

City poised for Communities in Bloom judging

As the clock ticks down and local officials make last-minute preparations for the much-anticipated Communities in Bloom competition, the City of Westmount has announced that it will be rolling out the red carpet to welcome the judges, who are scheduled to visit Westmount this Monday, Aug. 13.

The volunteer judges have been visiting

communities across Canada to evaluate overall performance in tidiness, environmental awareness, community involvement, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscaped areas, floral displays, and turf and groundcovers.

Evaluation will be based on the local conditions and the achievements of citizens, businesses, institutions and the municipal

government working together.

On Monday, Mayor Karin Marks will host a special luncheon in the judges' honour in Victoria Hall — an invitation-only event designed to introduce the judges to members of City Council as well as the dedicated volunteers, municipal staff and representatives of local organizations, each of

whom contribute to community life in Westmount. After the luncheon, the judges will be escorted around the city to evaluate Westmount's performance.

In the lead-up to the judges' visit, residents and businesses are getting into the spirit of

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The tradition continues

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For years, Repercussion Theatre has been entertaining Westmounters with lively productions of classic plays, and this summer is no exception. But instead of Shakespeare, it's Moliere's turn this year — as the popular troupe performs 'Scapin the Schemer' in Westmount Park on Saturday, Aug. 18 and Sunday, Aug. 19. Photo: Martin C. Barry

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Artist Vicki Tansey holds a multi-media show at the McClure Gallery.
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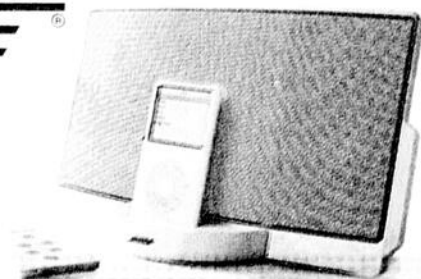
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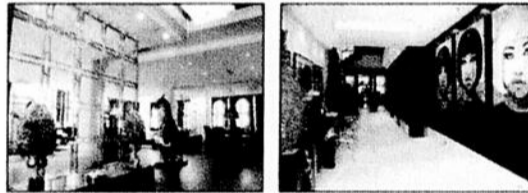
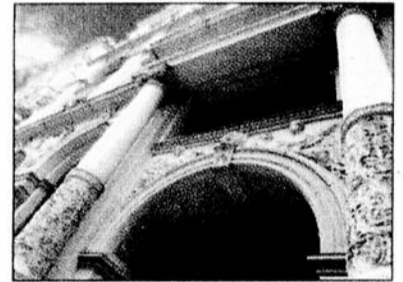
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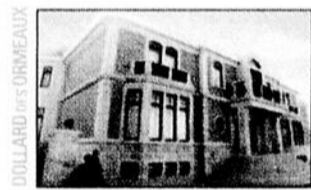
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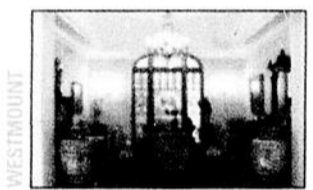
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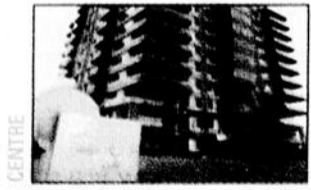
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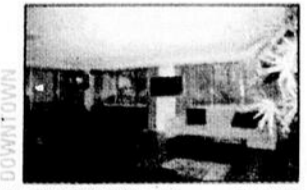
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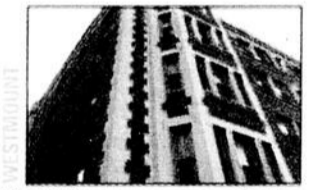
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Local News

Westmount to weigh sound wall's merits over next two years

>Martin C. Barry

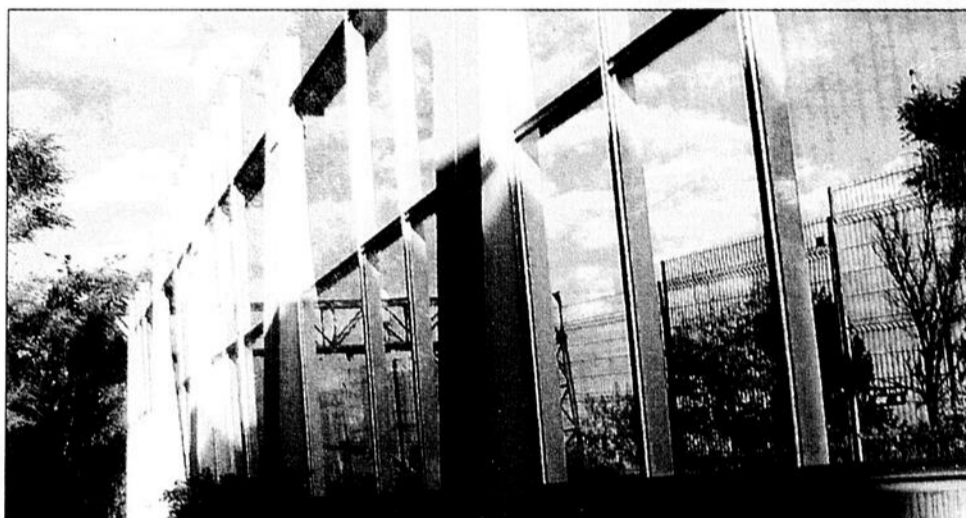
Westmounters living close to the noisy Ville Marie Expressway and the local commuter railway line will have to be patient - any decision to construct a full-length sound barrier is at least two years away.

The City expects to take that long in order to carefully evaluate the performance of an experimental sound barrier section currently in place in lower Westmount.

According to Mayor Karin Marks, the results of tests conducted by sound technicians on the effectiveness of the glass and steel-frame wall erected last summer at the foot of Abbott Avenue confirmed that the wall appears to be doing the job for which it was created.

However, as it is only an experimental prototype, the barrier has proven to have some limitations.

"Since it is not continuous - it's only one block - there's some sound that comes around the ends," Marks told the *Examiner*.



"We need to have a couple of years to look," she added, citing such issues as maintenance costs, how frequently it is vandalized with 'scraffiti' and 'graffiti,' and how it stands up to our winters.

"Is it going to become cloudy after a short period of time?" Marks asked. "They tell us it will not."

Besides the wall's effectiveness, Marks said the cost of a permanent sound barrier is an

issue with which the City will eventually have to deal. "Council has to look at all of the spending priorities for the City and say, 'Okay, how do we plan these in order to maintain a tax rate that is a reasonable one that people can afford,'" she said. "We have a number of priorities we have to be looking at, and a number of costs."

The 30-metre sound barrier, mounted on concrete pillars, was installed next to the CP Rail tracks and the Ville Marie Expressway at a cost of \$350,000. Sound tests of its effectiveness started shortly after the wall's completion. The field work was followed up with computer simulations using gathered data.

Many more millions of dollars could eventually be spent completing a permanent sound barrier extending the length of the expressway and the rail line in Westmount. The City hopes to finance the project with the help of federal and provincial subsidies.

