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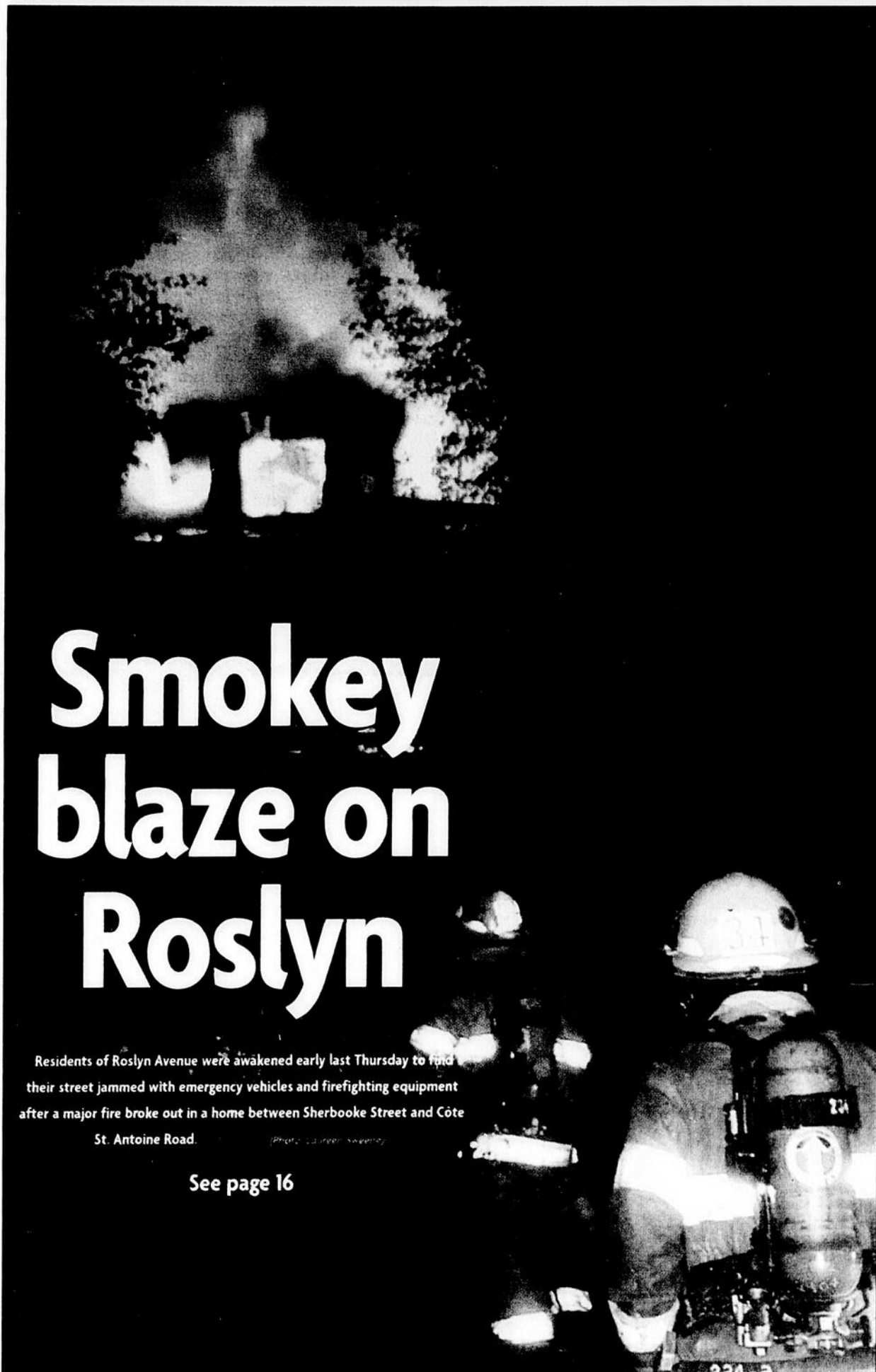
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Students from local girls' schools raise \$205,000 to help fight breast cancer.  
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**More stories on the web...**

- Vacating Examiner reporter Jessica Murphy writes home about the recent coup in Thailand...

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**Smokey blaze on Roslyn**

Residents of Roslyn Avenue were awakened early last Thursday to find their street jammed with emergency vehicles and firefighting equipment after a major fire broke out in a home between Sherbooke Street and Côte St. Antoine Road.

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**Valuation: Mid-level houses hit hardest**

> Andy Dodge

**W**estmount's share of the Montreal Agglomeration tax will be going down in the coming three years, but mid-level homeowners east of Belmont Avenue will be paying a bigger share of the local tax—so the end result for them might be a net zero change in the tax burden.

It is difficult at this stage to predict what will happen to taxes, but a survey of the new municipal valuation roll, deposited last week by Frank Zampino, chairman of the Montreal executive committee, shows that the biggest increases will be borne by mid-level homeowners, many condominium owners and commercial property owners.

Overall, Westmount's taxable valuation roll has increased by some 36.1 per cent, while the Island of Montreal has increased by 40.9 per cent and the City of Montreal (including the still-merged boroughs) was up 42.5 per cent.

This means that the city will shoulder a smaller share of the island-wide 'agglomeration' tax which covers police and fire, public transportation, environmental matters, major roads and even the creation of the valuation roll.

On the other hand, the 36.1 per cent average increase includes an average 42.9 per cent hike in condominium assessments and 41.6 per cent for Westmount's 229 commercial buildings, which of course pay taxes at a much higher rate than residential properties.

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The 2007 valuation roll deposited two weeks ago is supposed to be an "inventory of property" in Westmount, Zampino explained, estimated to reflect its market value as of 1 July, 2005. It comes into effect only in January, when next year's tax bills are issued, but property owners can look up their valuation now at <http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/evalweb>, where they will be prompted to identify first their street and from there, the address.

The overall Westmount average is ninth-highest among the 15 demerged municipalities, with Montreal East experiencing the lowest increase, mainly because so much of its valuation is industrial, while single-family dwellings there increased 66 per cent. The biggest hike overall was Hampstead, but even there the taxable valuations went up only 42 per cent compared with 42.5 percent for Montreal.

Zampino, faced with the prospect that the new roll would put a greater burden on Montreal taxpayers than on the demerged citizens, immediately called upon the provincial government to freeze the current (2004) valuation roll, "in order to allow the real estate market to correct the situation itself."

Barring that, he pleaded with the government to switch from a three-year system to a four-year system of taxes, so that tax increases could be spread over a longer time, and basically to allow for a variable tax rate to ease the burden on residential ratepayers.

Information compiled by the valuation department and issued with the roll on Sept. 13 shows the following average increases for Westmount:

Overall taxable value	36.1%
single-family dwellings 3,433	36.2%

condominiums	1,258	42.9%
duplexes	257	34.0%
triplexes	60	34.0%
4-5 dwellings	9	42.9%
6-11 units	12	34.3%
rooming houses	84	35.4%
office buildings	36	14.1%
other commercial	229	41.6%
industrial	8	20.1%


Within each average, of course, there are tremendous individual variations, especially in terms of geography in the case of single-family dwellings, and type of condo in the condominium category.

Much more emphasis is being put on land in the new valuation roll, it appears, especially in the case of single-family dwellings where land values increased anywhere from 38 to 72 per cent, then building values were adjusted to create overall valuation increases which were generally more modest, mainly between 30 and 48 per cent, but with some anomalies.


The valuation of 59 Belvedere Road, for example, went up a stunning 72 per cent while nearby, 110 Upper Bellevue increased only 30 per cent, in line with some of the neighbouring properties on both streets while others increased 37 to 38 per cent. Certainly, however, it appears the 59 Belvedere increase involved a modification to the property which was carried out at the same time as the creation of the new roll.

The most important overall increases involved the mid-level properties even though land increases there were relatively modest. The reasons for this are not clear, but certainly the tax bills for the houses in this sample on Anwoth and Thornhill Avenues are going to absorb the stiffest increases among single-family dwellings.

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**Ville de Westmount**  
 City of Westmount



**AVIS D'ADOPTION**  
**RÈGLEMENT 1335**

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement 1335 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 742 PRÉVOYANT L'ÉTABLISSEMENT DE TARIFS ET CERTAINES CONDITIONS APPLICABLES À L'APPROVISIONNEMENT D'ÉLECTRICITÉ** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance générale tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 25 septembre 2006.

Ce règlement a pour objet notamment de modifier le règlement 742 en abrogeant la section 12 et l'annexe « A-1 » concernant la location des chauffe-eau.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ledit règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau de la soussignée, 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, Québec, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 28 septembre 2006.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**  
**BY-LAW 1335**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1335 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 742 TO ESTABLISH RATES AND CERTAIN CONDITIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a general sitting held at City Hall on September 25, 2006.

The object of this by-law is, among other things, to amend By-law 742 by repealing Division 12 and Annex "A-1" relating to the rental of water heaters.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the Assistant City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, from Monday to Friday during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this September 28, 2006.

Nancy Gagnon  
 Greffière adjointe / Assistant City Clerk

## A sampler of Westmount homes and their valuation

Address	2007 Land Valuation	2007 Bldg Valuation	2007 Total Valuation	2004 Total Valuation	Land Increase	Building Increase	2004-07 Increase	2007 Land /sq metre
<b>Single-family</b>								
758 Upper Belmont	491,300	491,100	982,400	733,100	71%	10%	34%	1,200
90 Sunnyside	284,500	551,400	835,900	623,800	72%	20%	34%	1,080
110 Upper Bellevue	632,900	536,800	1,169,700	899,800	59%	7%	30%	1,320
59 Belvedere	1,162,800	1,737,200	2,900,000	1,690,400	59%	81%	72%	1,080
3202 The Boulevard	320,700	478,800	799,500	615,000	38%	25%	30%	889
3781 The Boulevard	641,700	871,900	1,513,600	1,164,300	39%	24%	30%	900
31 Barat	284,400	402,800	687,200	567,900	55%	5%	21%	1,000
Holton	255,500	552,800	808,300	603,200	55%	26%	34%	1,000
506 Montrose	509,000	651,800	1,160,800	806,100	43%	45%	44%	999
26 Ramezay	753,400	553,400	1,306,800	907,500	42%	47%	44%	990
37 Rosemount	396,500	495,400	891,900	619,400	43%	45%	44%	1,002
24 Anwoth	368,800	601,300	970,100	655,500	57%	43%	48%	1,114
30 Thornhill	260,600	592,300	852,900	576,300	55%	45%	48%	1,100
18 Forden	479,400	921,900	1,401,300	959,800	43%	48%	46%	1,000
623 Sydenham	760,400	1,105,600	1,866,000	1,278,100	43%	48%	46%	1,001
18 Grenville	327,700	643,200	970,900	665,000	44%	47%	46%	1,005
22 Renfrew	341,700	675,200	1,016,900	696,500	43%	48%	46%	1,000
645 Grosvenor	443,400	639,000	1,082,400	820,000	69%	15%	32%	1,000
636 Lansdowne	405,900	359,500	765,400	625,000	53%	0%	22%	987
202 Côte St. Antoine	372,800	608,100	980,900	690,800	55%	35%	42%	1,000
490 Côte St. Antoine	896,000	249,600	1,145,600	780,000	69%	0%	47%	1,000
482 Lansdowne	278,500	455,800	734,300	560,500	67%	16%	31%	850
464 Roslyn	618,700	671,700	1,290,400	985,000	55%	15%	31%	1,000
9 Lorraine	153,600	436,500	590,100	461,000	44%	23%	28%	774
481 Prince Albert	149,200	428,300	577,500	451,200	48%	22%	28%	798
11 St. George's Place	146,900	347,200	494,100	386,000	49%	21%	28%	800
71 Arlington	261,700	482,600	744,300	568,200	55%	21%	31%	1,000
479 Strathcona	290,300	639,800	930,100	710,000	55%	22%	31%	1,000
371 Claremont	111,000	273,400	384,400	310,000	67%	12%	24%	765
226 Prince Albert	204,900	470,900	675,800	545,000	68%	11%	24%	900
307 Grosvenor	216,000	336,000	552,000	415,000	67%	18%	33%	900
355 Lansdowne	344,300	317,900	662,200	497,900	54%	16%	33%	913
344 Metcalfe	714,200	249,100	963,300	708,300	53%	3%	36%	904
242 Redfern	221,900	315,800	537,700	401,300	55%	22%	34%	920
351 Olivier	281,000	508,300	789,300	589,000	52%	26%	34%	900
340 Wood	230,900	909,100	1,140,000	931,000	55%	16%	22%	921
111 Blenheim	179,600	226,400	406,000	341,200	67%	-3%	19%	900
164 Hillside	122,200	193,500	315,700	265,300	67%	1%	19%	765
70 Bruce	161,500	420,500	582,000	431,100	67%	26%	35%	900
124 Clandeboye	229,900	382,300	612,200	453,500	67%	21%	35%	900
<b>Duplexes</b>								
107-11 Cote St. Antoine	362,300	317,200	679,500	510,900	43%	23%	33%	900
430-32 Mount Stephen	325,200	379,700	704,900	530,000	55%	19%	33%	1,000
15-15A Winchester	157,200	263,600	420,800	316,400	67%	19%	33%	900
119-21 Irvine	191,300	139,300	330,600	248,600	67%	4%	33%	900
4266 Dorchester	274,600	312,400	587,000	473,400	67%	1%	24%	900
3101-03 St. Antoine	111,800	96,700	208,500	156,800	67%	8%	33%	450
<b>Triplexes &amp; Small Apartments</b>								
17-19 Chesterfield	284,600	442,900	727,500	527,200	48%	32%	38%	797
458-62 Victoria	193,200	301,800	495,000	372,200	69%	17%	33%	1,000
4274-78 de Maisonneuve	236,500	300,400	536,900	397,700	52%	24%	35%	900
3453-57 St. Antoine	25,900	166,200	192,100	144,400	39%	32%	33%	135
<b>Condominiums: Duplex-Triplex</b>								
459 Grosvenor	128,900	241,400	370,300	260,800	69%	31%	42%	1,000
474 Wood	80,100	293,700	373,800	210,000	55%	86%	78%	999
4827A St. Catherine	38,400	197,000	235,400	165,800	68%	38%	42%	901
25 York	52,600	163,700	216,300	152,300	68%	35%	42%	900
69 Hallowell	74,700	359,500	434,200	324,000	67%	29%	34%	900

