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## Measures needed to thwart speeders, council told

Wayne Larsen

Mayor Peter Trent says he is in complete accord with Argyle Avenue resident Ed Vickery, who returned to a city council meeting last week to report that the speeding problem on his street has gotten worse.

"It's like I'm standing on the side of a highway," Vickery said of the passing cars which he claims can reach speeds of 90 kilometres per hour — "which is very scary when you're going out to get into your car and they're flying by you."

Vickery has gone to previous city council meetings to ask if something could be done

to slow down lead-footed motorists in Westmount, but not only has no action been taken, he says, but cars are going even faster.

"I spoke to the previous police commissioner," Vickery said, "but there's been no difference except speeds are even higher."

He suggested that the installation of a speed bump on his street would help the situation. "I believe a physical barrier is necessary — perhaps a speed bump and stop sign," he said. "There are speed bumps on roads that are of a higher incline than this particular section of Argyle."

Trent said he echoed Vickery's concerns, as

he sees the same problem in front of his home on Cote St. Antoine Road. "I've noticed not just increased volume, but increased speed," Trent said. "It's incredible — and that's going uphill!"

City councillor Cynthia Lulham pointed out that speed bumps are not always very effective. "We've been humping and bumping the city and it's not working," she said, adding that Outremont has a street-narrowing program in place which City officials may be looking into.

"I'm in the same boat as you," Trent told Vickery. "I think collectively we have to find a solution to this because it's getting out of hand."

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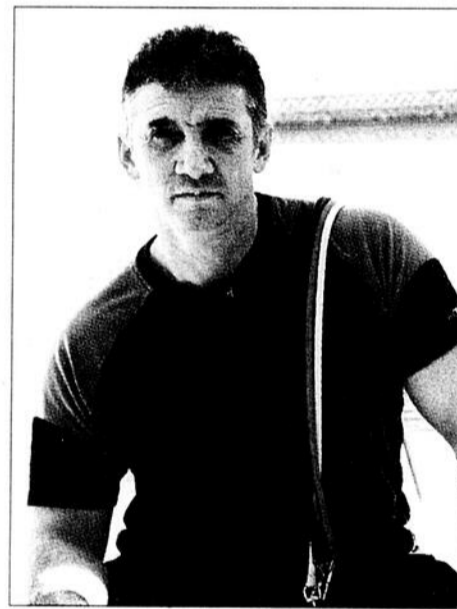
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On Friday, February 12th, Barefoot Wine and participating SAQ stores will introduce the new Barefoot Zinfandel by co-hosting a fundraiser to support Club des petits déjeuners du Québec. Your generous donation will help feed 15,000 children in Québec. Pictured here is Jennifer Jones, Quebec's Barefoot specialist sharing the news of her new launch with the Westmount Examiner's Publisher Denis Therrien. Curious? You can visit the SAQ at 4855 Sherbrooke to sample and participate.

## Yuki Bakery



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# Let's sit down together, Hoppenheim urges

Controversial Cedar Ave. site plans can be resolved as a win-win situation

Wayne Larsen

**A** long-time opponent of the giant building project on Cedar Avenue says he is optimistic that a mutually beneficial solution can be reached and has asked Westmount city council to continue its efforts to bring all sides together.

Howard Hoppenheim, a resident of The Boulevard who lives behind the now-vacant lot where Dr. Shatwa Al-Musawi intends to build a large home, made the request during last Monday's city council meeting — a few minutes after the adjournment of a lengthy public meeting where council voted unanimously against the latest plans for Al-Musawi's house at 3283 Cedar Ave.

"I don't feel that Mme Al-Musawi should be going home tonight feeling that she's been defeated," Hoppenheim said. "That's not the purpose of our objections here. Our objections are very straightforward and there are ways of reconciling."

Referring to the long history of Al-Musawi's ongoing attempts to build a house that does not obstruct the neighbours' view as an "agonizing process that we've been going through now for almost 10 years," Hoppenheim pointed out that since there is a lot of land on the T-shaped property, there should be some way of drawing up a set of plans that pleases everyone.

"I think it might be helpful if Mme Al-Musawi — who one day, hopefully, will be a neighbour of ours — and we, on The Boulevard, sit down with her architects and the (Planning Advisory Committee) people and try to come up with some kind of solution that works in a win-win situation," Hoppenheim said.

"I totally agree with you," said City Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who currently serves as the City's commissioner of Urban Planning. "I will certainly ensure that we extend that invitation to her."

# Police, PSOs take a soft stand on vagrancy



They may be few and far between in this community, but panhandlers are not about to get the bum's rush in Westmount.