City staff to take on water management

Formal announcement expected this month

>Don Wedge

Westmount Council is about to announce that it will not renew the contract for management of water pipe maintenance, and from next January will operate the function with municipal personnel.

It will add manpower to the City payroll, reversing a two-decade-old policy of contracting out some Public Works tasks, notable examples being garbage collection and parks maintenance.

Until 2006, the distribution of drinking water was undertaken by the City of Montreal, and the maintenance of the trunk mains still are - as well as the provision of the water itself.

The announcement of Westmount taking back the management of domestic distribution from the private sector could come at a special council meeting next Thursday at noon or be held over until the regular monthly meeting on Monday, Aug. 27.

Utilities Commissioner Patrick Martin explained that the contract with Dessau-Soprin - defined and negotiated by the Transition Committee in 2005 and later ratified by the reconstituted Council - had worked well.

However, it has now been decided that the work could be done more cost-effectively in the future by Westmount's own employees.

"A pilot scheme has been put together to take over the management at the end of the year. We plan to employ two more blue-collar personnel," said Martin. "Local 301 union chief Michel Parent was personally involved in negotiating with the City and has been extremely helpful in the outcome."

The City will also have to invest in some new equipment, to be bought in the fall.

When Transition Committee Chairman Pierre Lortie came to Westmount in 2005 to explain the proposed water maintenance opportunity, there were strong representations by blue collars that they should be given the work.

They pointed out the excellent service provided by Hydro Westmount, with an all-staff workforce.

Now they will have the opportunity to prove their point.

Dessau-Soprin has managed the service for the last year and a half, calling on

sub-contractors to do the actual work.

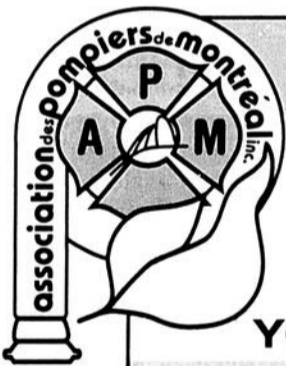
Similarly, if necessary Westmount will also supplement its workforce with sub-contractors, but under direct management by City employees.

Major installation work, such as the recent rebuilding of Kensington Ave., was subject to

separate tendered contracts by specialized construction companies,

Last year, Westmount hired Michel Berthelet, a former Montreal Water Department supervisor, as its water specialist, and he will continue with the City.

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A Message from the Montreal firefighters

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The purpose of this initiative by Montreal firefighters is to point out that a joint study by the Montreal Fire Department (MFD) and the Montreal Firefighters' Association (MFA) clearly showed that Montreal should hire at least 500 new firefighters and build 12 new fire stations.

Montreal's firefighters urge you to contact your mayor to express your concerns about the safety of your neighbourhood.



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Avez-vous reçu votre copie du répertoire des activités culturelles, sportives et de loisirs? Sinon, des exemplaires sont disponibles DÈS AUJOURD'HUI dans tous les édifices municipaux. Vous pouvez également consulter notre site Web pour accéder à la liste complète des activités offertes. Info : 514 989-5353.

Compétition de natation

Venez encourager l'équipe de natation Les Dauphins de Westmount le samedi 11 août prochain à la piscine municipale lors de la compétition finale de la section B de l'Association des piscines Lakeshore. Des athlètes de partout sur l'île de Montréal participeront à cette importante rencontre. Les épreuves débiteront à 9 h et se poursuivront jusqu'en après-midi. Entrée gratuite. Info : 514 989-5353.

Fermeture de la piscine

Veillez noter que la piscine municipale sera fermée au public le samedi 11 août en matinée et en début d'après-midi afin d'accueillir la compétition ALPS. L'ouverture de la piscine pour le bain libre est prévue pour 16 h et l'horaire régulier sera alors en vigueur. ♣



TRAVAUX PUBLICS Collectivités en fleurs

Westmount se prépare à accueillir, le 13 août prochain, les juges de l'organisme Collectivités en fleurs qui évalueront les efforts de la ville dans le cadre d'une compétition nationale. Dans l'esprit de cette campagne d'embellissement, de nombreux résidents et commerçants se sont lancés dans des projets d'amélioration de leurs propriétés et il n'est pas trop tard pour vous y mettre! Pour voir des images de ces efforts splendides, consultez le site Web de la ville. Info : 514 989-5213. ♣



SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE Couvre-feu dans les parcs

En raison de l'augmentation spectaculaire des rapports de vandalisme, de graffiti et d'infractions relatives à la toxicomanie dans les parcs municipaux, la Ville de Westmount instaure un couvre-feu dans tous ses parcs. Les parcs sont maintenant fermés au public tous les soirs, de minuit à 5 h. Les contrevenants sont passibles d'une amende minimum de 37 \$. ♣

DATES À RETENIR

Jusqu'au 18 août

Exposition : *Proche de nous*
La galerie du Victoria Hall

Le 11 août - de 9 h à 14 h 30

Finales de la Section 'B' ALPS
Piscine municipale.

Le 13 août

Concours Collectivités en fleurs
Arrivée des juges

Les 18 et 19 août - 19 h

Théâtre en plein air : *Scapin the Schemer!*
Parc Westmount

Les 21 et 22 août - 18 h

Inscriptions pour les activités de loisirs
Victoria Hall



BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Club de lecture vacances 2007

Jusqu'au 24 août! Décollez vers les confins de l'univers en participant au club de lecture vacances. Le thème de cette année est *Lire au-delà du réel!* Inscription au comptoir des enfants de la Bibliothèque. Info : 514 989-5229. ♣



ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Concerts d'été

au parc Westmount

Venez assister au dernier concert de la série 2007 des concerts professionnels près de l'étang du parc Westmount le dimanche 12 août à 14 h. Écoutez la musique du trio Jon Geary, qui présentera des chansons du répertoire standard jazz ainsi que des œuvres instrumentales et vocales tirées de leurs enregistrements CD. En cas de pluie, ce concert aura lieu au Victoria Hall. Info : 514 989-5226.

Théâtre en plein air

La troupe *Repercussion Theatre* présentera la pièce anglaise *Scapin the Schemer!* de Molière, les samedi 18 août et dimanche 19 août à 19 h au parc Westmount. Entrée gratuite. N'oubliez pas d'apporter vos chaises. Info : 514 989-5226 ou www.repercussiontheatre.com.

Poésie en plein air au parc Westmount

Venez entendre des interprétations de poésie le mercredi 22 août à 19 h au parc Westmount, près de l'étang. En cas de pluie, l'événement aura lieu le lendemain, jeudi 23 août à la même heure et au même endroit. Advenant deux soirs de pluie, l'événement se tiendra le jeudi au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke O. Info : 514-989-5226. ♣



SPORTS & RECREATION

Recreation Activities Guide

Have you received your copy of the Activities Guide? If not, pick up a copy of the *Culture, Sports and Recreation Activities Guide* TODAY at any municipal building. You can also consult our Web site for a complete list of the recreation activities available to you. Info: 514 989-5353.

