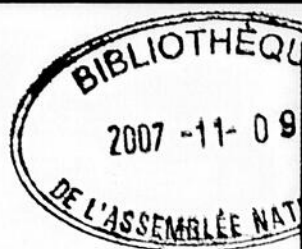


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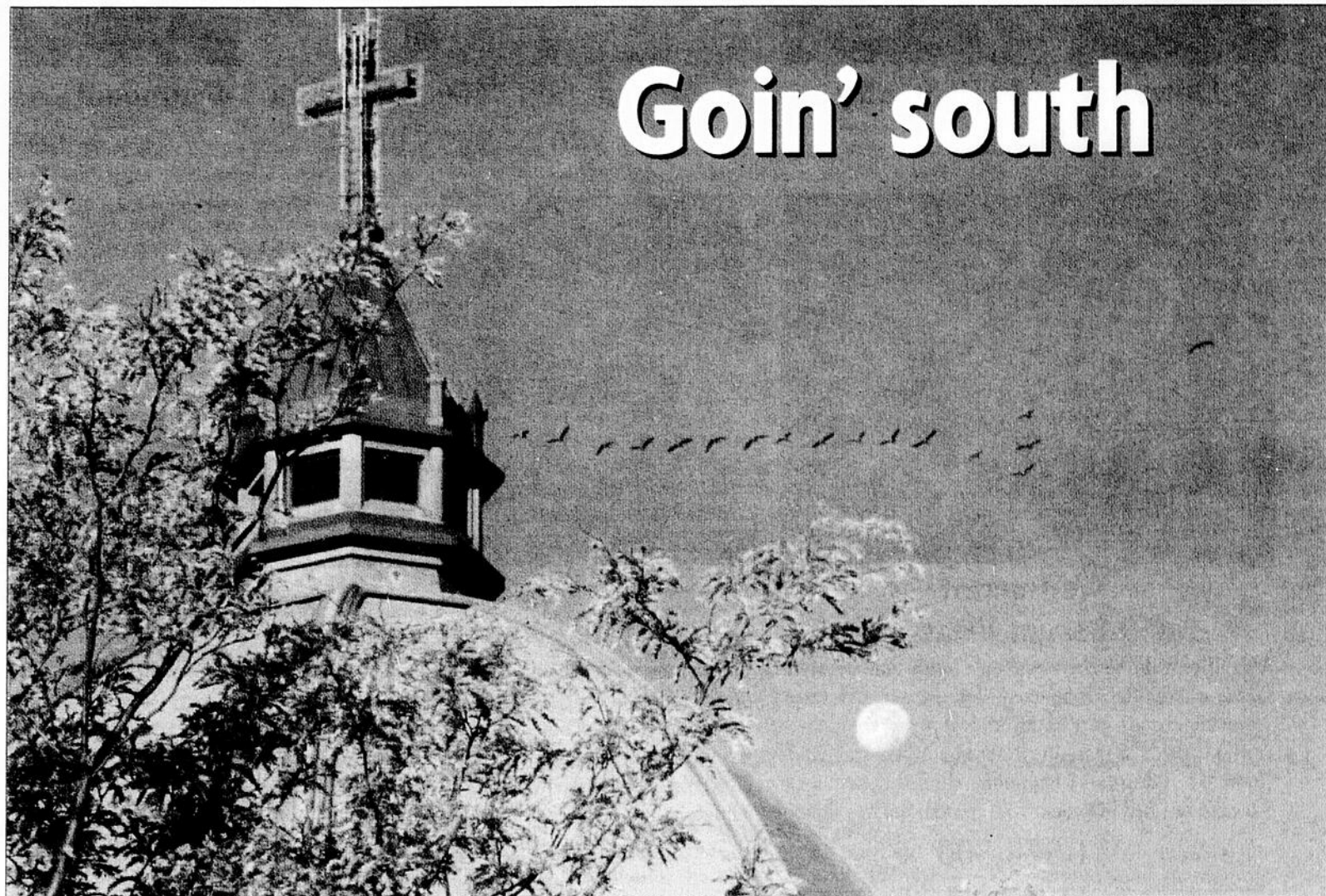
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## Goin' south

Westmounter David Asche recently captured this autumn image from Devon Avenue — the familiar dome of St. Joseph's Oratory and a few southbound Canada geese who apparently decided to stay a few weeks longer to enjoy the unseasonably warm weather.

## Voters return Sauvé-Frankel to EMSB post

After a hard-fought campaign in Westmount, the incumbent English Montreal School Board commissioner Ginette Sauvé-Frankel was given a clear mandate by local voters for another four years at the post.

Though marred by low voter turnout across the province, Sunday's school board elections saw a slightly better-than-expected showing of voters at the District 7 polls in Westmount High School. According to statistics released by the EMSB, just over 18 per cent of the reported 5,073 residents eligible to vote in this district's English elections actually cast a ballot — up slightly from previous years, but still quite low.

When the dust settled on Sunday evening, Sauvé-Frankel had received 590 votes, or



**EMSB Commissioner Ginette Sauvé-Frankel: Elected for another term in District 7.**

*Photo: Martin C. Barry*

63.44 per cent of votes cast, while her opponent, former FACE principal Nick Primiano, received 340 votes.

The two candidates faced off last Thursday evening in the Westmount Lawn Bowling Clubhouse at the traditional Meet the Candidates night co-organized by The Examiner and the Westmount Municipal Association. Moderated by Stanley Baker of the WMA, the event attracted about 35 residents who came to hear Sauvé-Frankel and Primiano present their respective platforms and answer questions from the audience.

Both candidates agreed on several issues, with Sauvé-Frankel standing firmly on her record of the past four years. On the other hand, Primiano

was given a hard time by some residents, facing a tough line of questions over the extent of his support of Share the Warmth, the local charity which he mentioned on his campaign pamphlet.

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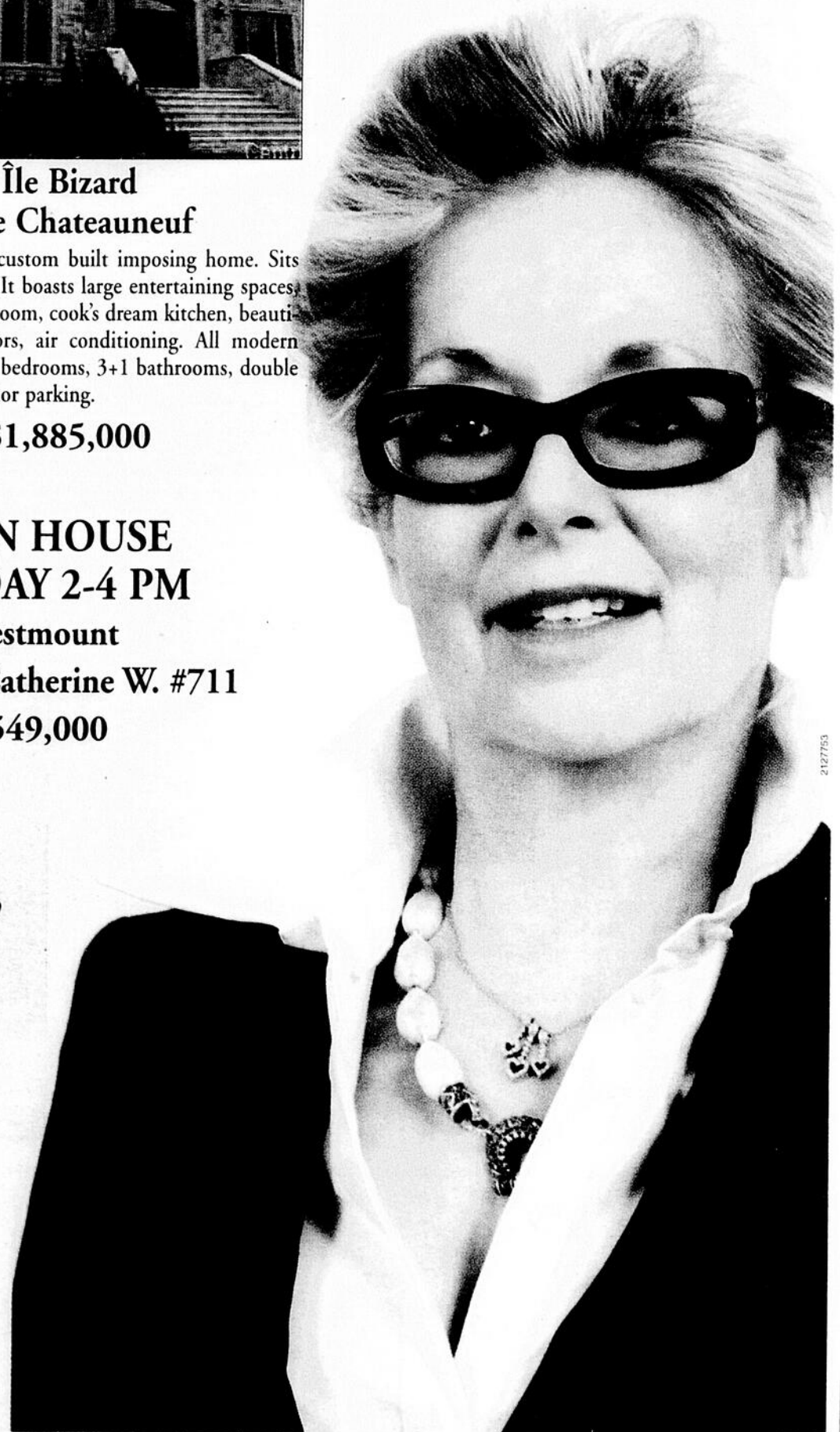
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## 40 years on: St. Matthias' Church meals-on-wheels is still going strong

Martin C. Barry

**M**eals-on-wheels, a volunteer program through which warm and ready-to-eat food is delivered to those confined to home through advanced age, has become so ubiquitous that it is easy to forget that in the mid-1960s proponents of the concept were seen as pioneers.

Volunteers at Westmount's St. Matthias' Church played a crucial role in developing the idea; they founded Group One, which is recognized today as the oldest meals-on-wheels program in the Montreal region. And more than 40 years later, the St. Matthias' group is still going strong.

Only a meals-on-wheels program in Ontario has been acknowledged as older than the St. Matthias' group. Meals-on-wheels started in Britain during the Blitz, when many people lost their homes and the ability to cook their own food.

The idea of delivering meals to those unable to prepare their own evolved into modern programs that deliver mostly to the homebound elderly. By the mid-1950s, home-

delivered meal programs were springing up in the United States.

The idea was spreading in Canada a decade later. St. Matthias's program began in 1966, patterned after the British concept.

"It was originally ladies or members of the church who did all the work," says Bob Laxton, who coordinates the St. Matthias' group.

With the help of about 30 volunteers, some of whom came from the defunct Erskine and American Church meals-on-wheels group, the St. Matthias' program provides meals every Monday and Thursday to clients in Westmount, parts of NDG and western downtown.

"We currently have a client on Côte St. Luc Road near Decarie, and we have somebody below the tracks in lower Westmount," says Laxton.

Individual volunteers come in once or twice a month to work as cooks, delivery drivers and servers. Group One prepares meals for 24 people, although the actual number of clients can be less than that.

All preparation takes place in the St. Matthias' Church kitchen. Laxton, who plans the menu and cooks every second Monday, says the meals tend to be fairly simple, taking into account that he doesn't want to challenge the volunteer cooks, some of whom are well into their 80s.