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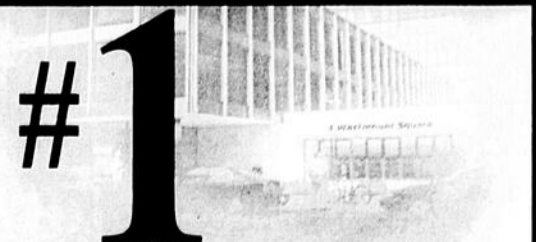
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## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES La galerie du Victoria Hall

Nous désirons vous informer que l'exposition *Allégories* de Peter Boyadjieff, photographie et imagerie digitale, a été prolongée jusqu'au 14 octobre prochain. Info : 514 989-5226.

## Opération patrimoine architectural 2006

### Concours pour les jeunes

Les jeunes de 8 à 12 ans sont invités à participer au concours Défi architectural de Westmount 2006. Les participants auront à répondre à des questions sur l'architecte réputé Robert Findlay et ses œuvres dans Westmount. Les questionnaires sont disponibles au comptoir de prêt des enfants ou sur le site internet. Les questionnaires dûment complétés doivent être remis, au plus tard, le samedi 7 octobre à la bibliothèque. Info : 514 989-5229.

### Visites piétonnes guidées

#### Samedi 30 septembre

Participez aux visites piétonnes guidées comprenant une sélection de bâtiments à mi-pente de Westmount conçus par l'architecte Robert Findlay. Les visites sont gratuites, mais les places sont limitées. Pour réserver, veuillez composer le 514 989-5226.

- Visite no. 1 (départ : Bibliothèque de Westmount) les édifices municipaux de sa conception et sa propre résidence.

- Visite no. 2 (départ : Pavillon du parc King George) les résidences privées conçues par sa firme d'architectes.

### Exposition à la Bibliothèque

Venez visiter l'exposition de photos de l'architecture de Robert Findlay à Westmount à la bibliothèque jusqu'au 7 octobre.

### Société d'horticulture de Westmount

La prochaine rencontre de la Société d'horticulture de Westmount aura lieu le mardi 10 octobre de 19 h à 21 h. Le conférencier invité, monsieur Mario Mongeon, présentera une conférence illustrée sur *la culture des orchidées : un jeu d'enfant*. Info : 514 932-9349 ou westhortsoc@canada.com



### BIBLIOTHÈQUE

#### Club de lecture française

Joignez-vous au club de lecture française le mardi 10 octobre de 13 h à 15 h pour discuter des œuvres de Philippe Besson. La réunion est animée par Marie-Anne Poggi. Info : 514 989-5386.

## DATES À RETENIR

### Le 29 septembre - 19 h

Les vendredis du cinéma  
*Day Break* d'Hamid Rachmanian  
Bibliothèque

### Le 30 septembre

Opération patrimoine architectural  
Visites piétonnes guidées

### Le 7 octobre - 14 h

*Peace by Piece*  
Concert en compagnie de Micky Farkas  
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Victoria Hall

### Jusqu'au 7 octobre

Exposition  
Photos de l'architecture de Robert Findlay  
Bibliothèque

### Le 10 octobre - 13 h

Club de lecture française en après-midi  
Œuvres de Philippe Besson  
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*La culture des orchidées : un jeu d'enfant*  
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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### The Gallery at Victoria Hall

Please be informed that *Allégories*, the exhibition of photography and digital imagery by Peter Boyadjieff has been extended to October 14. Info: 514 989-5226.

### Opération patrimoine architectural de Montréal 2006

#### Contest

Children 8 to 12 years of age are invited to enter the 2006 *Westmount Architectural Challenge*. Participants must answer questions about renowned architect Robert Findlay and his work in Westmount. Contest forms are available in the Children's section of the Westmount Public Library or on our website. The deadline for submitting a completed form is Saturday, October 7. Info: 514 989-5229.

### Guided Walking Tours

#### Saturday, September 30

These guided walking tours feature buildings in mid-Westmount designed by architect Robert Findlay. The tours are free, but spaces are limited. To reserve a place, please contact the Community Events Office at 514 989-5226.

- Tour 1: (start: Westmount Public Library) Findlay-designed municipal buildings and his own home.
- Tour 2: (start: King George Park Shelter) private residences designed by Findlay's architecture firm.

### Exhibit at Westmount Public Library

A special free exhibit featuring photos of the architecture of Robert Findlay in Westmount is on at the Library until October 7.

### Westmount Horticultural Society

The Westmount Horticultural Society welcomes Mario Mongeon on Tuesday, October 10 from 7 to 9 p.m at the Westmount Public Library. Mr. Mongeon will give an illustrated talk entitled *Growing Orchids is Child's Play*. Info: 514 932-9349 or westhortsoc@canada.com



## LIBRARY

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<b>Condominium Apartments</b>								
4855 de Maisonneuve #504	71,100	338,100	409,200	322,200	39%	25%	27%	1,200
200 Lansdowne #502	76,700	362,200	438,900	320,400	39%	36%	37%	1,651
4700 St. Catherine #405	117,100	289,900	407,000	347,900	39%	10%	17%	1,650
46 Academy #16	74,100	342,400	416,500	293,300	52%	40%	42%	900
399 Clarke #204	60,400	372,400	432,800	304,800	39%	42%	42%	1,200
267 Olivier #403	73,000	393,500	466,500	286,200	39%	68%	63%	1,651
4175 St. Catherine #804	99,000	850,100	949,100	771,600	27%	23%	23%	3,753
1 Wood #605	183,200	945,200	1,128,400	683,900	39%	71%	65%	3,749
<b>Apartment Buildings</b>								
418 Claremont	562,500	4,015,600	4,578,100	3,506,100	39%	29%	31%	488
4435 Sherbrooke	189,700	1,022,400	1,212,100	884,400	39%	37%	37%	450
3055 Sherbrooke	662,000	2,438,000	3,100,000	2,525,400	31%	21%	23%	423
331 Clarke	1,806,100	2,140,200	3,946,300	3,189,200	52%	7%	24%	897
239 Kensington	1,907,600	4,474,300	6,381,900	4,727,300	52%	29%	35%	900
200 Kensington-201 Metcalfe	1,794,900	21,140,100	22,935,000	13,600,000	40%	72%	69%	565
4560 St. Catherine	543,500	2,112,000	2,655,500	1,735,600	39%	57%	53%	450
1334-36 Greene	789,200	1,594,800	2,384,000	1,792,500	19%	41%	33%	900
00-110 Hillside	363,800	985,100	1,348,900	999,200	39%	33%	35%	135
<b>Commercial Buildings</b>								
4858-66 Sherbrooke	446,400	1,821,400	2,267,800	1,542,700	39%	49%	47%	449
351-53 Victoria	156,100	407,000	563,100	363,300	39%	62%	55%	450
386-90A Victoria	214,200	674,300	888,500	573,200	39%	61%	55%	450
4479-81 St. Catherine	113,700	259,100	372,800	253,600	39%	51%	47%	450
4670 St. Catherine	430,100	580,300	1,010,400	842,000	39%	9%	20%	450
4113-17 Sherbrooke	1,123,800	3,040,200	4,164,000	3,470,000	20%	20%	20%	775
1231-33 Greene	172,400	391,300	563,700	363,700	101%	41%	55%	1,512
1358-60 Greene	226,000	492,400	718,400	463,500	20%	79%	55%	901
Old Post Office	684,100	2,390,900	3,075,000	1,983,900	21%	69%	55%	909
4026-32 St. Catherine	1,077,700	2,122,300	3,200,000	1,555,300	50%	154%	106%	580
4048-50 Dorchester	235,000	411,800	646,800	521,600	67%	8%	24%	900
<b>Other Buildings of Interest</b>								
Alexis Nihon Plaza	23,692,700	93,807,300	117,500,000	109,480,100	25%	4%	7%	1,345
1-3 Westmount Square	19,485,300	105,014,700	124,500,000	85,000,000	25%	51%	46%	1,345
215 Redfern (office building)	2,687,300	8,112,700	10,800,000	9,870,000	39%	2%	9%	630
4840 Sherbrooke (Métro store)	1,472,200	1,927,800	3,400,000	2,900,000	67%	-5%	17%	450
525 Mount Pleasant (School)	4,981,500	2,452,500	7,434,000	6,002,300	38%	2%	24%	805
4350 St. Catherine (School)	3,450,300	8,453,100	11,903,400	10,212,200	39%	9%	17%	230

# Open House at the TMI



Westmounter Amy Schulman (left), a course animator at the Thomas More Institute, converses with TMI board chairwoman Anne Fitzpatrick at the Atwater Avenue learning institution's open house and book sale event on Sept. 9.

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## Car-Free Day is not enough



Commentary

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**F**or nearly a week now, City of Montreal officials have been patting themselves on the back, offering congratulations all round following last Friday's successful Car-Free Day.

For six hours, a few blocks close to—but not including—the downtown core were blocked to traffic, creating a veritable pedestrian paradise. It was a public relations firm's dream come true—a smiling mayor and city officials pretending to eschew their cars for a healthy walk and (gasp!) a short ride on public transportation, while reporters eagerly lapped up every carefully rehearsed word.

Of course it was all a big show—complete with an expensive set featuring a temporary bed of fresh green grass running down St. Catherine Street. It is highly doubtful that the mayor of Montreal ever takes a bus or metro without at least one photographer present.

Car-Free Day may be a very good idea; many other cities have adopted it as an annual event, and in theory it could be quite effective in showing motorists that there are other means of transportation available to them. But in a society where a person's vehicle is almost a physical extension of themselves, the idea of giving up a comfortable car for a ride on a bus is out of the question—especially in communities like Westmount, where two- and three-car families are more the rule than the exception.

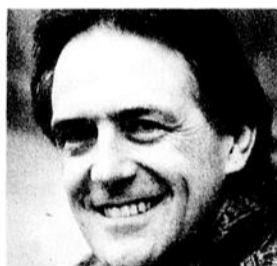
The trouble is we have become too reliant on our vehicles, and it will take much more than staged, insincere novelty events like Car-Free Day to convince most people to ease up on the gas pedal and stretch their legs.

As someone who has happily not owned a car since the days when you could fill your tank for under \$20, I find it very hard to relate to those who whine that anyone living and working in this community absolutely needs a car to survive. True, schlepping up that steep hill on Grosvenor or Victoria on foot can get a bit tiring, but the pure freedom of never having to search for a parking spot is in itself worth any inconvenience.

Despite Car-Free Day's best intentions, important issues such as air quality in urban centres require a lot more than just an annual theatrical event. If anything, a permanent car-free zone—even just a few blocks—would be far more effective than a token six hours per year when people make it onto the evening news by going through the motions of being environmentally conscious.



## If at first you don't succeed, you're doing it wrong



Off the  
Leash

George  
BOWSER

**A**t the beginning of every episode of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, Fred Rogers tied the laces of his sneakers. He didn't 'try' to tie his shoe laces, he just tied them, talking all the while. As Yoda said, "Do or do not. There is no 'try'."

