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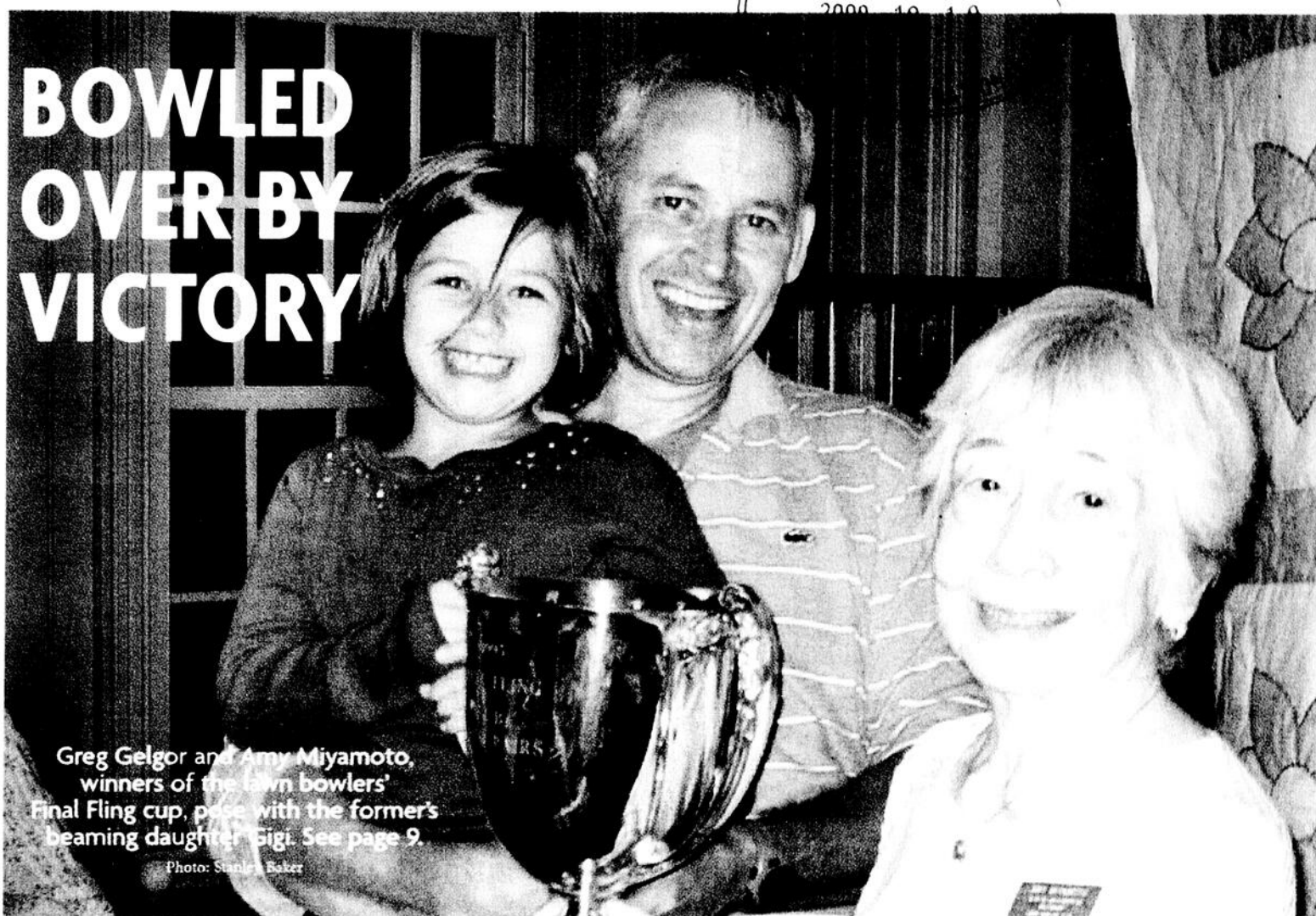
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Liberal's Garneau assails NDP for supporting Bill 101 federal extension

Martin C. Barry

Marc Garneau, the former astronaut who is running for the Liberals in Westmount-Ville Marie, says he is "disturbed" by the NDP's support for a proposed extension into federal jurisdiction of Quebec's Bill 101, although Garneau himself praises the provincial language legislation.

Last May, a proposed federal law brought forth in the House of Commons by the Bloc Québécois called for the amendment of the Official Languages Act.

Under the change, Quebec's Bill 101 would be applied within federal institutions in Quebec and the English language would no longer be regarded as equal. Quebec's French Language Charter would also have started applying to federal institutions and private businesses under federal jurisdiction.

The NDP, including its leader Jack Layton, and Outremont NDP MP Thomas Mulcair, the party's lone elected member in the province, voted with the Bloc for the bill, which nonetheless ended up being defeated by the Conservatives and Liberals.

"The NDP voted with them," Garneau said in an interview with *The Examiner*. "It is a big deal, because for anything that deals with language and rights in this country — and these are federal institutions — the Official Languages Act, until further notice, has got to be the law."

That said, Garneau was asked how he felt overall about Bill 101. "I believe that if one looks at the last 40 years of life here in Quebec and how things have evolved on balance, I think the application of Law 101 was the right thing to do for here in Quebec," he said.

Garneau recalled his own experience living in Montreal in the 1960s, when separatists were staging kidnappings and detonating bombs. "It was a turbulent time in Quebec history. I think Law 101 has made the situation such that here in Quebec it's allowed a positive evolution of society. It has reassured a lot of Quebecers who worry about their language and their culture, and I think it has had in that sense a positive effect."

Affiliation Quebec, a provincial party started by Westmount resident Allen Nutik, has accused the federal Liberals and Conservatives of being "no better than the

NDP because of their equal abandonment of the inherent Canadian rights of anglophones, allophones and other minorities in Quebec."

Nutik says he questions why Lagacé-Dowson "has not spoken out clearly in defense of the loss of rights of more than one

million Quebecers, whose rights have been clearly denied" by Bill 101. "Lagacé-Dowson's failure to speak out disqualifies her from representing Westmount-Ville Marie. That goes equally for Liberal Garneau and Conservative (Guy) Dufort."



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### Heures d'affaires et services municipaux Action de grâces

Veillez noter que tous les bureaux administratifs de la Ville de Westmount, soit l'Hôtel de ville, le Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, et les Services de la sécurité publique, des sports et loisirs et des travaux publics seront fermés **le lundi 13 octobre** en raison de l'Action de grâces.

De plus, la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount sera fermée **les dimanche 12 octobre et lundi 13 octobre**.

Prenez note également qu'il n'y a aucun changement quant aux collectes des ordures et des résidus alimentaires qui s'effectueront selon l'horaire normal.

### Business Hours and Municipal Services Thanksgiving Day

Please be advised that all administrative offices of the City of Westmount (City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Recreation) will be closed on **Monday, October 13** for the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Westmount Public Library will also be closed on both **Sunday, October 12 and Monday October 13**.