Station 12 police Commander Stéphane Plourde appeared at last Monday's city council meeting to announce that the "one or two" panhandlers around Sherbrooke and Victoria Avenue will not be asked to leave by Public Security or police.

"Last week we met with Richard Blondin of Public Security and had our

first meeting on that problem," Plourde said. "Basically, we both agreed that we won't get tough on those guys."

Instead, he said, police plan to call in social workers to see what can be done to get the vagrants back on their feet and off the street.

Plourde had been invited to last Monday's meeting by city council to comment on the panhandling situation following complaints by some residents that it was becoming more of a problem in the Victoria village area.

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# OPINION

## Size matters!

The latest development in the ongoing saga of the Cedar Avenue mansion took place this past week, as, once again, Westmount City Council unanimously rejected Shatwa Al-Musawi's plans for a massive house to be built on the premises that she owns.

Even though her original plans were promptly rejected in 2002, Al-Musawi went ahead and re-submitted what were essentially the same plans in 2004. Again, the Westmount Planning Advisory Committee (WPAC) and City Council rejected them. This prompted the owner to turn to the courts, only to be denied by a Superior Court judge.

Last week's latest rejection by City Council was just one more development (or lack thereof) in this never ending story.

Eight years later and nothing seems to have been resolved, as the owner continues to defy the Westmount Planning Advisory Committee's recommendations and insists on submitting and re-submitting plans that are simply just too big for Westmount.

In the meantime, an empty lot sits in the middle of one of the city's most upscale neighbourhoods; an ugly eyesore, which, it's safe to assume, pleases neither the owner, nor the neighbours.

There's something to be said for tenacity and for staying true to one's course, but how many times do these plans have to be sent back to the drawing board before the owner realizes that some sort of concessions need to be made, so they can they finally be approved and building commences?

Isn't it time for a reasonable compromise to be reached? At some point the owner must recognize that owning said property does not entitle her to dwarf all other homes around her and impose her grandiose vision on them. *Size does matter!*

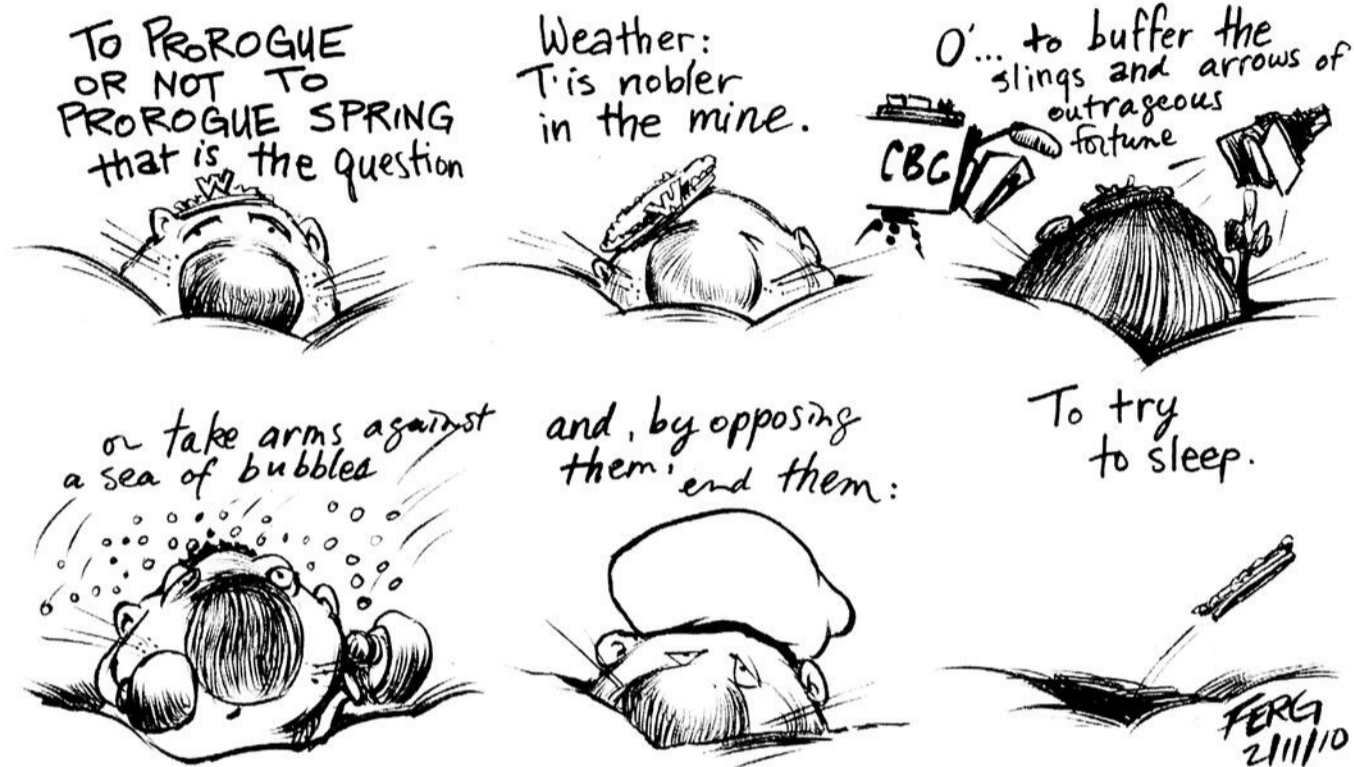
The reason why the City of Westmount has such strict architectural guidelines is because, a) beautiful old homes, like those found on The Boulevard, and their architectural integrity, need to be protected, and b) because Westmount attracts the kind of buyers who have the financial means to design and build such extravagant mansions in a limited amount of residential space. But, just because you can, doesn't mean you should.

