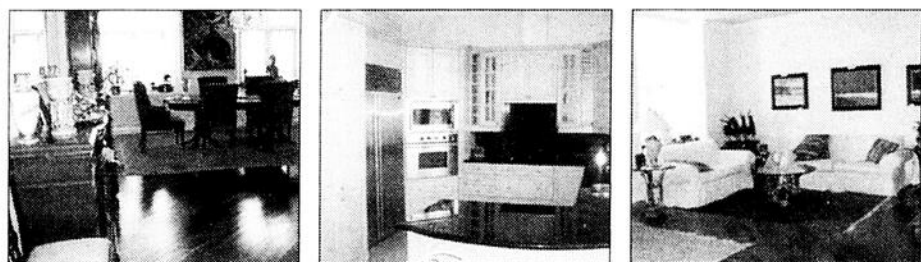
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Every once in awhile I will visit the home of someone who comes into the clinic. In the last couple of weeks, after seeing photos of an apartment and hearing the stories of the five female students living therein, I decided the time was ripe to experience a problem that was not being resolved even with the help of the law.

Identifiable descriptions have been removed from the narrative. In law, even with photos and witnesses as proof, innocence is presumed until proven otherwise.

The lease began on May 1, 2005. The rent was high for the area (\$2,620 per month). What's more, the tenants moved in and no lease was signed. No rent was collected by the landlady and she was difficult or impossible to reach, even using her office secretary.

The tenants were asked neither to sign a lease nor to pay the rent until July 2005. A little strange, don't you think? Suddenly the landlady demanded \$7,860 rent, in three days or else—exceedingly unwise and not truly following the law. The landlord's slippery ille-

gal side began to show.

The lease was not signed and rent was not collected. The story only gets more unbelievable.

Shortly after the five tenants moved in, they told the proprietor of certain problems. Remember that these five female tenants are from out-of-town and do not know our laws. In other words, they are very easy to abuse for an unscrupulous landlord.

Firstly, the rent at \$2620 per month was about \$1,000 or so too high for the area. You would expect a palace, wouldn't you? Not so. Secondly, a landlord must care for the

dwelling and provide complete rental value. Here is a list of the problems:

- Large hole in the ceiling.
- Big hole in plaster by light switch.
- Electric Heater coming off the wall. Plaster strewn about.
- Entranceway paint coming off the wall.
- Doorknob off entrance door. Danger of unwanted entry.
- Upper door opens using a rope. No secure protection for female students.
- Parts of floor uncleanable due to wear and tear.
- Window sills rotting. Air Infiltration. Rain and snow infiltration.
- Many windows unable to be closed securely. Air infiltration.
- Balcony door allows air infiltration. Air infiltration in many places.
- Hole in bathroom ceiling allows rainwater in. Encourages mold.
- Mold, potentially dangerous, in several areas.

The landlady, at the belated lease signing, was given a detailed list of the problems. It is difficult to believe that the building owner is not aware of the state of her property. But that's just one of her claims. As soon as the five female tenants sent a registered letter, legally, with proof, Informing her (landlady) of the dramatic deterioration of the building, what do you imagine the response to be? An honest landlord would make an honest effort to inspect the home and then begin repairs according to legal criteria

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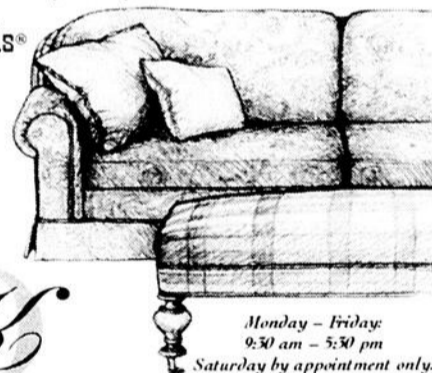
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Under the law, the landlord must care for the building according to the City bylaws in force at the time. A tenant must tell a landlord if deterioration exists within the building or apartment.

The tenants did so and were met with the great wall of silence. The landlord ignored her obligations. The second response of the landlord was to blame the tenants for any and all problems and threaten legal actions and to sue for the cost of all repairs. For young women from out-of-town, this was truly a frightening experience. It appeared to them that the law was not on their side at all.

Tenant #1

"It's not going to make me feel any less violated. I have to give my landlady a cheque no matter what. No matter what she does. ... I feel violated and helpless in the face of this."

In other words, the tenants had told the landlord of the difficulties, as is their legal obligation, and been ignored. In effect, the landlord was doing her own non-payment of rent i.e. refusing to do repairs, not giving full rental value. Theft! If a tenant does not pay the rent, it is considered some kind of illegal theft and will proceed to court usually in less than two months.

If a landlord does not do repairs, it can take a year or more to get to the Régie du logement. Hardly fair, is it? What's more, the landlady had blatantly and with malice refused to do repairs. The law, in its timetable and application, is not realistic in its approach.

Tenant #2

"The landlady has been very negligent... and irresponsible. She has totally blamed us for the deterioration of her place, which has obviously been taking place over many years."

The ground floor of the building has been

abandoned for awhile. Time unknown. I know, personally, what the former use of the lowest floor was and it appears that the non-use can be measured by several years. This will very likely be additional proof of landlord negligence when it reaches court.

Finally, the tenants after legal consultation called the city inspectors. The inspector, after she completed the initial walk through, got the landlady on the phone.

Even with the inspector, a seasoned professional, informing the landlady of the need to do repairs, the landlady denied liability and said it was the tenants' fault and made other blatantly false protestations. Naturally, the inspector would have none of it and made it clear that the landlady had distinct legal obligations.

To date, only minimal acceptable repairs have been completed. The potentially dangerous mold was wiped off. Even the contractor felt that this method was unacceptable. Yet the landlady has prevailed. Since May 2005, the law has not been followed. The contractor has been fired after only one day. Another stalling tactic? Another manifestation of negligence? Or is the landlady simply a person who is morally reprehensible and does not care if she breaks the law and harms others. The mold remains in the building and continues to make the dwelling more dangerous.

Tenant #3

"I have asthma, so I could directly feel a difference. My breathing was definitely a lot worse... I just felt that that was really unfair that she was collecting rent... she should be responsible for providing a safe healthy environment... We sent her articles (about mold)... She did not respond."

It is, if you think about it a very unwise landlord who allows mold to continue to exist. Photos and witnesses exist. Only a fool would not do their utmost to make a dwelling

safe as per the law. If a tenant becomes disabled, and perhaps loses future earning power, especially young intelligent women, and the landlord is proven negligent, well her rental properties could disappear in the smoke of a lawsuit. Even if such awards are lower in Canada, any landlord risks great liability and financial loss.

