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Residents of all ages are enjoying one final season of fun at the old Westmount pool, which will be closed for good at the end of this summer. A larger outdoor pool is scheduled to open in 2013 as part of the new Westmount Recreation Centre. Photo: Matthew Faigan



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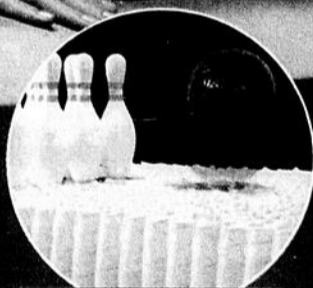
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Westmount Recreation Centre

Everyone who wants to play will be able to play

This is the sixth of a series on the progress of the new Westmount Recreation Centre, provided to The Examiner by Westmount City Council.

We are excited about the improvements the new recreation centre will bring to all residents who choose to take advantage of the new facility. One of the principles of Westmount recreation is that sports and activities are for everyone, not just for the elite and the adept. A second principle is that sport and recreation are not just for the young; for many of us, they are a vital part of life, throughout our lives.

Both these principles have been driving

forces in the design of the new centre. Young people under 14 and people over 65 are both projected to be the fastest growing segments of our population in the coming decades. The Westmount of 2013 will have two full sized-rinks to serve the former group, the group that puts the highest demand on organized hockey programs. It will also allow us to offer new on-ice programming of girl's hockey, ringuette, broomball and other activities where there is demand, while increasing access to figure skating and free skate periods for people of all ages year-round.

In summer, one of the ice surfaces will be

maintained and the other will be converted to indoor sports activities and programs such as our day camps, indoor racket sports and soccer in inclement weather. Indoors, an area for spectators will provide views of both rink areas and offer a comfortable place to watch, wait and meet with fellow residents.

Two multi-purpose rooms will accommodate meetings, social activities, fitness classes as well as programs especially designed for seniors. In parallel, the youth centre will be located in the complex as well, providing an important venue for our teens.

Of course, our new pool will become a

focal point for competitive and recreational swimmers of all ages, with a new toddler pool, a water play area and much expanded, shaded and sunny terraces.

The list of facilities might imply a sprawling and imposing structure. But of course, our recreation centre will be mostly underground, allowing us to reclaim nearly an acre of green space and to replace the tired surfaces of our existing tennis courts adjacent to the centre with brand new tennis courts.

In September, we will look at other components and features of the new centre. In the meantime, have a safe and happy summer. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Email us at westmountrecreationcentre@westmount.org

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Sherbrooke Street water main replaced

Work began this week on the replacement of a 120-year-old water main on Sherbrooke Street between Roslyn and Victoria avenues.

The six-inch cast iron main, dating from 1891, will be replaced with an eight-inch diameter ductile iron pipe. Water services on the north side of Sherbrooke Street will also be replaced.

During the course of work, drinking water will be supplied to all buildings via a temporary water main.

Parking on the north side of Sherbrooke Street, only within the work area, will be removed. In order to compensate for this loss, temporary parking modifications will be implemented on the neighbouring streets. The allowed parking time will be extended to four hours, and the signs "No parking - main-



Work began this week on the replacement of a water main along the north side of Sherbrooke Street. Photo: Wayne Larsen

tenance period" will be removed.

One lane of traffic in each direction is currently available on Sherbrooke for the three-block construction site, and sidewalks are expected to remain accessible to pedestrians at all times.

The work is scheduled to continue through mid-August.

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Editorial

We're all seeing orange

There are white Christmases, blue Mondays and red letter days... Now we can add another to the list — orange summers.

This of course refers to the traditional orange cones and newer orange-and-white striped cylinders that have become an integral part of Montreal's urban landscape. Orange is definitely the predominant colour this summer, for never in recent memory has there been so much road work being carried out at the same time in a relatively small sector of the city, forcing traffic slowdowns and annoying detours for motorists and assorted headaches for pedestrians.

From nine huge construction cranes looming above the MUHC hospital site in the Glen Yards to any number of smaller projects in the area, it is now almost impossible to take even a short trip without encountering some sort of

detour or traffic slowdown. Westmount has certainly not avoided the headaches, for nearly by construction projects have diverted traffic onto local streets — and now the resulting gridlocks have increased thanks to the big water main replacement project on Sherbrooke between Victoria and Roslyn, which has reduced the main thoroughfare's capacity to a single lane in each direction for a three-block stretch, and it will continue to be that way for the next month or so. Granted, this is an important project that could not have been put off for very much longer, but given the array of construction and roadwork projects beyond Westmount's borders, the overall situation has escalated to the point of near absurdity.

Add to this the impending construction of the Westmount Recreation Centre and the reconstruction of the Turcot exchange, and it



seems clear that residents of lower Westmount are in for a very long period of noise and inconvenience — not to mention traffic headaches.