It's easy to empathize with both the owner and the neighbours. Imagine spending significant money to own a beautiful piece of land in a beautiful neighbourhood and not be able to build the house of your dreams! Imagine, also, owning a beautiful home in a beautiful neighbourhood, only to have a neighbour build a gigantic home next to yours, obstructing all your views and open space.

A compromise needs to be reached, allowing for the owner to finally build on her land, while ensuring that the final result does not infringe on the neighbours' right to enjoy their property. It's time to finally reach a solution that would allow for a home to be built on this empty lot.

Surely, this would be in everyone's best interest, wouldn't it?

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Harmonization a concern for all

At a special Planning and Advisory Committee meeting on February 1, ('Too big for Westmount' Examiner, Feb 4/10) much concern was expressed by councillors regarding sensitivity and neighbourhood apprehension, as well as the need for 'harmonization' and 'appropriate scale' as it applies to a huge new mansion proposed for Cedar Avenue.

A number of the people exercised about the prospect of a new building in their backyard, as well as some councillors, are at the same time ardent supporters of a huge new arena in the middle of Westmount Park, in this case someone else's backyard.

Not surprisingly, those residing in lower Westmount evidence the same concerns for quality of life, harmonization and neighbourhood sensitivities as residents of other districts.

It is to be hoped that the well-justified concerns for their quality of life expressed by Cedar Avenue residents will resonate to the same extent with councillors when the neighbourhood being altered is Westmount Park. It would be disturbing if the principles and values enunciated at the meeting ended at the Boulevard.

Mavis Young  
Melville Avenue

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# Carnival fun livens up the winter



Always a popular attraction, the traditional horse-drawn sleigh ride in Westmount Park.

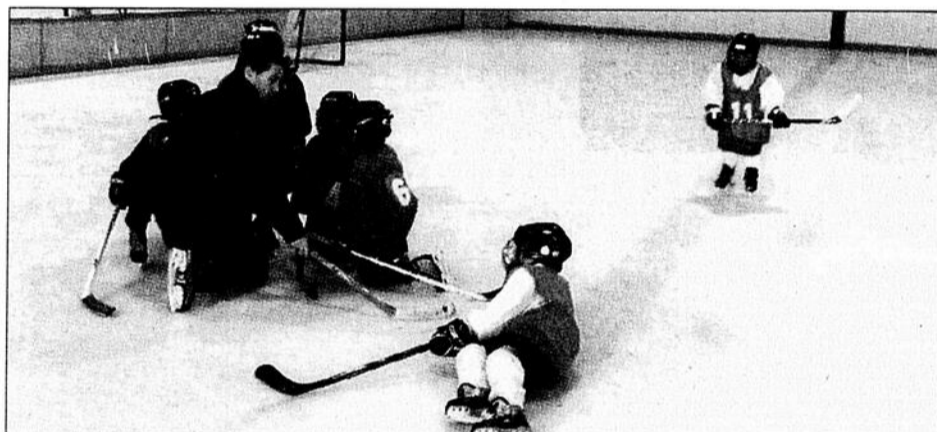
From all the old favourites to a Winter Olympic-themed evening in Victoria Hall, there was something for everyone at Westmount's 27th annual Winter Carnival — and this year the weather cooperated beautifully.

The three-day event featured family toboggan night at King George Park, Casino Night in Victoria Hall, and of course a day filled with frosty fun in the arena and Westmount Park on Saturday. From figure skating to face painting, hundreds of Westmounters took advantage of the many activities, both indoors and outdoors.



A touch of the old cabane à sucre in Westmount.

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Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan talks strategy with his team of 5- and 6-year-olds during one of the Termite hockey games.