At some point we all must ask ourselves why we as a society allow such actions to continue unpunished and if our friends or colleagues accept or actually perpetrate such illegality, why the laws are not changed and we ourselves as moral human beings do nothing to curtail similar breaches of law, morality and human decency.

Notwithstanding all of the above, any tenant who is aware of repairs that must be done has a legal responsibility to inform the landlord. If the landlord does nothing, or her actions are inadequate, a legal letter should be sent, with a deadline. As soon as the deadline is reached, the City must be informed. An inspector will visit and make a report. In some cases a tenant may do repairs herself. In others, she has no choice but to wait for court. But the law is there, even if it takes awhile. Document your case. Keep copies of everything. Photos and witnesses are important. Get the legal authorities on your side.

Tenant #3

"My door handle always falls off. We have no handles on the front door or the bathroom, which is not right at all... I was worried that plaster would randomly fall... I did not feel safe."

The landlord was informed. An inspector visited and told the landlord herself that certain things must be repaired. Why does this landlord, to this day not follow the law. She lives comfortably in Beaconsfield. She is lacking in none of the comforts of home, yet

freely chooses to harm her tenants and not live up to the legal requirements of the law. But perhaps the landlord feels immune from the law.

Tenant #2

"I felt frustrated through this whole process (of asserting rights)... I've been paying for something (the rent, the apartment and protection in law) and getting nothing in return... Emotionally it's been very hard... I don't think we have the rights that we deserve... what we should have been entitled to..."


After being involved with this law since 1987, I am convinced that many landlords do this in a practiced concerted fashion. They do not care because they know the law has a lag time and many tenants just give up. Many bad landlords are quite aware that the removal, through fabricated stress, removes the only place of strength (their home) from a tenant and that frequently the tenant just gives up. The lawsuit goes away. The bad landlord is home free.

The law and our politicians must, at some point, recognize this inequality and make the law truly protect when abuse exists.

The tenants are suing for repairs, damages and interest and a \$2000.00 per month reduction in rent. Court, jurisprudence, proof and the city inspector's report will decide.

The law is there for everyone. Seek legal counsel. Do so as quickly as possible.

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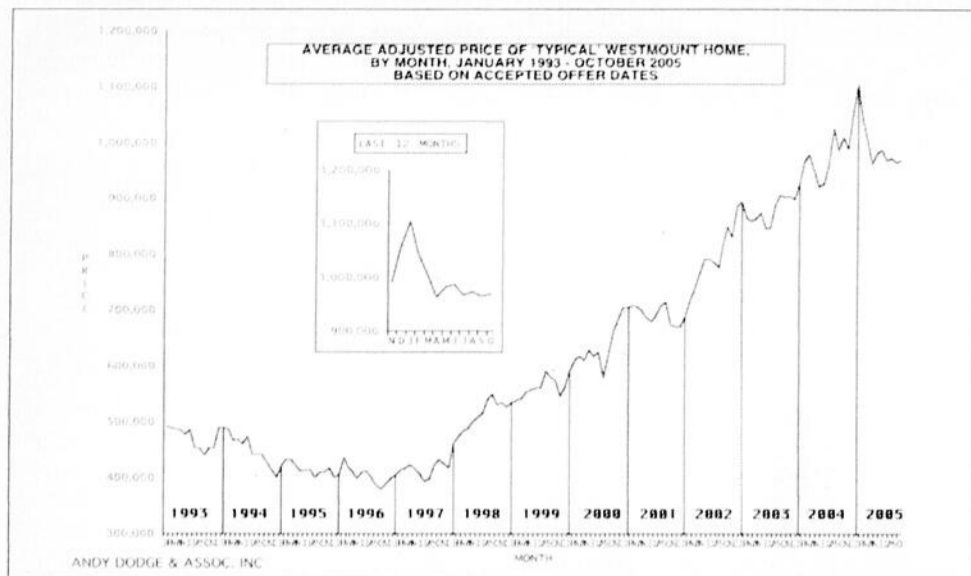
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Sales slow down in October

> **Andy Dodge, CRA**

(NOTE: The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings which were reported by the local offices of Sutton and Royal LePage Realties as having been accepted in October. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph on the left offers a picture of these trends over time.)

The sudden rush of the Westmount real estate market in September died back almost as quickly in October, when only six new sales were reported by local agents, though another three got added to the September list.

One sale at close to \$2 million pulled up the

average of five priced sales to \$980,000, but the other four ranged in price from \$575,000 to \$975,000. The average markup of 32.7 percent was almost exactly the same as it had been for the previous few months, leaving prices largely unchanged since a spurt of interest subsided in February.


October is typically the busiest fall month with an average 14.3 sales, but the six reported last month is the lowest volume for an October since 1986 when we started keeping records. While numerous new listings appeared in October, at least three of the six sales had been on the market for well over 100 days—the top-priced sale had been shown for more than a year and a half. Thus it appears there still is resistance to the million-dollar-plus listings which are plentiful in Westmount, but there are still some buyers ready to cash on the table.

Two condominium sales were reported in October, both for prices in the \$400,000-\$500,000 range, and both for apartments, none for converted duplexes or triplexes. Also sold were two co-operative apartments at 435-37-39 Grosvenor Avenue which is in the process of being sold off, though no more sales were reported at 2 or 3 Westmount Square.


And while only six sales were reported for all of Westmount, five houses between Westmount's northern border and Queen Mary Road received "sold" stickers, and two more on Vendôme Avenue came off the block.

The slow October is indicative of what has been happening for most of the year. To date, real estate agents have reported 121 sales in Westmount compared with an average 154 through October. That figure represents the slowest year in terms of volume since 1994, when only 83 sales were reported.

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3225 Cedar	Thi Kim Trang Nguyen & Manh Cuong Nguyen			
610 Clarke	Sarah Prichard & Allan D. Sniderman	Yuen Ting Wong & Chi Ming Kar	\$900,000	\$700,000
356 Côte St. Antoine	Samuel David Gameraff	Stephanie Lynne Kouri & Kevin Leonard	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000
19 Grenville	Catherine Forbes	Tiga Sontag	\$917,500	\$718,900
5 Grove Park	Sheila Doba Barshay	Heidi Hollinger & Marc-André Lavoie	\$1,385,000	\$838,900
169 Hillside	Darzie Mervin & John Joseph Mervin	Richard Laramée & Angela Minicucci	\$765,000	\$570,900
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4375 Montrose	Brenda McIntyre	Maxine Elizabeth Cuttler	\$630,000	\$625,800
663 Murray Hill	Antony Kovic & Maurice Samuels	Lesley Skinner	\$1,250,000	\$774,100
317 Prince Albert	Fernande Chabot	Timothy F. Brewer & Sally J. Heymann	\$1,150,000	\$623,300
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^b Valuation is a combination of four condominiums but only three addresses.

