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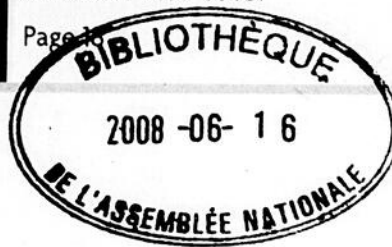


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**Springtime  
serenade**

Westmount's sixth annual Spring Soirée was once again a big hit, attracting 200 guests to Victoria Hall for an evening of music and socializing. Here, Jane Somerville and Tim Anderson enjoy the sounds of guitarist Joe Segreti, leader of the Joseph Segreti Band. See page 22.

**Garneau looks  
forward to  
by-election**

Liberal hopeful keeps a high  
profile in Westmount –

Ville Marie riding

Wayne Larsen

**W**estmount has been without representation in Ottawa since last January, when incumbent MP Lucienne Robillard officially retired from public life. Now, as we approach the six-month mark, the government must call a by-election in Westmount-Ville Marie by July 25.

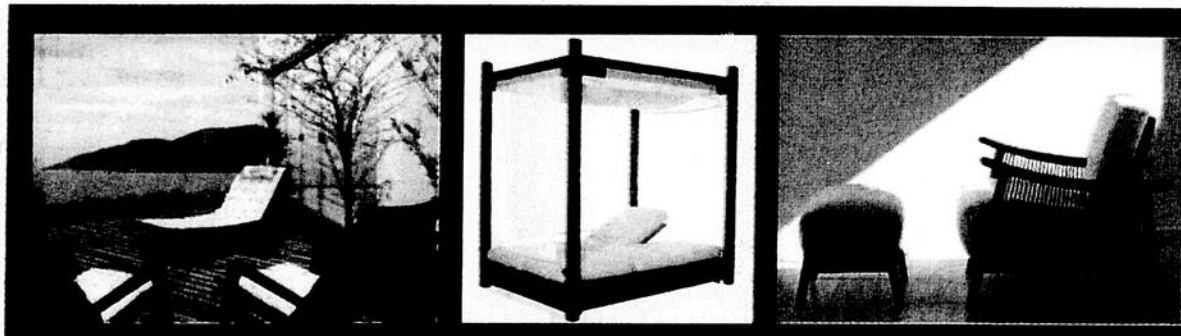
Liberal candidate Marc Garneau knows this, and has been using this lead-up time to his best advantage. The Westmount resident and former astronaut has been maintaining a high profile in the community, appearing at public events and visiting as many local organizations as he can.

This, he proudly points out, has been going on since last fall, when he his candidacy in Westmount-Ville Marie was announced by Liberal leader Stéphane Dion. Since then, he has been preparing for the announcement of a by-election by carrying out an informal 'pre-campaign' in the riding.

"We've been ready to jump in right away," Garneau said of himself and his well-organized campaign team. "You have to be ready."

Support for Garneau has been generally strong throughout Westmount — especially

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# St. Jean celebration features heritage artisans

Marilynn Vanderstaay

Westmounters who participate in this year's annual St. Jean celebration on Monday, June 23 in Westmount Park, will have the unique opportunity to step back in time and watch heritage artisans at work.

Beginning at 4:30 p.m., crafts people from Les Vieux Métiers, les métiers vivants, dressed

in period costume, will demonstrate their skills in papermaking, rug weaving, and ice-cream making. Participants will see how the Assumption sash the Bonhomme wears is made and will watch as the artisans craft a whistle out of wood, make rope, and create a sundial.

In addition, the crafty ladies from Mandor Westmount will give demonstrations in knit-

ting and crocheting. For those who are craftily challenged, the women will also have finished items for sale.

The artisans will be joined by music, dancing and food. The Scouts of Westmount will make cotton candy to satisfy a sweet tooth and members of the Westmount TAG teen centre will be satisfy hungry appetites with a barbeque. Or bring a-picnic and join in

the festivities that will continue into the evening with music, games, a St. Jean cake and finishing with the traditional bonfire. There will be activities for all ages.