Some languages don't even have a word for 'try.'

In sports, and in musical performance, 'trying' leads only to awkward, unproductive motion. You must practice only the correct motions repeatedly, so that you can perform them without conscious effort. Practice makes permanent. The body remembers.

Actors know that the moves and the words are connected. If you are used to taking two steps onstage, stopping, turning to your left and raising your arms before speaking your lines, you will always remember those lines when you execute that sequence of movements. If your movements change, you will probably forget your lines. Movements and words are linked, and words are not necessarily connected to thought, as Guy Fournier

found out to his cost, when talking about his bowel movements cost him his job as chairman of the CBC.

Mr. Fournier was speaking without thinking, which is the correct thing to do if you are performing improvisational comedy. In almost all other contexts, it frequently leads to disaster. If you are only six years old, you may ask the question "How come you're so fat?", and you may be rewarded with an indulgent chuckle and a reasonable explanation. Otherwise, you'll be lucky if your marriage survives.

We are obsessed with performance in sports and the arts, which can spoil the experience of participating in both, for many children. The classic illustration is this: ask a group of second-graders "Who can play the piano?" and many of them will raise a hand. Ask the same group 10 years later — after many of them have had lessons — and only a very few will respond. The children have become aware that some pianists are 'better' than others. This is less likely to happen with the guitar, mostly because five-year-olds can't handle a full-size instrument. By the time they are big enough to hold one, they are interested in rock music, most of which could be played by a five-year-old. I wrote that without thinking.

Educators have so far failed to eliminate the grading, rating, and winnowing-out that

characterizes our school system. It has to be there, because nobody wants an incompetent wielding a scalpel, or rebuilding a sidewalk. The cream rises to the top. And the rest? Well, as Commodus said to his battle-winning, head-and-shoulders-above-the-rest philosopher father, Marcus Aurelius, "None of my virtues were on your list." Most of us must find other ways to feel fulfilled, like becoming Emperor of Rome.

But the answer is not "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again." That's only a recipe for continuing disappointment. Fortunately, my friends, I have the answer, and it isn't blowing in the wind. Let me tell you a tale...

Many years ago (for my dog is ancient now) I took the family dog for basic training. I wondered if there was a way to stop the dog barking. There is. If you want to stop a dog barking, you must teach it to bark on command. It goes like this: Excite the dog. The dog barks. Give the dog a treat. Repeat many times. Now, when the dog barks, it will immediately stop, and look for a treat. The dog has learned nothing. It's just being a dog, and you've learned how to use that.

The answer is not to try, but to be. I'm sure that's what Shakespeare was trying to say.

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**OLD NEWS** from the archives

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**One Year Ago**

September 29, 2005.

**BETTER INSPECTIONS:** "Dissatisfied with fire prevention measures implemented by the megacity, Westmount's Borough Council believes more authority should be delegated to conduct fire inspections locally. 'It is important; we have consistently said that we believe inspections should be a local service, even if firefighting is an island-wide service,' said Borough Mayor Karin Marks. 'Certainly that's been something we fought for all along, from the very beginning of the merger.' Westmount, according to Marks, has a very good record in terms of the low number of fires it has each year, something she attributes largely to the fact that the City, before it became a borough, had very good building and fire inspection services."

**Five Years Ago**

September 27, 2001

**SHAAR MUSEUM:** "Security was tight on Sept. 15 as an overflow crowd of members and guests came together to celebrate the opening of the Shaar Hashomayim Museum—an extensive collection of artifacts reflecting the Shaar's 155-year history. Attended by notables such as consul general for Israel Shlomo Avital, former deputy minister of education Robert Trompe and D'Arcy McGee MNA Lawrence Bergman, the evening was introduced by Shaar president Mel Hershenfeld, who expressed special thanks to benefactors Edward and Marsha Bronfman for sponsoring not only the original museum but also its relocation to Shaar Hashomayim."

**Ten Years Ago**

September 26, 1996

**TAG MOVES IN:** "One year since it was forced to padlock the doors of the cash-strapped Met teen centre, La Maison de Jeunes de Westmount has been given another chance. The City has come forward with an offer of space in the arena, along with \$11,000 in renovations to what until now has been a girls' changing room, and a \$35,000 grant to cover salaries and supplies and other costs to create a new hangout for local teens. 'We're very excited,' said Jared MacSween, an animator with Teen Agenda, also known as TAG, the name given to the group formed after the demise of the Met."

**Fifteen Years Ago**

September 26, 1991

**VAGRANTS IN WESTMOUNT:** "Westmount is not a haven for the homeless. Vagrants are escorted to the city limits and turned out of local malls. They do find shelter in Atwater Library and St. Stephen's Church, at the eastern edge of the city. Their presence in the library, however, is a problem that librarian Janet Ilavsky says is her top priority. Men with bags and bags of belongings bundled next to their chairs, spending hours or using the library as a kind of daytime terminus, is hurting membership, she says."

**Twenty Years Ago**

September 25, 1986

**FINDLEY CAPTIVATES FANS:** "Author Timothy Findley, a former stage actor, played to an appreciative, if not adoring packed house Tuesday evening, in the first performance event of the 1986 Arts Westmount festival. Reading from his as-yet-unpublished novel *The Telling of Lies*, Mr. Findley kept the audience of some 500 fans spellbound with his crisp hour-long recital of passages from the novel, the author's first experiment with the mystery genre."

**Devastated taxpayers mobilize to end 'La taxe Charest'**



**Civic Alert**

Don WEDGE

**S**outh Shore citizens finally got their Agglom tax bills at the beginning of the month—and were devastated. It was the trigger for a massive rebuttal of Jean Charest's "Défusions rapées"—only partial demergers.

St. Bruno is leading the way. A coalition of militant citizens and the Chamber of Commerce recruited 1,500 "brigadiers anti-taxes" last weekend. Their leader, demerger activist Ginette Durocher, believes they can block future Agglom loan by-laws and that, without continually borrowing, Longueuil cannot function.

It is a big challenge. She will have to have 4,610 citizens sign the register, and Longueuil can make that physically difficult to do. But South Shore voters are mad. They are talking of taking four seats from Jean Charest if he were to call an election before fixing their Agglom problems.

"La taxe Charest" is the last straw. Who can blame them with average increases 50 per cent for residents? With a 70 per cent rise, commercial taxpayers are hit even harder. The St. Bruno Ski Station owner has seen his property taxes rise from \$38,000 before the forced merger to \$170,000 after Charest's "demerger."

The St. Bruno IGA operator says the store will need to double its sales to make up for its tax increase — and has competitors in nearby St. Basil and Ste. Julie, outside the Agglom, with taxes raised less than seven per cent. Both he and the ski operator fear having to close.

Poor Nathalie Normandeau, the municipal affairs minister, could not have anticipated being the intermediary in such tribulations when she quit the mayor's chair of the Gaspé village of Maria to hit big-time politics in Quebec City.

When faced with the opposition of the South Shore's demerged mayors, Normandeau changed the law. Will Charest tell her to do so again to overcome this war-

rior-like resistance? So much for democracy.

**Ways out**

St. Bruno's brigadiers want complete separation from the Longueuil megacity. They have some justification. St. Bruno was part of a different MRC—Richelieu—and shared no common services like public transport, water or sewage treatment.

Elsewhere, there is a more reasoned approach. Recognizing the need for some regional services, Brossard and St. Lambert are part of an effort to negotiate a better solution with Agglom Mayor Claude Gladu.

They have formed a task force and appointed Michel Belzile, former president of the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM), to lead negotiations.

**Supra-mairesse to act again?**

Meantime, Longueuil tries to force through mega spending while the three demerged mayors use repeated procedural ploys to avoid it.

"We ask for information on why we need so many police cars and about how the old ones would be disposed of," said Claude Trudeau, former demerger leader and now pro-mayor of St. Lambert.

"Longueuil does not have answers and tells us we should vote anyway." Seems not unlike the Montreal Agglom!

As the mayors cannot agree, Longueuil want Normandeau to become supra-mairesse and make the decisions for them.

She has already changed the law to take away the South Shore's rights to a double majority. But she cannot make the mayors attend meetings; without them taking their seats there is no quorum and subsequently no meeting and no vote. Meanwhile, police continue to drive the old cars.

How will the 'supra-mairesse' try to squash the rebellious mayors? Probably she will send for her lawyers—again.

**Here and there**

The Montreal Agglom meets again this evening. Unlike August, when there were 105 items on the agenda, this month there are only 36. Earlier in September, Montreal opened its books on the controversial mixed expenses.

"The beginnings of a very tentative cooperation," said Mayor Marks. They have also

attempted another put down of the suburbs over the valuation roll increases. "A definite conflict of interest," judged Marks.

• Westmount Council gave Dessau Soprin a \$17,000 contract to prepare specifications for the new water main on Kensington Avenue. It also includes an environmental assessment, explained Infrastructure Commissioner Patrick Martin.

• Council retained Fasken Martineau to take legal proceedings against the owners of 805 Upper Lansdowne for enclosing part of Devon Park. "Wanting to be fair to the citizen, we gave notice several times, but we also have to be fair to all the citizens of Westmount and protect their rights," said Administration Commissioner Tom Thompson.

• Toronto Public Health has launched ePET, a new online licensing service for dog and cat owners. ePET allows pet owners to comply with the City's bylaw requirements that all dogs and cats be licensed annually.

• This week, only eight Westmount building permits were approved, two conditionally. They included the go-ahead for a new swimming pool at 680 Victoria.

• Mississauga has been short listed for the 2006 World Leadership Awards for its Healthy City Stewardship Centre (HCSC) initiative. It is one of three cities competing for the award in the health category, the winner of which will be announced on Dec. 6, 2006 in London, England. The awards are sponsored by the World Leadership Forum.

• In the east of Montreal, the STM is replacing 23 bus shelters with a new design. There are 2,791 bus shelters across the Island.

• Karin Marks appreciated the media attention that had centered on her signing on with Communauto. But the mayor wanted Westmounters to know the signing on fee was waived till the end of the year for residents of the lower part of the city.

**Worrying overtones to 72 per cent boost in garbage deal**

"In the next year, we will find ways to contain these increases." So Public Works Commissioner George Bowser ended the gloomy news of new garbage costs and council members wearily raised their hands on Monday evening to award new garbage contracts showing a massive 72 per cent increase.

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**Heroes shine in our violent society**



**MNA**

Jacques CHAGNON

**S**ummer ended on a brutal note in Montreal the day the crazed gunman terrorized those who were both inside and outside Dawson College.

One young woman lost her life, and others are fighting to save their own lives. The events of that day directly hit parents, friends, and students alike, and while families felt their hearts being ripped out, others are still crying.

The entire Dawson community has now returned to work, but it will never be the same for them. Premier Jean Charest and members of Cabinet showed great dignity during this tragedy. The province of Quebec placed its flags at half-mast—a powerful symbol, for both Montreal and all of Quebec were in a state of shock. However, there is

some good news to report as well, for the other victims of this insane act who were hospitalized seem to be getting better.

There will never be enough words to express just how the Montreal Police Service (SPVM) acted with diligence and, in certain cases, heroism. In no time at all, more than 150 officers from the SPVM were on the scene, supported by the tactical squad of the Surêté du Québec. They all did an

extraordinary job, and it is surely thanks to them that the lives of many were saved. As well, the efforts of the ambulance workers cannot be overlooked. Wearing bullet proof vests and sophisticated protective head gear, these individuals, without hesitation, worked in dangerous conditions to speed up the process of evacuating the victims. It was a horrible quarter of an hour for everybody involved.

We would like to say that we are not the United States, that we are not a violent society. And it is true—Montreal is surely the safest large North American city. Nevertheless, this is, to my knowledge, the fourth time that a crazed gunman has carried

out his plan to shoot teachers and students, either within a school or in the schoolyard in this region. The first time, which some of us may have forgotten about, was in Boucherville in 1972, when a student from the polyvalente de Montagne fired on a professor (who is still living with a disability) and then committed suicide. The second time, you will surely remember, was in 1989 at the École polytechnique. The third was at Concordia in 1992, and then there were four. Four times in less than 35 years is a lot for this region. We may perhaps not be as violent as the United States, but there is certainly something not right here.

Perhaps it's our ability to detect the elements of our society that transform their depression into psychopathy. Perhaps it's the way we treat mental illness. We are still faced with many questions — I'm not saying I have the answers, but we must at least have the courage to ask questions.

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

# Girls for the Cure walk is a success... again

> Marilyn Vanderstay

The 11th annual Girls for the Cure walk on Tuesday was deemed a great success by organizers—thanks to the commitment of the 3,500 students and staff of six local private girls' schools.