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Westmount's best-kept secret location



Week two of the Westmount Examiner's "Best of the West" series is coming to an end, and perhaps appropriately, given this week's subject, there were not too many nominations sent in by our readership.

Then again, maybe there were, and in the spirit of the category, we've just decided to keep it all to ourselves. You see, last week, we had asked Examiner readers to send us what they thought were the best-kept secret locations in the city.

Responses came down to two different choices. One was a Westmount Park bench in

front of the serpentine waterway that weaves left and right between leafy, shady trees. The benches were suggested due to being ideal to spend "quiet time on a beautiful summer day."

The Westmount side of the look-out was suggested as a second location. True, people may tend to think of the look-out as downtown Montreal proper, but those who venture to the Westmount side of it may realize what they're missing out on when they catch a view.

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# Preparations underway for 2009 Montreal Bach Festival

Martin C. Barry

For those who have been listening to the music of Johann Sebastian Bach all their lives simply because they love it, here are a few thoughts to contemplate.

What is Bach's relevance today? What is the source of his endurance? And why is it that his compositions can still be found at the heart of Western music in our age?

It was perhaps questions like these that Alexandra Scheibler had in mind when she decided to found the Festival Bach de Montréal three years ago. Among the festival's board of directors is Kent Nagano, the Montreal Symphony Orchestra's famed music director.

The Festival Bach de Montréal features outstanding Canadian ensembles performing alongside international artists. It takes place here bi-annually under the auspices of the Bach-Académie de Montréal, a non-profit group dedicated to promoting a wider understanding of Bach, who is regarded by many as the world's greatest composer.

The Bach-Académie de Montréal is based on three fundamental components: performance, scholarship and education. These are reflected in the diversity of the festival program, which includes concerts, symposia, pre-concert lectures and master classes, in affiliation with music schools and universities.

"Although we are a Bach festival, we don't exclusively only do music of Bach," says Scheibler, a Westmount resident who started the festival a short time after moving to Montreal from Germany. "But as Bach influenced every style of music, even jazz, we are quite flexible, although the emphasis, of course, is on Bach."

Among connoisseurs of classical music, it is recognized that Montreal has one of the largest and most talented artistic communities in North America dedicated to baroque music. The quality of performances here and the response of audiences are considered remarkable.

This was apparently one of the reasons behind the Bach Académie de Montréal's decision to launch the festival. Following two highly successful events, the organizers feel they may now have the means to become an international reference, just like the Leipzig, Ansbach, Oregon and London festivals.

Preparations for the next festival, which takes place in December 2009, are now underway. A gala concert, featuring young French pianist David Fray, will be taking place on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at McGill University's Pollack Hall, followed the next day by a fundraising baroque cabaret evening



Alexandra Scheibler.

starring Quebec classical vocalist Nathalie Choquette. Information on the gala concert and fundraising evening can be obtained by calling the Bach-Académie de Montréal at 514-843-3414.

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## Développement durable Forger une vision pour l'avenir

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### Trois projets, un énoncé de vision

Trois différents énoncés de vision, maintenant disponibles sur le site Web de la Ville, ont été préparés en prévision de ces ateliers de discussion. À partir de ceux-ci, la Ville rédigera un texte final, reflet des aspirations de ses résidents.

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## Sustainable Development Building a new vision for the future

Sustainable development is essential to keeping Westmount vibrant. Take part in a community-wide discussion on a new sustainability vision for the City that will inspire and guide future actions and policies.

### Three drafts, one vision

Three different vision statements have been drafted for discussion, and made available on the City's Web site. From these ideas, the City will craft a final text that reflects input from members of the community like you.

### Share your thoughts with us:

- Submit your comments electronically through our Web site;
- Collaborate through your preferred Westmount community group;
- Participate in a public meeting at Victoria Hall:
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# OPINION

## Voter apathy helps nobody

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By this time next week, you will be reading about the priorities of Canada's next government.

It has not necessarily been the most glamorous federal elections campaign Canadians have seen. In fact, under this very byline in another Transcontinental newspaper, you may have caught a column about how truly uninspiring our federal party leaders are.

Voter apathy, however, benefits nobody, and it's a pretty big problem that penetrates far deeper than simply our federal elections. When I was a student at Concordia University (and that was not too long ago), student union executive elections campaigners faced the same dilemma that "real world" politicians do, that of actually interesting enough students to mobilize a proper vote.

Municipal and school board elections have such a dismally low turn-out that the provincial government in Quebec is currently mulling over the idea of holding them jointly.

Now, I can understand where voter apathy comes from. We've all caught politicians breaking promises and shaken our heads at them. Heck, this very campaign, is, arguably, the result of a broken promise by our Prime Minister (although he will state until blue in the face that Parliament simply wasn't functioning anymore).

Perhaps none of our various party platforms impress you. Maybe you think it's a mistake to implement the Liberals' carbon tax right now. Or the NDP's proposed reversal of \$50 billion in corporate tax cuts has you worried about losing your job as companies try to find other ways to save cash. You might be all upset about the Conservative cuts to arts funding, or think the Green Party should not preface their answers to every question with "our first priority should be to live in an environmentally healthy community."

Even if that's the case, though, you are still not entitled to just stay home on October 14. If there is really nobody that you think you can give your vote to, at least go out there and spoil your ballot. This will register you as a discontented voter, rather than somebody who simply could not care about the fact we live in a democracy.

So, yes, I'm tired too. Yes, I also realize we're probably going to end up with a minority government, which means, at best, you'll be reading federal elections stories in two years' time once more. But for the sake of valuing our democratic principles, get yourself out there on October 14.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Respectful approach to community life needed

To the editor:

Last week's edition of the *Examiner* featured two letters promoting two very different approaches to considering construction projects in Westmount.

The first, by Westmount residents Mireille Raymond and John R. Keyserlingk of Sunnyside Avenue supports a balanced perspective based on mutual respect and reason to enhance the quality of life of all parties, and not, as has been the case at 27 Bellevue, by depriving some to satisfy others. These residents were writing in support of an earlier article submitted by Councillor Patrick Martin advocating a human and respectful approach to community life.

The second letter is submitted by the former Chair of the Architectural and Planning Commission, Mark London, currently Executive Director of Martha's

Vineyard Commission. His vision is quite different and very much in support of the "winner takes all" mode currently in vogue at City Hall. The arguments presented by London such as his 10-storey condominium example are so childish and simplistic that they are an insult to the intelligence of the citizens of Westmount.

He totally obliterates the fact that some members of council have openly admitted that for the last few years, they have been voting in favor of projects about which they receive such little information that they in fact do not know what they are voting for. This has been the case for 27 Bellevue and likely for 164 Edgehill, two cases that have had to be brought to the courts by respectful, usually quiet citizens. London's interpretation of the currently in-force bylaws, treating them as guidelines as opposed to requirements, which they are, displays his total lack of understanding and care about our community.