Laxton, who has been a meals-on-wheels volunteer for nearly 20 years, is modest about his contribution. "It's an obligation," he says. "I don't give a lot of money to charity, but I give time. So when somebody comes calling, I'm guilt-free."

Audrey Scott started delivering meals three decades ago. "I like it," says Scott, who does it every Thursday year-around. "You're performing a service and you get to see some nice people who are very grateful. It's just a nice thing to do."

Marjorie Carnegie, who recently retired as president of the St. Matthias' group after serving nearly a decade as a volunteer, notes that the need for such programs is greater than ever.



Volunteers prepare meals in the St. Matthias' Church kitchen. Photo: Martin C. Barry

"A lot of people, and more so now, are living alone and growing old alone, and a lot of them are not able to fend for themselves," she says. "Consequently, it's very necessary that they have food on a regular basis."

To become a St. Matthias meals-on-wheels volunteer, call Bob Laxton at 514-846-0024.

## Pain Awareness Week lecture to focus on 'Disease of Chronic Pain'

Martin C. Barry

**A**s the population ages, the medical community is focusing more of its research and attention on the study of pain.

Although pain goes almost unmentioned in medical training, 17 to 31 per cent of the general community reports chronic pain, people in pain miss work, spend time in hospital and visit the doctor often, and outpatients who report pain of chronic duration to health care professionals are often dismissed or are accused of malingering.

In conjunction with Pain Awareness Week, which is taking place from Nov. 4 to 10, the McGill Centre for Research on Pain is presenting a public lecture, The Disease of Chronic Pain, by Dr. John D. Loeser of the University of Washington Medical Center.

Sponsored by the Louise and Alan Edwards Foundation, which was created by two long-time Westmount residents, the lecture will take place this Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Jeanne Timmins Amphitheatre at the Montreal Neurological Hospital.

The McGill University Health Centre's Pain Centre and the McGill Centre for Research on Pain (soon to be renamed the Alan Edwards Centre for Research on Pain)

are deep into research on the issue, both in basic sciences and clinical applications. They have become acknowledged as leaders in the field, with top scientists at each centre.

Located at the Montreal General Hospital, the MUHC Pain Centre is the official McGill facility for pain treatment in adults. Because chronic pain is a complex multifaceted problem, the MUHC Pain Centre aims not only to relieve pain, but also to restore activity and improve quality of life in suffering patients, while reducing long-term use of health-care services.



Dr. John D. Loeser

"In recent decades we've realized through research that chronic pain is very different from acute pain," says Dr. Catherine Bushnell, director of the McGill Centre for Research on Pain. "As the population is aging and people are surviving many diseases we're getting higher incidence of chronic pain."

According to Bushnell, people who undergo chemotherapy for cancer, for example, have a higher survival rate. But the chemotherapies themselves cause nerve damage, which leads to neuropathic pain. "Their feet will feel like they're on fire, they can't put on shoes and the can't walk," says Bushnell.

"What we're discovering now is that chronic pain is very different from acute pain,

and therefore the drugs that work for acute pain, like opiates and anti-inflammatories, don't work for chronic pain. There are lots of things that, as our population ages, lead to these chronic pain problems."

Dr. Loeser is internationally known for his work in the management of pain, with

numerous book and journal publications to his credit. His clinical practice has focused on pain management and pediatric neurosurgery, and his research interests have encompassed the development of the human nervous system and the mechanisms underlying neuropathic pain.

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# Everyone has a role in sustaining Westmount, Marks tells WMA



**Martin C. Barry**

What's the challenge of a sustainable Westmount?

According to Mayor Karin Marks, it's acceptance that everyone has a role to play promoting the cause, undertaking to do so, and getting on with it.

Addressing members of the Westmount Municipal Association at the Westmount Public Library on Tuesday evening on the Challenges of a Sustainable Westmount, Marks said the common definition today of urban sustainability includes environmental issues more than ever.

But the issue also focuses on safe streets, easily accessible public transit, healthy activity and nutrition, and empowerment through local government. And just as provincial and federal governments and organizations like the United Nations are now encouraging sustainability, she said municipal governments also have to do their part.

"Sustainability requires that we, collectively and individually, alter the way we live and the way we see our needs," said Marks. "It will happen person by person and door by door. And who better to encourage such change and adapt to it than municipal government?"

Marks said she likes to think that a sustainable community is continually adjusting to

meet the social, cultural and economic needs of its residents, while preserving the environment's ability to support it. "How do we do that in Westmount?" she asked. The first step the City has taken is to create a defined plan.

"If you don't set a target for your destination, how will you know when you get there or if you have achieved it?" Marks said that after having determined that environmental responsibility was a common value shared by most Westmounters, the City took the time to establish a number of sustainability priorities.

"Preservation of heritage was another common value and we're discussing sustainability issues in the urban plan. The questions and choices to be made on the refurbishing of the playing fields or on the reconstruction of the arena relate to different aspects of sustainability. We need to have an active community, to maintain green spaces, to diminish water consumption."

Marks said some other areas that must be included among the priorities are minimizing consumption of natural resources and living within ecological limits. "I think in Westmount we have gone a long way with our legislation on the prohibition of pesticides, the tremendous participation in recycling, our anti-idling bylaws and our e-waste disposal, to mention a few."

Mayor Karin Marks addresses the Westmount Municipal Association. Photo: Martin C. Barry

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# Looking over the hill and being ready for the next hurdle



## Civic Alert

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We are all taught to be aware of our surroundings. Every infantryman learns that quickly. So do Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, firefighters and soccer players, and... you name them!

But I am wondering if Westmounters as a group really do so. When Peter Trent became mayor in 1991, he began warning of the never-ceasing threat of annexation. Few listened until the dreaded Bouchard-Harel forced mergers were pushed on to the province's law books in 2000.

True, the Westmount Municipal Association under the presidency of Tom Thompson had opened its eyes and began to follow the regional affairs that absorbed a big chunk of residents' taxes.

Subsequent WMA leaders were less successful in involving the membership. But citizens' final responses, both to the anti-merger and demerger fights were, of course, magnificent.

However, busy lives notwithstanding, I am concerned that there is insufficient alertfulness to what is about to have a substantial effect on our lives. Look at the current agenda.

Federal Minister Michael Fortier's revelation that the CP route was the likely one for the airport shuttle surprised almost everyone, although it was probably prompted by West Island mayors.

I suspect that even the Montreal Transit Corporation thought the CN line through St. Henri and Turcot Yards was the settled shuttle path until they read the choice was open in the honey-worded draft press release signed by chiefs from the airport, the AMT, the big city, the province and the feds — but not the transit board.

Yet the transit board is charged with providing adequate public transit on the island!

### Getting a say

The shuttle team now promises public consultation, but will that just mean the West Islanders who want a faster ride to and from downtown in rush hours?

Or will it include the workers at the airport, the motorists stranded scores of times daily at the level crossings around Montreal West Station? Or the harassed people who have chosen to live near the tracks in Montreal West, NDG and southern Westmount?

We've heard little of any preparation by the residents to attack the new situation — at the very least by staking a claim to be heard.

One peeved neighbour of CP spoke out dramatically at Tuesday evening's WMA meeting. He was especially annoyed by the suggestion that the shuttle would run till 1 a.m. and threatened to use a Toronto literary connection to air his views.

Mayor Marks reminded him of the changes that Dorval citizens had made to the airport's operating hours.

On the other hand several people contacted me at the weekend to support the CP shuttle idea. For instance, Allan Aitken sent me one of the comprehensive evaluations for which he is renowned.

"If the service is convenient, people will use it," he says. "Present methods are expensive or slow. Although a favored Westmount way of getting to the airport — being driven by someone else — might be a way round those problems," he quips.

"It should be easy for a train to compete on price," he reasons.

### More direct

The CP line is the more direct, has the easier Metro interchange via Vendôme and the tracks have the least complicated access to the airport terminal, he points out.

Aitken lives on St. Catherine Street, not far from the tracks. He thinks that Westmounters' problems are primarily the diesel locomotives "which are not silent — but not is urban traffic."

The offensive decibels come from the track switches "which make every wheel sound as if it were square." He feels it is a budgetary issue rather an insoluble problem. "Changing them would remove the pounding that for those living nearby feels like a minor earthquake."

Another surprising observation comes from Dr. Henry Olders, the WMA president, who works in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, and travels daily by train against the rush hour flow.

He noted that track improvements west of Lachine made the ride far smoother and quieter.

Olders, an engineer as well as a physician, also recalled a telling moment when, skiing off Gouin Boulevard, one of the Deux Montagnes line's electric trains came through.

They regularly exceed 100 kph and are heavy, unlike the light rail units that are being mentioned for the airport shuttle and West Island.

"The train came by with a 'swoosh' rather than a noise. The surrounding ground was snow-covered, of course, but almost nothing was disturbed.

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## Unreasonable and unaccommodating

The loonie is winging its way to newer heights every day, the Canadian economy is stronger than it's been for longer than most people can remember, and all is well in Quebec — the perfect opportunity for someone to come along and screw things up once again.

This time the culprit is Guy Bertrand, who stirred up the relatively calm waters of the Quebec language debate last week by attacking Montreal Canadiens hockey star Saku Koivu for not speaking French very well.

How long do Quebecers have to put up with this stupidity? Taking a shot at a unilingual public official is one thing, but criticizing a well-respected athlete — a hero and role model to thousands of young Quebecers — is disgusting.

To make matters even worse, PQ leader Pauline Marois came out in favour of Bertrand's idiotic remarks — going so far as to agree with suggestions that Canadiens players should be proficient in French. The instant she said that, she lost all credibility. How can a highly placed politician — the leader of a prominent provincial party, no less — expect to get away with agreeing that professional athletes would have to be speak passable French before being signed to a Quebec team? Clearly, anyone who seriously espouses that moronic notion is unfit to hold public office.

In a perfect world, comments such as those uttered by Bertrand and Marois would spell an instant end to a career. But in topsy-turvy Quebec, where language and ethnicity are frequent sources of embarrassment to most of us, it seems that even the most hateful controversies are shrugged off and forgotten. You can be sure that Bertrand will go on spouting his ethnocentric vitriol and Marois will no doubt still be there, front and centre, when the next provincial election is called.

Professional sports have always provided an effective buffer on the local language friction. It is one area where French - and English-speaking Montrealers can sit together and cheer on their mutual heroes. Even the greatest of them all, Maurice Richard, got by on what could best be described as shaky English — but local fans respected their beloved Rocket, no matter what language they spoke.

The whole issue of reasonable accommodation continues to be big news in Quebec, but now it has deteriorated into a national embarrassment. And with people like Guy Bertrand and Pauline Marois there to maintain the level of absurdity, how long will it be before Quebec once again shoots down our soaring loonie?



### LETTERS to the editor

#### Bike path is great!

To the editor:

I would like to thank and congratulate Westmount for completing the bike path east of Greene Avenue. Going downtown is a pleasure now.

The path looks great and the job was done without fuss.

There will be more cyclists going through the park now. Rather than cut down trees and move the path, I suggest putting up signs to remind cyclists that they cannot speed as they do on the streets. There may even be place for speed bumps on the path.

Elizabeth O'Connor  
Lewis Avenue

#### Park is not a thoroughfare

To the editor:

Subsequent to the completion of the cycle track stone barriers in downtown Montreal, there has been pressure on Westmount to

install a similar structure on the Westmount section of de Maisonneuve Boulevard. It is hoped that we do not do so. The street here is much narrower and the poles do an excellent job, keeping the cyclists away from the cars. A structure would be a hazard, apart from the snow clearing problem in the winter. We should also keep the park cycle path as it is and not make it part of the city-wide track.