Swimming Competition

Come cheer on the Westmount Dolphins swim team as Westmount hosts the 2007 ALPS Section 'B' Finals at the municipal pool Saturday, August 11. Athletes from across the island will be on hand for this exciting meet. Races begin at 9 a.m., and will continue throughout the early afternoon. Admission is free. Info: 514 989-5353

Pool Closure

Due to the ALPS Swimming competition, the municipal pool will be closed to the public on Saturday, August 11 throughout the morning and afternoon. The pool will reopen at approximately 4 p.m. The regular free swim schedule will be in effect at that time. ♣



PUBLIC WORKS

Communities in Bloom

Westmount is preparing to roll out the red carpet to welcome the Communities in Bloom judges, who will be visiting our city on Monday, August 13 to evaluate our performance. Residents and businesses are also getting into the spirit of the competition by sprucing up their own properties, and it is not too late for you to participate. New photo galleries recognising some of these fantastic efforts are now available on the City's Web site. Info: 514 989-5213. ♣



PUBLIC SECURITY

Park Curfew

Due to a dramatic increase in reports of vandalism, graffiti and substance abuse infractions in municipal parks, the City of Westmount is instituting a curfew in all parks. All parks in Westmount are now closed to the public nightly from 12 a.m. to 5 a.m. Violators will be subject to a minimum fine of \$37. ♣



LIBRARY

Summer Reading Club 2007

Until August 24! Blast off to the outer reaches of the universe in this annual summer reading club. The theme this year

DATEBOOK

Until August 18

Exhibition: *Close to Home*
Gallery at Victoria Hall

August 11 - 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ALPS Section 'B' Finals Swim Meet
Municipal Pool

August 13

Communities in Bloom Competition
Arrival of Judges

August 18 & 19 - 7 p.m.

Theatre in the Park: *Scapin the Schemer!*
Westmount Park

August 21 & 22 - 6 p.m.

Registration for Recreation Activities
Victoria Hall

is *To the Library and Beyond!* You can still register for this activity in the children's section of the Library. Info: 514 989-5229. ♣



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Concerts in the Park

Join us this Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Westmount Park lagoon for the final concert in this year's *Concerts in the Park* series. Enjoy the jazzy sounds of the Jon Geary Trio, as they present selections from the classic jazz standard repertoire along with music selected from their many CD recordings. Rain location: Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5226.

Theatre in the Park

This summer, Repercussion Theatre will be presenting Molière's *Scapin the Schemer!* Saturday, August 18 and Sunday, August 19 at 7 p.m. in Westmount Park. Admission is free. Bring a lawn chair. Info: 514 989-5226 or www.repercussiontheatre.com.

Poetry in the Park

Hear local poets at this spoken word event on Wednesday, August 22 at 7 p.m. in Westmount Park near the lagoon. Rain date: Thursday, August 23, same time and place. In case of rain on both evenings, the event will be moved to Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W. on the Thursday. Info: 514 989-5226. ♣



LOCAL NEWS

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"His contribution has been invaluable. It is important to have a good working arrangement with Montreal, which is still responsible for mains, and he has a thorough knowledge of the various interlinked systems," Martin added.

He also pointed out that Public Works Director Jacques Lahaie, who proposed the

pilot scheme to Council, has also shown that the department's introduction of new techniques of pipe lining are extremely efficient while less costly than expected. This will permit an acceleration of the programme to bring the water network up to standard.

"The expertise of our staff, proven by that kind of successful innovation, gives Council

confidence that we can take on the management of water distribution," the councillor said.

"That we have said little about the water maintenance until now was not because of a 'fortress city hall', but rather that negotiations were both complex and sensitive."

A separate contract with Dessau-Soprin required a review of the entire system, which is up to 100 years old, to determine a modernization and replacement strategy. This has proved to be more complex than anticipated, and delivery of the results is not expected until next month.

Green Patrol invites citizens to join visit

Westmount's Green Patrol is inviting all citizens to join their tour of the St. Michel Environmental Complex next Thursday, Aug. 16.

The Patrol has organized a free bus for their guests. It will leave Victoria Hall and 9 a.m. and return about noon.

Participants are asked to register with the Peter McGill Eco-Quartier, which is hosting the Patrol this summer, at 514-933-1069.

The tour will include a visit to the Montreal recycling sorting center as well as

the landfill. The latter, which received garbage from Westmount and other suburban cities for many years, is now being closed and site turned into a park.

There will also be a visit to the TOHU, the circus center which was the first Montreal building to achieve LEED status for its environmental design features.

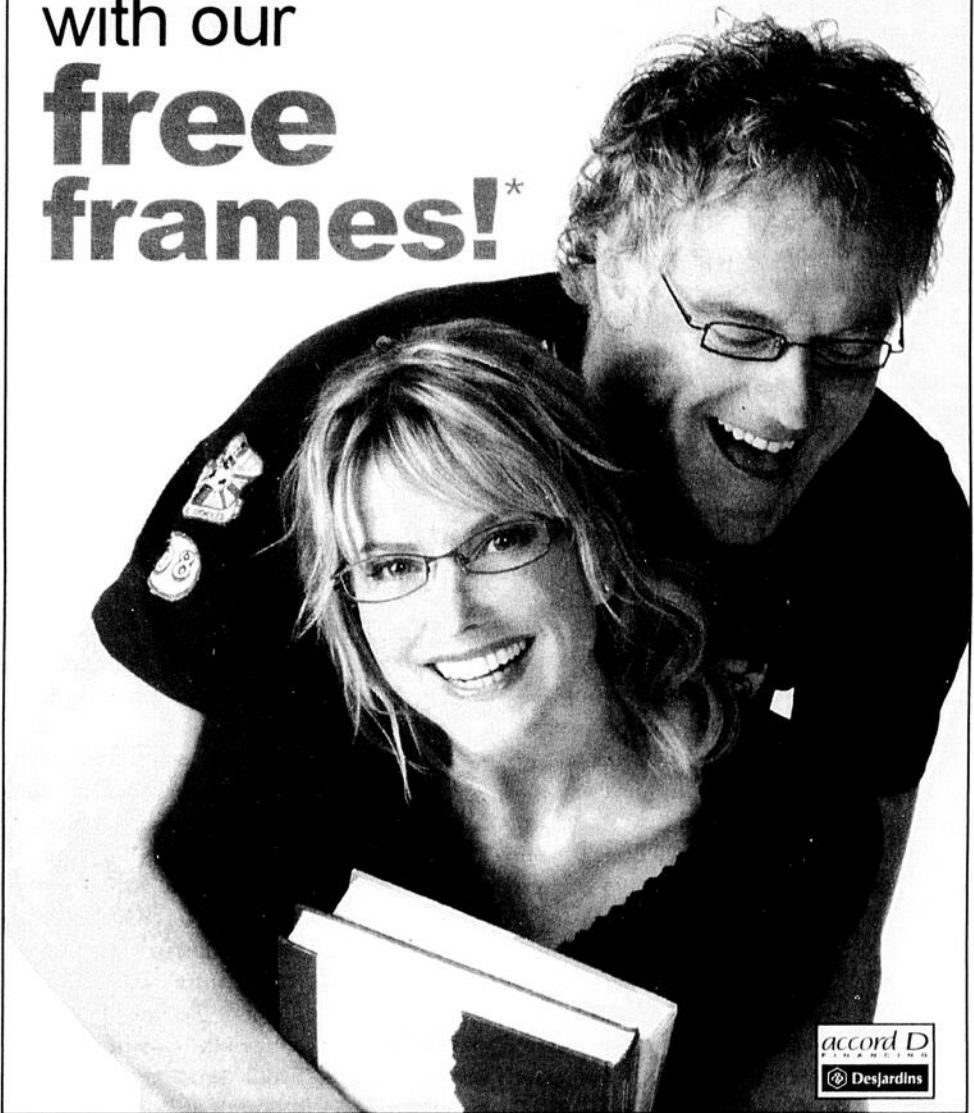
Patroller Geneviève Gagnon, who took the tour last year, recommends that participants bring a water bottle, sunscreen and comfortable shoes. Children must be accompanied.