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## ESC students tie the knot with Mount Royal at Tuques Vertes event

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As part of their Centennial year celebrations, the girls at the Westmount school are making a long-term commitment to protecting and enjoying

the natural beauty of the mountain that has always been so close to ECS. From the time it opened on Guy Street in 1909, to its second location on Cedar Avenue, and finally in its current Mount Pleasant home, students and staff alike have enjoyed everything "the mountain" has to offer.

As Grade 11 student Samantha Walsh explains, when the ECS Centennial Committee she sits on decided that Mount Royal should feature in their celebrations, Les Amis de la Montagne seemed like an

obvious place to turn, "Like ECS, Les Amis are an organization committed to education and community involvement. We are proud to be associated with them, and with their network of supporters, who have a passion for protecting and enhancing the mountain."

The partnership will be marked with a new, annual event called "Tuques Vertes" in homage to the well-known "Tuques Blues" event organized by Les Amis that takes place on Mount Royal every February.

Called Tuques Vertes both because ECS colours are green and white and because their support marks a certain "green" consciousness, the first-annual school event

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featured various outdoor activities, including a caleche ride for some and a brisk walk for others up to Beaver Lake, followed by skating, tubing, a lantern walk, and (thanks to Java U) hot chocolate and other warming treats.

Students have been busy fundraising for the event (selling Les Amis "We're Tied to our Mountain" shoelaces) and presented a \$2,100 cheque to Les Amis on the afternoon of Feb. 4.

ECS hopes Tuques Vertes will be the beginning of a new annual tradition, which will catch on with students at other schools in the years to come.

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**Fifteen Years Ago**  
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**Twenty-Five Years Ago**  
February 14, 1985

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**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
February 12, 1965

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Despite its enduring popularity, I do believe that Valentine's Day is rather corny and contrived. And I assure you that these are not the words of – as Bridget Jones would put it – a "bitter singleton". I honestly feel the same way even when I'm *in* a relationship.

Deep down, I suspect this was a holiday concocted by greeting card companies and a scam perpetuated by florists, as lovers around the world scramble to say "I love you" with sweet confectionery and over-priced flowers.

Now, I'm not trying to suck the romance out of life. Quite the contrary! Lord knows,

we could all use a touch of enchantment in this drab time of year. What rubs me the wrong way, however, is the fact that too many of us resort to last-minute, commercialized and – quite frankly – trite attempts at rekindling a flame, which we ourselves, too often, have allowed to die. You can't possibly remedy a year of very few or no romantic gestures with one day of exaggerated attempts. It's like applying an expensive paint job or new rims to a car that's falling apart from neglect. It might temporarily look pretty, but we all know it's going nowhere.

Year after year, I see the same old thing on February 14. Men running around at closing time, with a crazed look of desperation in their eyes, grabbing the last tired looking bunch of roses remaining in the store. So desperate are they, they don't even flinch when the store clerk quotes triple the price they would normally pay for those

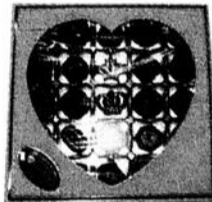
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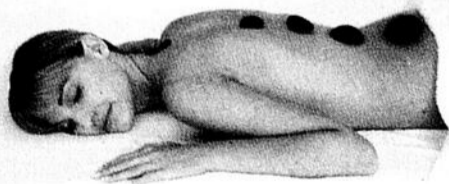
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flowers on any other given day. How about that Hallmark card professing your undying love with someone else's words? That's going to cost you too. And someone please tell me: If love is blind why is lingerie so popular this time of year?

Let's face it, we're all material girls living in a material world (yes, even you guys), and so it's inevitable that this consumer society of ours has taught us that love (or at least our misguided attempt to showcase our feelings) does indeed have a price tag.

At the end of the day, Valentine's Day is just an opportunity to lavish our lover with some additional affection. Be it with chocolates, candlelight dinners, diamonds, or spa getaways, it's just a chance to say "Hey, you're special to me." But shouldn't every moment we have with the person we love,

be special? Why do we only seem to remember that when a relationship is shiny and new? Of course shiny baubles are nice, but so is letting the person you love have the last slice of pizza or the window seat on the plane. Now, *that's* romantic! And those gestures usually set the tone for a love affair that stands the test of time.

Truth is, nothing material can possibly convey the way love transforms your world. How it "*makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place,*" as author Zora Neale Hurston so brilliantly communicated the sensation of opening up your heart to another human being. I suppose, when one thinks of it, it's commendable and downright brave that we even try to communicate it the way that we do do at all!