Westmount Park is not a thoroughfare; it is for the enjoyment of our citizens.

Stanley Baker  
De Maisonneuve Boulevard

#### Committee could be a positive step

To the editor:

At the meeting of Westmount City Council on Oct. 22, it was announced by the mayor that a citizen's committee would be formed to advise the City on a plan to refurbish areas of

the park used for sports and recreational activities.

It is gratifying to see the council finally acknowledging the importance of public input and consultation.

It is to be hoped that a solution will be found that will respect the needs of all park users - children from the nearby schools, athletes, families and all citizens, without unduly restricting or favoring any particular group. A great deal of effort and passion has already been devoted to this issue and the council can be in no doubt as to what the majority of residents want; it was expressed most forcefully at the public meeting in May.

If a truly representative committee of citizens is able to crystallize some of the suggestions proposed at that time and recommend a satisfactory solution without drastic, divisive and costly modifications, this issue can finally be laid to rest and we can all move on to simply enjoying our park.

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**Five Years Ago**  
November 7, 2002

**BROKEN PROMISES:** "Centralization of the Montreal megacity is happening at a rapid pace — despite a promise made last year that decentralization would be occurring now, says Westmount borough president Karin Marks. Making her monthly report to the borough council last Monday — the first anniversary of last November's megacity election — Marks said the Centre City's bureaucracy downtown continues to grow. 'This is understandable; it simplifies their job,' she said. 'But it clearly is not what we were promised, even under the worst of circumstances.'"

**Ten Years Ago**  
November 6, 1997

**SAVING THE STATION:** The Westmount Historical Association will be asking for public support to preserve a local landmark, if a deal to donate the heritage railroad station is finalized with Canadian Pacific. The price tag for restoration is about \$500,000 to cover general repairs, roofing, upgrades to mechanical systems and interior renovations. An endowment fund of \$350,000 would also be required, with interest to be used for yearly maintenance and other costs. 'We're very excited. It's a great opportunity for us to produce an interesting and vital centre for the history of Westmount,' commented Janet MacKinnon, fundraising director for the project."

**Fifteen Years Ago**  
November 5, 1992

**PINK COLLARS:** "Westmount white collar workers picketed city hall Monday, saying the city is discriminating against women in the way that it wants to apply salary scales to new job evaluations. Most workers on the reduced salary scale are women in secretarial and clerical jobs, while those who stand to gain are in higher positions, said union president Claudette Gauthier. City director-general Manly Schultz acknowledged that women are in the majority of the grades most affected through historic sexual bias but said there is no sexual discrimination involved in the way the salary scale is being applied."

**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
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**ARGYLE ACROBAT:** "Known in former years as 'Slender Bender', Walter Jackson is an acrobat of considerable fame, who performed for many years with the Garden Brothers' Circus and with the Evans Sisters Troupe Show during WWII. Until his retirement a few years ago, his profession was photography, which became a sideline whenever the urge and the opportunity to perform came upon him. Since 1897 he has lived on Argyle Avenue in Westmount, even during his travelling circus days, when wife and family kept the fires of home well-stoked."

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In what some outside observers might have described as a low-key affair, the two candidates for school commissioner met last Thursday night to present their respective platforms and face some tough questions from the small but intensely interested audience.

Yes, it was held in the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse — much smaller than Victoria Hall, and for very good reason, for even with just a few dozen people in attendance, it seemed like a full house.

You have to hand it to the candidates and organizers behind these school board elections. They are out there knocking on doors, making what seems to be an endless series of phone calls and then, after all their efforts, see just a small fraction of eligible voters turn out at the polls. It's even worse here, where the official voter list is in such a sorry state of chaos that even if a person can be coaxed out of their home on a Sunday afternoon, there is no guarantee that, once there, they will be allowed to cast a ballot.

The general apathy that surrounds school board elections in Westmount is understandable to a degree, for many people no longer have children in school and their grandchildren are attending school in another city or province. And many others have children who are enrolled in private schools — far removed from the very public system that receives their tax dollars anyway. Of the three EMSB schools in Westmount, only Roslyn has a fairly high percentage of students who actually live here. Westmount High and Westmount Park do have several local kids enrolled, of course, but the vast



Nick Primiano

# Competing for a thankless job

majority of students are bussed in from elsewhere. Luckily, many of their parents take an active interest in who represents this district on the board — otherwise these elections would be a total non-event, attended only by the handful of those who make it a point of attending every public event in Westmount. This is unfortunate, of course, because the choice of local school commissioner is a matter of interest to the entire community — not just the few hundred parents of kids in the local public schools.

The job of school commissioner is often a thankless one, requiring a lot of long hours with little remuneration. For this reason, both local candidates — the victorious Ginette Sauvé-Frankel and her worthy opponent, Nick Primiano, are both to be thanked for putting themselves out there to represent local interests in the vast bureaucracy that is our educational system.



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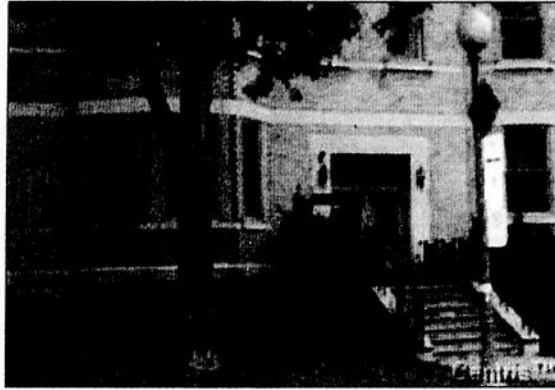
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"So if, as is likely, the airport shuttle from downtown needs the track to be re-built and electrified traction is used, then those living nearby would benefit enormously."

**Mayor calls for readiness**

Karin Marks was the guest speaker at the WMA's monthly meeting on Tuesday and gave what Melville Ave resident Sheila Mason described as a beautifully structured account of the Mayor's passion to develop a sustainable Westmount.

Indeed, Marks delivered a comprehensive review of the values the city possesses and the progress towards her goal — small steps so far. Then she threw the challenge to citizens, too: "We all have a role to play and we must get on with it!"

We must deal with change, she warned. Although we did not choose to have the megahospital on our doorstep, council did everything possible to mitigate the harm. She mentioned traffic and protecting Victoria Village.

Likewise, a similar strategy must be adopted over the reopening of the CP option for the

airport shuttle, she continued. "We cannot be the deciding factor over some things, but we must make sure we are heard and influence the outcome."

**Changing our bike path**

More imminent is the need to accept the new role of the bike path — perhaps even be ready to change the route.

The new downtown section on de Maisonneuve has been welcomed by Westmount cyclists. It has put many places within 15 minutes or so of home, with minor or no parking problem and, overall, often quicker than by taxi. That is the good news!

Next spring the path will extend to NDG, and go through Montreal West to Lachine by summer. Downtown heavies, not the borough staff, have been given the task of finding a safe way for cyclists to cope with the five-way traffic intersection at Decarie Blvd.

The potential traffic on de Maisonneuve, seven days a week, is enormous. Perhaps our stretches will cope, but will the Park?

Already there is concern over the movement across the bike path through the Park from the schools in the south to the playground and Library near Sherbrooke Street. The once leisurely, recreational path has become a commuter highway.

The stately bikes of Europe that one can see at <tinyurl.com/2gyvj>, are not the norm here. Neither is the tolerance between cyclists, pedestrians and motorists.

Behind the big expansion of the downtown path and the link to Lachine is Vélo-Québec, perhaps the strongest not-for-profit user group in the province.

The president, Suzanne Lareau, says that it is up to politicians to act. "The Westmount

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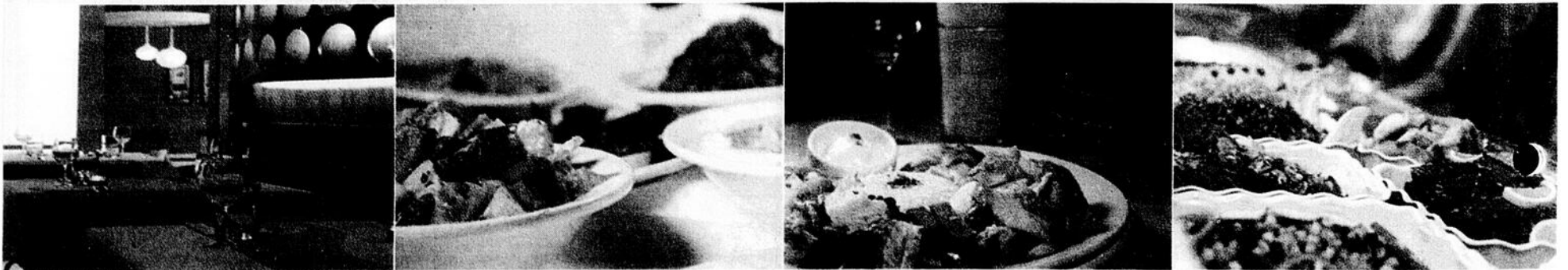
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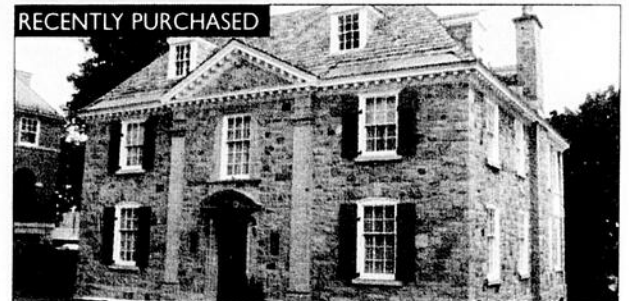
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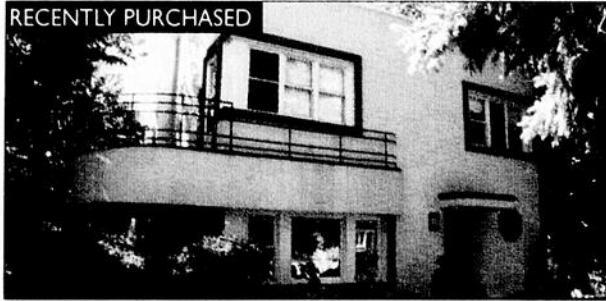
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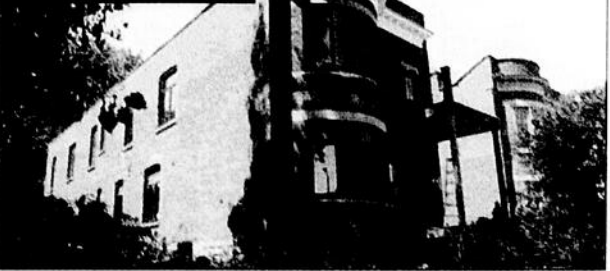
**NDG 4955 Ponsard** - Art Deco home steps from Queen Mary, Westmount Adj. Renovated with large rooms perfect for entertaining. Luxurious master bedroom with fireplace & ensuite. Multiple balconies & deck overlooking large garden perfect for inground pool, double garage, a/c. **Asking \$1,100,000**