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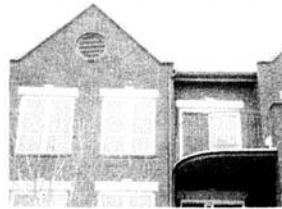
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Is this the time to think of legacies?



Civic Alert

Don WEDGE

Is it too soon to talk about Council's legacy? Mayor Karin Marks has already said she hopes that hers will be a "sustainable community." Others have not publicly committed.

Perhaps they think it is too soon. But the current term has only a little more than two years left, and that is not long to bring about a major change.

Surprise! Everything takes longer than anticipated, and that is doubly so with municipal affairs. As discussed last week, there is already a big To-Do list forming on Council's agenda when it resumes full operations at the end of the month.

Perhaps there is a project lurking there that will leave a legacy for the Council or a councillor.

One of the To-Do items - the renewal, or in this case, the non-renewal, of the Dessau-Soprin water maintenance contract - build on another site - has been resolved. It will become a municipal activity, but that is only the start.

The consultants' report on water infrastructure is awaited and will lead to serious decisions, especially about replacing the ageing network and how the cost will be met.

Another expensive item will be the proposed new Arena. The mayor is forming a phalanx of council committees to look after different aspects of the proposal.

What is the arena for?

Is the intention just to replace the present arena or duplicate it? Will it be used predominantly for ice activities, or will the building house other sports - indoor soccer for instance, with

artificial turf?

How will Victoria Hall be affected? Will it continue to house some physical recreation or will the entire programme of fitness classes move to the new facility?

What lessons has Council learnt from the controversy over the artificial turf? Will they facilitate public input so that interested citizens like Jon Breslaw, Henry Olders or Gillian O'Driscoll can get information on which to build their ideas and proposals at an early stage?

One of the mayor's committees will, I am told, involve asking for input and ideas from the community. There were many consultation meetings when the Library renovation was planned.

Perhaps the time has come for the mayor to send a letter to all homes outlining the Council's approach to the arena and other major projects.

The resolution of these issues is critical to the future Westmount. During the forced merger and its aftermath, both mayors, Trent and Marks, were not shy to write to all citizens explaining the situation and seeking support.

So it should be with the arena project and the anticipated water works.

What is your idea of a Westmount legacy?

What constitutes a municipal legacy? Offhand, I'd say it's something of value that is passed down to succeeding generations of citizens. Many positive things come to mind when looking back over the last few decades. In no particular order, here is my starter list from the last 30 years - with an emphasis on what we achieved together through our councils. Note how many of them were innovations in Quebec or on Montreal Island.

- * Ending the municipal incinerator and the waste burners in apartment buildings.

- * Retaining Westmount Hydro when most other electricity distributors were annexed into the provincially-owned corporation.

- * Creating enhanced waste collections - recycling, batteries and hazardous materials,

electronics, leaves and garden materials, etc.

- * Eliminating doggie-doo from Westmount sidewalks and parks.

- * Banning smoking in public places and in the workplace.

- * Restoring and enlarging the Library.

- * Renovating Victoria Hall and the Conservatory, adding The Gallery.

- * Closing Western Ave. (now De Maisonneuve Boul.) to through traffic and converting it to parkland.

- * Responding to the Ice Storm.

- * Creating the Westmount Healthy City Project

- * Fighting the forced mergers and winning partial demerger.

- * Compiling the 39 character areas for urban planning purposes.

- * Preserving the CP Rail Station.

- * Creating the Public Security force after losing Westmount City Police to the MUC.

- * Supporting the Rotary project to build the Manoir.

- * Creating the pay-as-you-go civic maintenance fund.

- * Providing the agenda and supporting documents to citizens two days in advance of Council meetings.

- * Hosting Mies van der Rohe's unfinished Westmount Square - our world-class exhibit.

- * Renovating the Bowling Green Pavilion.

- * Maintaining a public school (Roslyn) and a citizens' organisation (the Westmount Municipal Association) for 100 years and both

still strong.

Do you agree? Have you other suggestions? I'd be pleased to hear your ideas of what qualifies as a Westmount Legacy

Gives and takes back

In still merged Montreal, the 19 borough directors were summoned to downtown to hear from the all-powerful Finance Department the amount each would be allocated next year by the Big City.

They were informed that they would all share about \$900 million, roughly \$30 million more and a 3.4 per cent increase on 2007.

But, like other Big Montreal gestures, there were conditions - they were all told to reduce their costs so that the Tremblay-Zampino administration can reduce its budget by \$100 million by 2009, the year of the next election.

For our neighbours in CDN-NDG borough, this involves dropping 42 people from its workforce of about 500.

Part of the reason for their borough's big increase is because of the large number of housing units being built - about 2,500 this year. New homes mean new citizens, all of whom want services and that takes manpower, which the borough is supposed to reduce!

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News inspires multi-disciplinary artist

>Bridget Forbes

A pair of wings hangs above a pair of shoes on a red pillow in the window of the McClure Gallery. Made from tattered prayer flags and rice paper, these pieces by artist Vicki Tansey are part of 'The Physical Choir Theatre Project: Part 2', an exhibition of multi-disciplinary art inspired by current events.

"To me it is about what China has done to Tibet," said Tansey of the piece entitled 'Silent Passages 1 and 2'. "It's a piece about transformation."

Tansey feels compelled to listen to the news, but is often profoundly disturbed by what she hears. An experienced dancer, singer, and visual artist, she uses the artistic process to deal with what is taking place in the world around her.

"When I'm doing these projects and I have a way to channel what I learn about through the news, I'm able to pay attention," said Tansey. "When I'm not able to channel it, I find it very overwhelming and confusing. So either I write about it or I paint it or I turn it

into something."

The work featured in the exhibition was produced over the last several years and includes abstract painting and assemblage pieces, some of which are interactive. 'Against the Amputation of the Imagination' invites visitors to the gallery to write thoughts on scraps of paper and pin them to the wall. 'Guerrilla Actions' instructs the viewer to open packages and read and reflect on thought-provoking quotations while blindfolded.



Vicki Tansey with a part of her current exhibition.