The current administration has lost its sense of fairness towards already settled existing neighbors in favor of newcomers' ambitions. Examples of this can currently be

examined on Sunnyside, Summit Circle and Summit Crescent, in addition to two cases on Edgehill. These situations exhibit homes that while now likely meeting the required ground occupancy ratio, are clearly outsized and overbearing compared either to lot size or to the existing stock of homes, creating

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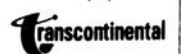
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## Current system needs changes

To the editor:

In his recent letter entitled "The Current System Works Well", Mr Mark London, former Chair of the Westmount Architectural and Planning Commission, has clearly demonstrated why the provincial legislators did not want to leave the final permit allocation solely in the hands of the architects of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC).

Architecture is nearly as much an art as a science, and thus subject to personal tastes and can vary significantly from one architect or PAC to another.

We got proof of this during our recent court case involving 27 Bellevue, where our PAC, without even a formal impact study,

ordered 3 smaller houses to transfer variable portions of their respected and much cherished views to a larger Category 1 house wishing to raise its roof so it might gain additional bedroom space with a fabulous view. In fact we had an expensive front-row seat in the courtroom as our own expert architects, Beaupre and Michaud, who wrote the bible on Westmount houses, vigorously rejected that decision based on the city bylaws and guidelines.

While we all admire the technical abilities and acknowledge the essential role in the process, the legislators clearly recognized that architects are neither trained nor experts in all the legal complexities and issues that involve citizens' rights and that can go well beyond assessing building plans, such that the citizens would be best served by having the PAC be accountable to an elected Council.

Seven years after passing the required

legislation, it is quite revealing to hear Mr London and Mrs Gersovitz, the current Chair of PAC, and Johanne Poirier, Secretary of the PAC and Director of City Planning, all upholding that the permit process be left to them. Even more intriguing is that both Councillor Lutham and Mayor Marks, who sit on both PAC and the Council, appear nostalgic for the prior era and still belittle Council's role to that of rubber stamping and ratifying PAC decisions.

While Mr London and his PAC colleagues justify this approach because it saves time, in reality it effectively robs the impacted citizens of a last opportunity to have an accountable body fully balance rights before providing a controversial permit.

To suggest that current Westmount councillors, when well informed as is the duty of PAC, do not have the capability to recognize the merits, or more pertinently, the

lack thereof, of a building project without resisting to politics is an insult to our Council. To deny Council its rightful obligation to oversee PAC would then result in the exact situation that the Provincial legislators wanted to avoid — where the whole building permit process could be concentrated into the hands of a small group of individuals on PAC, many of whom could conceivably find themselves there for extended periods. Such a crucial process needs to be, as well as appear to be, particularly transparent and should include maximum time frames so as to avoid sclerosis.

To suggest that the current system does not require urgent changes, which by the way the city has already started to very discreetly implement, reminds us that the biggest obstacle to progress is satisfaction.

**Mireille Raymond and J. Keyserlingk,  
Sunnyside Avenue**

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invasiveness, disproportion and frequently obstructing views and infringing on intimacy of existing neighbors. This is what we mean when we talk about the "winner takes all" philosophy currently in vogue at City Hall.

This process is being fed by some architects and their clients. These architects are actively involved in co-opting city staff who in turn pacify our elected officials who have now lost their sense of direction. To the point where in the case of 27 Bellevue, Judge Mongeon has had to order the edification of

a temporary wood structure to evaluate the impact that raising the roof would have on obstructing neighbors' views. We applaud the initiative of Judge Mongeon. But why didn't the City itself assume its responsibility and require these studies and simulations obviously called for by common sense when this case was first before it, long before the courts were called to the rescue?

The current building permit approval process must be reformed to include proper impact studies on views and intimacy of neighbors. The Mayor has embarked on a

mission to calm concerned citizens as if everything was just fine. Well, all is not fine. Furthermore, contrary to what Mayor Marks had said, this does not, must not, equate to greater politicization of the process. It does however mean greater transparency, rigor, governance, fairness and consideration for all parties involved. We suggest existing neighbors should rank high in City Hall's preoccupations.

Considering the examples cited above, we suggest that all yet non-submitted construction projects affecting views and intimacy of

neighbours should be placed on moratorium until the new approval process has been discussed democratically and approved.

As citizens actively involved in business and contemporary society, we are not opposing change and progress, quite the contrary. We are however pleading in favor of transparency, rigor, consideration for neighbours and good governance, all of which are seriously lacking at present.

**Sincerely,  
Louis Audet  
Jocelyne Audet**

# Boisvert to leave Marianopolis

After leading Marianopolis College through more than a decade of significant change, Director General Françoise Boisvert, CND, will step down next June.

The announcement was made last week by Board of Governors Chair Mary Liistro Hebert. The search for a replacement begins next month.

"Sister Boisvert has selflessly and expertly guided the College through a crucial era in its storied 100-year history," Hebert said. "The College as a whole is better positioned as it embarks on its second century, in no small part thanks to her hard work and dedication. She will leave Marianopolis a stronger place."

Sister Boisvert joined the Congregation of Notre Dame in 1955. She earned an undergraduate

degree from the University of Montreal in 1965. She went on to receive a Bachelor's in Education from that university as well as a Master's in Educational Psychology from the University of Ottawa in 1977.

For 23 years, she worked at Villa Maria High School, first as a teacher and then as the Principal. In 1981, she became Registrar of Marianopolis. She served as Marianopolis' Academic Dean from 1988 to 1996, when she became Director General. During her tenure, the College grew by about 300 students and added new programs, including an Arts and Sciences program. In August 2007, the College moved from Cote des Neiges to 4873 Westmount Ave. — described as a tremendous endeavour, which Sister Boisvert oversaw.



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Monday to Friday, as needed

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# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Akiva School: Celebrating 40 years of quality private education



Bram D. EISENTHAL

### Briefly Bram

A 40-year anniversary is quite an outstanding accomplishment for any private day school. The competition for the scholarly affection of your boys and girls – and for your hard-earned cash – is certainly furious. So, with Westmount's Akiva School poised to celebrate its 40th (what DO you get a school on its 40th? Silver-plated supplies... or a bushel of apples, I guess), it's a milestone worth writing about.

Parent Shawna Goodman-Sone is acutely aware of how special Akiva is. She undertook the co-chairmanship of the school's first major gala, celebrating its 40 years, to be held Thursday, November 27, 2008. The other chairs are Monica Mendel Bensoussan, Elana

Skolnick Gelfand and Daniel Weinberger, with Ralph Lipper and Joel Raby the honorary co-chairs. The school's president is Nathalie Kaspy Shtern.

"Akiva is a very unique Jewish day school," Goodman-Sone, a professional chef by trade, told me. "Our parents are especially active on our Board and all our extra-curricular programs are parent-driven. Because of that, there aren't a lot of hoops to jump through... there is easy access to whatever we need."

The school's principal, Cooki Levy, also makes a huge difference, Goodman-Sone said. "Cooki is very open-minded and accessible, allowing the parents to do whatever they're good at."