^c Valuation is 32 percent of \$243,700.

Volume, mark-ups off in July sales

> Andy Dodge, CRA

(NOTE: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in July, 2005, filed at the Montreal Registry Office. A list of sales can be seen above.)

Volume dipped drastically in July this year as only 16 residential sales were registered, following a record 37 transactions in June. Prices were off, too, though five sales over \$1 million were included in the July list.

Highest price in the month was \$1,650,000 for 610 Clarke Avenue, which went for exactly its 2004 municipal evaluation, the only sale over \$1,500,000, while the lowest price was \$275,000 for a derelict house at 169 Hillside Avenue, corner Abbott Avenue. Overall, Westmount's average price was \$899,969 for property with an average evaluation of \$705,788, thus a markup of 27.5 percent, well below the June average markup of 54.2 percent.

In fact, two of the July sales went for less than municipal evaluation, the lowest for 341 Redfern Avenue which changed hands for \$800,000 while having a tax assessment over \$1 million. The other involved 317 Prince Albert Avenue, one of the houses in the 1980 development project, which went for

\$585,000. The highest markup came for 663 Murray Hill, evaluated at \$623,300, which sold for \$1,150,000.

Only two residential condominiums are included in the July list, both for prices between \$300,000 and \$400,000, involving one older converted apartment and one converted duplex flat. The lowest price, \$310,000 which was less than the city assessment, involved 475 Lansdowne Avenue which was purchased by the next-door neighbour who sold her house.

Other sales in July included a triplex at 430-32 Grosvenor Avenue, two small apartment units at 4222-24 Dorchester Boulevard and an apartment building at 4516 St. Catherine Street which were picked up by the same buyer. Also, some of the vacant commercial condominiums at 1 Wood Avenue officially changed hands from companies who were represented by the same individual, but transfer taxes were paid on the transaction nonetheless.

The only other transaction was a 32-percent share of a triplex at 7-11 York Street which has recently been renovated. The \$250,000 purchase price represents a markup of more than 200 percent on the basis of the shared evaluation.

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The event will feature a wide variety of handicrafts, baked goods, jams and jellies, pickles and other homemade confections as

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What lessons were learned by Westmount from the '98 ice storm? What new advances have occurred to make emergency management more effective?

The topic of the meeting will be 'What do you do in a city-wide emergency? What does the City do?' The winter season is approaching and some preparations now will provide some comfort to everyone.

The early morning presentation will begin with coffee and Danish at 7:45 a.m. and the talk begins at 8 a.m.


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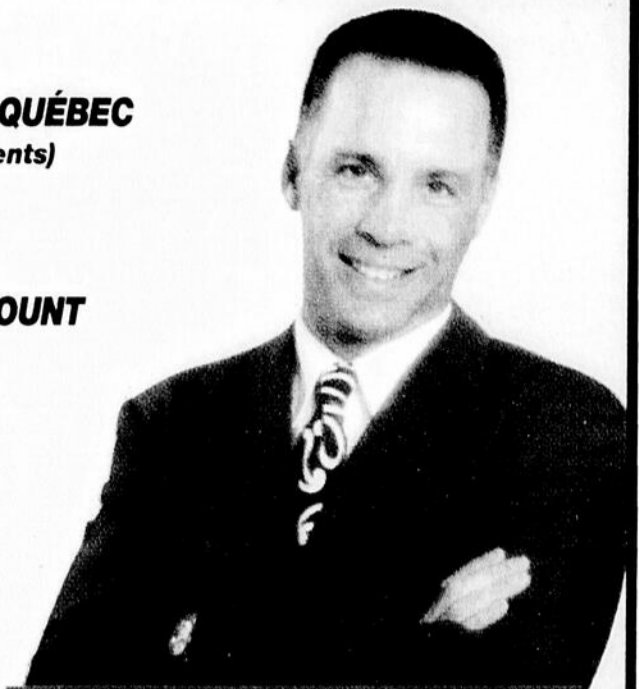
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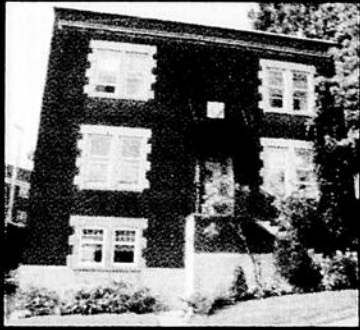
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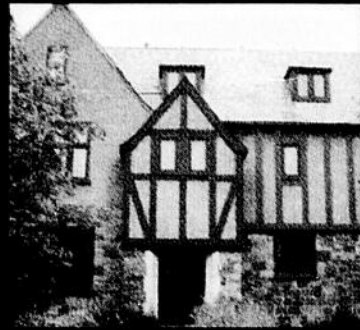
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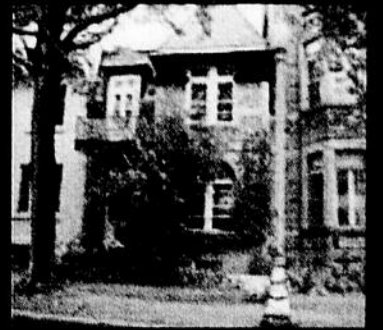
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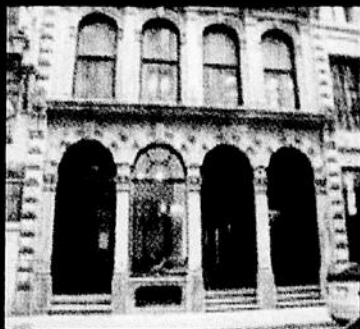
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Double Hook feted at nostalgic Centaur event

> Matt Forsythe

In most places, when a bookstore closes, it closes with a whisper. When a bookstore closes in Westmount, Dennis Trudeau and the Malcolm Travis Quartet host a tribute celebration at the Centaur Theatre.

It also helps when the shop in question is the Double Hook.