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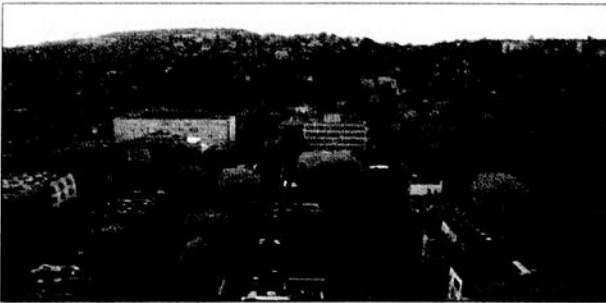


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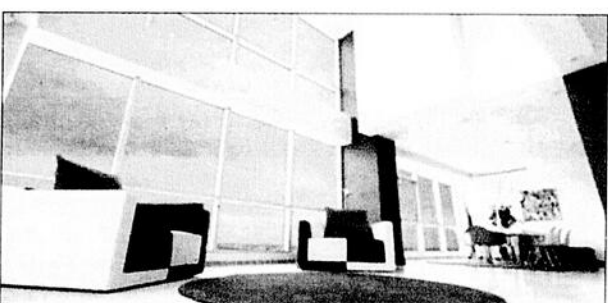
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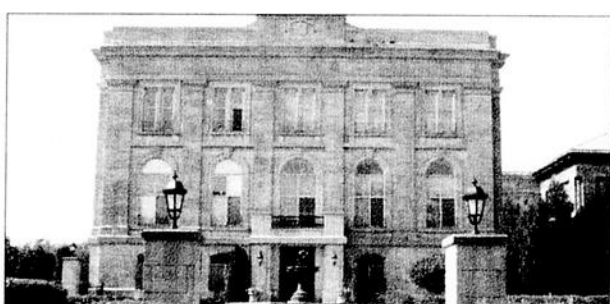
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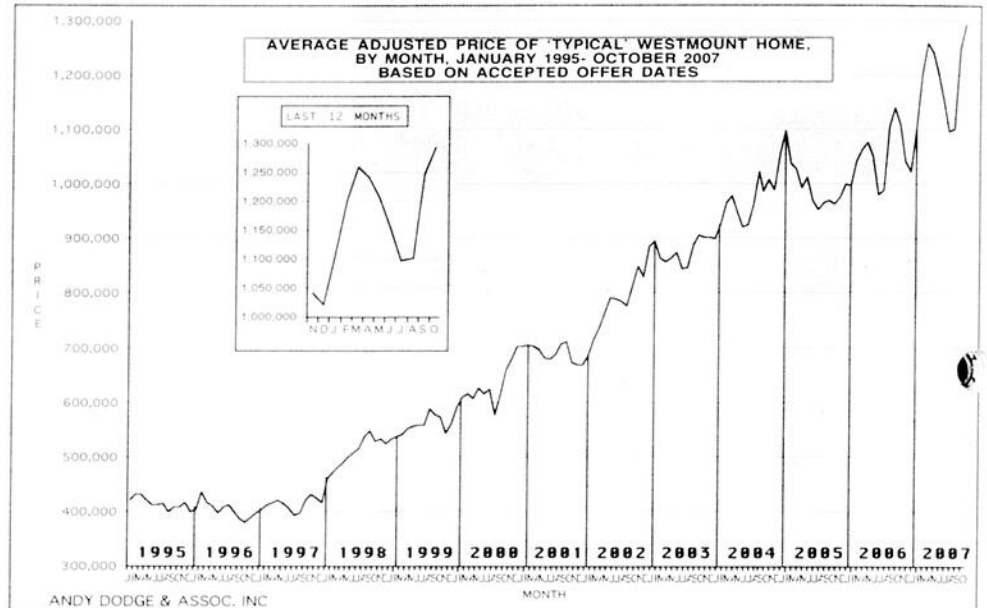
Eight of 12 Westmount properties sold for more than \$1 million in October and the raw average price topped \$1.5 million, the first time that has happened since February, 2005, when there were six sales over \$2 million.

In October this year, three sales were above the \$2 million mark, highest price was \$3.5 million and the lowest was \$600,000. Only one of the 12 sales was for less than its municipal evaluation and the average markup was 44 per cent. While those dozen sales are slightly below the average of 14.5 for October, the volume so far this year is the highest it has been since 2003.

Even with five houses needing 100 or more days to sell, the average days-on-market dropped to 59, including four properties which took less than two weeks to move. Two sold for full asking price while three others sold for more than 10 per cent less than asking, and only one of those had its asking price reduced during the term of the contract.

If business is busy in the single-family market, however, it appears to be sluggish among condominiums. Only two sales were reported in October, both for prices under \$350,000, whereas there is plenty of supply available.

The downtown area just east of Westmount reports three house sales in October, including



two of the new townhouses on de Breslay Road, both of which sold for more than \$1.2 million. One sale was reported in eastern Notre Dame de Grâce, one in the southern Côte des Neiges district and one in the 'Golden Square Mile'. Three condominiums moved on Sherbrooke Street at Atwater Avenue.

Supply of new listings is low at this time of year, with many potential sellers waiting until after the holiday season to put their houses on the market. The strong demand is pushing prices up still further, so even if we get a bet-

ter supply next spring, it will probably not drive prices down by much.

(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 September, 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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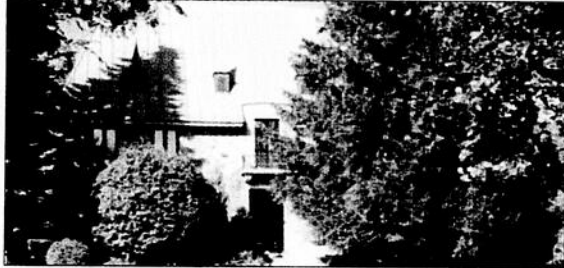
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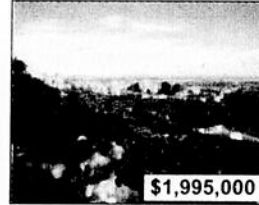
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22 Arlington	Peter Feingold & Jennifer McGinn	Jean Vernet & Deborah Peters Vernet	\$1,100,000	\$614,400
672 Belmont	Philippe Trudeau & Isabelle Roberge	Caroline Lafleur	\$1,125,000	\$899,400
754 Upper Belmont	Alain Chung & Monique Gravel	Julie-Martine Loranger	\$1,200,000	\$1,079,400
50 Belvedere Place	Robert Milton & Elizabeth Lietzan	BMS Trust	\$3,150,000	\$1,758,000
113 Blenheim	Zakria Mirza	Steffan Hess & Jacqueline Depocas	\$551,000	\$404,500
3244 The Boulevard	Louise Girouard & Paul Gratton	Jean-Sebastien Lebon & Angela Nguyen	\$700,000	\$845,100
536 Côte St. Antoine	Paul King	Carolyn Farha	\$1,100,000	\$900,000
303 Grosvenor	Joseph Marovitch	Ronald Vigneault & Bruce Walker	\$705,000	\$513,900
665 Grosvenor	Edward Harman & Nancy Heath	Oren Nutik	\$777,000	\$653,000
20 Holton	Simon Elie Dadouche & Linda Susan Fisher	Sanjay Sharma & Pramodita Joshi Sharma	\$885,000	\$916,100
308 Lansdowne	Bernard Labrie & Halina Brafman	Joni Herscovici	\$675,000	\$595,800
338 Metcalfe	Liane Feldman	Lisa Bevilacqua Faraj & Samer Faraj	\$864,500	\$760,000
4342 Montrose	Isabelle Le Gouar	Adrian Abdo & Nikoleta Karamanos	\$885,000	\$865,800
530 Mount Pleasant	Dierdre Joan Molson	Brian Mitchell & Pierre Houde	\$800,000	\$886,900
320 Prince Albert	Norbert & Gusta Roth Foundation	4427718 Canada Inc.	\$795,000	\$779,700
567 Roslyn	Dierdre Fairie Falkner	Marie-Josée Nadeau	\$1,100,000	\$1,085,800
628 Roslyn	Jacques Mitterand & Christelle Lemoigne	Fiducie Résidence SVCP	\$1,100,000	\$900,000
68 Summit Circle	Jeannette Lesperance	6814361 Canada Inc.	\$1,475,000	\$1,109,200
34 Winchester	Sonia Y. Charland	Edward Harman & Nancy Heath	\$512,500	\$563,300

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4210 de Maisonneuve, #3	Vivian Doyle-Kelly	4370724 Canada Inc.	\$536,250	\$497,000
346 Grosvenor	Frank Manley & Diana Claire Halfpenny	Tamara Scullion	\$365,000	\$291,100
314B Kensington	Dr. Jaswant Kaur Bains	Alain Manville	\$635,000	\$695,800
4476 St. Catherine, #202	Therese Marie Pouliot	Nabell Ali	\$320,000	\$269,200

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1 Wood, #A05	Sheriff of Montreald	Devdip Chatterjee	\$6,000	\$13,300
1 Wood, #A06	Sheriff of Montreald	Devdip Chatterjee	\$4,025	\$16,100
1 Wood, #A08	Sheriff of Montreald	Devdip Chatterjee	\$13,000	\$14,500
1 Wood, #A60-61	Sheriff of Montreald	Christopher Tombakis	\$7,600	\$14,800
1 Wood, #A63	Sheriff of Montreald	Patrick Cadet	\$4,700	\$6,000
1 Wood, #A64	Sheriff of Montreald	Jackson de Bordes	\$4,100	\$5,900
1 Wood, #A70	Sheriff of Montreald	Jackson de Bordes	\$6,200	\$10,000
1 Wood, #A71	Sheriff of Montreald	Christopher Tombakis	\$5,900	\$4,300

## SHARE SALES

442-44 Grosvenor, 40%	Edward Jablonski	Ivi Anastasiadis	\$300,000	\$172,440e
3157-61 St. Antoine, 50%	Jason Rudland & Thu Tran	Phillip LaFave & R. Bradley Wing	\$170,000	\$232,600f

## USUFRUCT SALES

435-39 Grosvenor, #16	Developpement Villa Grosvenor Inc.	Howard Shulak & Gail Goldstein Shulak	\$322,500	\$233,680g
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aPrice was declared as "\$1 and other good and valuable considerations;" the value of the consideration is declared as \$3,386,000.

bIncludes a small piece of land in Westmount whose valuation is \$29,400.

cUpper unit, basement apartment and garage space all included in one account number.

dCommercial space seized from Nick Nanas in March.

eValuation is 40 percent of \$431,100.

fThe purchasers already own the other 50 percent. Valuation is 50 percent of \$465,200.

gUsufruct given as 4.35 percent of building for apartment, 0.73 percent of building for garage space. Valuation is 5.08 percent of \$4,600,000.

## August saw two sales over \$3 million



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Two Westmount houses sold for more than \$3 million each in August, topping a busy real estate list and capping off a summer whose monthly averages all hovered around \$1,200,000 for a "typical" Westmount house.

Top price in the month involved 39 Aberdeen Avenue, a large brick two-storey house on more than 17,500 square feet of land, totally renovated, whose buyers declared

the "value of the consideration" as \$3,386,000. This was nearly matched by the \$3,150,000 paid for 50 Belvedere Place, a three-storey brick structure on the north side of Belvedere Place. Those were the only multi-million dollar homes to change hands in August, but seven others topped the \$1 million mark.

On the low side, two houses went for less than \$600,000, including 34 Winchester

Avenue whose \$512,500 price was actually 9 per cent less than its municipal evaluation; 113 Blenheim Avenue changed hands for \$551,000. The Winchester markdown was not the lowest of the month, that honour went to the buyers of 3244 The Boulevard, opposite Braeside Place, which was evaluated for \$845,100 but sold for only \$700,000.