At the end of the day they had raised a net total of \$205,000 for breast cancer treatment, services and research, and had raised awareness of the toll that breast cancer is taking on society.

And they made a lot of noise and had a lot of fun doing it.

Girls from The Study, ECS, Trafalgar, Sacred Heart, Villa Maria, and Queen of Angels Academy faced the threat of rain Tuesday morning to begin the five-kilometre

walk up Mount Royal to Beaver Lake. They came prepared, wearing Girls for the Cure T-shirts and lanyards that had cards with the name or names of women in the student's life that had battled the disease.

And they brought pledge sheets filled in with the names of friends and family who had sponsored them to walk and raise the money that demonstrated solidarity and support in the fight against breast cancer.

Since the walk was initiated 11 years ago, the girls have raised \$1.5 million. This year the funds went to the St. Mary's Hospital Center, the Cedars Breast Clinic of the MUHC and the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation.



Every year the students are committed to filling in those pledge sheets and go door-to-door in their neighbourhoods and approach family friends and local businesses for sponsorship.

Maria Welikovich, mother of grade 9 student Lindsay and grade 7 student Taryn at Trafalgar, said her daughters spent five hours canvassing their neighbourhood.

"People were unbelievably generous this year. The average donation was around \$20," she said. Between them, and with a boost from their father Marc's company, Quantum, the two raised \$1,557.

When they arrived at the natural amphitheatre of the Mont Royal at Beaver Lake, the girls enjoyed a time of fellowship, giving the official Girls for the Cure cheer written this year by the girls at ECS. Guest speakers Shelagh Coinner and Rahelle Lapointe gave testimonials about their experiences with breast cancer.

A somber minute of silence was observed

in memory of the women who have already succumbed to the disease and those who are still fighting it.

After light refreshments and entertainment provided by Superior Sound and MIX96, the total was announced, the girls cheered and then walked back to their schools where they continued to celebrate their day.

But the walk wasn't just about money. It was also about raising awareness. A special information assembly was held Friday at ECS, where students learned about the disease and its symptoms. A pre walk pep rally was also held before the walk Tuesday morning. The grade 11 girls are also invited to a breast cancer awareness breakfast at the Sheraton Hotel, where they will learn more important information about the disease.

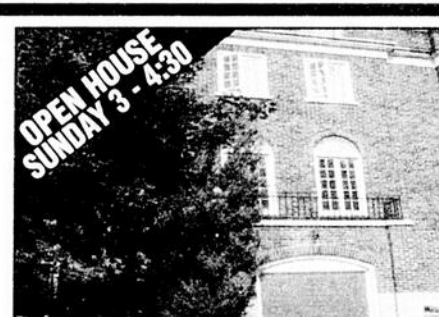
At The Study, the walk is part of a two-day program to educate the girls about the realities of the disease.

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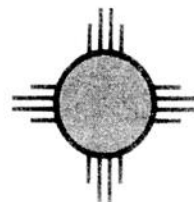
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And even if land values south of St. Catherine street appear to be moving up by a whopping 67 per cent, in particular the area between Blenheim Place and Hillside Lane gets little or no increase in building values so the total increase is only 19 per cent.

In the past year the city has revised the 2004 valuation roll to record lot sizes in square metres rather than square feet (about 20 years after Westmount went that route), and now it appears the land values are being calculated accordingly, with a very tight range for most properties of between \$900 and \$1,100 per square metre, though the area around Sherbrooke Street on the city's west end appears to have been evaluated for less.

Almost all duplexes and triplexes went up a uniform 33 per cent, but those which have been divided up into condominiums saw increases more like 42 per cent, again with anomalies. Land values for condominium apartments were much higher than for most other buildings, while land values for apartment and commercial buildings were generally much lower than for smaller residential properties.

Despite the careful breakdown of land and building, owners must remember that valuations cannot be challenged on the basis of one or another of the components. In every case citizens must ask themselves whether the total value represents the property's market value as of July 2005.

In May, *The Examiner* published a list of last year's sales, and staff at city hall can generally provide important information to ratepayers. Anyone who feels they want city evaluators to review their tax assessment must file an application before April 30 next year.

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That's about \$65 more per Westmount household next year.

When the present contracts began in 2002 they totaled \$856,000. Costs were frozen at \$891,000 from 2003 to 2005; an escalation clause allowed them to become \$905,000 this year and will go to \$1.5 million in 2007.

This is a huge increase, even allowing for the many factors that contribute to it. One of the worst is the Agglom. Jean Charest's sullied demerger law enshrines the responsibility of waste disposal to the megacity.

In the past, Westmount has made direct

disposal arrangements in multi-year contracts that have limited increases. Montreal would not allow this for the new contracts. As a result another big increase next year could be foreseen.

**Agglom intervenes**

Montreal also restricted our choice of landfills destination, although this was not a factor as both contractors use approved dumps.

Transport costs, the trucks, personnel and fuel, have escalated. A CSST ruling that forbids simultaneous collection on both sides of a street caused major additional costs to contractors. Besides, contractors are no doubt looking to "catch-up" on the frozen years.

New since June is the \$10 per tonne provincial surtax on all garbage. This will cost Westmount about \$90,000, a relatively small part of the increase. However, it is supposed to be returned – and perhaps even doubled – as support funding for enhanced waste management, such as composting.

**Too few bids**

A disturbing aspect of the present contracts is that most of them—covering four of the city's five collection zones—went without competitive bids. Only two firms tendered: Déchets Bergeron winning three zones and

IR Services Sanitaires the remaining two. Both are the city's existing garbage contractors.

Before starting his retirement leave, former Director Fred Caluori warned that a big increase was likely. In August, *Examiner* journalist Martin Barry reported that Westmount had turned down an offer of extending the present contract at a 60 per cent increase. This was before the \$10 surcharge had come effective.

**Agglom accounting**

At Monday's council meeting, WMA president Henry Olders questioned the risk of double charging, with Westmount making contracts for the collection and disposal of garbage, but with the disposal charges actually being met from Agglom taxes.

Director-general Bruce St. Louis replied that we had billed Montreal for that portion of our costs and had already received \$300,000 as "payment in full." He indicated that there would be further recoupment later in the year.

**Turning the costs around**

Bowser's task in leading the effort to "contain the costs" is going to be formidable. They could be slashed in a year or two if the popu-

lation was ready to accept massive life-style changes.

Lower garbage costs coincide with a smaller environmental impact—not only for the disposal but for the manufacture, which often involves resource depletion and some pollution.

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# Mayor rebuts Zampino's valuation remarks

> Martin C. Barry

**M**ayor Karin Marks claims Montreal executive-committee chairman Frank Zampino is in a conflict of interest because of his deep involvement with the Agglomeration Council at the same time.

Addressing residents during Westmount city council's public meeting last Monday, Marks said that comments Zampino recently made about lower-than-average property valuation increases in Westmount and other demerged cities were out of line.

Zampino said he believed there was no reason why Montrealers should pay for Westmount and Senneville because their valuation increases had been less than the average of Montreal.

Marks said Zampino's involvement on two fronts "just highlights the fact that in the Agglomeration, the executive of the City of Montreal acting on behalf of the Agglomeration is a conflict of interest. It is impossible for them to wear the two hats simultaneously ...

"As head of the executive committee and a member of the Agglomeration, he had a responsibility to be looking at the deposit of

the roll for the entire Agglomeration," Marks added.

"But by pointing out Westmount and Senneville, and purporting that if we did not have increases in our taxes it would be on the back of Montrealers, really just proved the fact that he cannot act on behalf of the Agglomeration in a way that is fair to all.

"I'd like to make it very clear that in the 2003 roll, Westmount's increases were over 10 per cent higher than the average on the island of Montreal," said Marks. "As a result, we all know we had huge increases in taxes, particularly from the Agglomeration, and at the time when we were still involved with the merger."

On a more positive note, Marks said the City of Montreal appears to finally be ready to settle outstanding cost sharing issues with Westmount and the 14 other demerged cities that are members of the Agglomeration.

"For the first time since the demerger has taken place, there really has been the beginnings of what may be—and I'm very tentative about this—cooperation on this issue," she said. "It's an important first step. It remains to be seen what the resolution to it will be. But

it really is the first time their books have been opened to us and so as such I think it is meaningful."

According to Marks, the City of Montreal agreed to allow three city managers from the demerged suburbs to meet with civil servants in Montreal's finance department.

The suburbs were given access to Montreal's financial documentation, so that questions about expenses, which the Centre City had previously been billing to the suburbs without explanation, could finally be answered.

"Where they had the information they were willing to share it," she said.

"We are now awaiting that these directors-generals from among the 15 cities will make a recommendation to the elected people and that we will hopefully be able to come to some agreement with Montreal on what is a fair charge for the services that are mixed services or that are administrative charges."

## Local girls walk for the cure

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"Before they left on the walk this morning, we had a rally that included an information session," said Antonia Zannis, director of the senior school and coordinator of the walk for the school.

"We had a speaker who discussed the facts versus the myths of the disease and then we all cheered each other onto the walk."

At a special assembly the next day the grade 11 girls heard a presentation from an oncology nurse at St. Mary's Hospital Center, who discussed the disease in detail with a time for the girls to ask specific questions. Each student was also given a teddy bear courtesy of AVON.

Marina Cutler, mother of grade 10 ECS student Samantha Cutler, summed up the walk. "When I see the ECS girls walking together in the Girls for the Cure, I see unity and strength—something that is much needed to combat this disease. To me, that is a reflection of what is needed holistically to conquer this deadly enemy."

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# Coupon scam targets car wash customers

> Martin C. Barry

**A resident of Windsor Avenue is warning others to beware of an itinerant salesman who has been going door-to-door selling coupons for a nearby car wash—without the car wash owner's permission.**

Earlier this month, the alleged fraudster went to the home of Shelley Freeman and offered one of the cards, costing \$30.

The cards featured tear-off coupons for the New Westmount car and hand wash, which is located on de Maisonneuve Boulevard in NDG a block west of Decarie.

She described the man as being a francophone in his mid-50s, about 5' 8", heavyset, and with a loud voice.

"He'd already been around about a week-and-a-half earlier," Freeman told *The Examiner*, adding that she wasn't at home when he first came by. "My husband said 'well, come back in a week and my wife will be here and she can deal with you.'"

She ended up purchasing a card of the coupons, which were supposed to be good for one 'special' wash per month over the next year. Although it all looked legitimate, when she went to the car wash three weeks ago, owner Azad Jami refused to honour the coupons, claiming they had expired.

"The owner said, 'No, it's not good anymore; that was for last year, it went just to August. We're not taking them anymore and we don't know who that guy was who came and sold it you,'" Freeman said.

She noted, however, that the coupons had no expiry date. She said she was told by Jami that other clients had com-

plained, but he insisted the vendor was just pocketing the money for himself.

Freeman said Jami showed her a record he kept of customers who came to him with coupons they purchased. "Some of the names I recognized as Westmounters, like on Roslyn Avenue or our street here," she said. She said those coupons had been used legitimately and bore monthly date stamps from last year.

"So it could be that this guy (the salesman) got a hold of these coupons and started going around with extra copies," she suggested. She said she wanted to inform the public of an apparent fraud, so that other people "aren't sucked in by him."

Apart from the confusion over the

coupons, Freeman had no complaints about the car wash itself. "I've had my car washed there last year with no problem," she said. "They're legitimate."

Jami told *The Examiner* that he has lost money as a result of the alleged fraud scheme, because some clients insisted he honour the expired coupons. "The customer paid the money to somebody, and I have to wash (the car) for free," he said.

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# City hopes car-sharing service will help environment

> Martin C. Barry

**W**estmount mayor Karin Marks plans to sell her car and start relying more on an automobile-sharing service that has just arrived in Westmount.

Last week, after being handed her new Communauto membership card and keys to one of the organization's vehicles for a test drive, Marks explained her decision, emphasizing that she was motivated by concern for the environment.

"It's a time when we're becoming intensely aware of the need to diminish our dependence on fossil fuels," she said during a press

conference at Victoria Hall.

"For me, giving up my own car in favour of using a shared vehicle from Communauto seemed to be a meaningful but a manageable first step. I've chosen this alternative and I hope by doing so and by making it accessible to our residents that many of them will do the same."

Marks said she plans to do more walking and to buy a public transit pass in order to take the bus and metro more often.

"I do a lot of short-haul driving that I shouldn't be doing," she said. "In addition to that I'll be getting a pair of comfortable shoes



Mayor Karin Marks displays her Communauto ID card and key.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Westmounters who choose will be allowed to use Communauto vehicles for four months without having to pay a refundable \$500 membership deposit. The deposit is being replaced by a \$20 subscription fee, to be deducted from the annual membership dues if the subscriber decides to keep using the service after the end of the trial period.