During its 30-year tenure, the Double Hook became an institution in Canada's literary landscape. Mordecai Richler called it

"the finishing school where middle-aged Westmount women learn to hang their glasses off the end of their noses."

Hundreds of writers, including Robertson Davies, Roch Carrier, and Dennis Lee have launched their books from the store.

Judy Mappin, one of the shop's founders, announced her retirement early this year and decided to sell the shop.

Stephanie Bolster, a writer and English professor at Concordia University, was



Judy Mappin addresses the audience at the Oct. 24 Centaur Theatre event

Photo: Monique Dykstra

invited to speak at the ceremony. She said she first heard about the shop as a student in British Columbia. "We were reading the book, 'The Double Hook', by Sheila Watson, and our professor told us, 'You know, there's a little bookshop named after this book in Montreal.'"

What is perhaps most remarkable about the shop is the audacity of its inception. Three women opened the shop with the purpose of selling only Canadian literature. The Double Hook first opened in 1974 at a location on Ste. Catherine Street but quickly moved to Greene Avenue in Westmount.

"I loved working there," said Hélène Holden, co-founder of the bookshop. "I discovered Canadian books were not in Canadian bookshops. So that was it, I thought we should start an all-Canadian bookshop."

Throughout the years, the shop earned the respect and gratitude of the Canadian literary community. Many of whom were at the

tribute.

"Writing is to publishing as sex is to childbirth," said novelist and playwright Marianne Ackerman from the stage, "and I propose the bookseller is a sort of kindergarten. The bookseller must nurture and provide a safe place for our books to grow up in. The Double Hook was that kind of place. In that sense, tonight is not an ending, but a kind of graduation."

William Weintraub lamented all the greesees he was introduced to at the Double Hook's many book launches. "I remember my first encounter with Cambozola. That beautiful, crumbly white German cheese," he said to rousing laughter. "But I bought the book, even though I could tell from the cover I wouldn't be interested in it. It would make a handsome addition to my next garage sale."

Mappin said she was overwhelmed by the reaction of readers when the shop closed. "I'll miss the people I worked with. It was a great gang. And I'll miss being around the books."

The property is being taken over by Babar en Ville, an expanding children's bookseller from Pointe Claire. Mappin sees this as a fitting legacy to her shop. "That's where it all starts, isn't it? If our children love books, they'll grow to be book people all their lives."

• The Double Hook tribute evening was part of UNESCO's Montreal World Book Capital year long celebration of reading in the city.

• Judy Mappin will be the special guest lecturer and subject of the Westmount Historical Association's lecture evening in the Westmount Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 17.

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Library promotes collectors

> Matthew Surridge

The Westmount Public Library has begun a new program for local collectors.

Any library member who maintains a collection of any sort may use the display case in the main room of the library to publicly present the highlights of their collection. Each display will be accompanied by books from the Library which will help to provide background information on each collection.

Collectors of all ages are welcome to present their hobbies, from stamps to figurines to whatever else may drive them. The library recently opened its program with a display of exotic chess sets and chessmen, which has since been followed with a display celebrating the life and works of the late local historian Aline Gubbay. Future displays are still in the process of being assembled, and collectors interested in taking part are urged to contact the library.

According to Library Director Ann Moffat, the library must feel there is an interest to the community in the collection to be presented, and that it supports the library book collection in some way. As Moffat points out, that covers a lot of ground. The library contains books on a vast array of collections and related subjects. Virtually any conceivable sort of collection can be seen as relating to something in the library's inventory.

The library staff will work with interested collectors to select materials to be presented in the display case. Although the case itself has limited space, Moffat noted that there is a possibility in certain circumstances that a collector might be able to discuss their hobby more thoroughly by giving a talk in the library's monthly 2 o'clock lecture series.

From a certain point of view, the mission of any public library is simply to assemble a collection of books, and then to open that collection to the public. In fact, besides its collections of books, graphic novels, and audio-visual material, the Westmount Library also collects postcards presenting views of Quebec and Westmount. Given, then, that the collector is at the heart of the existence of the library, the new program is a logical extension of the library's mission as a community resource.

The display program in fact began with a discussion at a library board meeting concerning the nature of collecting. It turned out that many of the board members kept a collection of some kind. As each of them in turn described the nature of their hobby, they discovered the excitement of sharing their interest with others. The interest and fun of the discussion led to the idea of using the display case at the library as a medium by which other members of the Westmount community might present their own collections to the public.

Moffat hopes that the program will demonstrate "the joy of collecting, the experience ... just the challenge of it, the excitement of getting the last card that fits in your collection."

She emphasizes the public aspect of the program, and the chance it gives library members to present their interests to others, stating that "That is what is so great about the library, that people feel a part of it, and that they want to share ... they know that if they put something like that here, there will be somebody else looking at it."

Library members with a collection for display are urged to contact either Ann Moffat at 989-5249 or Outreach Librarian Donna Lach at 989-5386.

WHA celebrates Holgate



From the Group of Seven and the Beaver Hall Group to the Canadian Group of Painters, Westmount artist Edwin Holgate was a main creative force in Canadian art in the 1920s and '30s. The noted portraitist, landscape painter and printmaker was the focus of attention on Oct. 20 when the Westmount Historical Association welcomed guest speaker Rosalind Pepall (pictured above) for the October installment of its fall lecture series. Pepall, who co-curated the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts retrospective exhibition of Holgate's work this past summer, told the story of Holgate's life with a slide show of photographs and many key works from his long career—from his childhood on Rosemount Avenue through his years in Morin Heights and finally his retirement in an apartment on Clarke Avenue.

Photo: Doreen Lambay

Friends of the Library prepare for fall book sale

Local bibliophiles will be pleased to know that the Friends of the Westmount Public Library will be holding their fall used book sale next Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19 and 20 in the Westmount Room of the Library.

As in previous years, the Friends will be offering a wide variety of high-quality used books for sale at extremely low prices.

In addition to the usual assortment of

books in prime condition, there will also be a selection of CDs and DVDs for sale.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days.