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A total price of \$22,866,000 was paid out for 20 single-family homes in Westmount during August, less volume than June or July but offering an average price of \$1,144,300, and an average markup of more than 25 per cent. If the "typical" Westmount house with a valuation of \$998,480 were compared to that ratio, it would have a value of more than \$1,250,000 and still climbing.

Five condominiums sold in August, mostly duplex- or triplex-type units and only one regular apartment, at 4476 St. Catherine Street, which actually was the lowest price of

the month at \$320,000. The upper unit at 466 Argyle Avenue sold along with the basement apartment and a parking space for a total \$600,000, a price topped by 314B Kensington Avenue which went for \$635,000.

Two of the four co-owners of a triplex at 3157-61 St. Antoine Street sold their shares of the building to the other co-owners, while the ground-floor unit at 442-44 Grosvenor Avenue changed hands for \$300,000. One more apartment in the triple-building at 435-39 Grosvenor also sold in August, this time for \$322,500.

The Sheriff of Montreal sold off eight small retail outlets inside the ground floor of

1 Wood Avenue at rock-bottom prices ranging from \$4,000 to \$13,000 to four buyers, almost all for much less than their municipal evaluations. The interior commercial space constructed for that huge building has never had much activity and one owner, Nick Nanas, relinquished his units for non-payment of taxes back in March.

One other sale of interest involved a property at 3787 Grey Avenue in Notre Dame de Grâce which also included a small piece of land in Westmount. Back in the 1800's the driveway for the huge Monklands estate ran north from Côte St. Antoine Road, west of Victoria Avenue. In the early 20th

century, Grey and Claremont Avenues were developed and Notre Dame de Grâce Boulevard provided access to the driveway, so the lower section was abandoned and portions of land were parceled off to the owners on either side. It appears some of the Westmount land actually belongs to some of the Grey Avenue properties, but it has not been re-cadastered like most of the rest of the land in the area.

(NOTE: The preceding article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in August, 2007, provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found on page 16.)

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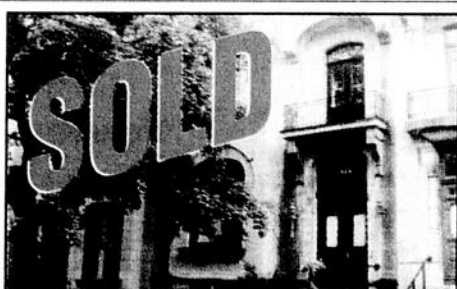
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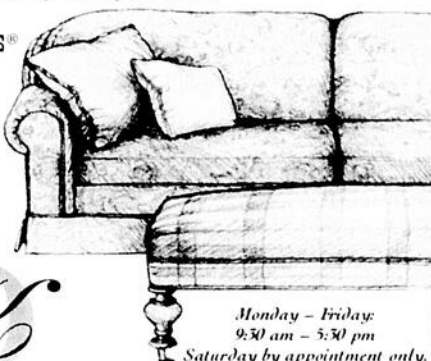
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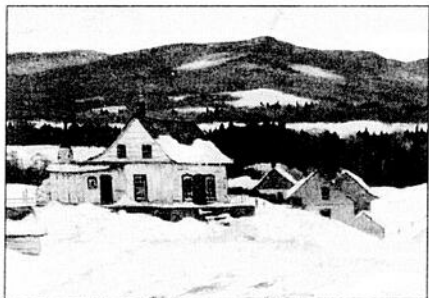
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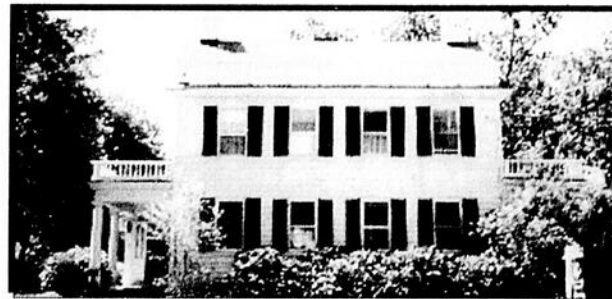


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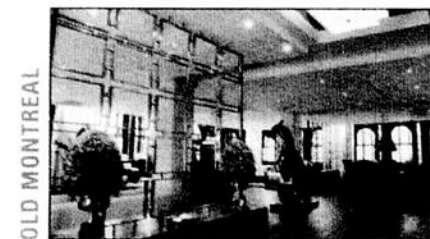


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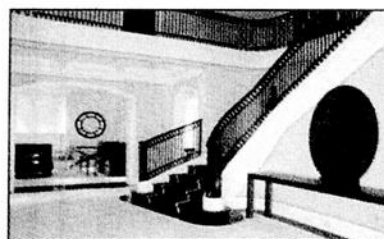


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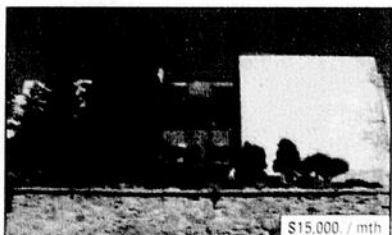
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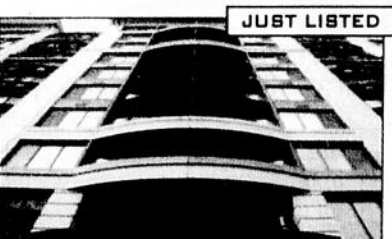
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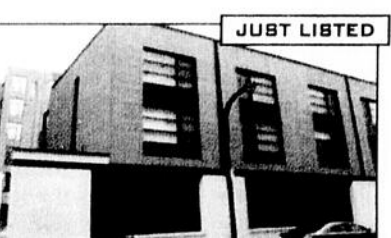
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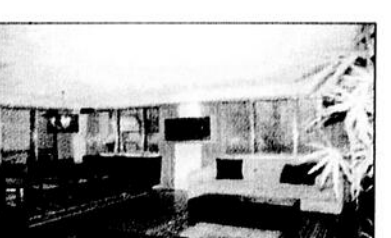
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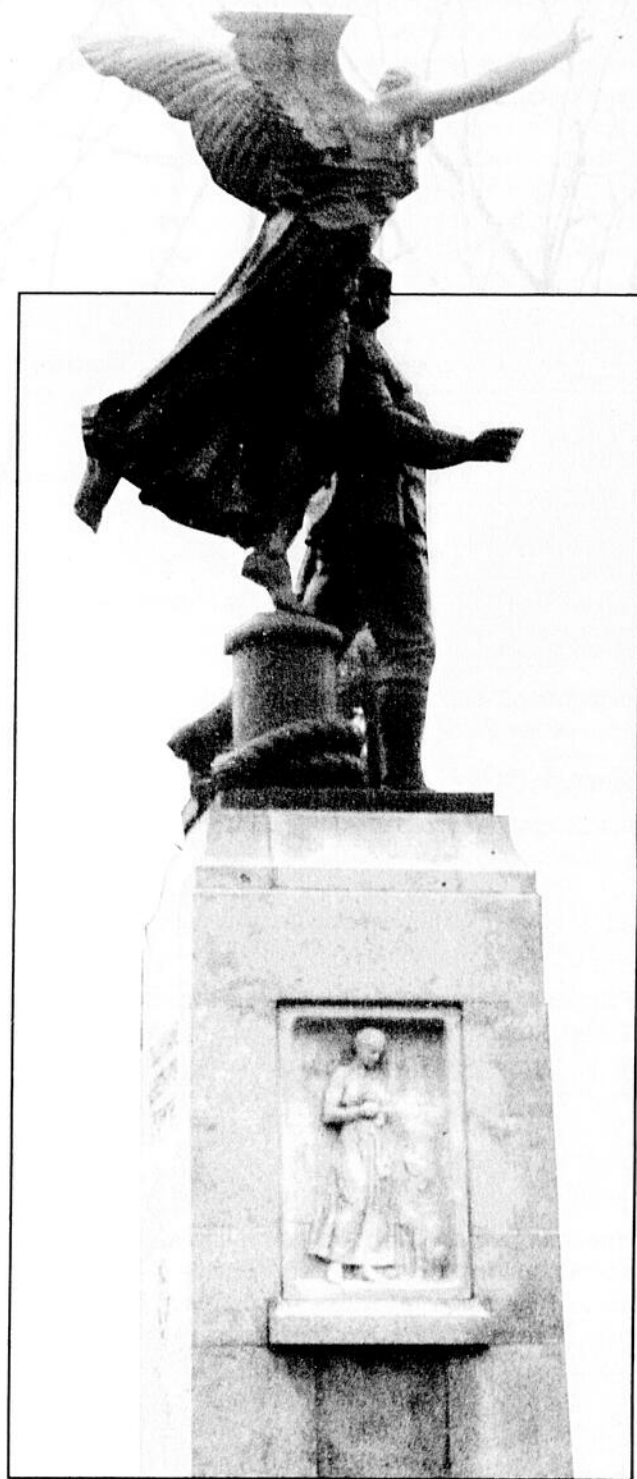
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## COMMENTAIRES DU MAIRE SUR LA POSITION FINANCIÈRE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT

### SÉANCE DU CONSEIL DU 22 OCTOBRE 2007

Chers conseillers, Mesdames et Messieurs, bonsoir,

À cette première étape du processus de préparation et d'adoption du budget 2008, la loi m'oblige à présenter aux résidents un rapport sur la santé financière de notre Ville en général. Au moment de présenter ce rapport l'an dernier, j'avais annoncé que notre situation financière au lendemain de la défusion se présentait de façon très positive dans l'ensemble, à l'exception de la somme astronomique prévue au chapitre de la nouvelle dette dont nous attendions le transfert de Montréal à Westmount. Comme prévu, la dette établie par Montréal était excessive (de l'ordre de 21,8 \$ millions). Le conseil a entrepris des démarches afin de recouvrer ces fonds, comme en font foi les bilans finals préparés par le cabinet d'experts-comptables Harel Drouin (retenu par le Comité de transition afin d'effectuer les dernières vérifications de notre défusion de Montréal et préparer les bilans de clôture 2005 et d'ouverture 2006).

Sur une note plus encourageante, notre situation financière pour 2007 s'annonce très favorable à ce moment-ci. Un modeste surplus de fonctionnement est d'ailleurs prévu.

Dans mon rapport qui est déposé ce soir, mes commentaires porteront notamment sur les quatre questions de nature financière :

- Les résultats de fin d'exercice 2006.
- Les prévisions préliminaires des revenus et dépenses de la ville pour 2007.
- L'état de la dette de la ville ainsi que les façons de la gérer.
- L'orientation générale du budget 2008 et des dépenses d'immobilisations pour la période de 2008 à 2010.

#### Résultats de fin d'exercice 2006

Le budget total de fonctionnement pour l'année 2006 était de 33 751 100 \$. Les états financiers vérifiés de fin d'exercice ont confirmé un revenu total de 38 241 900 \$ pour l'an dernier ; les dépenses de fonctionnement ont été de 34 751 000 \$, en plus des affectations additionnelles établies à 2 845 000 \$. L'excédent budgétaire de fonctionnement s'est élevé à 645 900 \$.