Bridges, expressways, main arteries and side streets — nothing is apparently safe from this onslaught of road construction, slow-moving

single lanes and frustrating detours. Motorists may be seeing red, but everyone is seeing orange. It can be safely stated that everyone loses in this sorry and confusing situation — everyone, that is, except contractors and of course the manufacturers of those all-too-familiar orange cylinders.

Letters to the Editor

Congratulations, Dave!

To the editor:

At Williams & Esber Inc., we were happy to read of Dave Lapointe's appointment as Assistant Director of Sports, Recreation and Community Events.

The Lapointes are a large, close-knit and accomplished family, respected in their

communities. Dave's brother Steve is a 17-year valued Senior Broker with our company. The Lapointes revered their mother, who passed away several years ago, and every year since they have held the Joyce Lapointe Memorial Golf Tournament in her honour.

We will presume to congratulate Dave on behalf of our community for his selfless efforts and fine example he sets for our children.

Richard Esber,
President, Williams & Esber Inc.
Ste. Catherine Street

Park phone is useless

To the editor:

Some weeks ago I tried to make an urgent call from the 24-hour phone in Westmount Park. But the line had been cut by vandals. And I had to run to Sherbrooke Street to find a phone.

The next day, I reported the matter to Public Security and was told it would be repaired. A week later, I called Public Security again to remind them to have the line repaired.

I was assured that it would be repaired — in due course.

The following week, I emailed a strongly worded letter to Westmount's webpage, addressed to the mayor. I received an automated reply thanking me for having taken the trouble to write. Yet another week later, I wrote a still more strongly worded letter to the director of Public Works.

And until I receive a reply in due course, I write to inform residents who may try to use the 24-hour phone to call for urgent assistance that the line has been cut by vandals. And will be repaired in due course.

Stephen Chin,
Sherbrooke Street

City is penalizing resident motorists

To the editor:

I agree with Matthew Cope and others who have written in. During the past two weeks I have been in touch with Gary Ikeman, the city councillor for District 5, and with his help I understand that parking fees will rise from \$120 to \$160 for the first car and \$240 to \$320 for the second car.

While this is much better than the 100 percent increase that they initially proposed, I told Mr. Ikeman that it still penalizes people like myself and others — particularly in the Victoria Village, where there are many homes like mine where a parking apron does not exist and these is no room to build one.

Like Mr. Cope, I was very surprised that Westmount took this route instead of perhaps raising fees for all the activities at Victoria Hall and the arena, which are elective. By raising parking fees, they are penalizing people who do not have a choice. This is not Manhattan. We cannot give up our cars. Having completed

a survey for Ikeman, it should be pointed out that Westmount has the highest parking rates for its citizens in comparison to other boroughs in Montreal and other cities like TMR, Hampstead, Cote St. Luc, etc. In many cases, parking is only \$70 per year for an overnight parking permit in many areas of Montreal.

Lastly, the spaces on my street are not reserved for residents only. We have to share them with hundreds of drivers who visit Westmount to shop, etc. If Westmount wants to give me a spot in front of my home that is reserved only for me, than perhaps they can place a premium on it.

Until that time, I think our politicians should stop penalizing us and be more creative when it comes to getting more money.

Glen Grossman,
Winchester Avenue

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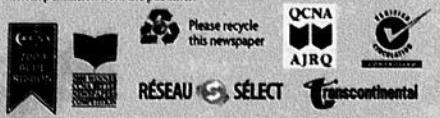
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Volume soared in June



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The late-blooming Westmount real estate market exploded into full foliage in May and the explosion continued through June, it appears, pushing the value of a typical Westmount house above the \$1.4 million mark.

Eighteen sales in June followed 28 in May, both months way above average and making up for a sluggish January through March. We suspect that buyers are finally used to the kind of price levels that are going on in Westmount right now, and they are determined that they will get their Westmount property, no matter what.

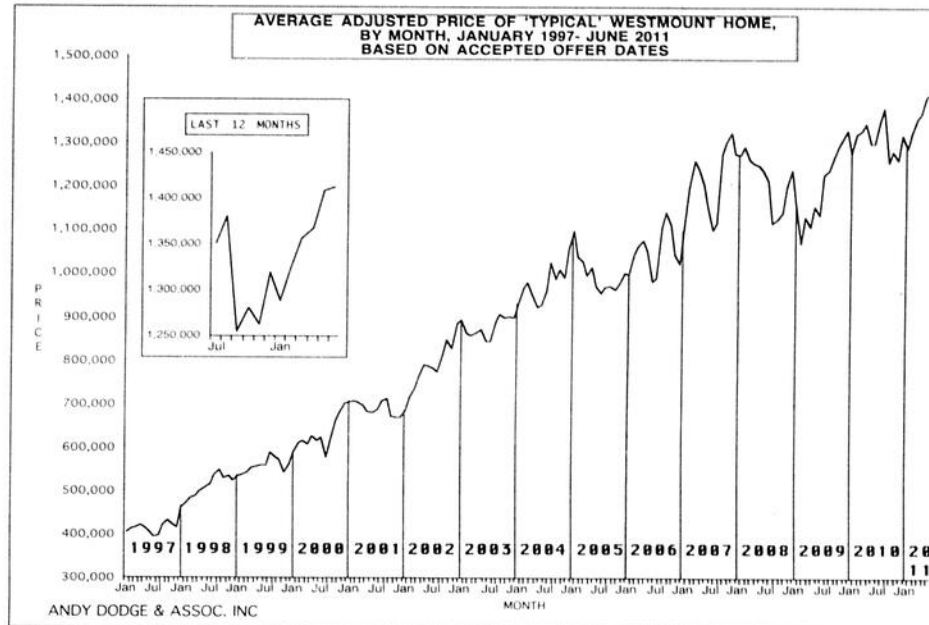
Interestingly, only four houses sold in adjacent-Westmount areas while all this was going on in the city, two in the Circle Road area in Côte des Neiges, one on Vendôme Avenue in Notre Dame de Grâce and one on Baile Street in Shaughnessy Village. Only one of those surpassed the \$1 million mark, the others all were in the range of \$799,000 to \$860,000.