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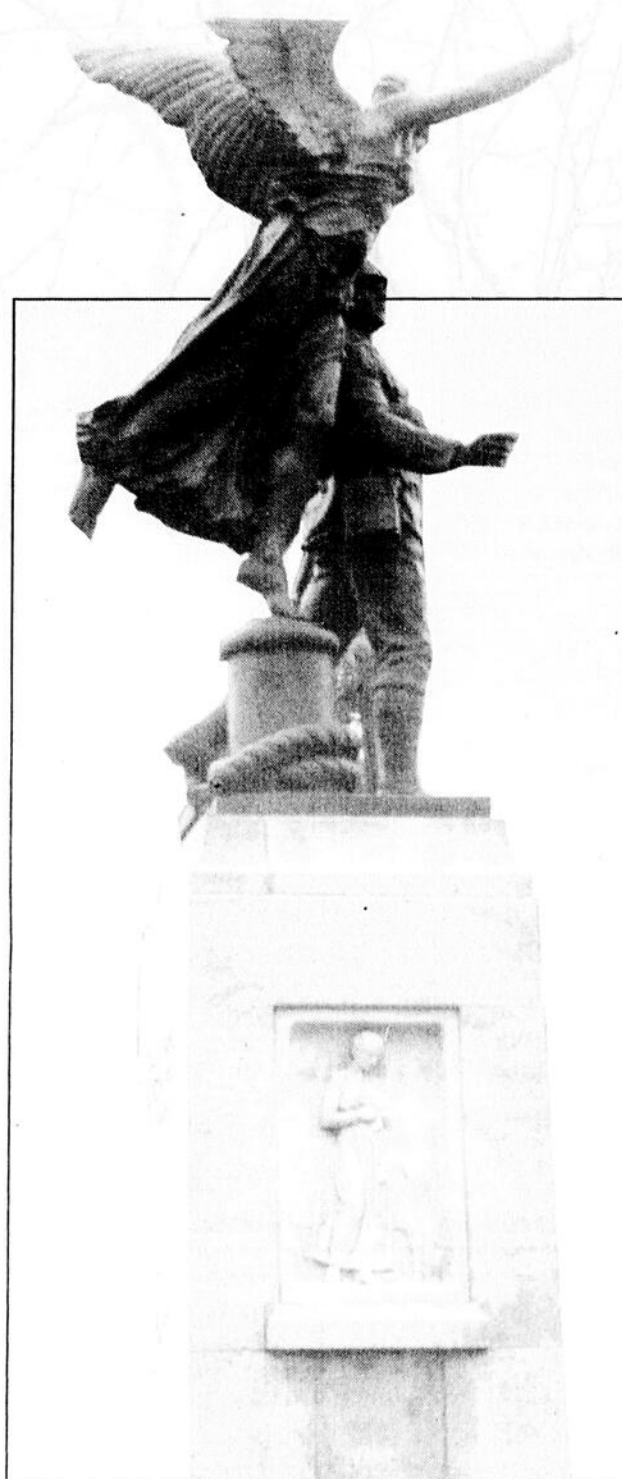
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Fall flower show is last for retiring di Mambro

> Martin C. Barry

Westmount's mayor and councillors held a reception at Victoria Hall last week to welcome new residents and recognize the contributions of volunteers.

At the same time, they opened the 73rd annual Fall Flower Show.

Welcoming people who recently moved to Westmount, Mayor Karin Marks said that although some things have changed locally in the past few years, others haven't.

"The thing that has not changed is the sense of community which we enjoy here in Westmount," she said.

The evening was an especially momentous one for the borough's chief horticulturalist, Pompei di Mambro, who is responsible for public displays of flowers all over Westmount. Due to retire from the borough's staff last week, the day after the flower show's opening, it was the last one he organized.

The plants in the flower show were all grown during the summer months, using only biological means of pest control—something which is considered very important in Westmount. Di Mambro and a staff of



Director General Bruce St. Louis chats with Pompei di Mambro at the flower show opening.

Photo: Martin C. Barry



The fall flower show in Westmount's greenhouse offers a quiet respite from the city.

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three other greenhouse employees did all the work setting up the show.

"For several years now, the Spring and Fall Flower Shows have all been designed and arranged under the supervision and the tender loving care of our head gardener, Pompei di Mambro," said Marks.

"Tonight marks the opening of his last show, because effective tomorrow morning, Pompei will enjoy his first day of retirement after 33 years of dedicated service to the city and the citizens of Westmount.

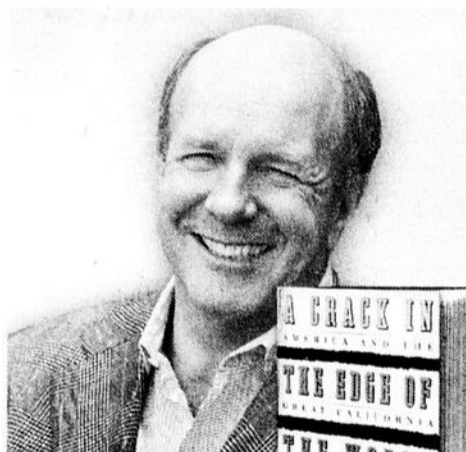
"Pompei, on behalf of council and your fellow employees and friends here at the city, we thank you for the many years of colour and joy that you have given us through your magnificent floral displays in the greenhouse, the floral clock, and the many garden beds around the city," Marks added. "We wish you many long, happy and healthy years as you bloom into your retirement time."

Samuel Le Marquand, a Bruce Avenue resident who attended the reception, said he enjoys life in Westmount. "I don't think I'd change it," Le Marquand said. "It's a very friendly town and you get a sense of community. I'd rather have that than a lot of other things."

He also said he looks forward to Westmount's impending demerger. "If it gives us more of a sense of community, yes. If it gives us another aspect, which I don't know of yet, I might not like it as much. But I'm keeping my mind open."

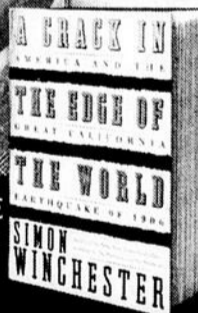
Elizabeth Hunter, a Westmount resident since June who was taking in the flower show, said, "It's amazing that a community like this has all these resources and is able to bring everyone together. It's a fantastic evening and a great event—a great testament to the community."

The floral exhibition will be open daily to the general public from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., for the next three weeks, depending on the condition of the blooms.



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Winchester to appear at Victoria Hall

Best-selling author in town to promote new book, 'A Crack in the Edge of the World: America and the Great California Earthquake of 1906'

> Megan Breckenridge

avid readers rejoice: Simon Winchester is coming to Westmount.

Currently on tour promoting his latest book, 'A Crack in the Edge of the World: America and the Great California Earthquake of 1906', Winchester will be speaking at Victoria Hall on Nov. 14 in a special event organized by the Nicholas Hoare bookstore in association with the Westmount Public Library.