Au cours de l'année 2006, les dépenses d'immobilisations se sont élevées à 4 116 480 \$, parmi lesquelles un montant de 720 215 \$ a été couvert par notre mode de financement pay-as-you-go remis en vigueur dernièrement (vous vous souviendrez peut-être qu'avant les fusions l'ensemble de notre programme annuel de travaux d'immobilisations courants était financé selon la méthode pay-as-you-go). Le solde des projets 2006 a été financé au moyen de règlements d'emprunt pour une somme de 3 396 265 \$.

Comme mentionné ci-dessus, les vérificateurs nommés par le Comité de transition, Harel Drouin, ont déposé leur rapport plus tôt cette année, lequel comportait une note indiquant que Westmount avait contesté les 21,8 \$ millions de frais non corroborés établis par Montréal et figurant dans les bilans de clôture 2005 et d'ouverture 2006. Cette réclamation comprend deux éléments principaux : un montant de 16,2 \$ millions relié à la décision de Montréal de mettre fin au mode de financement pay-as-you-go pour les projets d'immobilisations pendant les années de la fusion, plus un autre montant de 5,6 \$ millions pour un certain nombre d'autres points litigieux, comme la caisse de retraite et les paiements de la CSST. Je vous donne l'assurance que le conseil fera le nécessaire pour s'assurer que ces montants nous soient remis aussitôt que possible.

#### Prévisions pour 2007

Le budget de fonctionnement 2007 de la ville a été établi à 34 557 300 \$. À la lumière des résultats à ce jour et des revenus et dépenses prévus pour le reste de l'année, nous nous attendons à terminer l'exercice 2007 avec un surplus d'environ 400 000 \$. Ces prévisions pourraient toutefois changer considérablement d'ici la fin de l'exercice, notamment s'il y a des chutes de neige plus abondantes que d'habitude ou un bris d'aqueduc important.

La signature de nouvelles conventions collectives en 2007 avec les employés syndiqués pourrait également avoir un impact significatif sur les résultats de fin d'année. Cependant, il appert à ce jour que les nouvelles conventions ne seront signées qu'au début de 2008, et devront donc être intégrées à la planification l'an prochain.

#### Dette

Au 31 décembre 2001, « l'ancienne » Ville de Westmount avait une dette non consolidée de l'ordre de 2,1 \$ millions, ce qui, compte tenu de la taille de notre ville, signifiait que nous n'avions pour ainsi dire pas de dette. Cette position extrêmement favorable quant à la dette était la conséquence directe de la politique du conseil de financer les projets d'immobilisations courants (d'environ 4,5 \$ millions par année)

selon la méthode pay-as-you-go.

Malheureusement, notre situation a changé de manière significative en ce qui concerne l'endettement. En effet, en date du 31 décembre 2006, la dette de Westmount avait grimpé à 15 014 181 \$, en sus d'une somme additionnelle d'au moins 14 848 637 \$ de nouvelles créances qu'il faudra financer à la fin de 2007 ou au début de 2008 (il s'agit en grande partie de paiements à Montréal pour l'« achat » forcé du réseau local d'aqueduc au coût de 9,1 \$ millions). Au total, la ville se retrouve avec un nouvel endettement de 29,8 \$ millions, soit plus de dix fois le montant de la dette telle qu'elle existait il y a à peine six ans. Le seul point positif que je peux apporter est que nous avons été extrêmement chanceux jusqu'à maintenant de bénéficier de taux d'intérêt sur nos emprunts à long terme qui sont oscillent autour de 4,5 %.

#### Budget 2008

Une fois de plus, la volonté du conseil d'exercer un contrôle sur les taxes locales tout en maintenant le niveau actuel de services demeure notre priorité tout au cours de la préparation du budget 2008. Après cinq années d'importantes hausses de taxes de 2001 à 2006 (près de 10 % en moyenne chaque année pour les propriétaires), nous avons réussi à limiter l'augmentation moyenne à 2 % en 2007. À moins de problèmes imprévus à ce moment-ci, le conseil a bien l'intention de garder les comptes de taxes locales de 2008 à des taux semblables à ceux de 2007 (ce qui tiendra compte aussi de l'étalement qui s'applique au nouveau rôle d'évaluation foncière entré en vigueur en 2007).

Tout aussi importants sont les efforts constants du conseil menés, de concert avec nos collègues des autres villes de banlieue, en vue de surveiller les activités et les dépenses du conseil d'agglomération. Nous avons toujours dit que Westmount était disposé à payer sa juste part des services dispensés par l'agglomération; toutefois, nous continuerons de contester les coûts déraisonnables ou injustifiables qui sont transférés à l'agglomération par la Ville de Montréal. Le conseil d'agglomération a lui aussi cette même responsabilité de contrôler ses taxes pour l'année 2008, et nous avons bien l'intention de veiller à ce qu'il ne manque pas à son obligation.

Pour ce qui est des autres priorités du budget 2008, mentionnons qu'un des signes distinctifs de notre communauté est l'engagement du conseil qui vise à préserver l'état de nos infrastructures et à les améliorer, le cas échéant. Depuis notre défusion en 2006, nous avons repris un rythme régulier dans la restauration des routes, et nous avons mis en œuvre une stratégie rattachée à une nouvelle responsabilité, soit la modernisation de notre réseau local de distribution de l'eau.

Au cours des dix dernières années, plusieurs restaurations d'importance d'édifices ont été réalisées, entre autres à la Bibliothèque, au Victoria Hall et au pavillon de bowling. Le conseil envisage maintenant la rénovation de l'aréna et de la piscine, qui nécessitera des travaux majeurs. En fait, le conseil avait déjà entrepris les travaux préliminaires en réalisant une étude de faisabilité pour l'aréna et la piscine en 2000, mais le travail avait été mis de côté au moment des fusions forcées. Au cours de l'année 2008, le conseil prévoit réexaminer ce projet, tant en fonction des améliorations qui s'imposent que des répercussions des coûts anticipés sur notre dette actuelle.

Pour ce qui est du reste du programme d'immobilisations 2008-2010, nous entendons maintenir les dépenses à peu près au même niveau que celui approuvé pour 2007, soit 4,4 \$ millions pour les améliorations majeures des routes, parcs, édifices municipaux, etc., 1,5 \$ million pour la modernisation des réseaux d'aqueduc et d'égouts, et 1,3 \$ million pour les projets d'Hydro Westmount.

En termes de financement des projets d'immobilisations courants, le conseil entend encore une fois augmenter le budget de financement pay-as-you-go de 1,5 \$ million à 2,0 \$ millions l'an prochain, réduisant d'autant l'utilisation du financement à long terme.

#### Rémunération des élus municipaux

La loi prévoit que le maire doit faire état de la rémunération que la ville et les organismes intermunicipaux versent à chaque membre du conseil.

En 2007, le maire aura reçu de la Ville de Westmount une rémunération de 48 384 \$, en sus d'un montant de 13 716 \$ à titre d'allocation de dépenses. Chaque conseiller reçoit de la Ville de Westmount un montant de 13 800 \$ plus 6 900 \$ à titre d'allocation de dépenses.

#### Transactions au-delà de 25 000 \$

Comme l'exige la loi, je dépose la liste des transactions dont le montant cumulatif total dépassait 25 000 \$ entre le 1<sup>er</sup> octobre 2006 et le 30 septembre 2007.

Karin Marks



**THE MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION  
OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT**

**COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007**

Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening:

As the first formal step in the 2008 budget preparation and adoption process, I am required by law to report to residents on the general financial health of our City. When I presented this report last year, I stated that our post de-merger financial picture looked very positive for the most part, with the exception of the projected extraordinary amount of new debt that we expected to be transferred from Montreal to Westmount. As predicted, the debt load that Montreal established was excessive (in the order of \$21.8 million). Council has taken the first steps to recover these funds, all as indicated in the final balance sheets prepared by the accounting firm Harel Drouin (which was retained by the Transition Committee to perform the final audit of our de-merger from Montreal and prepare the 2005 closing / 2006 opening balance sheets).

On a brighter note, our financial picture for 2007 looks very positive at this point with a modest operating surplus projected.

In my report that is being tabled tonight, I will be commenting further on these and other financial issues, as follows:

- The 2006 year-end results.
- The preliminary forecast of the City's 2007 revenues and expenditures.
- The state of the city's debt and the action taken to manage it.
- The overall direction of the 2008 Budget, along with the capital expenditures planned for 2008 through 2010.

**2006 Year-End Results**

The city's 2006 total operating budget was \$33,751,100. The year-end audited statements confirmed that total revenues last year were \$38,241,900; operational expenditures amounted to \$34,751,000 plus additional appropriations in the amount of \$2,845,000 were established. This resulted in a net 2006 operating surplus of \$645,900.

During 2006, capital expenditures amounted to \$4,116,480, of which \$720,215 was covered by our newly-reinstated 'pay-as-you-go' funding (you might recall that prior to mergers, our entire routine annual capital works program was funded on a pay-as-you-go basis). The balance of the 2006 projects were funded by loan by-laws in the amount of \$3,396,265.

As mentioned previously, the auditors appointed by the Transition Committee, Harel Drouin, filed its report earlier this year which included a notation that Westmount has contested \$21.8 million in unsubstantiated costs assessed by Montreal as recorded in the 2005 closing / 2006 opening balance sheets. This claim is comprised of two main elements; \$16.2 million related to Montreal's decision to strip the pay-as-you-go funding of capital works projects during the merger years plus \$5.6 million for a number of other litigious items, such as pension fund and CSST payments. I can assure you that Council will take the measures necessary to ensure that these amounts are returned to us as quickly as possible.

**2007 Forecast**

The City's 2007 operating budget was established at \$34,557,300. Based on the results to date and the projected revenues and expenditures for the balance of the year, we expect to close 2007 with a surplus in the order of \$400,000. However, this projection could change considerably between now and year-end, especially if we experience a higher-than-average snowfall or a major water main break.

Conclusion of new collective agreements with our unionized personnel in 2007 could also have a significant impact on our year-end final results but at this point, it would appear that the new contracts will be settled in early 2008, which will have to be accounted for in the planning for next year.

**Debt**

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001, the "former" city of Westmount had a total unfunded debt of \$2.1 million which, for a city our size, meant that we were essentially debt free. This extremely favourable debt position was the direct result of Council's policy to fund routine capital works projects (in the order of \$4.5 million per year) on a "pay as you go" basis.

Regrettably, our debt situation has changed significantly. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006, Westmount's debt had climbed to \$15,014,181, with at least an additional \$14,848,637 in new debt obligations that will have to be funded in late 2007 or early 2008 (much of which relates to having to pay Montreal for the forced 'purchase' of the local water network at a cost of \$9.1 million). In total, the city has a new debt load of \$29.8 million, over ten times that which existed only six years ago. The only positive statement I can make is that we have been extremely fortunate with the interest rates that are being charged for our long-term borrowing thus far, which is in the range of 4.5%.

**2008 Budget**

Once again, Council's desire to keep local taxes in check while maintaining service levels is the number one priority for our 2008 budget planning. After five years of significant tax hikes between 2001 and 2006 (which averaged almost 10% each year for homeowners), we limited the average increase to 2% in 2007. Barring any unforeseen problems at this point, it is Council's intention to keep 2008 local tax bills at roughly the same level as those sent out in 2007 (which will also take into account the 'phasing in' of the new property valuation roll that went into effect in 2007).

Of equal importance is Council's continued effort, in collaboration with our colleagues in the other suburban cities, to monitor the activities and expenditures of the Agglomeration Council. We have always said that Westmount is prepared to pay its fair share for services provided by the Agglomeration, but we will continue to challenge any costs transferred to the Agglomeration by the city of Montreal that are unreasonable or cannot be justified. The Agglomeration Council has the equal responsibility of keeping its 2008 taxes in check as well and we intend to hold it to this obligation.