Benoit Robert, Communauto's executive director, said one of the organization's mandates is to promote the use of public transportation, while also encouraging walking and bicycle use. Marks suggested that Westmounters are likely to start using the car-sharing service quickly in view of the concern they have in general for environmental issues.

"We have always been in the forefront of environmental concerns," she said, noting that Westmount had one of Canada's first anti-pesticide bylaws and that the level of participation in recycling here is the highest in Montreal. "It's an attitude which already existed in the community. It was just a matter of encouraging it a little further."

Communauto has more than 10,000 members. There are more than 135 locations in the Montreal region alone.

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... I will use the Communauto for meetings, for instance, that I have often on the West Island or in areas where public transit is not readily accessible."

One of two parking locations the car-sharing group rents from the City of Westmount is at Victoria Hall. A second, with space for two Communauto vehicles, is next to the old train station at the southern end of Victoria Avenue. Although not within Westmount, a third spot is located just outside on Atwater Avenue at the corner of St. Antoine Street.

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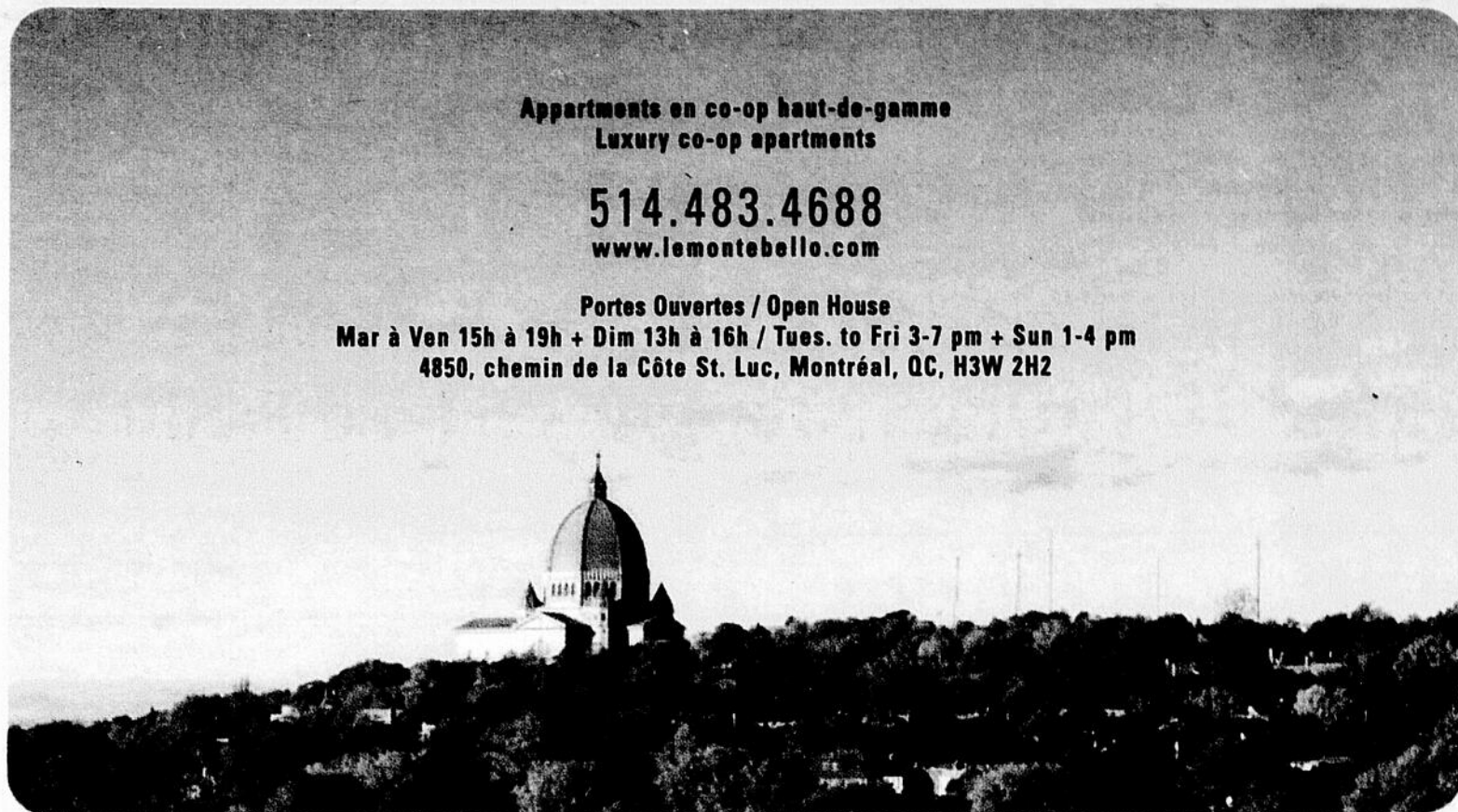
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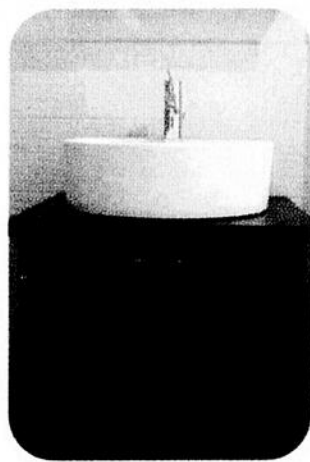
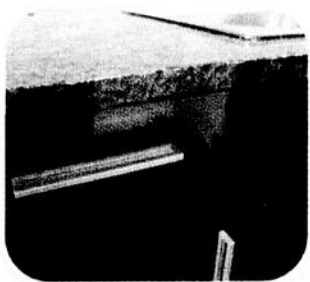
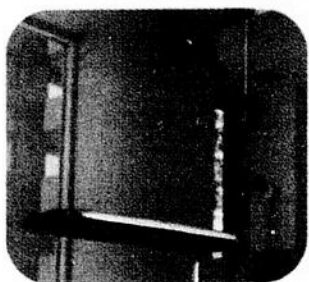
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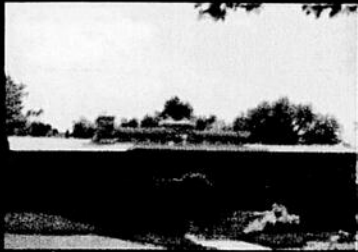
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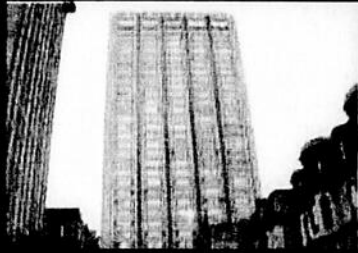
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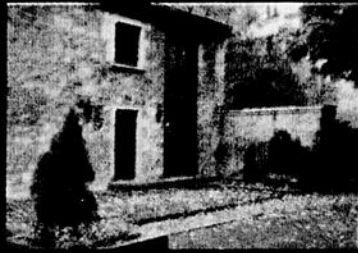
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# Flames, smashed windows and fallen trees

Roslyn Avenue house fire was only part of a busy week for local authorities

**W**estmount was ablaze last Thursday as a major fire on Roslyn tore through a single-family dwelling in the early morning hours.

"The alarm sounded at 4:55 a.m. at 503 Roslyn," said local fire chief Daniel Devries. "It was a three-alarm fire with 16 trucks and around 70 fire fighters. All told, damages are over \$400,000. The home's smoke detectors were working and everyone got out safely, but the cause of the fire is as of yet undetermined."

Devries explained the operation: "With



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about 70 firefighters, there's a shift going on. Sometimes even with a small house, it makes for an exhausting effort and they rotate in

and out. There are always about 20 people working and the rest are on the rotation," he said.

Fortunately, Devries said, there were no lives lost in the fire. "There were no major injuries and no deaths, so that's a success, but our goal is to focus on prevention. There are only about 10 fires a year in Westmount, but we try for none. It has been several years—since the late '90s—since we've had a fire-related death in the area. In fact, I've been here since 1995 and there's only been the one."

It was also a busy week for Westmount police and Public Security with a botched breaking and entering, a recovered stolen car, and several wind-damaged vehicles.

"On Sept. 20, around 1 a.m., one of our patrol cars noticed a broken plate glass window at the SAQ location on Sherbrooke near Victoria," said Public Security Director Richard Blondin.

"Our officer saw a 20-year-old black male wearing baggy clothing near the broken window and called the police.

"When the man saw our patrol car, he started walking westbound on Sherbrooke, away from the store. Our patrolman followed him while the police were on their way. They intercepted him at the northwest corner of Sherbrooke and Girouard and took him in."

That was just the beginning of a busy Wednesday for local authorities.

"There was also a major gas leak on Sept. 20 around 1:30 p.m. on Melville and de Maisonneuve," Blondin said.

"We received a call from the police for our assistance in blocking the intersections of Ste. Catherine and Melville, and Ste. Catherine and Metcalfe. We assisted the fire department and police, and the firemen cleared the area around 2:50 p.m."

Just a day later came the fire on Roslyn with police, paramedics and, obviously, the fire department on the scene. "We weren't there, but it was a big event and the fire service and police handled it well," Blondin said.

A calm Friday and Saturday led to a crazy Sunday as authorities were running all over the Westmount area dealing with at least 10 complaints of damage due to high winds.

"We had (at least) three vehicles suffer damage, including a Honda that had a large tree branch lying across its hood on Wood Avenue, and a broken windshield on Sherbrooke," Blondin said.

"The car with the broken windshield also had damage on both the passenger and driver's side windows and mirrors. Also, not too far away and still on Sherbrooke, another car was scratched on the driver's side door by fallen branches."

Almost never a dull day in Westmount, the final major event of the week saw a "middle-aged woman" being taken care of by ambulance technicians after an apparent bad fall.

"There was an injured person on the sidewalk on Sept. 24. Urgences Santé was on the scene with two of our officers and they took care of it," Blondin said.

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# Noisy animal rights protesters irk neighbours

> Martin C. Barry

**C**ity of Westmount officials are contemplating their next move in response to noisy animal rights demonstrators who have targeting two local residents.

Mayor Karin Marks met yesterday with residents of Victoria between Sherbrooke and Côte St. Antoine, and Roslyn from de Maisonneuve to Sherbrooke, to discuss what action can be taken.

So far, the situation has resulted in many irate phone calls to City Hall and has required the intervention of Westmount Public Security and Montreal police.

"There are two people—one on Roslyn, one on Victoria—who are executives in a company that is alleged to do testing with animals," Marks told *The Examiner*.

"This is an animal rights group that has come there on more than one occasion and the demonstrations have been very distressing to residents. They want to know what can be done about it. So we are meeting with the residents and with the police in order to look at that issue."

Marks said the police and Public Security have been summoned on several occasions to "make sure that there was nothing done that was illegal."

According to Councillor Kathleen Duncan, the protesters have been distributing flyers throughout Westmount. One was

left at her home on Lansdowne Avenue.

The animal rights group she said was identified on the circular, Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC), is an organization based in the U.K. with a reputation for confrontational tactics.

"The flyer I got was very poorly put together—nothing terribly professionally crafted," Duncan said. She also saw the protesters during one of their demonstrations. "They have been out at night and have been very loud and waking people."

Councillor George Bowser, another Lansdowne Avenue resident, said he too witnessed demonstrators protesting loudly a


block west of his home, on Roslyn. "There have been disturbances on that street right behind," he said. "They were making noise and screaming."

Bowser noted that all the complaints up to now have been from neighbours of the targeted persons. "I'm not hearing from the alleged victims," he said. "This is coming from a neighbour who feels that the disturbances impinge upon his or her own right to privacy and wants to know why they should be victimized."

He said the City is dealing with the issue as a security problem, regardless of the demonstrators' message: "What we're trying to deal

with as a City is that issue—the extent to which the City has powers or rights to control street activities that may upset neighbours."