But Akiva has had many extra challenges to deal with since its debut in 1968, the major one being finding a permanent home. Beginning as an entity located at the YMHA, the school moved to Congregation Beth El 10 years later and, a decade after that, approached Congregation Shaar Hashomayim a second time. "Solomon Schechter Academy had been using the

adjoining building for its French classrooms and it was vacant. Rabbi Shuchat (Wilfred, Rabbi Emeritus of the Shaar since 1993) warmly welcomed us, telling us he felt we were home at last," said Levy, who was hired at that time, as well.

Since then, the school has thrived in Westmount, sharing many of the Shaar's facilities and embarking on a thence-completed Shaar-Akiva Capital Campaign designed to raise funds to help with expansion and future needs. "In 2001, we made the decision to move from a one-stream to a two-stream system, starting with Grade 1 and completing the program next year, when we will end with Grade 6. So, with two classes for every grade, we required an expansion of everything, including facilities."

Levy is very proud of what the school has accomplished. "We are recognized by the government as a 'lead school' overall. I am also proud of how many families want to come here as their first choice. Levy is particularly pleased with how cohesive a unit the

school is, with staff, parents, administration and the Board meshing beautifully together. "We are all guided by our love for this school."

So, the 40th anniversary gala should be a love-in, at that. Based on the evening's itinerary, it seems like quite the "do" to attend. There will be a tribute to past-presidents, with the first one, Chuck Solomon, flying in from Israel to take part. A parent working in that particular milieu has voluntarily prepared a 40th anniversary video. The Shaar's renowned Director of Music, Stephen Glass, will also lead a children's choir in a performance of an Akiva anthem he was commissioned to create.

"I also know that they have prepared a tribute to my 20 years here, but they won't divulge what it is," Levy said with a smile. The evening promises to unravel as advertised: "A celebration of our past as we look to the future."

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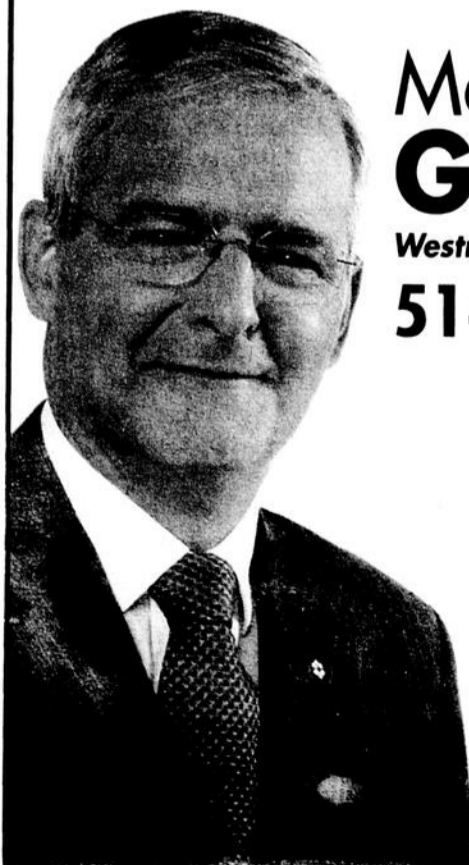
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We look forward to working with you!

## Bowlers take final fling

Stanley Baker

With summer becoming a memory and winter not far off, Westmount lawn bowlers celebrated the approaching end of their season with last Saturday's Final

Fling. They competed in the afternoon for the glory of having their names inscribed on the Cup.

This year's winners were Amy Miyamoto and Greg Gelgor, who came with his young children to be honoured by the club.

A quilt made in New Brunswick had been raffled among many clubs and the winner was Susan Hill of St. Lambert. At the silent auction, the painting by André Halsey was bought by Wendy Yarnell. The members were served a magnificent feast, in the clubhouse, prepared by members

Richard and Irene Menear and President Doris Branscombe, with many members pitching in. It was a real family event.

It was fortunate that the threatened rain arrived after the festivities. The Club will hold its annual general meeting in the clubhouse on Oct. 19.

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# Pioneering NFB animator Grant Munro to become Order of Canada officer

Martin C. Barry

Westmount resident Grant Munro, who shot to fame in the early 1950s as one of the stars of Norman McLaren's Academy Award-winning short *Neighbours*, is being invested as an officer in the Order of Canada in Quebec City on Oct. 10.

During a 45-year career with the National Film Board of Canada, Munro lent his directing and acting talent to a wide variety of films. Part of the first generation of artists to join the NFB during its early years in Ottawa, he often displayed his prowess on-screen as an actor and a dancer.

Munro was making an impact as an animator as early as 1945, with animated cut-outs for the songs 'My Darling Clementine' and 'The Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze,' which were produced as entertainment in wartime Canada. But it was *Neighbours* (1952) that cemented his reputation.

The legendary anti-war film used pixilation, a stop-motion technique which had the effect of making live actors seem animated. In the eight-minute film, Munro and fellow animator Jean-Paul Ladouceur start off as the best of neighbours, until their obsessive desire to possess a flower sees them transformed from comrades to mortal adversaries.

Superb in his role, Munro conceived the idea of having the duo don war paint towards the conclusion of the film, when matters turn deadly. His facial expression during one of the final scenes can be compared to the elemental horror captured in the classic silent film, *Phantom of the Opera*.

Some of Munro's other films are *The Animal Movie*, *Toys*, *The Ashes of Doom*, *Christmas Cracker*, and the documentaries *Tour en l'Air*, *Boo Hoo*, and *See You in the Funny Papers*. Although retired, he remains a popular guest lecturer at film animation workshops and

sits on juries at international film festivals.

In an interview with the *Examiner*, Munro described the making of *Neighbours*. "We would be meeting every morning and improvise," he said. "All we knew was that Norman, after his experiences in China, he had wanted to do a film on anti-violence."

"And so he had this idea of limiting himself to two neighbours, two people who were about the same height, two chairs, two newspapers, one flower, two houses and a fence. And the wives and the babies were added much later." The film was shot in Rockcliffe Park in Ottawa.

"It apparently had an effect on audiences, because it's been screened I think more than any other film at the board, and to this day it's still relevant," he added. In addition to his investiture next week, Munro was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree last year from Concordia University in recognition of his film contributions.