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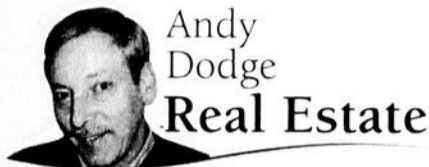
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# Lacklustre list of sales in October



Andy Dodge  
Real Estate

Real estate sales in Westmount reached an all-time low in October, with only six single-family homes and one duplex to add to

the local list, only three sales over \$1 million and an average price just over that million-dollar mark.

The fall tally matched the volume of October, 1990, but otherwise was the slowest October on record with volume figures going back to 1972. For the year so far the registry office has processed 124 one- and two-family sales for Westmount, the lowest year-to-date volume since 1976, when there were only

113 sales in the first 10 months.

Highest price was \$1,739,000 for the detached stone house at 3710 The Boulevard, and the next-highest was substantially lower, \$1,275,000 for 659 Belmont Avenue. The lowest was 36 York Street, tagged by the city as a duplex but marketed as a single-family dwelling, which went for \$532,000. The house on The Boulevard actually sold for much less than its municipal assessment of almost \$2 million, the only markdown of the month, while the biggest markup was awarded to 53 Holton Avenue, some 34 percent higher than its tax value.

Even if the regular sales list was somewhat lackluster, condominium sales registrations were abundant in October, with five sales running as high as \$1,500,000 for a seventh-floor apartment at 1 Wood Avenue. Only one sale was registered at less than \$500,000, for a

ground-floor apartment at 399 Clarke Avenue which actually sold below valuation, the only markdown among condos. Besides those, two apartments on York Street, one in a triplex and one in a duplex, sold as co-operative shares for prices just over \$400,000 each.

In fact, the average markup among condominiums was 22.5 percent, among one- and two-family dwellings it was only 9.2 percent, though the average so far for 2009 is 15.5 percent.

Sales which closed in October generally represent contracts which may have been drawn up between July and September last year.

No commercial or multi-residential sales were registered in October.

(NOTE: The above article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in October, 2009, provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found on Page 11.)



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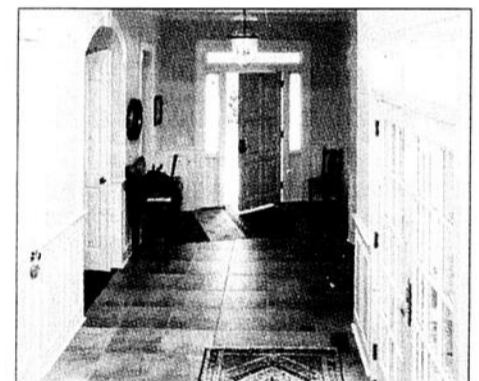
## January Sales: Catching our Breath

Andy Dodge, CRA

(NOTE: The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings which were reported by the local real estate agents as having been accepted in January, 2010. 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. A graph (found online [www.westmountexaminer.com](http://www.westmountexaminer.com)) offers a picture of these trends over time.)

A busy December in Westmount real estate meant agents had to catch their respective breaths in January, it appears, and try to find listings for what could be a busy spring season.

Only four home sales were posted in January, compared with a record 18 reported for December. But those include one at



more than \$2 million and another just over \$1.5 million, which indicates that the price scale is no longer being driven by the bottom of the market. Average price of the four sales is \$1,510,625, and the average markup over city assessment is 34.5 percent, with the range from 20.7 percent to 56.9 percent. Only one of the sales of single-family houses was less than \$1 million.

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# HOME TRANSFERS IN OCTOBER 2009