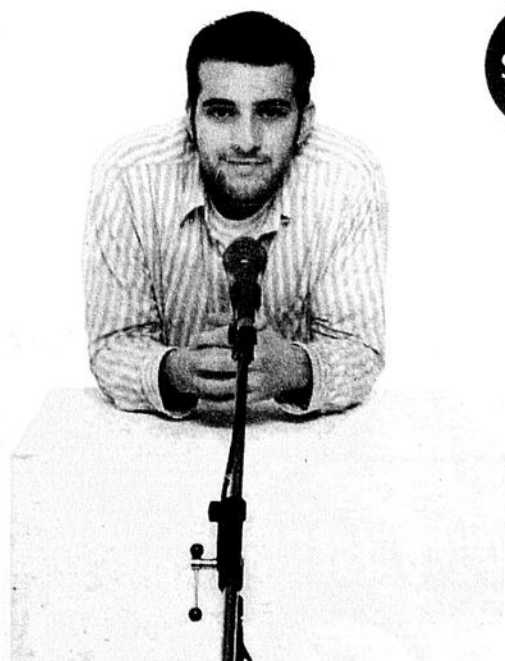
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Tansey has a long tradition of involving her audience.

"For me it's like letting them connect even more with the material," said Tansey, who has taught at the Visual Arts Centre, Concordia University and the Saidye Bronfman School of Fine Arts.

"I always want there to be some aspect of transformation for everyone."

Several events are incorporated into the exhibition, which runs until Aug. 25. Tansey will be conducting a series of interviews entitled 'The Daily Personals' at the gallery on Aug. 9, 10 and 17 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to stop by the gallery to discuss the news with the artist.

Tansey will also host "Wildmind Writing Workshops" on Aug. 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wildmind Writing is a technique Tansey used to create the script for her performance piece that opened the exhibition during the Aug. 2 vernissage.

The artist assembled a cast of actors and musicians who joined her in the performance of a series of abstract but powerful scenes involving dance, sound and spoken word.

Vance DeWaele is part of the vocal ensemble and plays a newscaster who has a breakdown in one of the scenes. "I look at the news differently now," said De Waele. "It brings up the question of what is considered news."

The piece will be performed again on Aug. 24 at 8 p.m. and admission is \$15, with a reduced price of \$10 for seniors and students. Other events being held during the exhibition include musical improvisational performances based on Tansey's visual art to be held on Aug. 11 and 18 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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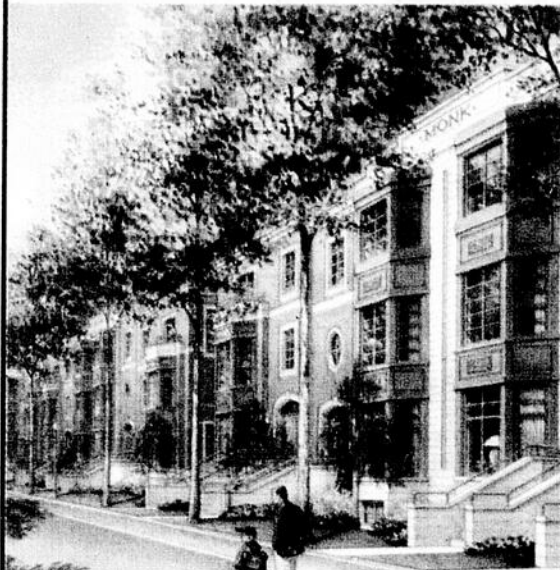
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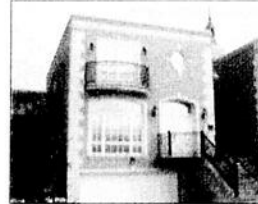
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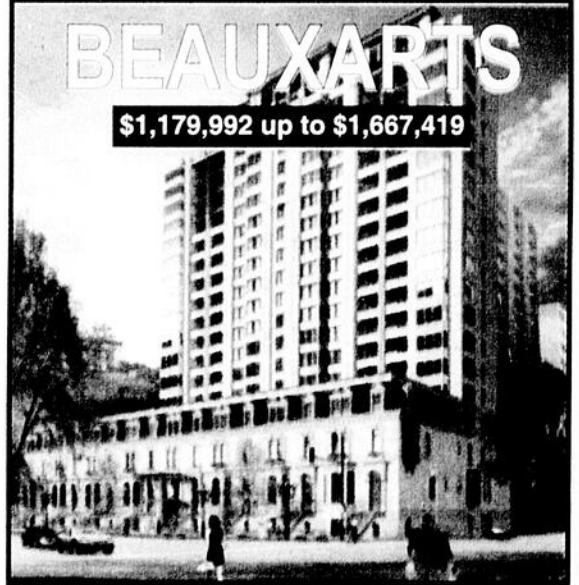
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725 Upper Belmont	Caroline Gauthier	Barry Nashen	\$825,000	\$900,000
68 Belmont Crescent	Alberto Marescotti	Saroli Palumbo Family Trust	\$1,165,000	\$1,076,000
3258 The Boulevard	Lois Cutler	Helena Grimaldi	\$1,100,000	\$1,032,400
507 Claremont	Maison Majestueuse Inc.	Nadia Nabavi	\$815,000	\$725,400
54 Delavigne	Sergio Marchese	Fariba Peyda	\$870,000	\$1,042,800
579 Grosvenor	Jane McCann Koerbel & Duncan B. Koerbel	Olivier Grout de Beaufort	\$1,190,000	\$1,100,000
660 Grosvenor	Johann Gandey	Ginette Handfield	\$753,000	\$633,300
419 Lansdowne	Margot Wayman & Jean-Michel Ravon	Bradford Ryan	\$1,100,000	\$895,300
448 Lansdowne	Ramesh Mirchandani & Catherine Graber	Richard Bond & Catherine McDougall	\$789,500	\$714,700
4463 Montrose	Harold Borts & Judy Pinkus	Liane Feldman	\$1,365,000	\$1,082,300
1 St. George's Place	Mark Elkin & Erin Hurley	Eric Sibling	\$745,000	\$550,400
52 St. Sulpice	Lida (Linda) Merle Shield	Brett Miller & Ioanna Vondjdis	\$1,425,000	\$1,563,700
12 Springfield	John Aylen	Andrew Kerklau & Jennifer Miller	\$545,000	\$558,500
14 Surrey Gardens	estate Dora Solomonov	Elinor Amar	\$1,475,000	\$1,398,000
611 Victoria	James Hugh McMahon	Carlo Paolucci & Carmela di Sarro	\$655,770	\$713,300
4387 Westmount Ave.	Lynda Schneider	Caroline Seers	\$1,750,000	\$1,538,300
18 Winchester	Susan Reid	Mark Boutet & Sonia Veillette	\$665,000	\$629,900
55 Windsor	Christopher Devito & Josy Forget	Sian Rowley	\$687,000	\$612,000
CONDOMINIUMS				
1 Church Hill	Martin Roy	Caroline Losson	\$585,000	\$491,700
343 Clarke, #7	Henri J.G. Labelle	Linda Scavone & Gianni de Pastena	\$173,900	\$112,500
331 Grosvenor	Roland Jonasch & Ivana Gavrilovic	Milan Jelaca & Rebecca Grant	\$419,000	\$350,200
362-62A Grosvenor	Kenneth Hamilton & Lyanne Hamilton	Kristine Jones	\$657,000	\$677,600 ^a
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 bValuation is 50% of \$382,700. Bruce Isenberg already owns 50% of property.