For Westmount, on the other hand, the 46 sales in May and June ranged in price from \$549,000 to \$3.7 million, with 18 of the prices under \$1 million and five over \$2 million. The average price was slightly lower in June (\$1,186,000) than in May (\$1,282,768) but the 22 percent markup over valuation in June was slightly higher than it had been in May (18 percent).

Those who couldn't afford the houses were ready to settle for condominiums, it seems, as four apartments sold for prices between \$410,000 and \$865,000; already six had sold in April and May, bringing the second-quarter average price to \$577,250 and the average markup to 11 percent.

Rentals of houses were up considerably this year compared to last year: In the first six months of 2011, the Multiple Listing Service shows 18 houses rented in Westmount for rates ranging from \$2,450 to \$7,000 per month, compared to last year when only 12 house rentals were reported in the same time period for rates going up to \$12,000 per month.

NOTE: This article relates to offers to



purchase Westmount residential dwellings which were reported by the local real estate agents as having been accepted in June 2011. 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 this page offers a picture of these trends over time.

May saw one sale over \$4 million



ANDY DODGE
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The highest price for a house since last September was paid out in May this year, as 641 Argyle Avenue sold for \$4,237,500.

The elegant brick three-storey house, located above The Boulevard on more than 2,000 square metres of land, was the only sale over \$2 million in May, and at 43 percent represented the highest markup over municipal valuation among one- and two-family dwellings.

Next-highest price was \$1.8 million for

730 Lexington Ave., and from there prices went down to \$690,000 for the modest duplex at 81-83 Windsor Ave., though in fact that sale was the second-highest markup of the month, at 40 percent.

The bungalow at 554 Claremont Ave. sold for \$775,000 and everything else was over \$950,000. Two houses sold for less than municipal evaluation but the biggest markdown was only six percent, involving 115 Côte St. Antoine Rd.

Only 11 one- and two-family dwellings sold in May, the lowest number for the month since 2004. That brought the total for the year so far to 57, compared to 89 sales in the first five months last year. The low volume might

be a result of the abnormally high prices being asked for Westmount real estate, but in fact the average adjusted price so far this year is only 1.1 percent higher than it was last year.

The 11 sales averaged \$1,422,773 and the average markup was 17.5 percent, the highest monthly ratio since January.

Three condominium sales in May — two apartments and an upstairs flat — brought the total number of sales in the second quarter of 2011 to seven, with virtually the same average markup at 18.7 percent. The month saw the highest price for a condominium this year, \$1,965,000 for a seventh-floor apartment at 1 Wood Ave., and also the lowest price, \$275,000 for the upstairs flat at 21 Burton Ave.

A commercial condominium in the ground floor of 1 Wood, in the complex at 4055 Ste. Catherine St., had been sold for taxes by the City back in 2003, but the sale was only registered in May, so that it could then be sold to a buyer for \$105,000. Another commercial condo had been sold back in February for \$110,000.

Besides the condos, three shares of buildings involving two flats and one apartment changed hands for prices ranging from \$80,000 to \$480,000.

NOTE: The preceding article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in May 2011, provided by City officials. A list of sales can be found on page 8.

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Stowe's still hot: report

The Stowe, Vermont, real estate market continued to climb in the first half of 2011, according to the Smith Macdonald Report, a mid-year analysis of the local market compiled by brokers Peggy Smith and McKee Macdonald.

The area experienced a 23 percent boost in sales transactions compared to the first half of 2010, and the second quarter of 2011 increased 20 percent over the first quarter of 2011. Lamoille County, excluding Stowe, experienced a 22 percent decrease in sales transactions compared to the first half of 2010. Waterbury remained level with the same amount of sales in the first half of 2011 compared to 2010 — a positive sign, as there had been a decrease in sales transactions in the fourth quarter of 2010 and the first quarter of 2011.

The authors say that the continued

increase in sales volume in the Stowe market reflects the steady climb from the bottom of the market in 2009. Sellers have increasingly found ways to come to terms with buyers based on the realities of the market.