Though now primarily working as an author, Winchester is a journalist and broadcaster and has worked as a foreign correspondent for most of his career. As a result, his books cover a wide range of subjects, including the American Midwest, China's Yangtze River, the Kosovo crisis and Mount Krakatoa in Indonesia.

"He's very good at picking a story about something big and finding the angle that makes it human," said Jennifer Roberts, manager of Nicholas Hoare.

Roberts also said that now is the perfect time for Winchester to be touring with his current publication. "[His new book] is very topical because of the hurricanes, especially in New Orleans," she said.

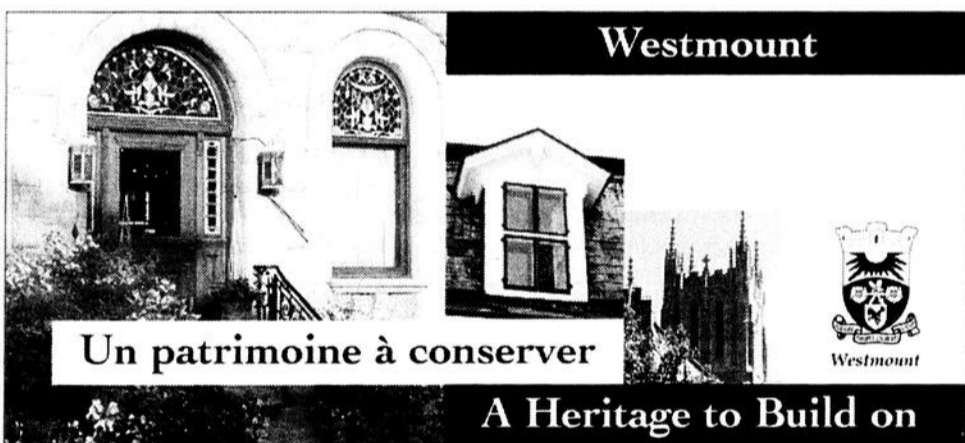
Since penning 'A Crack in the Edge of the World', Winchester has criticized the American government's response to Hurricane Katrina, both in an article published in the New York Times and in an interview with Lou Dobbs on CNN.

Comparing the hurricane to the 1906 San Francisco earthquake during his sit-down with Dobbs, Winchester said that after the quake, "the federal government responded with astonishing alacrity, great efficiency."

But in modern society, there is a serious lack of initiative. "[There is] too much bureaucracy today. Too many people looking over their shoulders, not making decisions, not rising to the moment," Winchester said.

In drawing such parallels between the two disasters, Winchester's text becomes timely indeed. His talk at Victoria Hall promises to be both interesting and relevant in today's political climate.


Simon Winchester will be at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W. on Monday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and are available from Nicholas Hoare branches on Greene Avenue and downtown in Ogilvy's, or from the Westmount Public Library. For more information, call 989-5386 or 933-4201.



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Le 23 novembre 2005

Les portes et fenêtres

John Diodati, architecte
(Fournier, Gersovitz, Moss et associés)
De quels types de fenêtres les maisons de Westmount sont-elles généralement dotées et pourquoi ?

Cette causerie aura lieu à l'hôtel de ville de Westmount (4555, rue Sherbrooke O.) à 19 h. L'entrée est gratuite, mais le nombre de places est limité.

Prière de réserver une place en composant le (514) 989-5226 ou en personne au Victoria Hall (4626, rue Sherbrooke O.)

Please join us for the second in a series of 5 evening talks on the architectural heritage of Westmount. Learn more about the history of our community and how its unique development forms the basis of the city's Guidelines for Renovating and Building.

November 23, 2005

Windows and Doors

John Diodati, Architect
(Fournier, Gersovitz, Moss & associés)
What kinds of windows are common in Westmount houses, and why?

This session will take place at Westmount City Hall (4555 Sherbrooke Street W.) at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free, but space is limited.

Please reserve by calling (514) 989-5226, or reserve in person at Victoria Hall (4626 Sherbrooke W.)

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Thursday, Nov. 10

Annual Craft Sale and Bazaar at Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Includes special Christmas gift section filled with homemade articles, hand-knit items, Christmas gift baskets, etc. Also used quality clothing, used books and jewelry, etc. Info: 932-2326.

Friday, Nov. 11

The C.G. Jung Society of Montreal presents David Miller, professor of religion at Syracuse University, who will deliver a lecture on why religion makes us sick. 7:30 p.m. in the amphitheatre of Dawson College, Room 4C.1. Admission is \$10 for Jung Society members, \$8 for seniors, and \$15 for all others. Info: 481-8664.

Saturday, Nov. 12

The annual Westmount Artisans' Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W. Come see and buy the work of 39 local artisans. Admission is \$2 or non-perishable food items.

St. Matthias' Christmas Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Corner of Metcalfe and Côte St. Antoine. Attic treasures, linens, jewelry, books, frozen foods, baked goods, crafts and more. Lunch will be served.

Fair Trade Food and Craft Fair at the Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The C.G. Jung Society of Montreal presents a workshop with David Miller, professor of religion at Syracuse University, who will explore the shadow of Christianity, in room 3H.15. Dawson College. Admission is \$70 for Jung Society members, \$50 for seniors and

students, and \$90 for all others. To register or for more information: 481-8664.

Sunday, Nov. 13

The annual Westmount Artisans' Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W. Come see and buy the work of 39 local artisans. Admission is \$2 or non-perishable food items.

Monday, Nov. 14

Nicholas Hoare, in association with Westmount Public Library present an evening with acclaimed author Simon Winchester, who launches his new book 'A Crack in the Edge of the World'. The author will give a talk, followed by an interview with Shelley Pomerance 7 p.m. at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St W. Tickets are \$10, available from Nicholas Hoare on Greene Ave (933-4201) or Nicholas Hoare at Ogilvy's (499-2005), or from the Westmount Public Library (989-5386).

The Montreal Camera Club holds its second Nature Competition meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve W. All those interested in photography are welcome. Info: 933-6332.

Tuesday, Nov. 15

Second Hand Book Sale at Westmount High School, 4350 Ste. Catherine, from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please drop off your used books at Westmount High on Nov. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. Info: 483-6300.

Wednesday, Nov. 16

Emergency Preparedness: The Healthy City Mutual Support Committee presents

Director General Bruce St. Louis, who will provide an update on the City Emergency Measures Plans in Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W. Coffee and Danish at 7:45 a.m., presentation at 8 a.m. All welcome, no charge.