May saw nine sales over \$1 million



Real Estate

Andy DODGE

Volume remained strong and prices inched upward in real estate transactions registered in May this year. Nine of 19 residential sales were over the \$1 million mark, but none topped the \$2 million mark for the third month running.

Top price in May was \$1,750,000 for 4387 Westmount Avenue, a large detached house opposite King George Park, with only one other house – 669 Belmont Avenue – going for more than \$1.5 million. The lowest price

was \$545,000 paid for 12 Springfield Avenue, one of five homes which sold for less than its municipal evaluation. The biggest markdown involved 54 Delavigne Road which sold for \$870,000 while being evaluated for tax purposes at more than \$1 million.

The highest markup involved 669 Belmont Avenue, corner of The Boulevard, which had been picked up in May of 2005 for \$889,000, renovated and then resold this time for \$1,555,000. That represents a boost of 66 per cent over its municipal evaluation of \$935,000; among home sales, nothing else went for more than a 35 per cent markup.

The 19 sales averaged just over \$1,025,000, and the average markup was 10 per cent, meaning the 'typical' Westmount house with a valuation of \$998,480 would sell for just under \$1.1 million. The markup is about the

same as it was in March, but slightly higher than the April figure.

Among condominiums, officially six sold in five real estate transfers, but this included 362 and 362A Grosvenor Avenue, which actually was a duplex that had been split into condos, but the entire property went to a single buyer. Most of the others involved flats in former duplexes, with the highest price at 1 Church Hill which sold for \$585,000. The lowest price was a basement bachelor apartment at 343 Clarke Avenue which went for \$173,900, a price only matched by two other residential condos in the past three years, including Apt. 207 at 1 Wood Avenue the previous month, which sold for only \$160,000. Besides these condominiums, half of the condo at 472 Wood Avenue changed hands for \$111,525.

The only commercial building to change hands in May was the original Victoria Garage, 370-82 Victoria Avenue, which was made over into offices and retail outlets in the 1970s. It sold for \$6,650,000, more than 35 per cent above its municipal evaluation, to a numbered company represented by David Lisbona.

The May sales represent house transactions negotiated earlier in the spring, for the most part, though at least two of the sales represented agreements as early as November of last year. Three of the sales appear to have been arranged privately.

** NOTE: The preceding article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in May, 2007, provided by City officials. A list of sales can be seen above.*

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July sales: Summer slide

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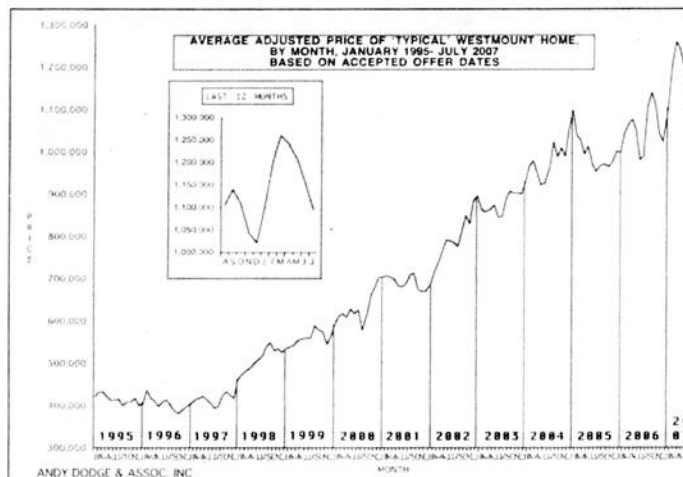
Prices and volume of Westmount real estate sales both were down in July, and in fact only one sale has been reported for the past two weeks of the month, as buyers and agents took a break, though there are still buyers looking for property.

Still, five more sales topped the \$1 million mark, bringing the 2007 total to 49 sales above that mark, compared with 50 such sales in all of 2006. So even if the average price of the 11 sales dipped below \$1 million and the adjusted average reached its lowest level since

last December, there is still plenty of indication that 2007 is going to be a record year.

A summer slide is normal as some sellers get desperate to unload their properties which did not move in the spring market, but things generally pick up in the fall. What is perhaps more noteworthy is how powerful the market was in March, when the 'typical' Westmount house had a price of more than \$1,250,000.

The range of prices in July went from \$512,500 to \$1,620,000 and only two of the sales were for less than the 2007 municipal



Street apartment building, for prices between \$320,000 and \$600,000. All sold above municipal evaluation, and in fact the average markup of 15.4 per cent brings the market for condos in line with the single-family market, having lagged behind the residential market during the first two quarters of 2007.

If things were lagging in Westmount,

though, they were dead in adjacent Westmount. No sales were recorded in Notre Dame de Grâce east of Decarie Boulevard, nor any in Côte des Neiges south of Queen Mary Road. Just east of Westmount, one house sale was reported and two condo sales, a five-plex in Shaughnessy Village and a vacant piece of land on Saint Sulpice Road.

Three condominiums sold in July, two in former duplexes and one in a St. Catherine

evaluation, but the average markup was a modest 14 per cent and the highest was only 37 per cent, about where the average was back in March.

NOTE: The preceding article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings which were reported by the local real estate agents as having been accepted in July, 2007. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph on this page offers a picture of these trends over time.

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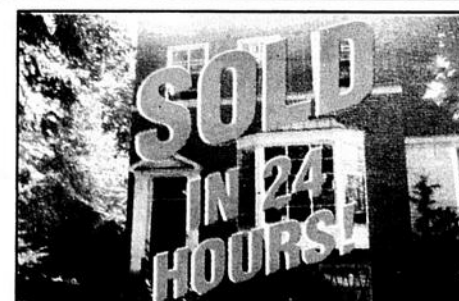
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Shore wins fourth gold medal at 71

>Bridget Forbes

If you happen to pass a healthy-looking senior — sporting a gold medal — on the streets of Westmount, say hello to Morris Shore.

The 71-year-old athlete has just won his second gold medal in a week after competing on Aug. 5 at the Triathlon Cascades de Drummondville in the Canadian Olympic Age Group Championship.

"I don't wear both medals," said Shore. "I don't want to overdo it."

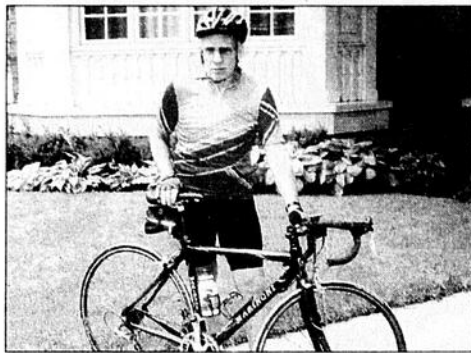
In Olympic distance triathlons athletes swim 1.5 kilometres, bike 40 kilometres, and run 10 kilometres.

"I have slowed up a little in the past 10 years," said Shore, a semi-retired financial advisor. Last year, while training for the Montreal Esprit Triathlon, he suffered a fractured pelvis when his bike was caught up in a railway tie 10 days before the race. He spent two and a half months in a wheelchair, but kept a positive attitude.