As for other budget-related priorities for 2008, one of the hallmarks of our community has been Council's commitment to maintain and, when warranted, upgrade our infrastructure. Since our de-merger in 2006, we have returned to a regular rhythm of road reconstruction and have implemented a strategy for a new responsibility, the upgrading of our local water supply network.

In the past decade the Library, Victoria Hall, the lawn bowling clubhouse, and several other significant building upgrades have been realized. Now Council is looking at the arena / pool facility as the next of our buildings that needs major work. In fact, Council had started preliminary work on a feasibility study for the arena and pool in 2000, but this was shelved when forced mergers occurred. Over the course of 2008, Council intends to re-examine this project, both in terms of what improvements are needed and the impact that the projected costs will have on our current debt load.

As for the balance of the 2008-2010 capital works program, it is intended to maintain the same approximate level of spending as was approved for 2007, i.e. \$4.4 million for major improvements to roads, parks, city buildings, etc., \$1.5 million for upgrading the local water supply and sewer networks and \$1.3 million for Hydro Westmount projects.

In terms of funding for these routine capital works items, it is Council's intention to once again increase the budget for pay-as-you-go financing from \$1.5 million to \$2.0 million next year, thus reducing our reliance on long-term funding.

**Remuneration of Elected Municipal Representatives**

The law stipulates that the Mayor has to report on the remuneration that each Council member receives from the City and from inter-municipal bodies.

During 2007, the Mayor will have received from the City of Westmount a remuneration of \$48,384, plus \$13,716 as an expense allowance. Each Councillor receives from the City of Westmount an amount of \$13,800, plus \$6,900 as an expense allowance.

**Transactions Exceeding \$25,000**

As required by law, I am filing the list of total cumulative transactions exceeding \$25,000 from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Karin Marks  
Mayor

# Something wild grows at the McClure

Ida Jorgensen

In her current exhibition at the Visual Arts Centre, Francine Potvin shows that there is beauty to be found where some people only see weeds.

"I like the fact that they're not loved. They grow without asking for permission," Potvin said about why her art centers around self-propagating plants, or common weeds.

Although these plants are usually unwelcome, many have forgotten medicinal uses, she pointed out, and their resilient nature ensures they usually find a way to sprout.

"They're like rebels; they have rebellious souls."

Titled 'Wild Mind', the exhibition is a collection of prints, cyanotypes (photographic prints) and ceramic sculptures, all inspired by the growths.

"My first love was really 3-D" Potvin said of her sculptures. She gradually moved to prints and cyanotypes because she liked the idea of going out and harvesting the flora. The prints are made from flattened plants, obvious in her work's minute details, while the cyanotypes is a more immediate outlet for her art because they only take an hour or to complete.

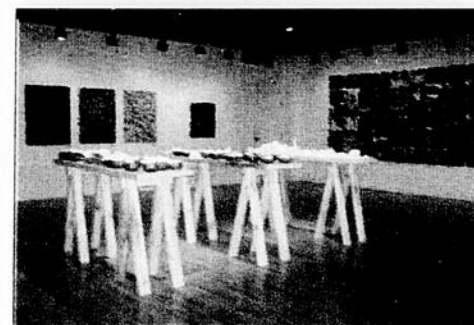
"I don't want to have to choose," she said about working with the different formats.

According to Gallery Director Victoria LeBlanc, Potvin was chosen to exhibit by the Visual Arts Centre in part because she masters several media. "It's not easy to find a good multi-disciplinary artist," LeBlanc said. "We loved the different materials."

Indeed Potvin's exhibition entices more than just the eye. Essential oils of golden root, another self-propagating plant, diffuses the room and completes the exhibition.

The idea is to touch people, "but not only with the intellect," Potvin said. "I'm fascinated by the idea of people appreciating the work through other senses."

Working out of Farham in the Eastern Townships, Potvin has had ample opportunity to savor nature's "sacred aspect," a notion she wanted to capture in her work, and that is often forgotten in a fast-paced city life. She said the exhibition is meant to create a place where people can escape the noisy streets, and



Francine Potvin's eclectic show at the McClure Gallery

that she hopes it will open people's eyes to the "quiet beauty" of these kinds of plants.

'Wild Mind' by Francine Potvin continues at the McClure Gallery of the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave., through Nov. 24. Info: 514-488-9558.

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# Buzzed for bucks

Selwyn House comes through for breast cancer research



Trevor Hooton gets shorn by Allestandra Vasallo.

This time the donations surpassed even the most optimistic expectations.

"We doubled our goal," said a very proud Senior School Director Shawn O'Donnell.

The event took place on Thursday, Oct. 25, when Mix 96 radio personalities Lisa Player, Murray Sherrifs and Tom Buddo dropped by the school to help out with the head-shaving, which was carried out by stylist Allestandra Vasallo of LaCoupe hair salon.

Twin brothers Graham and Trevor Hooton from Grade 11, and Jeremy Micheletti from Grade 8 were joined by teachers Mike Downey and Dean Phillips on the 'chopping block'. In order to qualify for the honour of having their heads shaved, each volunteer first had to raise a minimum of \$2,000 in donations — canvassing friends, colleagues and even total strangers to raise the money.

This year's fundraising drive was spearheaded by the Hooton brothers, who kicked off their personal campaigns by holding a car wash in September that brought in \$500.

"Door-to-door fundraising brought in enormous amounts of money," said their mother, Julie Hooton. "At the onset, they were trying to raise their \$2,000 buy-ins plus \$1,000 for a total of \$5,000 for the two of them. They ended up bringing in \$7,500! People in the larger community were very supportive and generous. And the involvement of friends from other schools increased the number of campaigners, and increased awareness for the event."

O'Donnell pointed out that the event's success was also due to the efforts of several volunteers, especially Senior English teacher

Jonathan Bracewell and Senior School Assistant April Wong.

"So often breast cancer is seen as a women's issue, but the reality is that we may all be affected by this disease at some point in our lives," Mrs. Hooton added. "The Shave to Save event at Selwyn House allows the boys to take a lead role in helping to bring about a cure."

After the ordeal, left to right, are Mike Downey, Jeremy Micheletti, Graham Hooton, Trevor Hooton and Dean Phillips.



There are a few very closely cropped heads in the halls of Selwyn House School these days, thanks to an annual fundraising event that organizers have deemed the best ever.

In Shave to Save 2007, five volunteers had their hair shorn off to raise money for breast cancer research. And when all the donations were added up, proceeds for this year's event surpassed \$20,000 — the largest amount raised by the school since it began participating in the annual event two years ago.

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# Successful turnout for City of Westmount's first Halloween 'haunted house'

Martin C. Barry

**S**creams, ghostly moans and terrified shouts rang out at Westmount's normally sedate Lawn Bowling Clubhouse on Halloween night.

While such goings-on are strictly out of place during the lawn bowling season, most who visited the clubhouse last Wednesday night seemed to agree that the first 'haunted house' staged by volunteers and City staff was a resounding success.

By one estimate, a total of 1,000 people passed through the house.

Lawn bowlers wouldn't have recognized the interior of their club. It had been transformed into an elaborate fun house, with darkened rooms and hallways, flashing

strobes, coffins, horrific apparitions, monsters, and large spiders dangling from above.

Those who dared make their way through were confronted at virtually every turn by ghouls, a fiendishly bewigged 18th century hanging judge, a monster rising from a coffin, and a masked fortune-telling lady with an endless repartee of witty one-liners.

By far, the most nightmarish scene of all was kept for last. Just before the exit, in a back room, a young nurse, with waxen features, stood clad in a white uniform before an operating table. As her eyes peered coldly from behind a facial mask, she performed surgery on a cadaverous being.

Deftly removing sausage links and other simulated guts from a gaping wound in the middle of his chest, what made it all the more odd was that the room smelled like a butcher shop. The City of Westmount's community events department and the Public Security department collaborated on the design and creation of the haunted house.

Some of the monsters were played by students from the drama department at Dawson College, as well as members of the Pathfinders. Grade six pupils at Roslyn School painted pumpkins, and Westmount High School students helped to decorate.

Outside the clubhouse, the lineup was long, but everyone agreed it was worth the wait.

"This is one of the biggest holidays of the year for the kids," said Michael Quinn, a Vendôme Avenue resident who was waiting in



line with his daughter, Madison. She dressed as a 1980s dancer. Quinn, who was also into the spirit, dressed as an Irishman.

He was very convincing. "Do you have a pint of beer for me?" he said, feigning a brogue.

Dr. Mark Roper, a Westmount physician, brought his four children, William, David, Mary, and Susan. Two of their young friends, Zachary and Abigail, also went along.

Virginia Elliott, assistant coordinator of community events for the City of Westmount, said some of the smaller children who arrived earlier in the evening were more easily frightened, even though older kids who came later relished the fright. "I just got deafened by a little kid," she said, noting that the children's screams were far more terrifying.

Richard Blondin, director of Public Security for Westmount, said the idea for the haunted house had been proposed by parking inspector Pierre Thibault. He was assisted by Sgt. Greg McBain and Sgt. Denis Proulx.

Mike Deegan, director of the Sports and Recreation Department, also lent a hand, as did some members of city council, including councillors Nicole Forbes and Cynthia Lulham.

#### House Decorating Contest winners

Westmount's annual home decorating contest was also a success again this year, with many local families pulling out all the stops in transforming their properties into everything from menacing mansions to ghostly graveyards. As in previous years, a team of judges toured the neighbourhoods during Hallo-

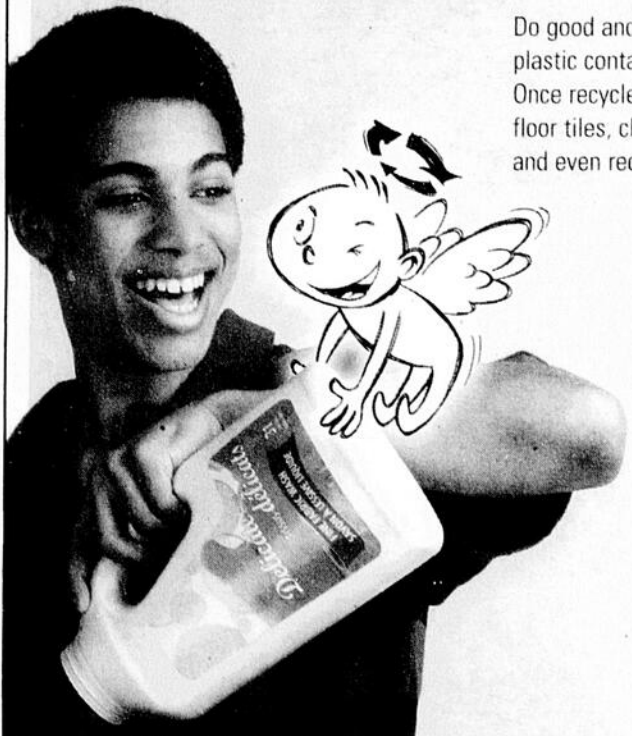
ween night, and this year's list of winning entries features some familiar names:

North of Sherbrooke Street, first prize of a catered dinner for six by Simply Wonderful went to the Zipkin family at 58 Forden Cres.; second prize of dinner for four at Java U went to the Cohen family at 631 Murray Hill Ave.; and third prize of a specially designed Halloween gift basket from La Fougagerie went to the Halickman family at 596 Belmont Ave.