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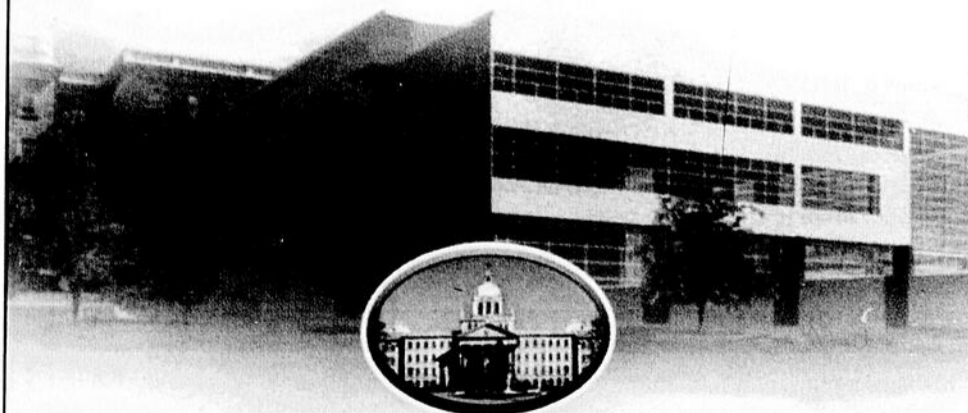
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## Dawson girls know about being a team



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Everyone involved in the Dawson shooting has had to deal with a lot, from students and teachers, administration and support staff, to Montrealers as a whole who have seen their city under siege at least three too many times in the last couple of decades.

For Dawson athletes, it has been just as tough. They, however, greatly benefit from the togetherness being part of a team brings along.

As I watched hundreds of students pile through the famous de Maisonneuve doors to Dawson College at 12:41 p.m. two Mondays ago, my attention was drawn to a group of girls off to the left in white hockey jerseys.

It was the Dawson Blues hockey team, standing as one, cheering along the throngs of kids as they walked through the entrance where it all began just five days earlier.

"We all entered around 11:15 a.m. as a team and then came back out. When 12:41 came, we were all standing together cheering for everyone. For a good hour we were all together cheering everyone on," said second-year centre Caroline Stephens.

"We wanted to encourage people to go in and to show a sense of pride. We wanted everyone to know they weren't and they're not alone."

Team manager Lionel Geller has been around since the beginning, when the team

was but a club with no league, no organization and no players.

It was he that assembled the original coaching staff in 1998, and it was with that coaching staff that he helped assemble the first group of girls that took the ice as the Dawson hockey Blues.

Geller has since retired as a teacher at Dawson, but has remained at the school in several capacities, including as manager of the team.

He was among those in the school when the shooting began, continued and ended, and he was among the girls as the team quickly assembled on the street once the whole scenario came to a close.

"They all came together as a team," Geller proudly declared. "They searched each other out and nobody left until every single teammate was accounted for."

In trying times, people tend to search out their own — a mother, brother, sister, father, friend... On this occasion, the Dawson girls showed what being part of a team means. They searched for each other.

When it was time to go back to school, they leaned on each other once again.

"I'm looking back on it and it's just hard to believe. I can't believe it happened, but I'm proud we got through it," Stephens said.

"I think everyone was scared for the first week back. It just wasn't normal. But even this week, it seems there's a better vibe and maybe things will slowly get back to normal."

These girls are the ultimate argument for team sports, and it has nothing to do with wins, losses or ties.

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# Restoring the past

WHA hears how a former Victoria Avenue laundry was transformed into a family home

> Simon Halpin

To welcome the chilly, first evening of fall last Thursday, the Westmount Historical Association hosted the first in a series of lectures about the restoration of neighbourhood homes.

'Having a Home Restored: Help from the Experts' was the subject of the evening, and the guest speakers were Westmount resident Astri Prugger, who restored 322 Victoria Ave. with her husband, John, and historical researcher Ellen Englert, who helped Prugger discover the history of her home.

"John and I are still married (after the stress of renovation), though our kids thought we were insane," said Prugger of the exhaustive process of making the house their family home.

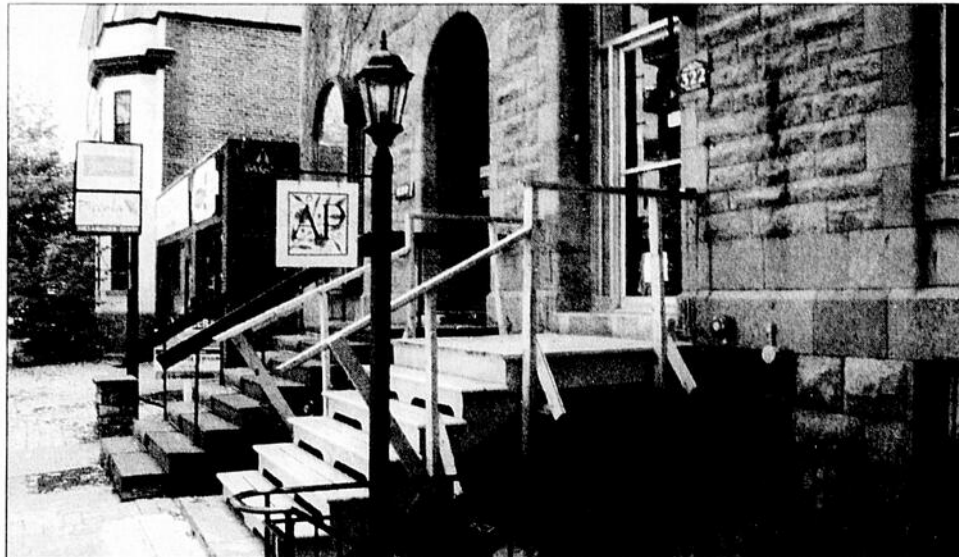
The Pruggers initially bought the residence on Victoria with the idea of living above Astri's boutique fashion business. The location was ideal, as it was already zoned for

next. The couple had many obstacles and unforeseen costs arise, such as adding an entrance from the sidewalk to the basement and having the City replace the main water line to the house in order to supply sufficient water pressure for the sprinkler system that they required for the home.

In the end the hard work and sacrifice proved to be worth it for the family.

"It been great for our family, we love to just sit in the space, eat our dinner and look up at the ceiling. It has brought us real joy. I really love this house, I feel like I've really come home," said Prugger.

The WHA-hosted lecture series continues next month on Thursday, Oct. 19 with a talk on the importance of Metcalfe Terrace's Wardleworth house on Côte St. Antoine Road. For more information on upcoming events, call WHA president Doreen Lindsay at 514-932-6688.



322 Victoria Ave. as it appears to today.

Photo: Simon Halpin



Guest speaker Astri Prugger with the son of her building's former occupant, Mr. Wong.

Photo: Doreen Lindsay

commercial use on the ground floor. It didn't hurt that John worked only a few houses away either.

"We made a decision really, to amalgamate our family life with my work life," Prugger told the tea-sipping crowd of 40 at the Westmount Public Library.

To start the evening, historian Englert told the audience the story of the address, tracing it from its roots as a single-family dwelling to its more recent incarnation as the home of Wong's Laundry. Supplementing her talk with a slide show, she explained how Mr. Wong had initially opened his laundry business at 311 Victoria Avenue, eventually moving across the street in the early 1960s to 322.

Because the dwelling had been converted to a business, there was a lot of work to fully restore the house to its original state. Rather than exercise the ghosts of the past by doing a total renovation, the Pruggers salvaged the soul of the old stone dwelling by maintaining much of the original woodwork, flooring and plaster.

"We were clearly saving this building," Prugger told the crowd.

The lengthy project was over two years in the works. The restoration was expensive and messy, though somehow Prugger managed to run her business throughout the entire operation, often moving it from one floor to the

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## Healthy lunches—a key ingredient in school success

We have all heard it a thousand times: breakfast is the most important meal of the day. And when you have kids, it's doubly important to give them a nutritious breakfast that will provide them with enough energy to

learn and do other things throughout the day.

Parents who prepare lunches for their school-age children face a special dilemma. On one hand, their kids need healthy lunches that provide them with the vitamins and

nutrients their quickly-growing bodies need. On the other hand, these lunches need to be eaten to do any good. How can you give your kids something they'll want while ensuring they get what they need? Above all, prepare well-balanced meals that include all four food groups. Then try to accommodate your children's particular tastes. Planning lunches in advance can also help ensure they get tasty, healthy lunches all week long.

Parents often underestimate the importance of lunchboxes when it comes to ensuring healthy meals. Regardless of whose photo is on the cover, a lunchbox should be sturdy and spacious, as well as both easy to open and carry. Above all, it needs to be germ-free. To prevent bacteria from forming, make sure the lunchbox is kept at an appropriate temperature. For example, keep cold food cold with an Ice-Pak or pre-chilled thermos. Washing the lunchbox and thermos each day will also keep bacteria at bay. A bit of baking soda will also do a great job of eliminating unappetizing odours.

Not all kids manage to eat enough during their meals, so adding a mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack to their lunchbox can help keep their energy levels at adequate levels throughout the day. Snacks should be tasty, but they should also be nutritious and

easy to eat when outside and on the run. Stay away from very sweet or salty snacks.

There's nothing new about kids swapping lunches, but today there are more and more children with serious food allergies. Even if your kids can eat everything, their best friends may not. Find out if any other children at their school are allergic to peanuts, nuts or other types of food. If so, never put these foods in your child's lunchbox. It's much better to be safe than sorry.

### Developing concentration skills

It's a well-known fact that succeeding at school requires an ability to concentrate. But some kids have more difficulty than others when it comes to developing this important life skill. Studies have shown, however, that most sources of distraction tend to come from within the person rather than from external sources. That would explain then why some children struggle to read an entire page of notes, but never have any difficulty concentrating on their video game—no matter how many people are talking all around them.

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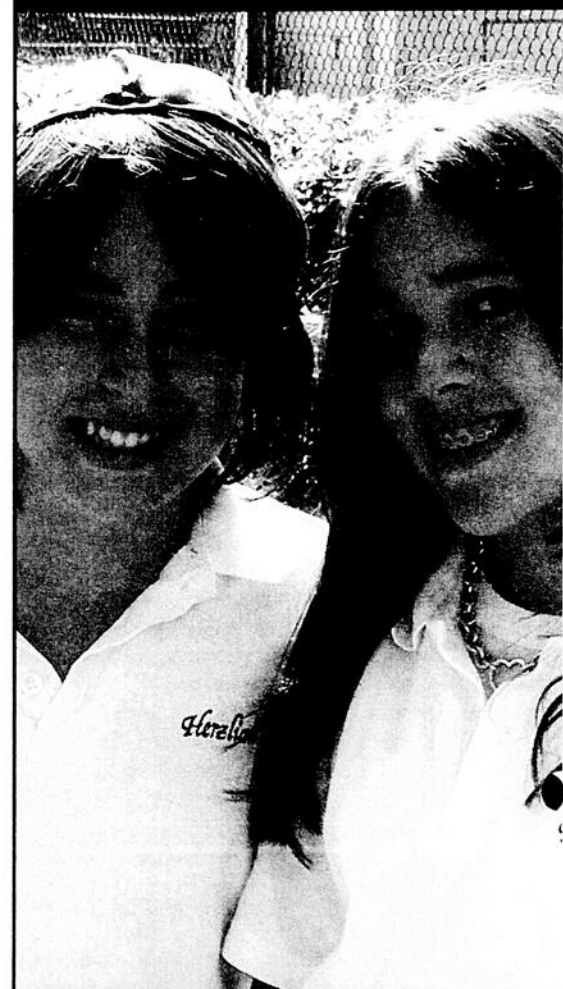
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# SCHOOL DAYS are here again!

## Royal Vale remembers

> Noah Sidel

**T**he sole casualty to date of the shooting rampage at Dawson College earlier this month, Anastasia De Sousa, was close to the local community.

Aside from her time at Westmount's Dawson, she also attended NDG's Royal Vale High School in the 2003-04 school year.

Her alma mater remembered her life last Wednesday, Sept. 20, holding a 'free-dress day', in her honour. Instead of their uniforms, students wore her trademark favourite colour of pink showing up all over the school.

In memory of De Sousa and in support of the other victims as well as those affected by the shootings, the students of Royal Vale were able to raise \$1,400 which will be donated to the Montreal Children's Hospital in her name.

A pink bead was also given out, which students wore on their necklaces, bracelets, and such, to further show the school's support.

Finally, a pink teddy bear, flowers and a card of condolence were sent to her family on Royal Vale's behalf.

### Board meetings tonight

With three schools in Westmount, the English Montreal School Board has a small, but important presence in the community.

Headed up on the corner of Côte St. Luc Road and Fielding, the EMSB held its September meeting last night.

The CSDM head office may not be in the area, but the board does have a significant local presence. It also met last night.

It should be noted that while these meetings happen too late to make it to print in the last monthly edition of the Education Beat, news and notes from the meetings will always follow the next week.

Tune in on Oct. 5 for info on what's going on at the school boards.

### Selwyn Sports

The always exciting Selwyn House School senior football team takes on Dalbé Viau tomorrow, while the senior and middle school soccer clubs are also on the field.

Selwyn's bantam football squad takes the field on Saturday in an always tight matchup against NDG's LCC.