"The wheelchair was good for the upper body," said Shore. "I would go uphill with the wheelchair."

Shore resumed his six-day weekly training schedule as soon as he had healed. He combines stretch classes and swimming at the Snowdon YMHA, with outdoor runs and cycling with his friend Harold Hoffman.

Hoffman, 77, began cycling with Shore



Always training, Morris Shore prepares for a bike ride through Westmount.

about 26 years ago. Along with a third friend, they cycle 40 kilometres together a few times during the week and do longer rides of about 130 kilometres on weekends.

"Morris is the baby in the bunch," said Hoffman. "I have to give him credit for his fast recovery. He's a very determined guy and he trains a lot."

Sustained training is key to longevity in sport according to Danny McCann, director of the Montreal Esprit Triathlon, who has known Shore since 1999. "You can swim, bike and run your whole life," said McCann. "When you get older, you do it to stay healthy and keep on going. Morris is the type of role

model we want to see. That's where I want to be when I'm 70!"

Shore began competing again in June at the Mont Tremblant Triathlon. Since then Shore has completed four races and come in first in his category in every race. However, he is often the only athlete racing in his age category. "I come in dead last, but I still get a gold medal," said Shore, whose best time this year was 2:35:38 at the Mont Habitant Triathlon.

Shore says he wouldn't mind a little more competition, especially in the running portion. "I'm a good cyclist, but running is all work," said Shore. "It's easier to run if you have someone to chase."


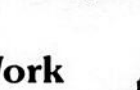
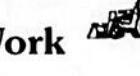

Shore will have the opportunity to chase runners in next year's Triathlon World Championships, to be held in Vancouver.

Because he placed first in his category at Drummondville, Shore was able to register for the World Championships National Team.

He looks forward to meeting athletes from around the world.

"The people who do triathlons are fun," said Shore. "I don't want to be with negative people. I want to be with positive people who are taking care of their bodies."

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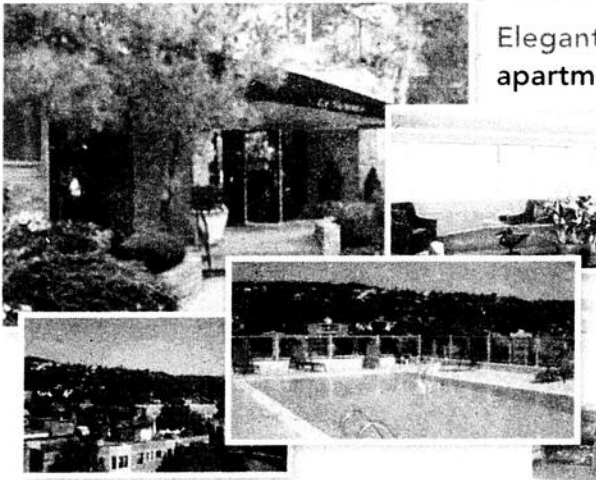
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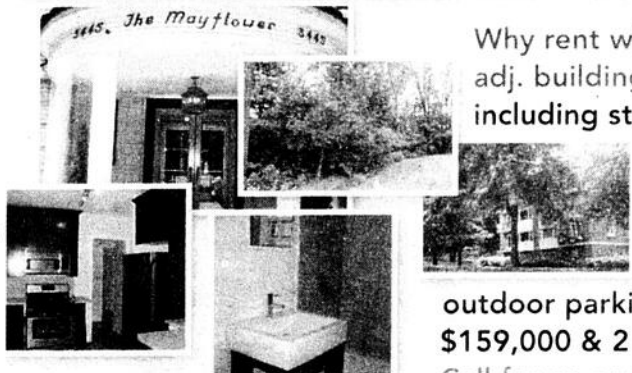
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Dolphins splash their way toward the top

Hard work and supportive volunteers are behind young swimmers' success

>Veronica Islas

The Westmount Dolphin swim team is getting ready to host this year's Association of Lakeshore Pools (ALPS) sectionals this Saturday, Aug. 11.

It is the first time that Westmount will be hosting the event, and parents are getting ready to receive swimmers and their families.

"This is a volunteer-intensive sport," said volunteer Catherine Rosenstain. "Some of the

children will be getting here early, so we have to make sure that we have muffins and juice ready at the crack of dawn," she said. "We have a great crew of bakers, cooks, and screamers."

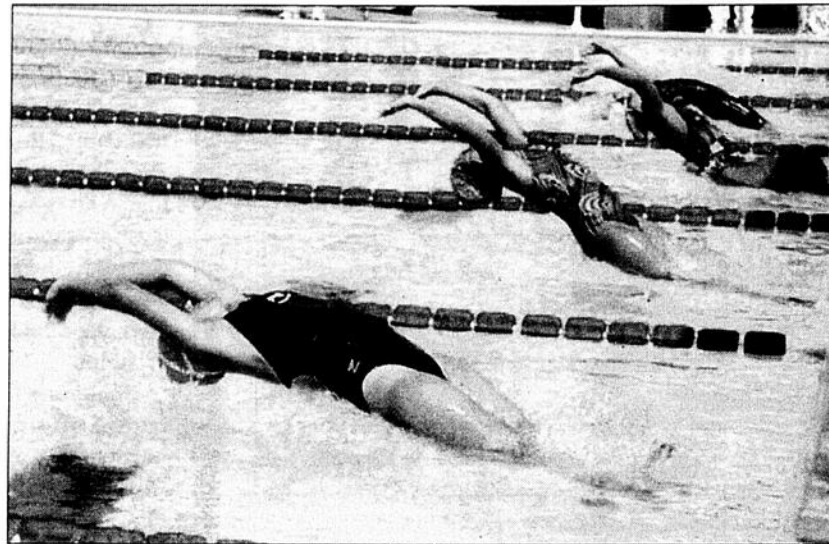
Ross Fraser, another volunteer, agrees. "It is a real team effort," he said. "A lot of families are involved in this swim team. We are so well organized that the other teams are surprised."

"We seem to have a reputation," volunteer Oliver Sugden said of the Dolphin parents' well-known enthusiasm.

"We want the event to go smoothly. We have so many parents involved that there's no doubt it will be really successful," said head coach Zach Glassman.

"Since we found out that we would be hosting the sectionals, people volunteered," he said. "The parents are key to the success of the organization in general. The volunteers help us succeed."

Bruce Stacey, a coordinator with Westmount's Sports and Recreation



The Westmount Dolphins in action.

around," Zach Glassman said. "The kids have been working really hard, and it shows."

Yesterday, the Dolphins were scheduled to face the formidable Valois swim team.

"Valois is our hardest competitor and next Wednesday's match will determine which team has the most points leading to the sectionals," Fraser said last week.

The Dolphins have been training all summer to be in top shape.

"They're in the swimming pool every day and so far they're doing great," said volunteer Natalie Lowell.