The same prizes were award to entries south of Sherbrooke Street, where first prize went to the Norris family at 310 Roslyn Ave.; second prize to Mark Camacho at 102 Columbia Ave.; and third prize to Beverley LeBlanc and Greg Macgregor at 110 Columbia Ave.



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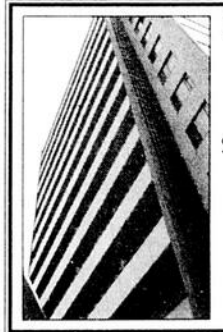
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# Bulletin Board

## Thursday, Nov. 8

Contactivity Seniors Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve W., holds its annual Artisan Sale and Bazaar from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Unique handknits for children and adults; crafts; homemade preserves; gift items; gift baskets; bake table; a raffle; gently used clothing and books and a nearly new table. Refreshments will be available to purchase. Info: 514-932-2326.

The Atwater Branch of the Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., celebrates Semaine du livre canadien pour la jeunesse with author Mireille Levert, in French, at 1:45 p.m., for ages 9 and up. Space is limited and reservations are required. Info: 514-931-2304.

## Friday, Nov. 9

The Atwater Poetry Project presents Jeff Derksen and Rachel Zoff, who will read from their work at the Atwater Library Auditorium, 1200 Atwater Ave., at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. The reading is sponsored by the League of Canadian Poets, the Canada Council for the Arts and the Atwater Library. Free admission. All are welcome. Info: Tanya Mayhew at 514-935-7344.

TGIF at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. Meal Followed by weekly activity for ages 5 to 11. \$10 per drop-in. 6 to 8:30 p.m. RSVP/Info 514-931-6202 or www.centregreene.org

## Saturday, Nov. 10

The Ninth Annual Westmount Artisans' Festival takes place at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W., from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is a non-perishable food item or \$2, to go toward Westmount Public Security's annual Christmas food basket drive. Info: 514-989-5226.

Christmas Fair at St. Matthias' Church, 10 Church Hill, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attic treasures, jewelry, crafts, books, Christmas puddings, baking, jams & jellies and more! Lunch will be served. Info: 514-933-4295.

## Sunday, Nov. 11

Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph on Sherbrooke Street near City Hall at 1:30 p.m. Members of Westmount City Council and other dignitaries will lay wreaths in remembrance of the fallen who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

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St. Léon de Westmount Church, 4311 de Maisonneuve Boul., holds its annual concert featuring the St. Léon Choir under the direction of Chantal Rioux, at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the door: \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$10 for children under 10. Info: 514-935-4950.

## Tuesday, Nov. 13

The Westmount Horticultural Society welcomes Professor of Wildlife Biology & Gazette columnist Dr. David Bird, who will give an illustrated talk on 'Attracting Birds in the

Garden Throughout the Seasons'. The talk will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. W. Join the society or renew your membership. Annual dues are \$15; guest fee is \$5. Info: 514-932-9349 or westhortsoc@sympatico.ca.

## Wednesday, Nov. 14

Senior's Luncheon at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave., from 12:15 to 2 p.m. \$5 per meal. RSVP/Info: 514-931-6202 or www.centregreene.org

## Thursday, Nov. 15

Westmount High School, 4350 St. Catherine St. W., holds its annual Second Hand Book Fair from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m., with used books at extremely low prices. Donations of used books may be dropped off at the school on Friday, Nov. 9 or Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. Info: Eileen at 514-483-3600.

## Friday, Nov. 16

TGIF at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. Meal Followed by weekly activity for ages 5 to 11. \$10 per drop-in. 6 to 8:30 p.m. RSVP/Info 514-931-6202 or www.centregreene.org

## Sunday, Nov. 18

Treats n' Treasures Holiday Bazaar at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holiday fun for the whole family. Attic treasures and unique gifts, seasonal games for the children, crafters' tables and baked goods. Homemade soup, sandwiches, hotdogs, and pizza available in the lunchroom. Info: 514-931-6202 or www.centregreene.org

## Tuesday, Nov. 20

Computers for Grownups at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave., from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. RSVP/Info: 514-931-6202 or www.centregreene.org

The City of Westmount's 'A Heritage to Build On' lecture series continues with 'Adding on to Your House', featuring guest speaker Anna Mainella, architect. Adding on to a house can be a significant project - how to do so in a way that respects both the house and its neighbourhood. 7 p.m. at City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke St. W. Admission is \$5. Tickets are available at City Hall and the Westmount Public Library.

## Wednesday, Nov. 21

The Atwater Branch of the Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., celebrates TD Canadian Children's Book Week with Author-Poet Robert Heidbreder in English, at 10:30 a.m. for ages 5 to 9. Space is limited and reservations are recommended. Info: 514-931-2304.

## Thurs. Nov. 29

The Atwater Branch of the Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents puppeteer Hélène Charland performing Mishka L'ourson de Noël in French at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3 to 5. Space is limited and reservations are recommended. Info: 514-931-2304.

## Ongoing

The McClure Gallery at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave., presents Francine Potvin's exhibition, Wild Mind, through Nov. 24. Info: 514-488-9558.

Pilates classes with Sandra Benjamin: Strengthen your core, improve your posture, reduce stress and create long lean muscles with Pilates instructor Sandra Benjamin. Classes are held Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave. Cost is \$15 per class. Registration required at 514-937-9471.

CHSLD St. Margaret, a long-term care nursing home, is currently recruiting volunteers to work with terminally ill/dying residents, as part of the St. Margaret Palliative Care Project. Training will be provided. Info: Melanie Lafleur at 514-932-3630 ext. 3018.

The Manoir Westmount seniors residence is looking for a back-up volunteer organist for its Wednesday night Ecumenical Devotions program from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. If interested, please contact the Leisure Department at 514-937-3943.

The Treble Choir of Christ Church Anglican Cathedral is looking for new members - boys and girls. No fees; voice and theory coaching. Rehearsals on Thursdays at 4:30. Call Patrick Wedd, director of music at 514-843-6577 (local 240).

CLSC René-Cassin is looking for volunteers to work with palliative care patients. Training is provided. For further information, please call 514-488-3673, ext. 1351.

The Atwater Branch of the Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents a weekly bilingual storytime, on Mondays at 11 a.m., for ages 3 to 6. Info: 514-931-2304.

Monday to Friday, after-school at Centre Greene: gym time, park time, homework hour and a snack. Ages 5 to 12. \$195 per month (sliding scale and family discounts

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available). Registration ongoing. Full time, part time, ped days. Info 514-931-6202 or [www.centregreene.org](http://www.centregreene.org)

Tumbling Tots playgroup at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. \$3.50 per child per morning. Info: 514-931-6202 or [www.centregreene.org](http://www.centregreene.org)

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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.

Do you want to become a better communicator? Does your job require you to come into contact with people with a hearing loss? Do you have a deaf or hard-of-hearing relative? A course in Oral Communication, offered at Dawson College this fall, might be just the thing for you. A second course, Oral Interpretation, will be offered to people who wish to learn how to provide interpreting services to oral deaf individuals. For more information,

please contact Eva Basch at 514-636-0755 or [ebasch@videotron.ca](mailto:ebasch@videotron.ca).

Westmount Toastmasters: Take the fear out of public speaking every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W.

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

Friends of the Westmount Library ask that you think of them if you have any books you wish to donate for their book sales. They accept quality hardcovers and paperbacks in reasonable condition, on all subjects. Please drop off your books at the library circulation desk, 4574 Sherbrooke W.

The Atwater Branch of the Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents a weekly bilingual Science Club on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. for ages 5-12. The program is funded by the NSERC and includes workshops, visits from Captain Catalyst and special events. Info: 514-931-2304.

The Atwater Branch of the Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents their weekly bilingual Chess Club on Fridays at 4 p.m., for ages 6-12. Info: 514-931-2304.

St. Margaret's Home for the elderly is currently recruiting volunteers to help with mealtime assistance and tuck shop, as well as assisting the occupational and physiotherapist. Info: Melanie Lafleur at 514-932-3630.

Mary's Recovery: Weekly meetings in English and French at the Westmount YMCA for people seeking help in dealing with fear, anger, stress, depression, anxiety, panic attacks, phobias, insomnia, gambling addiction. Info: 514-485-2194 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Atwater Branch of the Montreal Children's Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., presents a weekly bilingual Moms & Tots Storytime on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for ages 0 to 3. Info: 514-931-2304.

## McGill establishes Eakin Lecture

The October Crisis was one of the most dramatic events in Canadian history, inspiring several novels in Quebec — and that will be the subject of the first annual Eakin Lecture in Canadian Studies at McGill University next Monday afternoon.

The McGill Institute for the Study of Canada (MISC) has announced that the inaugural Eakin Lecture will be delivered by Prof. Ceri Morgan, who teaches French Canadian literature in the School of Humanities at Keele University in Staffordshire, England.

Named for the late William Eakin, a lifelong Westmounter and McGill graduate whose close association with the university included the chairmanship of the Board of Governors, the Eakin Visiting Fellowship in Canadian Studies was created through a gift from the Eakin family. It is awarded to high-level scholars focusing on studies related to Canada.

Prof. Morgan is the first to benefit from the proceeds of this gift. She will give the lecture 'October Crisis Novels of the 1970s' on Monday, Nov. 12 at 5 p.m. in the McGill Faculty Club, 3450 McTavish St.



William R. Eakin

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path is about 20 years old and things have changed," she told me this week. "People want to go to work by bicycle.

### Round the park

"In Westmount, they may have to go round the park. If, and how, is a problem for the city."

Her technical chief is Marc Jolicoeur, an engineer. For two decades he has been designing bike paths of different kinds, and thinks some traffic calming could be attempted in the park.

"A path with more curves," he suggested. It should be redesigned. "Speeding is not confined to Montreal. You should see the Ottawa parkways in the morning rush hour — they are more like city streets!"

For more than a decade, the Westmount section has been used much more for transportation than for leisure, he feels. There are more cyclists than there used to be and they don't pollute. The main problem is safety if lots of pedestrians are crossing it, but that can be managed."

"By fences?" I wondered. "Not necessarily. Hedges and low bushes might be an alterna-

tive," Vélo's expert suggested.

Their powerful lobby and technical skills have resulted in Montreal to finally embrace cycling downtown and to attempt year-round bike lanes.

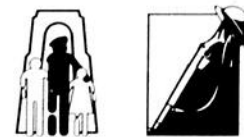
Big Mayor Gérald Tremblay accepted their wish at the 2002 Summit. It has taken them five more years of lobbying and pressure, but they have changed the face of downtown. They are now ready to change Westmount.

Community activist Don Wedge can be reached at [calert@web.net](mailto:calert@web.net). His columns are archived at [www.westmountexaminer.com](http://www.westmountexaminer.com), go to Opinion.

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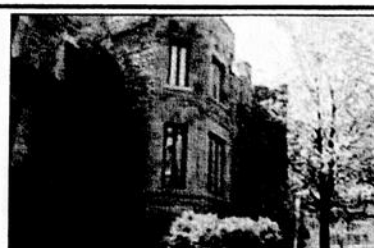
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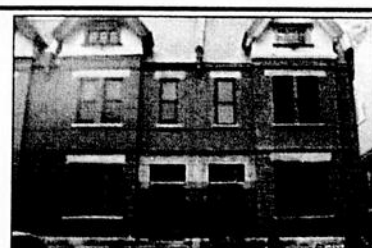


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