"It's an encouraging sign that buyers remain in the market, given what is traditionally a slower time of year, especially with the excessive rain this spring," they wrote. "The amount of qualified buyers that are in the market is important to note because these buyers are purchasing when they recognize value. Sellers must understand the amount of information available to purchasers in today's market allows them to determine market value better than any time in history."

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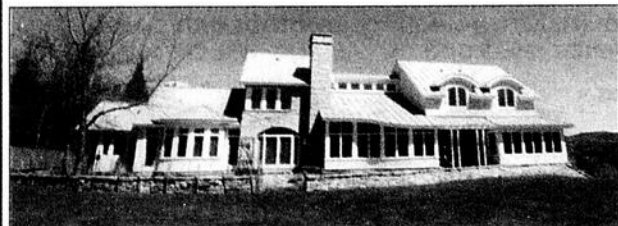
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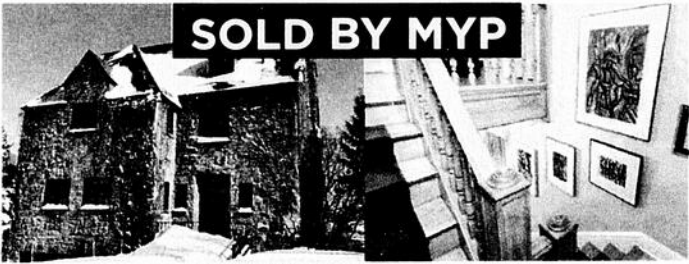
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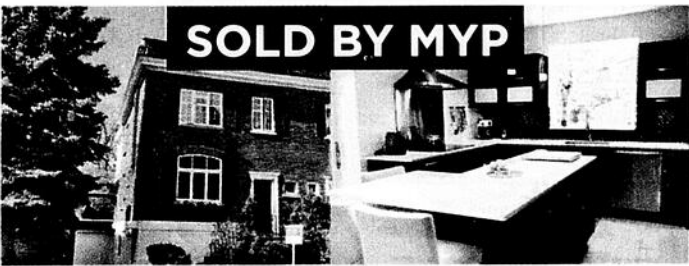
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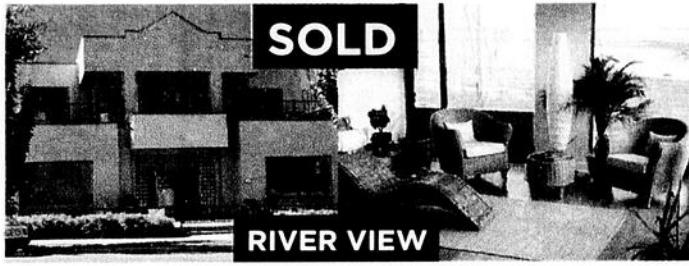
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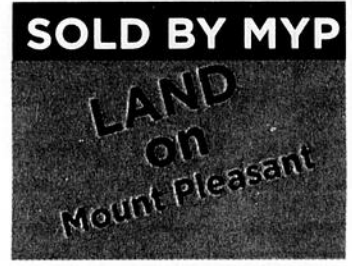
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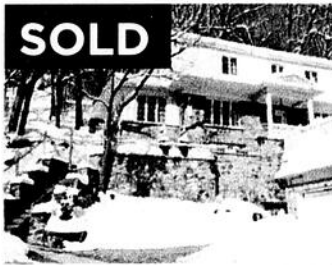
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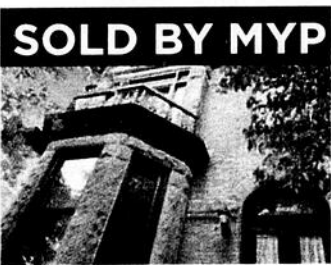
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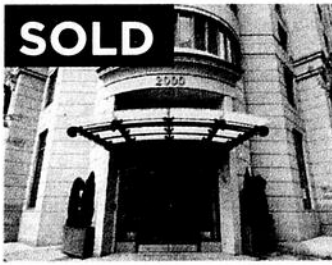
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641 Argyle	Eleanor Rose Jacobs	DJA Trust	\$4,237,500	\$2,969,700
554 Claremont	Chebel Dabbagh & Laurette Dib Nahas	Sanjiv Carlos Menezes & Mireille Roy	\$775,000	\$714,500
115 Côte St. Antoine	Gisèle Marie Hélène Blanchet	Pierre Wilkie & Sylvie Trotter	\$1,015,000	\$1,076,600
5 Douglas	Adam Shine & Brigitte Roy	Richard Black	\$1,200,000	\$1,041,300
7 Hudson	Tyler Kim & Pauline Chui	Monica Turner	\$1,275,000	\$1,048,600
730 Lexington	Hugo Sarrazin & Mili Chor Sarrazin	Marie-Claude Côté & Paul Avoulo	\$1,810,000	\$1,681,500
4328 Montrose	Gisèle Bissonnette	Marc Philippe Fischli & Sharon Margaret Helas	\$958,000	\$747,900
3769 The Boulevard	Halima Bangsa Jayah, Salah Eldin Mohammed Hasgan El Jack, Usama Salah El Jack, Mohammed El Jack	Evangeline Constantinidou	\$1,300,000	\$1,353,200
611 Victoria	Carlo Paolucci & Carmeladi Sarro	Liborio Gentile & Antonietta Nardi	\$990,000	\$891,600
4880 Westmount Ave	Surinder Kaur	Geneviève Biron	\$1,400,000	\$1,303,300
DUPLEXES				
81-83 Windsor	Francine Arès	Lu Tian & Wei Tian	\$690,000	\$494,200
CONDOMINIUMS				
21 Burton	Mathieu J. C. Moss	Sarah Freemantle, Beau Kavanagh, Geoffrey Freemantle & Katja Alajoki Freemantle	\$275,000	\$258,900
399 Clarke, #5C	Lila Herer	Ana Toro	\$405,000	\$342,200
1 Wood, #705	Cécile Roux	Richard Samuelson	\$1,965,000	\$1,315,000
COMMERCIAL CONDOMINIUMS				
4055 St. Catherine, Various ¹	Ville de Westmount	Grigorios Efrimidis	\$7,000	\$33,500 ¹
4055 St. Catherine, #106	Grigorios Efrimidis	Ting-Sheng Chao	\$105,000	\$18,300
SHARE SALES				
455-57 Grosvenor, 40%	David Anderson & Sophie Maheo	Ann Henney & Matthew Emmanuel Castel	\$480,000	\$267,080 ²
3123-27 St. Antoine, 34.5%	Ronald Jetté	Shayne Lonn	\$503,000	\$175,674 ³
4775 Sherbrooke, 10%	Chiara C. Fish & Ariela H. Fish	York Apartments Inc.	\$80,000	\$166,250 ⁴