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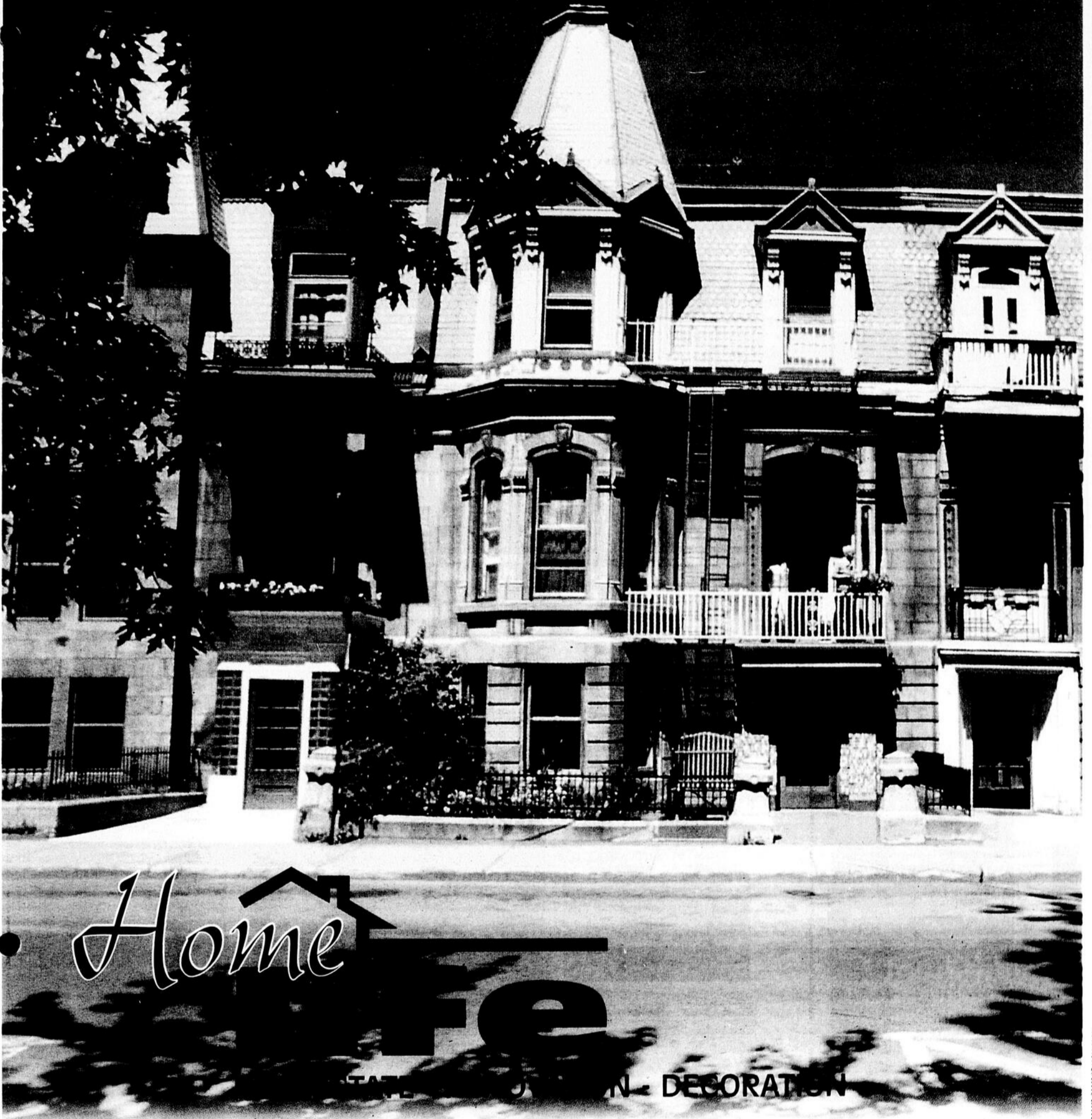
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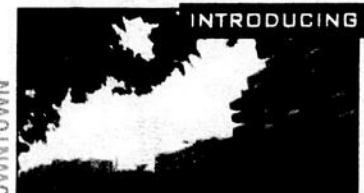
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# September Sales: Volume Drops Off

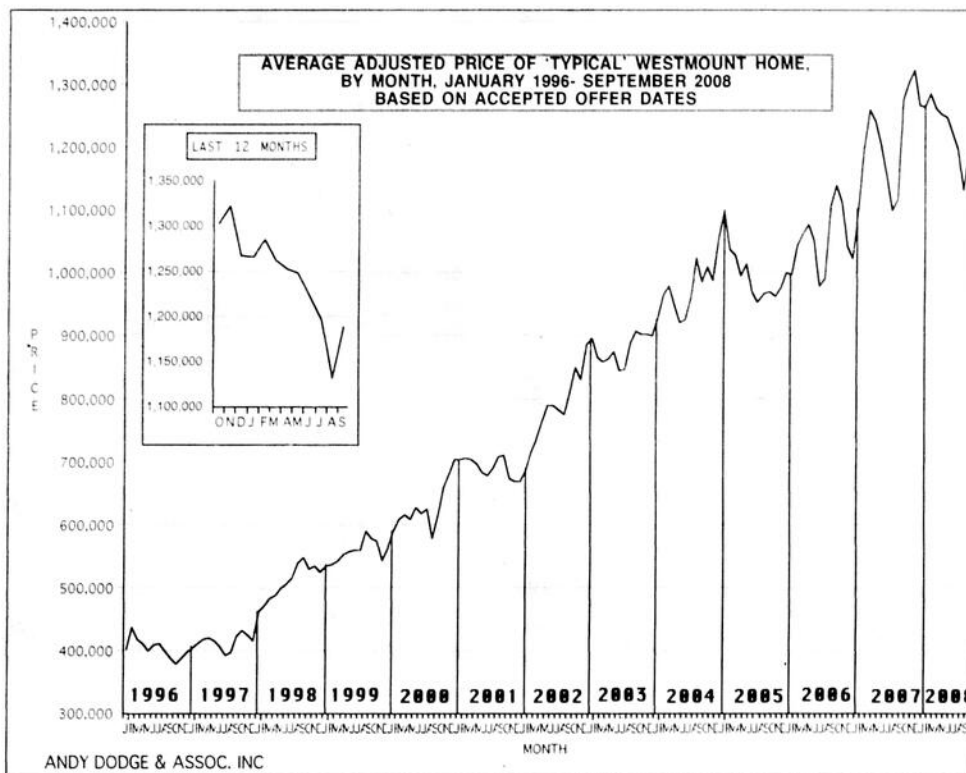


Real Estate  
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(NOTE: The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings which were reported by the local real estate agents as having been accepted in September, 2008. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The enclosed graph offers a picture of these trends over time.)

Sales volume dropped to its lowest level for a September in the past dozen years, an indication of hesitation created by uncertainty in the future of the Canadian economy as well as the upcoming federal election.

While indications are that the local economy is not going to suffer the tailspin which is taking place south of the border, buyers are worried that the market may have reached a peak and they are worried about future prices, as indicated in our graph a month ago. Though this month's statistics indicate a slight upturn, the overall trend is still toward lower prices. The monthly figure climbed back to about \$1,180,000; if the third quarter



of 2008 is taken as a three-month average, the figure is \$1,191,066 and this is six per cent lower than the second-quarter figure. In more general terms, the overall average price for 2008 is close to \$1,248,000 which is 2.7 per cent higher than last year, but that is the

slowest climb in year-to-year numbers since 1995-96, when the average price actually dropped from one year to the next.