Fall Author Series at the Westmount Public Library, continues with Colin McAdam, author of 'Some Great Thing', at 7:30 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the library, 4574 Sherbrooke W. Refreshments will be served. Info: 989-5386.

Book Launch: The Royal Commonwealth Society Montreal Branch launches the new book 'The Royal Commonwealth Society Montreal Branch 75 Years 1930-2005' by Fiona Malins from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. The author will be present. Refreshments will be served. Info: 937-8321.

Thursday, Nov. 17

The Atwater branch of the Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents 'Songs to Celebrate' with Jennifer Gasoi, at 10:30 a.m. Info: 931-2304.

The Westmount Historical Association's fall lecture series continues with an evening with Judy Mappin of the Double Hook Book Shop, at 7 p.m. at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke W. Free for WHA members; \$5 for non-members at the door. Info: 925-1404 or 932-6688.

Friday, Nov. 18

The Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., celebrates the Small English Literary Presses of Montreal, at 6:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese at 6:30 p.m., readings at 7. There will be refreshments, a book table, and readings by writers from four Montreal presses: Maya Merrick (Conundrum Press); Taien Ng-Chan (Cumulus Press); Steve Luxton (DC Books) and Mikhail Iossel (Delirium Press). Info: Tanya Mayhew at 935-7344.

Wednesday, Nov. 23

Used Book Sale: The Auxiliary of the Montreal Children's Hospital holds a used book sale from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the hospital, 2300 Tupper, second floor B wing. All

books in good condition. Very reasonable prices. All profits donated to the hospital. Info: Rita Wilson at 412-4400 ext. 22384.

Friday, Dec. 2

The Montreal Children's Library presents 'Under One Sun: Stories of the Holiday Season' with Stephanie Beneteau at 2 p.m. at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Ages 6 to 12. Info: 931-2304.

Women's Rosh Chodesh Prayer Service at Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave., at 8:30 a.m. Women and children welcome. Info: Judy at 484-7862, Shelley at 489-9094 or Barbara at 683-4926.

Ongoing

'Tiny Builders', an exhibition by John Drew Munro, is being presented through Nov. 26 at the McClure Gallery in the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 488-9558.

The Gallery at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W., presents 'As the Parade Begins', an exhibition of photographs by Burt Covit, and 'Life and Strife', an exhibition of watercolours by Louise Drouin, from Nov. 17 through Dec. 10. Gallery hours are weekdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 989-5226.

HollingerCollins Contemporary Art, 4928 Sherbrooke W., presents an exhibition of photographs by Thaddeus Holownia, 'The Radio Canada International Portfolio', through Nov. 12. Info: 484-5444.

The C.G. Jung Society of Montreal holds a series of discussions based on readings related to 'The Da Vinci Code' by Dan Brown, on five consecutive Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Westmount Public Library. Discussions will explore various aspects of the sacred feminine, the Grail legend, and the hero's journey. \$50 for the series, or \$12 per session. Info: 481-8664.

The Montreal Children's Library presents a Chess Club for ages 6 to 12 on Fridays at 4 p.m. at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Info: 931-2304 or e-mail info@mcl-bjm.ca.

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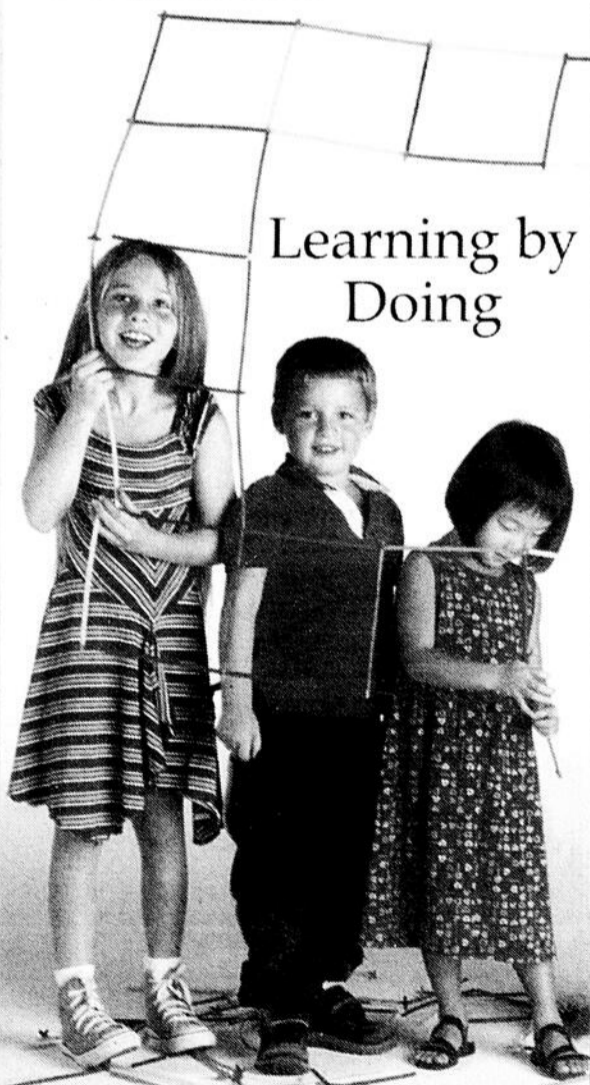
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Seniors' Luncheon at Centre Greene: Monthly on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, we serve a delicious home-cooked three-course luncheon in a warm and friendly environment. 12:15 to 2:30 p.m. at 1060 Greene Ave. RSVP at 931-6202.

Volunteer needed: Person required to read and discuss poetry with a group of seniors in a Westmount nursing home, twice a month. Info: Millie Karpman at 369-3000.

After-school Programme: Places still available for Centre Greene's excellent after-school and Ped Day programme. A veritable home away from home for children. Daily from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Safe and friendly environment, experienced and capable staff. Homework supervision, games and sports, arts and crafts, and snack. 1090 Greene Ave. Call Sophie at 931-6202 to register or for more info.

Tumbling Tots: Come join us in the gym at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Loads of fun things to do. Tumbling mats, book corner, animated sing-along and much MUCH more. Drop-in. \$3.25 per child, \$5.50 per family per morning. Info: 931-6202.

TGIF: Friday evenings of fun and games at Centre Greene. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Food, games and other activities for children aged 5 to 10 years. Twice a month: please call for the exact dates and to RSVP. \$10.50 per child per evening. RSVP at 931-6202.