¹Includes three subdivisions of commercial space underneath 1 Wood Avenue, sold by the City of Westmount for unpaid taxes back in 2003 but not registered until now. Valuation is a combination of \$18,300 for Lots 1580212 and 1580213, and \$15,200 for Lot 1580216.

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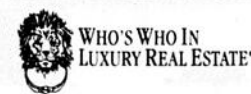
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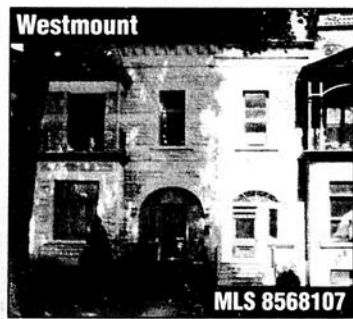
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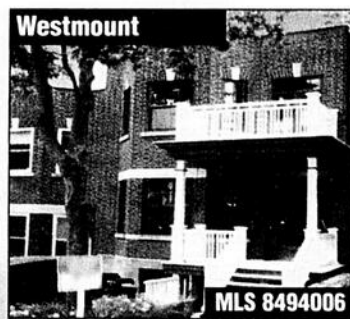
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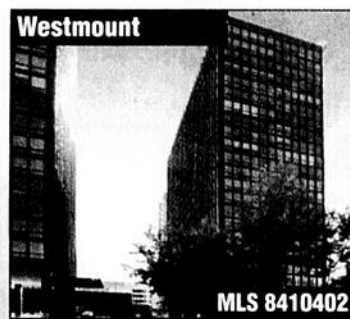
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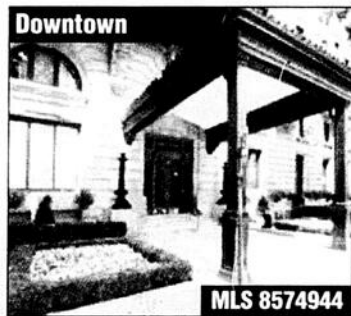
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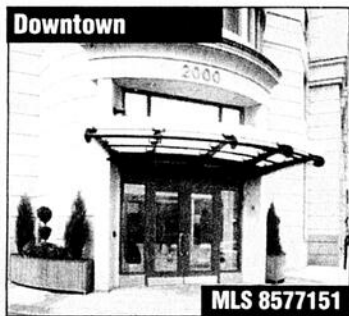
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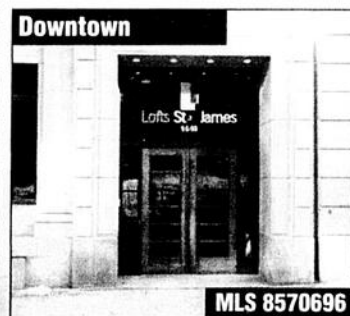
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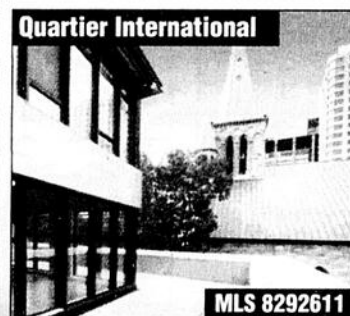
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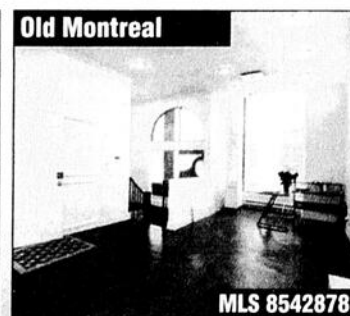
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City encourages use of rain barrels

\$30 subsidy available for residents using rainwater on gardens

The City of Westmount has launched a rebate programme to encourage residents to store and use rainwater in their gardens.