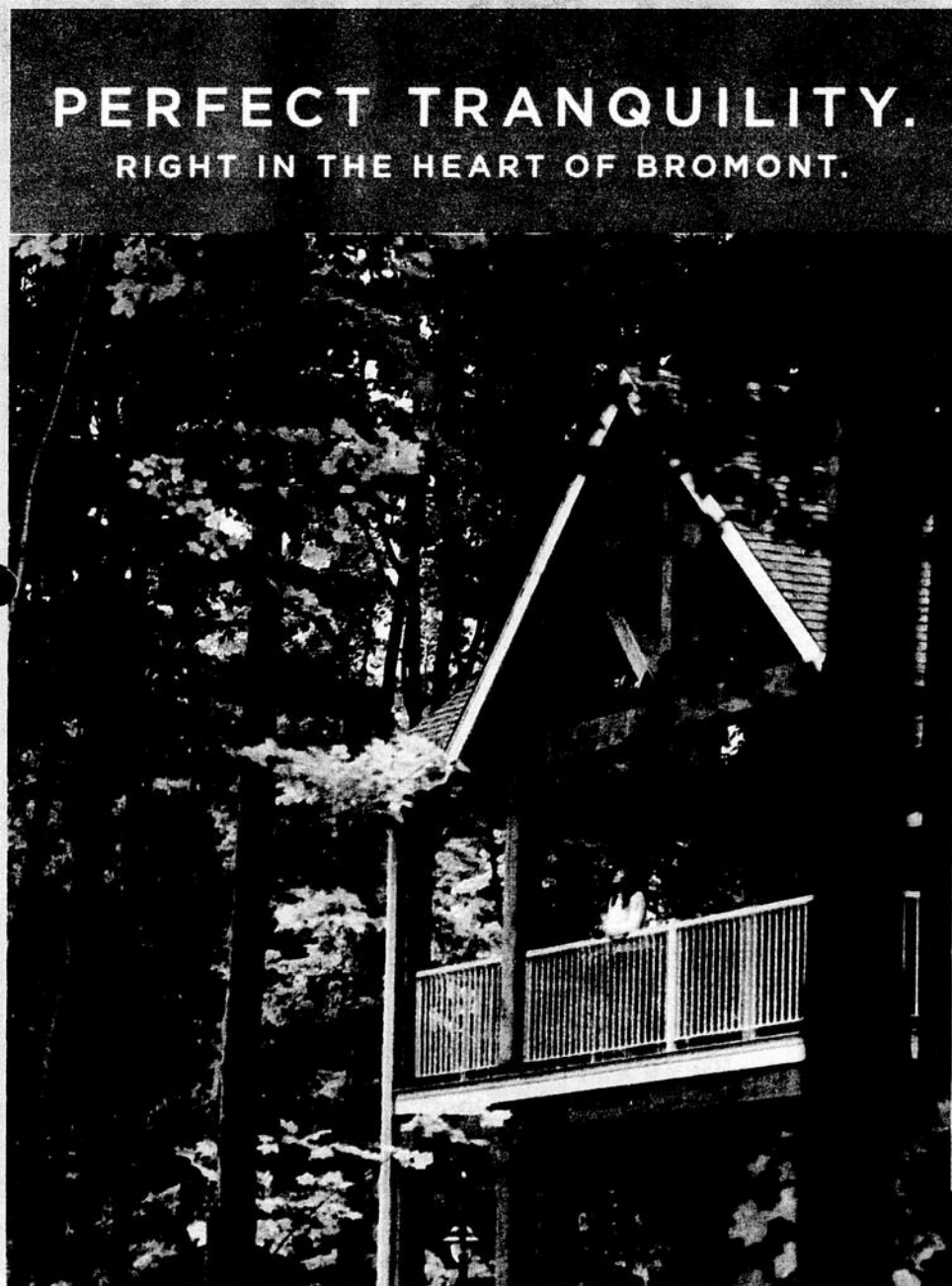
With a paltry five single-family homes (so far) reported in September, prices ranged from \$769,000 to \$1,530,000, and in fact

three of the five sales were for less than their municipal evaluation, though the other two had markups of 33 and 52 per cent, pulling the overall average above parity.

Two apartment building condominiums sold in September and brought the third-quarter total up to seven. They included one at \$300,000 and another at \$1,525,000, but the other five ranged in price between \$430,000 and \$505,000. In general this year markups of condominiums have hovered in the range of 16 to 19 per cent, much higher than the average of 5.5 per cent for all of last year, but there has been little variation within the 2008 year.

Activity was modest, too, in Westmount-adjacent areas, with two September sales in eastern Notre Dame de Grâce, one in lower Côte des Neiges and one just east of Westmount. While the sample size is small and so difficult to draw conclusions off of, in general prices are higher in all the Westmount-adjacent areas this year, except for the Trafalgar-Daulac area where they have stayed relatively even.

Election hesitation should be cleared out in the next couple of weeks, but we are still concerned that buyers are holding back until they can determine how the United States' economic crisis affects the market in Canada.



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## May, June transfers: one million-plus now commonplace

(NOTE: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in late May and June, 2008, provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found on Page 22-23.)

The million-dollar house in Westmount is now the rule rather than the exception, it appears, as fully half of all the sales registered in May and June – generally the two busiest months of the year for registrations – had sale prices at or over \$1 million.

Because of slowdowns at city hall early this fall, the *Examiner* only published transfers for the first half of May last month, so we have included registrations in the second half of that month as well as the lengthy list of June sales in this issue. For May, there were 26 deeds involving the sale of one- and two-family dwellings in Westmount, then in June another 28 houses changed hands. Prices were actually quite low in May generally, with an average of \$931,904 and only 10 of the 26 for prices over the \$1 million mark, then in June the average price shot up to \$1,220,909 and 16 sales were between \$1 million and \$2 million, while another two topped the \$2 million mark, both deeds signed on June 30.

The huge mansion at 176 Edgehill Road sold for \$3 million, and 70 Belvedere Place sold the same day for \$2,550,000; six more in

the two-month period sold for prices between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000, and another 20 between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000. On the low side, the duplex at 140-42 Irvine Avenue sold for \$522,500 in June, one of five properties in the two-month period to go for less than \$600,000.

The average price:valuation ratio actually jumped from 122 percent in May to 136 percent in June, though the average for the entire year is about 125 percent. Two duplexes in June went for more than double their city tax assessment, with 17-19 Winchester recording a markup of 108 percent and 140-42 Irvine – the lowest price – going for 107 percent above its valuation. Meanwhile, 1 Severn Avenue went for 13 percent less than its \$831,500 valuation in May and 252 Kensington Avenue sold for one percent less than its \$780,100 valuation in June, the only two markdowns in the two-month period.

Volume in May was slightly above the 12-year average, for June it was slightly below that average; for the first six months of this year, 96 registrations is just about exactly the 12-year average of 95.7. If market analysis indicates a slowdown in the local real estate market, it has occurred since these sales were negotiated, mainly in the early spring but including

numerous sales negotiated late last year.

A total of eight condominiums sold in May and another five in June, bringing the total for the second quarter of 2008 to 15. Highest price was \$980,000, registered in May for Apartment 808 at the Pom Bakery (Westmount Towers), 4700 St. Catherine Street West, though this was actually a markdown of more than 5 percent on municipal evaluation. The lowest price was \$259,000 for a flat in a nearby triplex at 4823A St. Catherine, closely followed by another flat in the same building, 4821 St. Catherine, which went for \$260,000, both deeds signed in June. Overall, the second-quarter figure for 15 sales indicated an average markup over valuation of only 10 percent, compared with the average

25 percent for the year among one- and two-family homes.