### Selwyn Calling

The school will open its doors to the public for prospective kindergarten to Grade 11 students next Wednesday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) or call 514-931-9481.

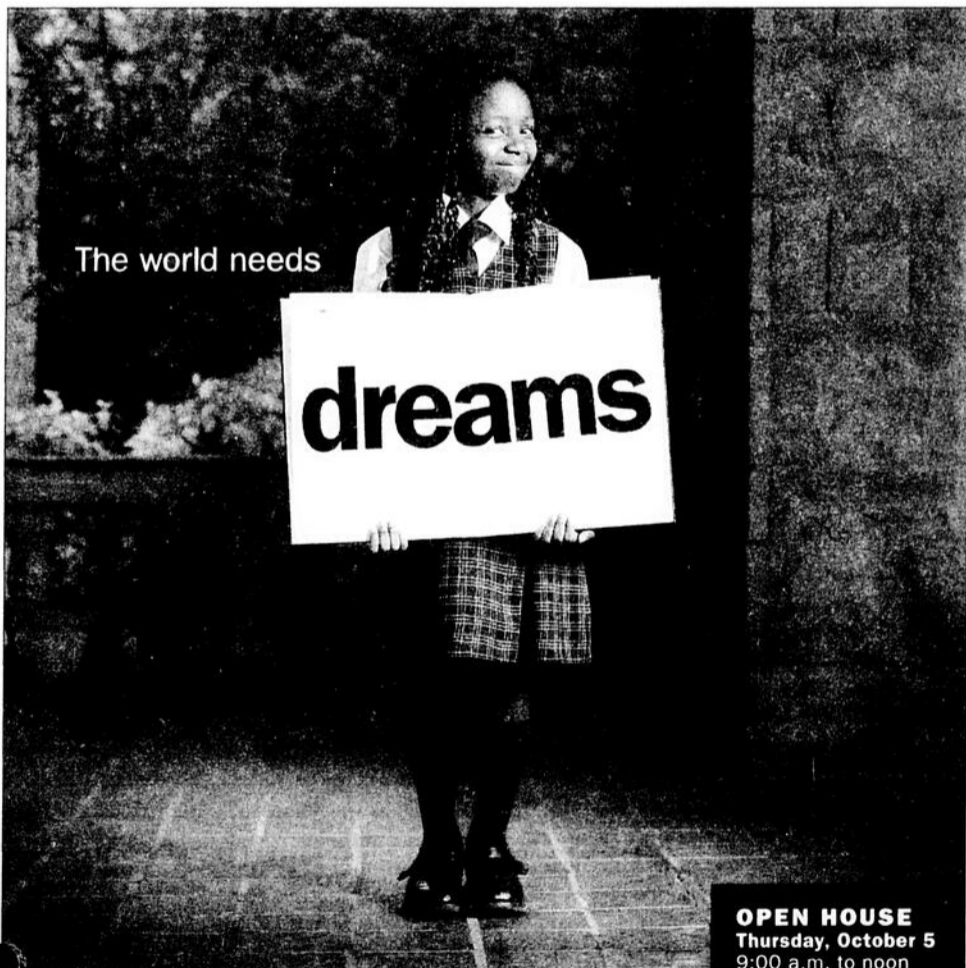


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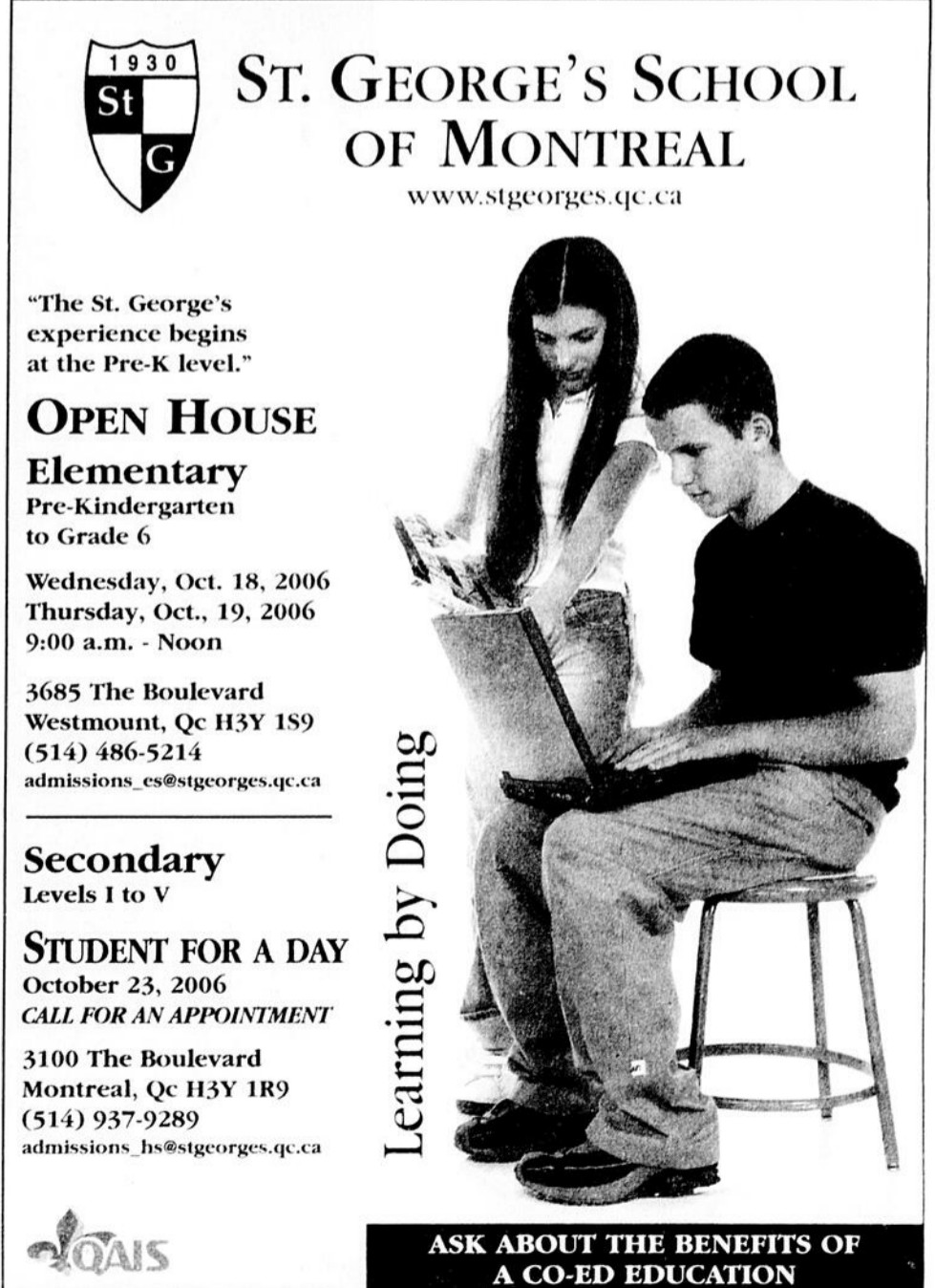
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# SCHOOL DAYS are here again!

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Where can internal distractions come from? Worrying about personal problems, fatigue and nervousness are just a few things that can affect a child's ability to concentrate. So can overeating—or even not eating enough!

What can you do as a parent to help improve your child's ability to concentrate? First, make sure he or she gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy, balanced diet. Be close to your kids and talk to them about what's going on in their lives. That way they'll be more likely to open up about any problems they may be going through. Also, make sure your kids get enough social interaction with others their age. Playing sports can also help kids improve their concentration skills. In fact, martial arts have shown to do wonders for many kids with concentration problems.

There are also a number of techniques that you can teach your kids which can help

reduce stress and improve their concentration levels. For example, encourage your kids to study at an appropriate time of the day when they'll have sufficient energy to concentrate on what they're doing. Also, give them a quiet place that's reserved for their school work.

Reading aloud can help immensely when it comes to memorizing facts, so put their school work area somewhere in the house where your kids won't be too self-conscious to do this.

If your kids work on a computer, make sure they take regular breaks to stretch, get up, get a drink of water or look out the window to rest their eyes. As an extra tip for boosting concentration: If your kids are pre-occupied with something in particular, have them write it down on a piece of paper.

The simple act of doing this can help clear the mind so that it can focus on other things—like studying for tomorrow's history exam!

## Using a computer should not be a pain

Kids spend a lot of time using computers these days, whether it's doing homework or playing their favourite video games. But if the computer station they sit at isn't adjusted to their size, it could lead to a number of physical problems including eye fatigue, headaches, neck stiffness, back pain, etc. Fortunately, a few simple adjustments can prevent these potential problems from becoming a real pain in the neck.

Eye fatigue can result in redness in the eyes, stinging and tearing. It can also cause headaches. To minimize eye fatigue, adjust the intensity of the screen's brightness to that of the lighting in the room. The picture scanning frequency should be set between 75 and 90 hertz. When working with text documents, make sure your children use a font size larger than 7 points. Also encourage them to rest their eyes from time to time.

For example, they can rub both hands

together and then place their palms gently over their closed eyes, holding them there for a few seconds. The warmth and darkness provided by the hands helps the eye muscles to relax. Alternatively, they can blink their eyes and gaze at a distant object. To prevent muscle stiffness, encourage your kids to take regular breaks and do a bit of stretching to relax their back muscles.

Teaching your children how to sit properly in front of the computer will also help prevent back pain associated with poor posture.

The general rules of thumb are:

- The back should be kept straight against the seatback.
- The forearms and hands should be kept parallel to the hips.
- The computer mouse should be placed near the keyboard.



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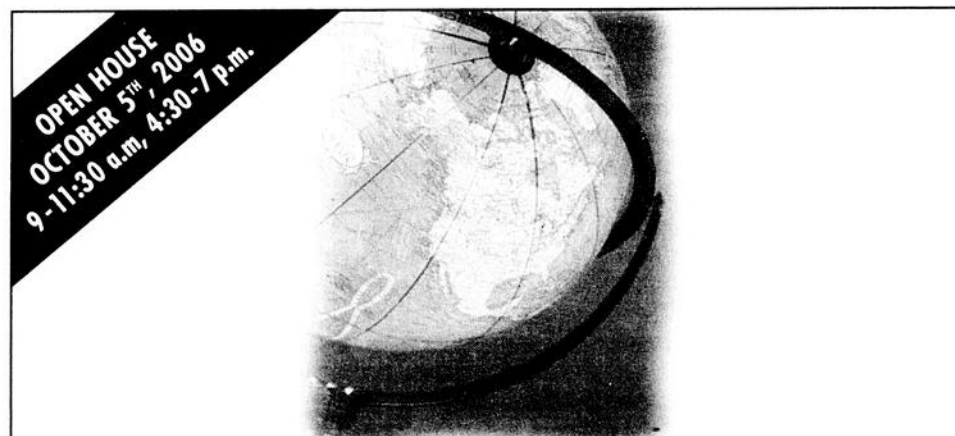
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# Children's department expands library services

> Matthew Surridge

**W**ith the school year well underway, the children's department of the Westmount Public Library is hoping to stir up interest in local classrooms.

Wendy Wayling of the children's department is planning a series of visits to schools to spread word of developments at the library, and she has a lot to talk about. There's a new card design for the children's department, a new web site soon to be unveiled, and a full slate of upcoming events and parties in the offing.

The new library card for the children's department came out in June. The striking design shows the library building and a styl-

ized owl based on the statue in the library courtyard. The statue itself refers to the discovery during renovations several years ago of an owl living in the attic of the library building.

That owl ended up with experts at McGill University's MacDonald Campus; an owl icon, representing wisdom and knowledge, has since become a symbol of the library, appearing on numerous library logos, and now on the new card for the children's department.

The card has been a hit with members. "The kids love it," said Wayling. "They actually will come in and switch their old ones to get it. We've had some adults asking

for it, too. They're disappointed when they find out it's only for children."

Naira Santanna, who designed the new card, also designed the forthcoming children's department catalogue web site. The site will use the basic architecture of the new library catalogue, but will be less text-oriented than the adult version, featuring an icon-based navigation system.

"It will encourage the kids to use the catalogue to get access to the collection," said library director Ann Moffat.

Wayling will be visiting schools in Westmount in the coming week to talk about the library, and reminding students that they can sign up as a member for free. All they need to do is bring their school agenda in to the library, and they'll be issued their own card.

Membership numbers have already begun increasing at the library, and Wayling is hoping to continue that trend.