Fantabulous Fridays: A new programme at Centre Greene for young teens aged 10 to 14 years. Alternating Friday evenings from 6 to

8:30 p.m. This new twice-a-month programme promises to be loads of fun! Participants will be asked to help with their own programming. \$12.60 per evening if you register for 10 evenings, or \$15 at the door! RSVP at 931-6202.

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While a military band played, commemorative wreaths were laid at the base of the Cenotaph by representatives of the Canadian and Quebec governments, the Borough of Westmount, the Third Field Engineers Regiment, the Royal Montreal Regiment, the 712th Communications Squadron and others.

Following the ceremony, dignitaries—including former Westmount mayor Peter Trent, an Honourary Colonel of the Royal Montreal Regiment—stood at the corner of Sherbrooke and Kitchener, reviewing the parade.

Capt. Louis Bariteau, a member of the 712th Communications Squadron, which is based in Westmount, said in an interview that the ceremony reminded him of comrades he served with while on tours of duty in Bosnia. "And also remembering our soldiers in both world wars and the Korean war," he added.

Westmount-Ville Marie MP Lucienne Robillard said, "It's always important, this day. And we have to support our soldiers who are there to promote and protect the peace internationally."

Robillard said her thoughts on Remembrance Day were especially with Canadian Forces who are currently serving in

Afghanistan. "The mission is not easy right now for them. So I think that we should as Canadians support them."

City councillor Patrick Martin, who attended the ceremony for the first time as an elected representative of Westmount, said Remembrance Day "is always a very moving day. I come every year if I'm in town."

Martin said his father's brother, Hugh, is listed on the Cenotaph monument. He was a member of the RCAF and died in action near Malta in the last weeks of the Second World War.

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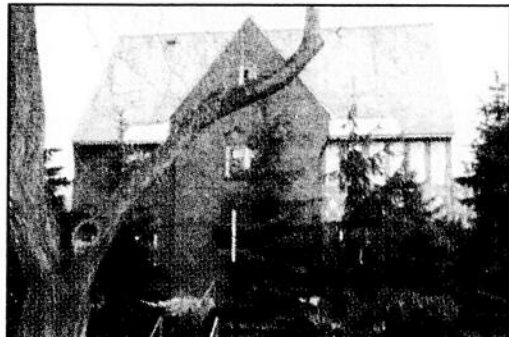
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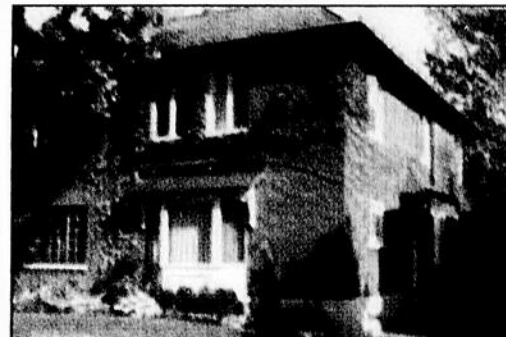
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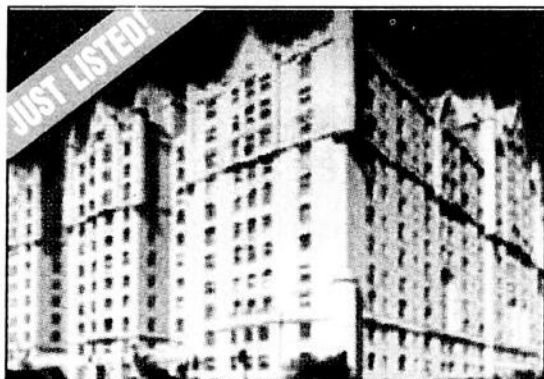
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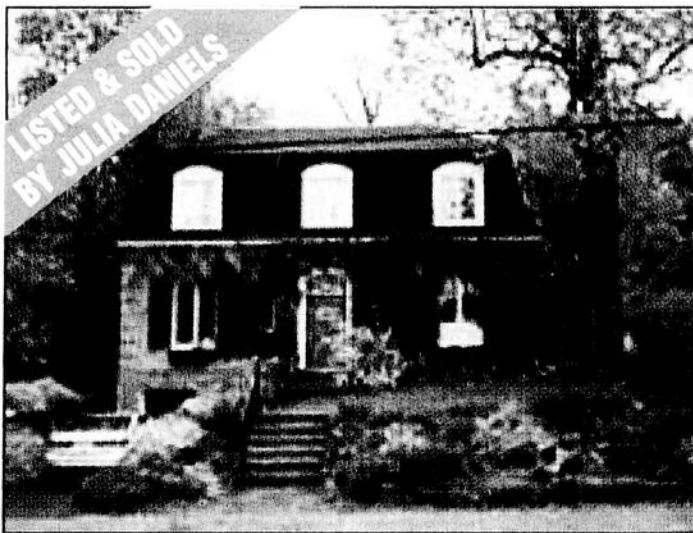
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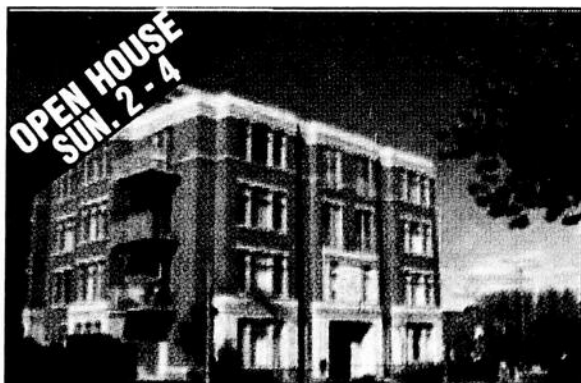
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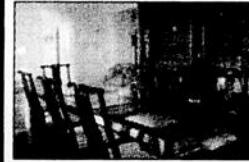


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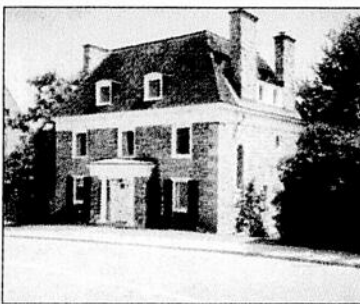
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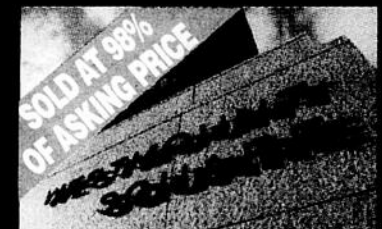
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