ADDRESS	FROM	TO	PRICE	2007 VALUATION
659 Belmont	Punam Khanna	Samar (Nada) Rouabhia & Fiducie Familiale Bedjaoui	\$1,275,000	\$1,065,800
557 Grosvenor	Pierrette Quesnel	Denise Arab	\$1,150,000	\$1,087,400
53 Holton	Martin Rouleau	Mimi Laroche & Martin Charbonneau	\$950,000	\$707,100
441 Lansdowne	Baldev Raj Nayar	Sara Maud Lydiatt & Robert Vanier	\$755,000	\$588,100
4628 St. Catherine	Jonathan Frankel & Julie Brown	Andres Peplow & Robert Rahal	\$660,000	\$493,800
3710 The Boulevard	Teresa Motta Igrejas Lopes	Cong Luong Nguyen & Diem Thuy Bui	\$1,739,000	\$1,999,900
<b>DUPLEXES</b>				
36 York	Gordon Frost & Heather McKay	Marielle Beauchemin & Michael Arscott	\$532,000	\$526,500
<b>CONDOMINIUMS</b>				
399 Clarke, #1C	Alexandra Gardner (Johnston)	Antonio Colalillo & Vittoria Condemi	\$250,000	\$266,100
556 Grosvenor	Brigitte Vaclair & Sylvain des Groseillers	Manon Pepin	\$459,500	\$590,000
4700 St. Catherine, #512	estate Philip Vincent Chiarella	Joseph Denis Charles de Joncas	\$970,000	\$769,300
1 Wood, #706	Judy Stotland	Sarah Schnarch	\$1,500,000	\$1,234,100 <sup>1</sup>
466 Wood	Les Films Solitaires Inc.	Anne Hengen & Alexander James Davies	\$503,000	\$382,700
<b>SHARE SALES</b>				
15-17 York, 31.5%	Christine Anderson	Fernando Granados Reyes & Cynthia Dubois	\$410,000	\$196,906 <sup>2</sup>
41-43 York, 50%	Kalcem Siddiqi	Jonathan Frankel	\$442,000	\$233,150 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Valuation is a combination of \$1,158,700 for apartment, \$37,700 for each of two garage spaces.  
<sup>2</sup>Valuation is 31.5% of \$625,100. Exclusive use of 15A York.  
<sup>3</sup>Valuation is 50% of \$466,300. Exclusive use of 43 York.

**Continued from JANUARY SALES**

Of course, with holidays and extended vacations we can expect that more sales will eventually be posted with January dates, but the four strengthen our view that the market has recaptured all of the losses incurred during 2008. Still, there are plenty of houses available at the top of the market — over \$2.5 million — which are not moving at all.

Only one condominium sale was posted in January, but even that showed signs of confidence in the Westmount market, with a price of \$2,200,000 for a two-storey condo in one of Westmount's most prestigious buildings. Because it was only one sale, it is hard to make any statistics with it, but we can say that the market here

is pretty much at the same level as it was in mid-2008, when it peaked out at an average \$655,000 for a condominium with a tax value of \$557,300.

Adjacent-Westmount sales in January included one house on Redpath Crescent and another on Trafalgar Road, a condominium in the Trafalgar Apartments,

3980 Côte des Neiges, and another at 2000 Claremont Avenue, corner de Maisonneuve. No house sales have been reported so far this year in either eastern Notre Dame de Grâce or the Circle Road area.

Agents still are complaining about the lack of listings, and it appears there is

plenty of demand. Of the four sales, the lowest-priced sold in a day at almost the full asking price, while the highest-priced took 300 days to sell, boosting the average days-on-market for the month to 111, but this is actually lower than the December average of 179 days.


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# Love for Humanity Quebec: Haiti's Re-Birth



Marilynn Vanderstaay  
**Around  
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**M**arina Cutler, owner of Avenue Art Gallery/Studio wants to know "How will you show your love this Valentine's Day?" She hopes you will make her unique fund raiser Love for Humanity Quebec: Haiti's Re-Birth, which will take place at the gallery, 10 King Street in Old Montreal, this Saturday, February 13 from 8:30 p.m to 2 a.m., part of your plans.

Cutler is collaborating with Montreal university students to host the special event in the gallery in aid of victims of Haiti's devastating earthquake. The fun will include wine and drinks, appetizers, and

special treats including a live DJ, art auctions, dancing and much more.

Special guests will include former Montreal Canadiens hockey player George Laraque and some surprise guests, all hosted by emcee Mark Shalhoub of CJAD.

For more information visit [www.Studio10King.ca](http://www.Studio10King.ca) or phone Tia Maric / Andrea Reyes / Peter Ferarrolis at 514-702-0993 or 514-886-6519 or 514-578-7591.

#### Pancake supper at Mountainside

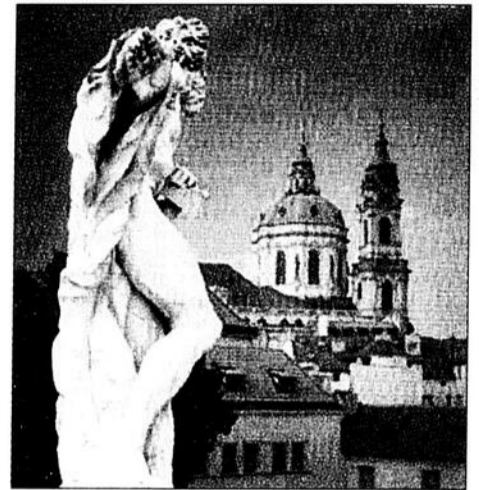
The congregation of Mountainside United church invites the Westmount community to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the beginning of Lent, at their annual pancake supper that will be held on Tuesday, Feb 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall located at 687 Roslyn Avenue. Cost is \$5 per adult and \$30 for children or \$15 for

a family. Good food and good fellowship are included, and all are welcome. For more information phone May at the church at 514-486-1165.