The only other sales registered in late May and June included three more “usufruct” co-operative apartments at 435-39 Grosvenor Avenue, and a commercial building at 11 Hillside Avenue which for the past 10 years has been owned by the Canadian Centre for Neuro-Integrative Development.



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# Parenting so much stuff to clean up and so little time



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## PARENTING

It's a rite of autumn for homeowners, and even though the leaves have turned a festive golden and a deep, vibrant red, my mood is all black.

It's no one's fault but my own, but that still doesn't preclude me from lamenting the state of affairs that led me to spend the better part of a nice fall day outside and working rather than inside watching football on television.

What's that you say? A day outside in nice weather beats the heck out of watching the NFL any day? That's commie talk. That's the kind of thing that lets the terrorists know

their campaign of fear has worked. That's ...exactly what my wife said to me.

In all seriousness, however, last winter's prodigious snowfall still weighing heavily on our minds, my wife and I took to the yard yesterday afternoon with the goal of clearing everything away for winter.

Don't get me wrong - I actually like working in the yard. It's just that this particular day was also the day we took our daughter to Quinn Farm in Ile Perrot. Quinn Farm is a great, happy, healthy fun way to spend a few hours, and the kids just love hanging around the pumpkin patch - and so do I. Just don't let anybody tell you it's an easy way to spend a few hours.

Oh, sure, it's all fun and games as the hayride driver takes you out to the apple orchard and explains the proper way to pick apples. It's no longer grip-and-twist, but rather raise the apple to the sky and gently lift

it off the branch so as not to damage the other apples on the branch.

After the apples, it's on to the pumpkin patch.

Remember when you were a kid and you put out a carved pumpkin on Halloween and that was it? No more, friends. I grabbed a great big one and garnered my daughter's approval, and then my wife's. Off we go, right?

Not so fast, my friend.

Then we get to hang around the patch a while longer while my wife attempts to unearth a few smaller pumpkins 'with character.'

Of course, I get to hold them all. So, after we get back on a hayride and I tote our 7,420 pounds of character-laden gourds back to the car and home, it's now time to clean the yard.

So, the lawn chairs and bicycles go away. Then the flowerboxes get cleaned out and stored, and the patio umbrella gets stowed.

Then, after my wife cleared out some of the gardens, I dutifully rolled the garbage can full of dead flora down to the curb for garbage pickup.

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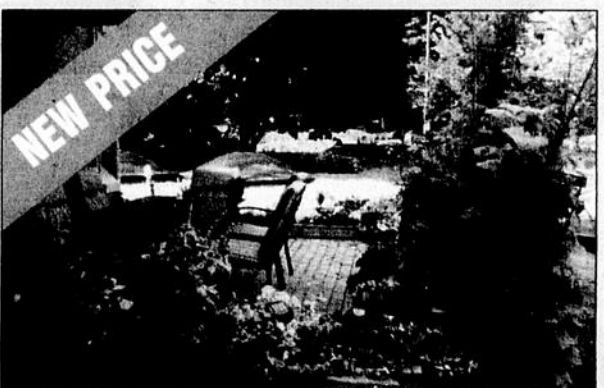
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# On the scene

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Westmounters can expect police to be more vigilant about road rules for everyone,

even pedestrians who have enjoyed years of jaywalking without the threat of a ticket.

In fact, so far this year, police have given out 61 per cent more fines to pedestrians - for a total of 9,845 tickets.

Westmounters can expect \$15 fines for crossing against the pedestrian signals and traffic lights, for crossing recklessly, and for jaywalking.

Motorists can also receive fines that range from \$100 to \$200 for endangering pedestrians. Police will be increasingly vigilant about vehicles that block pedestrian crossings and don't give pedestrians the right of way.

"Montreal police have increased their interventions with regard to pedestrians since the start of 2008," said Montreal police

chief inspector Stéphane Lemieux.

"This has had an undeniable impact."

He said the Montreal police force has noticed that pedestrians have been more likely to respect road regulations. This year, only 22 per cent of accidents involving pedestrians were due to them not following road safety regulations, down from 50 per cent last year.

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# Local field grows to nine candidates

Two candidates who had intended to run in the aborted Sept. 8 federal by-election have dropped out of the race, and three more have tossed in their hats into the Westmount-Ville Marie riding.

Gone from the running are independent candidates Régent Millette and Andrew Wattie, while members of the Communist, Marxist-Leninist, and Rhino parties have come forward to declare their candidacy.

As of last Thursday's nomination deadline, Westmounters will now have a total of

nine candidates to choose from on election day, Oct. 14: Guy Dufort (Conservative Party of Canada), Marc Garneau, (Liberal Party of Canada), Claude William Genest (Green Party of Canada), Anne Lagacé Dowson (New Democratic Party), Charles Larivée (Bloc Québécois), David S. Rovins (Independent), Bill Sloan (Communist Party of Canada), Linda Sullivan (Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada), and Judith "Mata-Hari" Vienneau (Rhino).



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# Douek to head Batshaw Centres

The Board of Directors of Batshaw Youth and Family Centres has announced that Margaret Douek has been appointed as the Westmount-based Batshaw Centres' new executive director.

As the assistant executive director for the past four years, Douek has gained a

strong knowledge of the organization and has worked well and effectively with Batshaw's partners in the community and the health and social services network. She has forged strong relationships with all levels of Batshaw's workers, and her leadership skills are based

on her highly ethical personal values.

Douek, who has a Master's degree in social work from Carleton University and a BA from Concordia, was director of Youth Protection at Centre Jeunesse de Laval from 1993 to 2004, and held the same position at Jewish Family Services from 1988 to 1993.

Before that, from 1983 to 1988, she was director of professional services at Shawbridge Youth Centres, one of the establishments that merged to create Batshaw Centres.

She will succeed Michael Udy, who retires from this position on Oct. 10.

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**Westmount Toastmasters:** Take the fear out of public speaking every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street W. For more information, go online to [www.westmount-toastmasters.org](http://www.westmount-toastmasters.org).

**Ballroom Dance Classes** for people living with Parkinson's to be given at Centre Greene. Instructors are Susan Chiasson, ballroom dance teacher and Ellen Rubin, retired physiotherapist who specialized in the treatment of neurological conditions and has been a dancer for 12 years. This is a social dance class for those living with stage 1 or stage 2 Parkinson's. Must bring an able-bodied partner. The goal of this class is to learn to dance and have fun. That it can be "therapeutic" is a bonus. For info or to regis-

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# Westmount student running to spread awareness

Andrew King

Diabetes affects more than two million Canadians and requires people with the disease to carefully monitor their health, from the food they eat to the amount they exercise, in order to maintain a balanced lifestyle.

So when Westmount native and third-year medical student Anne Hospod decided to run the New York City Marathon Nov. 2 to raise diabetes awareness and funding, a disease she has lived with most of her life, she had to take extra precautions.