As an added incentive, a \$30 subsidy is available to those who purchase a rain barrel to collect downspout runoff from their roofs. Unlike the subsidized backyard composters, Westmount will not stock rain barrels, but residents can find a variety of models in garden centres, hardware stores and online.

"A reserve of 'soft' water is an asset during periods of drought, but capturing rainwater might also help protect buildings by directing water away from the foundation," said City Councillor Theodora Samiotis, Commissioner of Environment. "This, along with the reduced

risk of sewer backup during severe storms, might even have a positive impact on insurance rates."

She added that the City's rebate programme allows each owner to choose the system best suited to their building and property.

More and more cities are promoting the use of rain barrels to reduce pressure on sewer and storm water systems during heavy rain events, as well as to alleviate the high demand for water during the summer. Capturing and using rainwater also reduces the cost of municipal water purification and wastewater treatment. Hooked up to downspouts, rain barrels collect rainwater from roofs, providing a ready source of non-chlorinated water for plants and other domestic uses.

A City pamphlet, which includes a coupon to apply for the \$30 rebate, explains the benefits of using a rain barrel and how to choose one. Residents may pick one up at City Hall, Public Works, the Westmount Public Library or Victoria Hall — or it can be downloaded from www.westmount.org. A proof of purchase and a proof of residence are required for the rebate.

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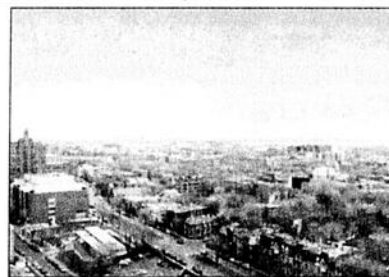
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Some people see Georges Bouchard as a sort of alien. Others see him as a model of inspiration. Right now, this 66-year-old Montrealer is living the best days of his life. After having worked for 32 years at the Jean Talon Hospital, for 16 years now, he has been taking advantage of a well-deserved retirement. This retirement, unlike many others, is far from being boring.

Bouchard has developed a great passion for

cycling, so much so that he has biked more than 8,000 kilometres a year. For this lover of life, it wasn't a question of staying sedentary, twiddling his thumbs, watching television or searching for something to do every day. As soon as it is nice outside, Bouchard gets on his high-speed Specialized and cycles to every corner of the city.

"Before, I used to cycle but it was recreational, only about two or three times a week," he said. "Once I retired, I thought that cycling would be a great way to stay in shape and to keep busy. I really want to prevent getting into a sedentary lifestyle which is a major problem for retirees these days." Bouchard has taken cycling more seriously with the idea to stay fit. This exercise has rapidly developed into a real passion, almost a religion.

"I bike because I love it and it's great for my health," he said. "The moment it stops raining, I go bike. Even in the winter, I continue

to bike indoors and I complete my exercise by going downhill skiing. It's been 16 years that I have been doing this and they have been the best years of my life. It's passed so quickly." Reaching 8,000 km per year requires a lot of pedaling. For an avid cyclist who bikes six months a year, that represents a daily distance of 45 km, the equivalent of biking the length of Montreal from east to west. Bouchard is proud to note that he bikes 50 km a day. His daily distance is sometimes more than some people have travelled in their whole life. "I notice more and more that people are taking up cycling for fun and are enjoying it," he said. "But our society is very sedentary and there are a lot of obstacles to overcome. I am still able to keep confidence though and I am always ready to tell people that it's never too late to start exercising."

Philippe Boisvert

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Georges Bouchard in three questions