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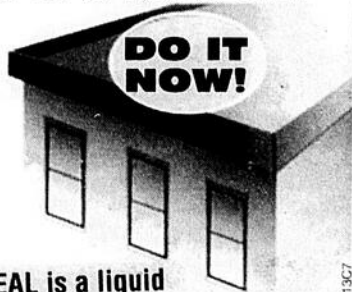
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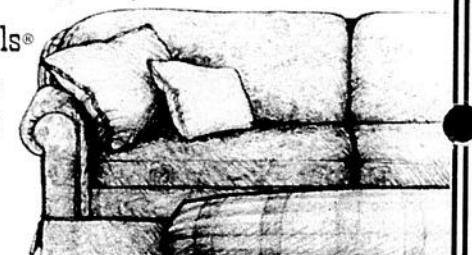
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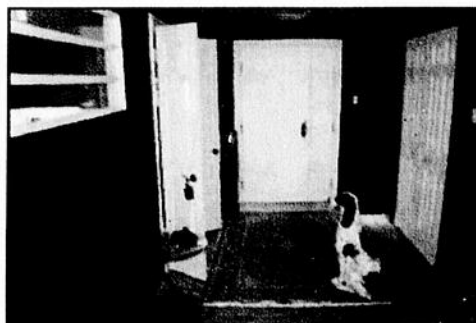
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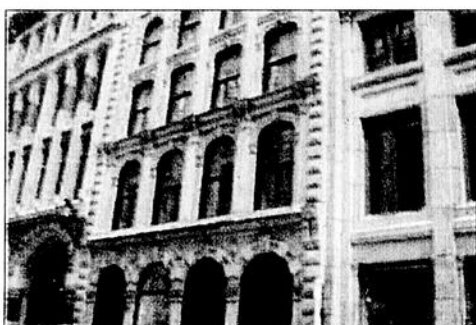
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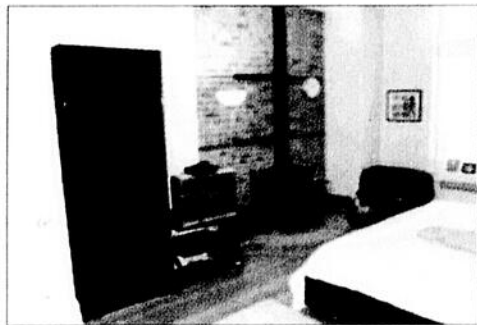
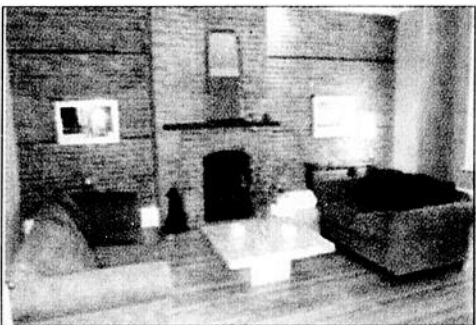
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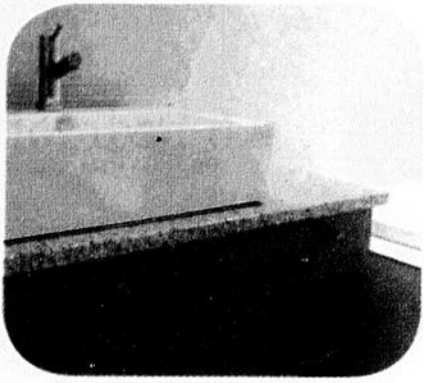
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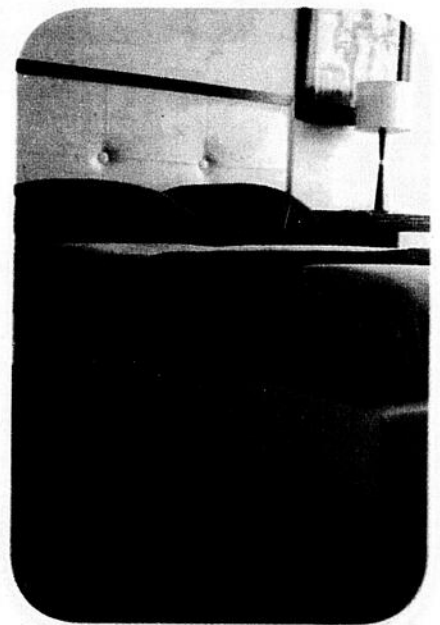
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Repercussion Theatre takes on classic French farce

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Repercussion Theatre, which has enlightened Westmounters with summertime performances in the park for nearly two

decades, is back this year, having undergone yet another of its frequent creative transformations.

Known since its beginnings as a company specializing in Shakespeare, this year the company has decided to take on the work of a classical dramatist who is often regarded as the English Bard's counterpart in the French-speaking world — Molière.

Presentations in English of the French playwright's last work, *les Fourberies de Scapin* (*Scapin the Schemer*), are being staged in Westmount Park on Saturday, Aug. 18 and Sunday, Aug. 19. Both shows start at 7 p.m. and can be seen for the cost of a voluntary donation.

Amanda Kellock, who performed with Repercussion Theatre over the past few seasons, is directing for the first time. She is also the company's first female director and completed a translation of the Molière text used for the play's English staging.

Kellock, who holds degrees in theatre from Concordia University and the University of Ottawa, says Repercussion Theatre has always had an approach to drama that emphasized simultaneous respect and irreverence for the classics. The company has sometimes been the subject of criticism from purists concerned about the loose interpretation of Shakespeare.

"If we challenge the traditional treatment of classical works, it is out of love, and out of a desire as emerging artists to carve our place within the canon," she said in a foreword published in this year's programme. "Molière

himself was a rebel ... I think he and Shakespeare would find our modern sense of deference towards their work very amusing."

Repercussion Theatre staged its first Shakespeare in the Park in the summer of 1988, when the company presented four Shakespearean performances to about 800 people. A decade later, they had grown and were playing in front of 45,000 spectators in Canada and the United States.

Mikel Mroué, who plays Scapin, the leading character in this year's play, graduated recently from Dawson College's theatre arts program. This summer's engagement is his first professional contract. Despite that, he shines in his role.

Repercussion Theatre's decision to venture into French dramatic territory is not entirely new. In 2005, the company entered into a relationship with the renowned French classical company, Théâtre du Nouveau Monde, which staged *l'Amour Médecin*, based on Molière's work.

Pamela Daoust, Repercussion Theatre's communications director, said they learned from the experience that new audiences could be found by venturing into French-language territory, even though TNM's departure was regrettable.

"We noticed that the audiences in Montreal were very receptive to a festival that had an English play and a play in French," Daoust said. "(But) TNM decided to back away from the festival. So we decided to move on and present Molière in French and English."

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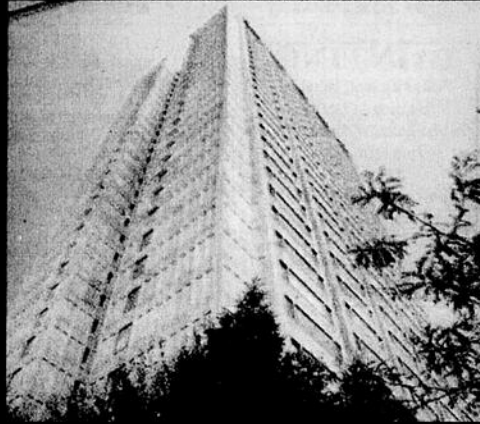
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