"What better city to run your first marathon in!" said the 25-year-old from Krakow, Poland, where she is studying medicine at Jagiellonian University Collegium Medicum, Europe's oldest medical school.

Hospod took off for Europe, her favourite place to travel, after completing her undergrad at McGill. But she plans to return to

North America to begin paediatric residency when she finishes.

"What a beautiful community," said Hospod of Westmount. "I was very fortunate to grow up [there]."

"I have never known a life without diabetes," said Hospod, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when she was only four, has to monitor her blood sugar level every day before she eats, and must self-inject insulin.

Hospod, who got involved with Team Diabetes in January, an organization that participates in marathons all over the world to raise money in support of diabetes research, education and awareness, said she had always dreamt of completing a marathon and raise money for a "worthwhile cause."

"I [used to] consider 5 km a long run," said Hospod, who led an active lifestyle but had never run a marathon before. "I just ran 18 miles in the rain yesterday," she said, adding she just decided to run the

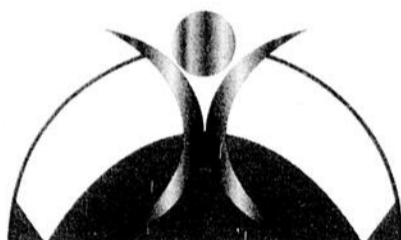


Westmount-grown Anne Hospod is raising funds for a diabetes marathon on November 2.

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She began her 16-week training program in early July to prepare for the big day, but she said training as a diabetic has been "tricky," having to test her blood sugar levels multiple times a day.

Of the three types of diabetes, type 1 is commonly something people are born with, said Randi Garcha of the Canadian Diabetes Association.

Garcha stressed that anyone with diabetes thinking of running a marathon should be in close consultation with their doctor to find out what "requirements are needed in terms

of training, in terms of exercise," and diet.

"I must recognize my symptoms, diagnose the problem and give myself the appropriate treatment. I am always on call," said Hospod.

So far, she is well on her way to achieving her goal, having raised \$3,600 of the required \$5,000 in pledges set by Team Diabetes. With a few weeks to go, she is confident that she will make it, but more importantly raise awareness about the disease.

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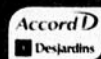
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# Photography exhibit at arts centre

Hollie Watson

The images are stark, linear, with each photograph evoking both happy memories and soul-stirring moments.

"The photos in this exhibition are in a sense a family album, containing portraits of three generations in different situations," explained Gabor Szilasi, whose work will be showcased at the Visual Arts Centre's McClure Gallery beginning Oct. 9.

"It starts in 1964 when my wife was pregnant with our daughter, and continues until the present day. Ninety-five per cent of the photos in this exhibit have never been seen before. Some are humorous; I tried to avoid being too schmaltzy," he said, adding, "I use photography as a means of personal expression."

The long-time Westmount resident is an accomplished and prolific photographer, with over 30 solo and about 50 group exhibitions to his credit, among them prior shows at the Victoria Ave. arts centre.

Szilasi has had many expositions in rural Quebec and in Montreal, including a retrospective at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in 1997. The upcoming show is on a bigger scale, with roughly 35 black and white photos going on display.

"I've also traveled a lot and have had my work shown in Italy, France, and Hungary. But if I don't speak the language and am unable to communicate, I won't exhibit," said Szilasi, who taught photography for 40 years at CEGEP du Vieux Montreal and in the Fine Arts Department of Concordia University.

His preferred subject matter is portraiture, wherein he depicts "people in their own environment and different cultures. My work has been influenced by realist cinema and literature; my photographs are more of a social documentary," he said.

"As well, I like to photograph street scenes, urban landscape, and architecture. I have nearly 150 shots alone of the commercial architecture along Ste. Catherine St."

"After this show, I'll begin working on a large retrospective that will be held in Joliette next May in collaboration with the national gallery in Ottawa. Later it will tour with about 20 exhibitions, including one in Montreal at the McCord Museum in 2010 or 2011," Szilasi said.

The vernissage for the show at the McClure Gallery will be Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. The exhibit continues until Nov. 1. A booklet which has been put together will offer visitors an added glimpse of the artist and his inspiration. For more information, call 514-488-9558.



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This new year has seen director Laura Malbogot join the Senior School. Malbogot, a former co-ordinator of an International Baccalaureate program in Zimbabwe, will be setting up a college counselling program with a particular focus on global education. The Junior School, meanwhile, has added a new optional extended day program, run by school staff and co-ordinated with the school's curriculum. Students in the program will have a chance to work on their homework and take part in various activities linked to their studies. As well, teachers in first and third grades are introducing a project in which students will use a computer program named E-Pearl to create electronic portfolios of their schoolwork.

The ECS Middle School, covering grades 6, 7, and 8, will hold an open forum on "Girls in Transition" early in 2009. Parents of girls of that age will be invited to come to the school to talk with staff and ask questions about issues relevant to that age group. Also, in partnership with the Earthvalues Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to the establishment of a way of life based on the ideals of sustainable development, the school has begun a Group Leadership Program to help girls understand social dynamics, the nature of leadership, and how to take leading roles in their communities.

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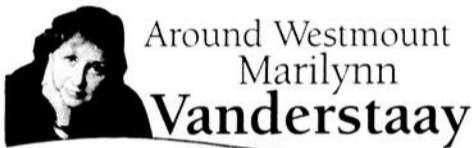
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## EXPOART Montreal's Preview a benefit for Alzheimer Society of Canada



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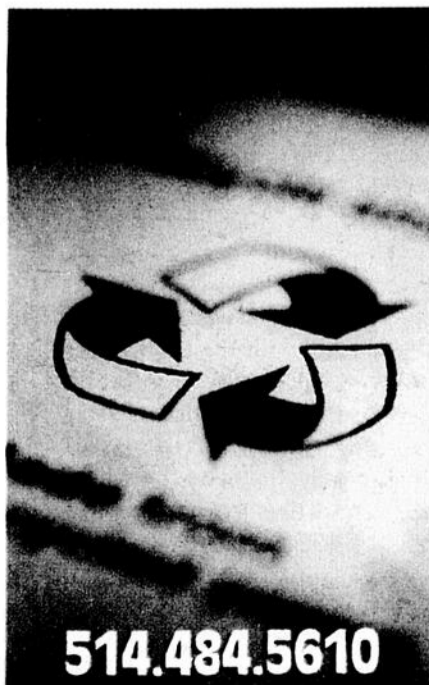
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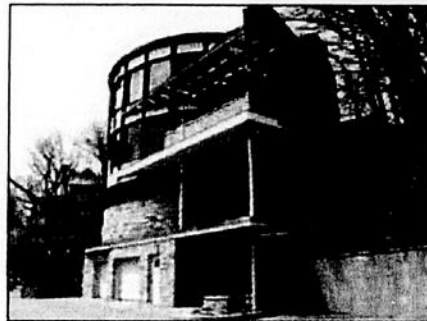
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