- 1 Who is your role model?
The cyclist Andy Schleck.
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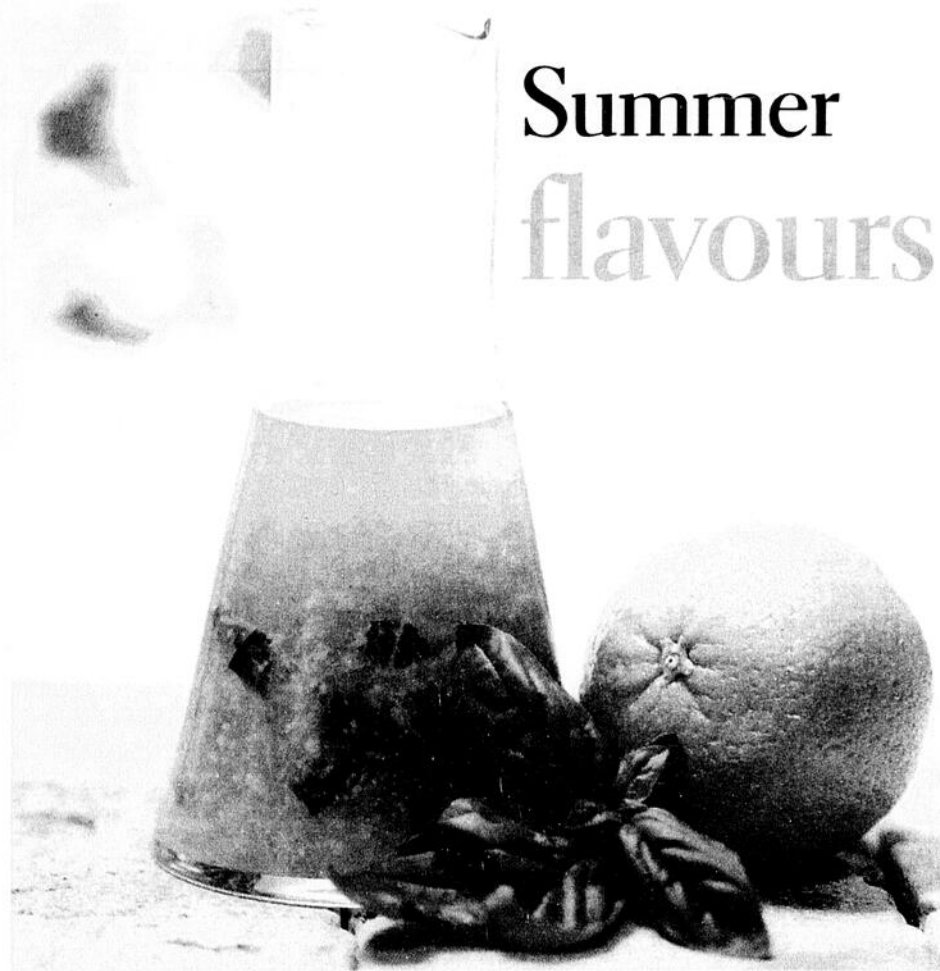


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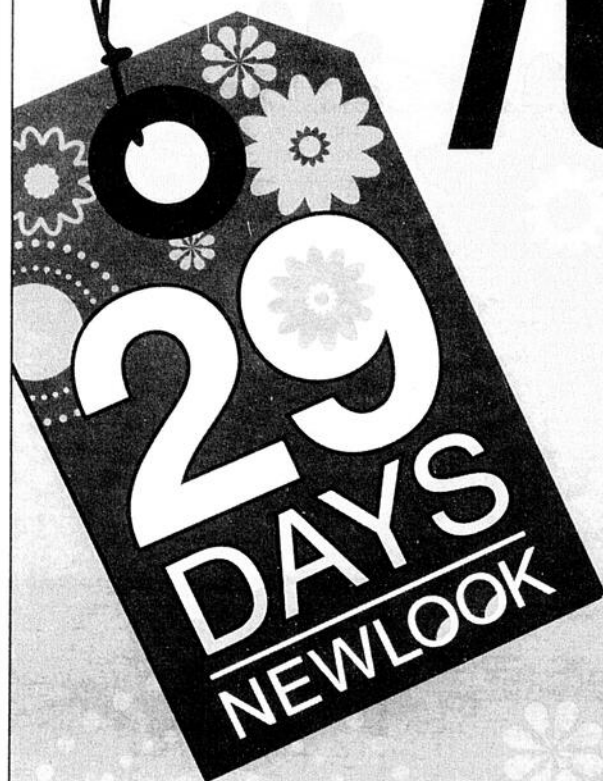
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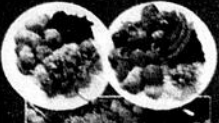
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
- 1 tbsp orange zest
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 2 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 1/2 tsp honey
- 2 tbsp torn fresh basil
- Salt and pepper to taste
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Place orange zest, orange juice, white wine vinegar, honey, basil, salt and pepper in a bowl. Slowly whisk in the oil until it's all incorporated. Serves 6.

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The program will include performances by opera singer Joyce DiDonato, dance companies from Germany, France, Sweden and the U.S., a new version of the youth dance camp, and the return of the International Choreography Competition.

The public is invited to the festival, which will run from July 28 to Aug. 7 and consist of 26 shows performed by more than 226 artists, free outdoor performances, a youth day and other activities. For more information, contact FASS at 450-227-0427.

Computer courses and workshops

For those who would like to upgrade their computer skills over the summer the Atwater Library and Computer Centre is hosting a series of fee course programs and workshops.