Shrove Tuesday is a term commonly known in English-speaking countries or the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Christian season of fasting and prayer called Lent. Pancake Day is associated with the making and eating of foods such as pancakes and is considered a last feast with ingredients such as sugar, fat and eggs, whose consumption was traditionally restricted during the ritual fasting associated with Lent.

#### Exhibition features three photographers

Nest week The Gallery at Victoria Hall will launch its latest exhibition, the works of three Westmount photographers: Diana Bruno, Richard Lock and Jaroslava Miler.



The exhibition will be launched with a vernissage on Wednesday, February 17 at 6 p.m. and will continue until March 13. The Gallery is located at 4626 Sherbrooke Street



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## Prius proud

I'm a Prius owner.  
Up until a few days ago, you would have gauged me as a smug, granola-

eating tree hugger - for the record I see nothing wrong with eating granola or hugging trees. Today, you think of me as the person whose car might suddenly go berserkers and ricochet off your bumper on the Decarie.

My, how a worldwide recall changes things.

The Prius (2005) is my first car ever. My boyfriend and I bought it used about 4 years ago. In the 4 years we've been driving it, we have not had a single issue with that car. Not one. Okaaaay, it's really not that good-lookin' (there, I said it). But what it lacks in aesthetics it makes up for in smarts. And it stretches our gas money like nobody's business.

The impending recall affects the 2010 cars. A software glitch leaves some lag time between the switch from regular to ABS brakes, when encountering bumpy or slippery surfaces (I actually understand this problem, because when the car kicks into ABS mode, you definitely feel it switch over. In our car, the turnover is half a second at best.)

Allow me to clear up some common misconceptions:

Some think of the Prius (or hybrids in general) as a computer on wheels. They wonder why you'd put your life in the hands of a thing with the brain of a coffeemaker (if only it made coffee too!) Yes, there is an electronic component, but it's more sophisticated than that. Been in an airplane the last 20 years? Same concept. Aircrafts use 'fly-by-wire'. Hybrids use 'drive-by-wire'. It's a technology that reduces the number of moving parts; which means greater accuracy, reduced weight and less maintenance checkups.

Another common misconception is that the Prius has no mechanical brakes. It does. The 'first' line of braking is an electronic one, which provides energy to the battery - increasing mileage and efficiency. Braking harder and faster overrides the electronic system and goes straight to hydraulic mode just like a "normal" car.

Of course, the bottom line is, any software is only as good as the programmer that designs it. Having said that, in many cases the driving is only as good as the person behind the wheel. Case in point - do you know how to stop your car if it suddenly accelerates? *Brake, switch to Neutral, coast to safety and turn off the car.* Neutral isn't just for Switzerland anymore. And if more people learn THAT as a result of this mess, then that's not so bad (the car-stopping part, not the Switzerland part).

I'm certainly not discounting the claims against Toyota. Obviously, mistakes were made that need to be accounted for. It's just that, as a very satisfied Prius owner, I most certainly trust the technology. And I would hope that the media frenzy doesn't cause too much undue panic (H1N1 anybody?). Remember, there are 5 other major car companies in the game loving the opportunistic consumer feast. Google any one of them and they've each had their fair share of problems, including the ones Toyota is facing now.

What bothers me most is our likely lower resale value, since we planned to upgrade this year. But, on the bright side, maybe that means we can get a newer model Prius cheaper too! So, don't worry about me out there on the roads. I wouldn't be behind the wheel if I didn't feel safe. I'd be more cautious of those jerks still blabbing away on their cell phones.

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## Discussing Mr. Pip

The Atwater Book Club, led by author Mary Soderstrom, will discuss the acclaimed novel *Mister Pip* by Lloyd Jones on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The novel is based on the blockade in Bougainville in 1990 that began when the government of Papua New Guinea, supported by Australia, decided to take action against the traditional landowners and villagers of Bougainville in a way that has been compared to the clearings the Scottish and Irish governments did to their detractors.

Jones, a New Zealander who covered the story as a journalist, wrote the novel about

the first few years of the blockade of Bougainville, the richest copper mine in the world, from the perspective of Matilda, a village girl who is 13 when it begins, and her relationship with Mr Watts aka Mr Pip,

the last white man on the island, with his islander wife.

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## ERRATUM PROGRAMME TRIENNAL D'IMMOBILISATIONS

PRENEZ AVIS que le titre de l'avis publié au bas de la page 9 de l'édition du 4 février 2010 du journal *The Westmount Examiner* aurait dû se lire « PROGRAMME TRIENNAL D'IMMOBILISATIONS 2010-2011-2012 » au lieu de « PROGRAMME TRIENNAL D'IMMOBILISATIONS 2009-2010-2011 ».