She will be speaking to individual classes, outlining the resources the library has, and handing out a specially-designed bookmark with information about library rules and programs. The bookmark notes the special lower fines for overdue material in the children's section—six cents per book per day, as opposed to 15 cents for books in the general

collection—and notes that up to 20 books may be borrowed at a time. The wide-ranging children's collection includes material in both languages, and also includes some comics not moved upstairs to the library's Graphica collection.

As well, new members of the children's department will be able to enter a Halloween contest, putting their name into a draw for a prize of a gift certificate.

Current members of the children's department who use their card before the end of October can also enter the draw. Another contest in October sees a competition to design the best pumpkin, with prizes to be awarded at a gala on Oct. 28.

Yet another upcoming contest challenges members of the children's library to identify close-up images of Westmount's architectural heritage.

Besides these events, the children's department maintains its regular slate of book clubs (in both English and French), art programs, and library clerk Mike Ditchburn's monthly games club. Staff members are always available to answer any questions and inquiries from interested children and parents, and are open to suggestions for new books, new programs, and anything that will encourage kids to use their library.



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## AVIS D'ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR RÈGLEMENT D'EMPRUNT N° 1326

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement d'emprunt 1326 intitulé «RÈGLEMENT AUTORISANT UN EMPRUNT DE 400 000 \$ POUR L'EXÉCUTION DE TRAVAUX DE RÉFECTION DE L'HÔTEL DE VILLE», adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount lors d'une séance spéciale tenue le 10 mai 2006, est réputé avoir été approuvé par les personnes habiles à voter lors de l'enregistrement tenu le 18 mai 2006. La ministre des Affaires municipales et des Régions a approuvé ledit règlement le 18 septembre 2006.

Ce règlement a pour objet, notamment :

- 1) d'autoriser un emprunt de 400 000 \$ pour le financement des travaux de réaménagement des bureaux du rez-de-chaussée et du premier étage de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount et la réfection d'une partie de la toiture;
- 2) de prélever les taxes nécessaires sur tous les immeubles imposables situés sur le territoire de la municipalité afin de pourvoir aux dépenses engagées relativement aux intérêts et au remboursement en capital des échéances annuelles de l'emprunt contracté en vertu du présent règlement; et
- 3) d'affecter à la réduction de l'emprunt toute subvention qui pourrait être versée.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ledit règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau de la greffière adjointe, à l'hôtel de ville de Westmount, 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, Québec, durant les heures d'affaires régulières, soit du lundi au vendredi, de 8h30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 28<sup>e</sup> jour de septembre 2006.

## NOTICE OF COMING INTO FORCE LOAN BY-LAW N° 1326

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Loan By-law 1326 entitled "BY-LAW TO PROVIDE A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FOR THE REFURBISHING OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING", adopted by the Municipal Council of Westmount at a special sitting on May 10, 2006, was deemed to have been approved by the qualified voters at the registration held on May 18, 2006. The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Regions approved By-law 1326 on September 18, 2006.

The object of this by-law is, among other things:

- 1) to authorize a loan in the amount of \$ 400,000, the proceeds of which shall be applied to the cost of the refurbishing of the offices on the ground and first floors and the reconstruction of a section of the roof of Westmount City Hall;
- 2) to levy a special tax on all the taxable immovables located in the territory of the municipality to provide for the expenses incurred for interest and for the reimbursement in capital of the annual commitments of the contracted loan under the said by-law; and
- 3) to provide for the reduction of the loan by any grant that may be made.

This loan by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult said by-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the Assistant City Clerk located at City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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# The legalities of aging gracefully



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**L**awyer Anne Soden shared with the membership of the Rotary Club of Westmount recently the emergence of important new legal issues, that of elder law.

Soden raised many concerns that need to be addressed today as the senior population is growing. "People are living longer and as the tsunami of baby boomers is racing towards senior years, there is an unprecedented need for laws that specifically address seniors.

In the 1920s, in Canada, one in 20 was over the age of 65 compared to an anticipated one in four in the coming years," said Soden.

Everything from pensions and the allocation of health care dollars, to longer life products, financing methods, residences, and real estate developments are all being affected. Soden also deals with the more human issues of elder law including elder abuse, living wills, and basic rights concerning managing one's own affairs.

Soden will also present Lasting Wishes, a discussion about seniors rights, with Bridget Fetterly of the Kane Fetterly Funeral Home, at a free community seminar on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Square, 6767 Cote St. Luc Road in NDG. Seating is limited. Register at 514-481-9609.

#### Seeking seniors for school awareness program

The NDG Community Committee on Elder Abuse is involved with the rights of students and seniors in the community through an abuse preventive program, Generations Together, that helps teens develop positive attitudes toward issues of aging.

"We deal directly with human rights issues facing students and seniors including the right to be respected and the right not to be bullied" says coordinator Judith Henkewick.

While the committee does not deal with individual cases of elder abuse, it meets those challenges head on by offering intergenerational programs in local high schools.

The program is simple. A group of seniors make two visits to a classroom to address the issues along with video presentations.

To expand the program to more schools the committee is recruiting seniors who will go into the schools and present the program. Training and transportation are provided. To get involved as a senior, or to invite the committee to do a presentation, call Henkewick at 514-488-0590.

#### Fall events for the WHA

This session the Westmount Historical Association is once again looking at Westmount architecture, specifically at the restoration of homes. In the spirit of that theme, the WHA board has planned an autumn filled with interactive events:

The annual Architectural Heritage Challenge for Kids is currently accepting entries at the children's department of Westmount Public Library. Kids from eight to 12 years can enter by answering a series of historical questions about the life and houses of Westmount architect Robert Findlay.

Contest deadline is Saturday, Oct. 7. One prize will be awarded to a correct submission chosen in a draw. But here is a clue. All the answers can be found in the exhibition on Findlay's Westmount presently showing in the Westmount Public Library.

The contest is sponsored by the City of Westmount, the Patrimoine Architectural de

Montreal 2006 and the Westmount Historical Association. For more information go to the library, at 4574 Sherbrooke St. W.

#### WHA photo exhibition at library

In its ongoing celebration of Westmount architecture, particularly the architecture of Robert Findlay, the Westmount Historical Association installed a photo exhibition of their buildings in the Westmount Public Library.

The creative exhibition combines colour photos of existing buildings by WHA president Doreen Lindsay with black and white archival photographs and text about the life and times of Robert Findlay. Included is an archival photograph of the clock tower located at the Murray Park shelter that features the original weather vane.

There is also a photo of the original Victoria Hall, built in 1898 and a sad photo of the building after it was destroyed by fire in 1924. The exhibition continues at the Library until Saturday, Oct. 7.

#### Walking tour of Westmount this Saturday

For those who would like to see some of the Findlay buildings in person, the WHA has arranged a day of walking tours this Saturday, Sept. 30 at 1 and 1:30 p.m. in both French and English.

In preparation for the walks tour guides were trained with extensive information about each of the buildings. This year too the number of guides has been increased and includes WHA members Caroline Breslaw, Barbara Covington, Monique Frezza, Doreen Lindsay, Jane Martin, Ruth Allan-Rigby, Margarita Schultz, and Jacqueline Varin-

Holm. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring along bottled water. For more information or to reserve your place call 514-989-5226.

#### Fall outing for quilters

The Westmount Quilters Guild has scheduled a fall outing to the Macdonell-Williamson House in Chute-à-Blondeau, Ontario. The family home, now a museum, was built around 1817 on the Ottawa River at the border between Upper and Lower Canada by fur trader John Macdonell.

The day trip will take place on Tuesday Oct. 3. The guided tour will include a full English tea. The cost of the tour is \$10 per person. For more information or to reserve your place contact guild president Lily Lam at 514-989-7939.

#### Unitas meditation this weekend

The Unitas Centre is hosting a special meditation, the Search for Meaning, this Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1950 St. Antoine Street W. The day will include a presentation on the life and teaching of John Main, the Benedictine monk who inspired Unitas.

"John Main was the catalyst of contemplative renewal of society," says Westmounter Neil McKenty. "We are hosting this day to share his teachings with the public."

A presentation in French will be given by Andre Beauchamp and one in English by McKenty. Both will be followed by a group discussion. Lunch will be provided followed by a bilingual group discussion. The cost is \$20 (\$10 for students). To reserve, 514-485-0009 or e-mail unitas@beliefnet.ca.

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Youth Dance for ages 9 to 12 years at the Westmount YMCA, 4585 Sherbrooke St. W., from 7:15 to 9:45 p.m. Tickets are \$4. Parents will be required to complete a registration form (valid for the school year). Info: Chris Lockhart at 514-931-6770 ext. 237.

**Saturday, Sept. 30**

The Westmount Historical Association has organized two guided walking tours of Westmount, featuring the architecture of Robert Findlay. For more information, call Hélène at the Westmount Community Events office at 514-989-5226.

Big Garage Sale at 4006 Dorchester, corner Atwater, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds to benefit African AIDS orphans. Rain or shine. Treasures for all. Info: 514-636-6710.

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The Montreal Inter-Cultural Choir presents an evening of gospel music at the House of Prayer, 4119 de Maisonneuve, at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Info: 514-955-1982 or 514-262-6373.

**Monday, Oct. 2**

The Montreal Camera Club will be having its First Nature Competition at 7:30 p.m. in Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve (rear entrance). There will also be a discussion about technique and composition using images from Tony Sweet's DVD, 'Visual Rhythm'. All welcome. Info: 514-933-6332.

**Wednesday, Oct. 4**

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., presents 'Les Juifs du monde arabe: histoire, religion et culture' with Esther Benaim-Ouaknine, Judaic studies professor, Université de Montréal, at 7:30 p.m. Learn the history, customs, traditions, and more of Jews of the Arab world. Class will be given in French with some English explanation. Info: 514-937-3575.

**Tuesday, Oct. 10**

'Noam Chomsky: Rebel Without a Pause' a documentary featuring the world's greatest intellectual voice of dissent, will be screened at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. from noon to 2 p.m. Chomsky holds forth on a wide variety of topics, mostly related to the state of world affairs in a post-9/11 context. Guest moderator to be announced. Info: 514-937-3575.

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**

The Philatelic Club of Montreal holds a show-and-tell evening for stamp collectors at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the

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Dine & Discover returns to Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave., with a hot new topic—"The Bible's Top 10 Ideas", first in a three-part series. Dinner at 5:30, lecture at 6:20 p.m. Reservations required at 514-937-3575.

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The Gallery at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St.W., presents 'Allegories', an exhibition of photography and digital imagery by Peter Boyadjieff, through Oct. 7. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. Info: 514-989-5226.

The McClure Gallery at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave., presents 'Terre, pierre et fer', an exhibition by Jean Brillant, Jean-Louis Émond and Eva Lapka, Oct. 6 through 28. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. Info: 514-488-9558.

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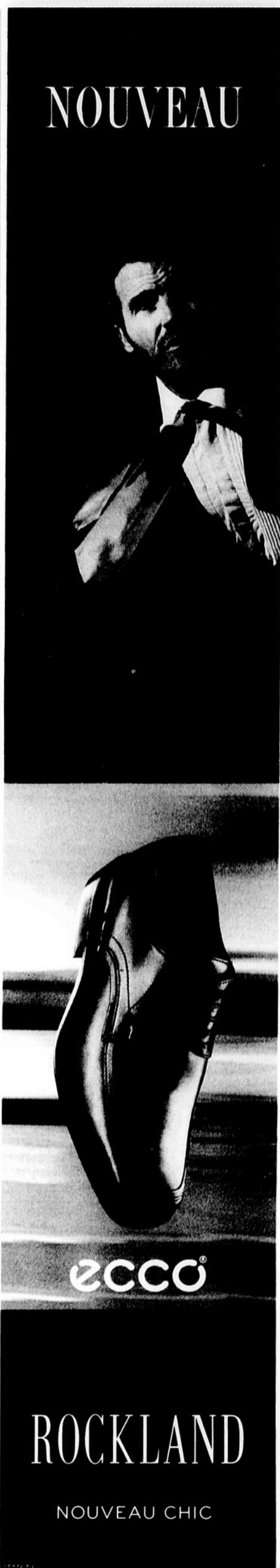
The Montreal Camera Club meets each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve, entrance at rear. Slide shows, competitions and workshops. Visitors welcome. Info: 514-637-2767.

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

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**Pool-sized lot (Almost 8,000 sf)**  
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**FORT DE LA MONTAGNE**

3 bed maisonette, 2 1/2 baths, 2 balconies with views, 2 garages, sports complex, security 24/7. Lots of built-ins cedar closet. Offers to **\$895,000.**

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- Large elegant rooms
- Deck off living room • 6 bedrooms, 4+1 bathrooms
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- Stone & chimneys completely repointed
- 3 fireplaces • Only 2 owners

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**WESTMOUNT ADJ. - DE VENDÔME**

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