While registration for many are already filled, phone Nisa Malli at 514-935-7344 for updates and availability. The computer centre also offers private instruction tailored to individual needs at the Library or at a home or office site. In addition, every Monday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. people can stop by the Atwater Library's Computer Centre for assistance with their computer projects, whether

they are complex or simple. The range includes creating a website, editing digital videos, formatting a resume, online research and Microsoft Office applications.

Regular Computer Centre fees apply at \$2 per hour for Library members and \$4 per hour for non-members. Advance registration is not required.

Weekly tours explore downtown gems

This summer, the Peter-McGill Community Council is initiating six walks in the neighborhood, led by knowledgeable guides. Residents will be able to meet, rediscover the streets, parks and buildings that are their environment, discuss their concerns, projects and ideas, what they like and what they hope will change in the neighborhood.

The 90-minute walks will start from Cabot Square on Fridays at 5 p.m. and will address a different theme each week. On July 15, they will look at Mount Royal's footpaths. On July 22, participants will walk from the Pepsi Forum to the Bell Centre. On July 29, they will look at the architectural gems in the district. On Aug. 12, they will focus on Greening the Concrete Jungle. On Aug. 19, they will consider "Where do the families go?" and on Aug. 29 they will look at the effect of Roomate: Students and the Community.

The community is encouraged to contact the organizers with ideas to assist in the organization or with information for any of the walks. For more information phone 514-934-2280 or go to www.petermcgill.org

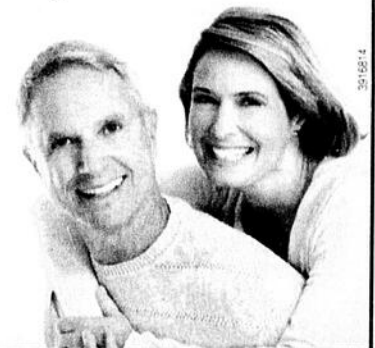
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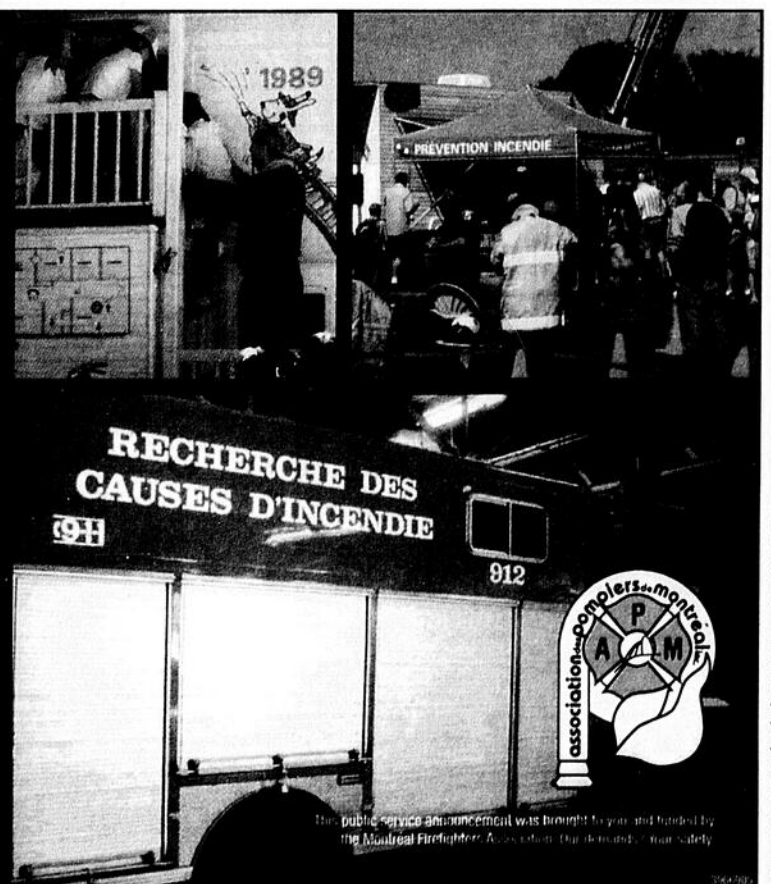
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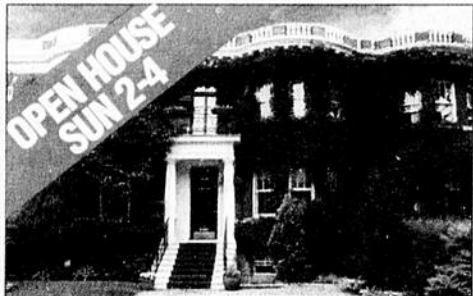
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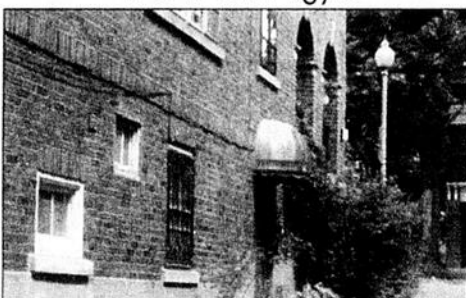
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