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 11<sup>e</sup> jour de février 2010.

## ERRATUM CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

TAKE NOTICE that the title of the notice published at the bottom of page 9 of the February 4, 2010 edition of the newspaper *The Westmount Examiner* should have read "CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2010/2011/2012" instead of "CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2009/2010/2011."

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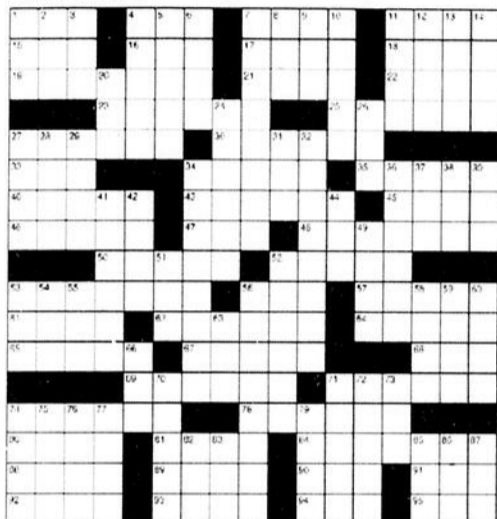
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PUZZLE NO. 495



12. Wedding-gown shade  
13. "\_\_\_ Old Man"  
14. Dover or lemon  
20. Certain snake  
24. Small songbird  
26. Sols preceders  
27. Wound cover  
28. Certain star  
29. On the road  
31. Clever remark  
32. Windflowers  
34. Scion  
36. Ribbed, as fabric  
37. Japanese belt  
38. Shad eggs  
39. Constantly, to a bard  
41. Flew like an eagle  
42. Food fish, often canned  
44. \_\_\_ Orleans  
49. Accomplish again  
51. Rocky summit  
52. Type of couch  
53. Handle roughly  
54. Speed  
55. Fruit drink  
56. Deli meat  
58. Distance out in front  
59. Bait  
60. Diving duck  
63. St. Anthony's cross  
66. Edible root  
70. Annie's dog  
71. Extremely small  
72. Not moving  
73. Biology class, for short  
74. Tooth point  
75. Speck on a map  
76. Orderly  
77. Work units  
79. Fastened  
82. Fury  
83. Shot \_\_\_ (field event)  
85. Hole in a needle  
86. Australian marsupial, for short  
87. "Top \_\_\_" (film)

**ACROSS**

1. North Pole worker  
4. Aegean or Black  
7. Substitute worker  
11. Rents out  
15. A \_\_\_ in one's bonnet  
16. Paving liquid  
17. Pertaining to a time period  
18. Canyon feedback  
19. Very strange  
21. Allot  
22. Seed protection  
23. Comfort  
25. Baptize  
27. Make it \_\_\_ (hurry)  
30. Navy  
33. Milk source  
34. Scallion's kin  
35. Point total  
40. Sailor's "stop"  
43. Prepare for market  
45. Orchestra instrument  
46. Louisiana marsh  
47. Cook in oil  
48. More joyous  
50. Restless  
52. Scattered  
53. Tutankhamen, e.g.  
56. Farm enclosure  
57. Secluded valleys  
61. White House staffer  
62. Revolve  
64. Theater  
65. Straggly  
67. Malt-drying kilns  
68. "You \_\_\_ My Lucky Star"  
69. Shrewd  
71. Fungal growth  
74. Movie theater  
78. Site for rods and cones  
80. \_\_\_-friendly  
81. Palm drink  
84. Crisp lettuce  
88. Metal refining dregs  
89. Snare or kettle  
90. Mess up  
91. Not me  
92. In-house animals  
93. Legendary Himalayan creature  
94. Dash's partner  
95. Many ages

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**ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 495**



**DOWN**

1. "\_\_\_ Tide"  
2. Garland  
3. Turkish hat  
4. Sharpen  
5. Ahead of schedule  
6. Geographical belt  
7. Boldness  
8. Before, to a bard  
9. Cushion  
10. Request urgently  
11. Tree outgrowth

## Sudoku

PUZZLE NO. 231

6		3				5		
7			9		4			2
				2				7
5					2		8	
3	9	4			8	2		7
8			4					5
2	3		8					
			8	5				9
			9			3	8	1

**ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 231**

6		3				5		
7			9		4			2
				2				7
5					2		8	
3	9	4			8	2		7
8			4					5
2	3		8					
			8	5				9
			9			3	8	1

**HOW TO PLAY:**

Fill-in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

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