All events will take place at Westmount Park. The rain location is the Westmount arena on St. Catherine Street. For more information, contact the Community Events office at 514-989-5226.

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among older voters. When he appeared at Place Kensington to speak to its residents about Canada's space program, there was an unusually high number of red items worn by audience members — sweaters, scarves, ties — all sported to show tacit support for the Liberals, even though Garneau restricted his

talk to space travel and did not discuss the impending political campaign.

Now, says Fabrice Rivault, director of communications for Garneau's campaign, the youth vote is being courted throughout the riding as well. Ad-hoc teams of volunteers have been set up at both McGill and Concordia universities in an attempt to draw

support for the Liberal cause. "We have a great team," Garneau says enthusiastically.

As for the issues, Garneau is keeping close tabs on the concerns of his potential constituents. "There is a lot of poverty in this riding," he says of the large area he hopes to represent, which includes not only Westmount but extends as far east as Old Montreal and west into NDG as far as Hingston Avenue. The total population of Westmount-Ville Marie is estimated at 105,000.

### In touch with Robillard

Since his official nomination as Liberal candidate, Garneau has spoken to former MP Robillard on several occasions and has been brought up to speed on riding issues and his various other responsibilities as her replacement on the ballot.

Since Robillard's retirement, all riding matters have been forwarded to the Liberal

Whip in Ottawa via the local riding office, which is still being run by longtime Robillard assistant Nathalie Dallaire.

Once announced, the race for the Westmount-Ville Marie seat is expected to be hotly contested. Two of Garneau's main opponents, the Conservatives' Guy Dufort and the Green Party's Claude William Genet, have also been on the pre-campaign trail since their candidacies were announced several months ago. Among the other major parties, the Bloc Québécois and the NDP have yet to announce their respective candidates for the by-election.

In the meantime, Garneau has no intention of slowing down his 'pre-campaign'. Over the next few weeks he plans to be out in the community, attending public events, shaking a lot of hands and, most importantly of all, he says, listening to the people.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Snow removal damaged summit slope, says resident

Notes from City Hall

Martin C. Barry

John Fretz of Lansdowne Avenue is concerned about extensive damage done over the past winter to the northern face of Westmount's summit woods by snow clearing operations. At the height of intensive snow-removal operations last winter, a council decree permitted blowing snow onto front lawns where possible. Even so, Fretz said snow removal crews blasted tons of snow 100 feet back into the north summit woods and down the descending slope.

"The debris is a sight to see — broken saplings, snapped branches and no sign of any concern from Westmount," he told city council on May 26. "The point is very little snow was blown onto the capacious upper Westmount lawns. It was dumped here. Either this is a sanctuary or it is not ... Westmount has introduced a number of laudatory green initiatives, but this picture shows a blatant disregard for the summit woods."

Councillor George Bowser, reading from an official document he said defined the policy for protecting Westmount's woodlands, responded, "There is a policy, but what we're seeing here is a conflict, right, between this one act of nature, which was this huge amount of snow, and some way of dealing with it. And I think we have to visit this and decide what's permissible under any circumstances and what isn't."

### City hall security tightened

New security measures have been put in place at Westmount city hall during city council meetings. According to Mayor Karin Marks, the doors to the councillors' and the mayor's offices will be remaining closed from now on during council meetings. If residents attending meetings need to use the waiting room, they can obtain a key from the

security person on duty for a facility located a floor below the council chamber. Marks did not elaborate on why the change was necessary.

### Monitoring MUHC progress

Even though construction of the McGill University Health Centre won't be taking place on territory inside Westmount, officials with the City continue to closely monitor the project's progress.

Mayor Marks is a member of a group known as the Glen Yards Comité de direction, which also includes representatives from the City of Montreal and the MUHC. According to Marks, the MUHC is in the process of issuing tenders for the mega-hospital's main entrance, which will be located on the Glen Yards' south side along St. Jacques Street.

"There's a lot of work that will be done on the Decarie side," she said. "Some of it has already been done and it will continue to be done, and that really is the first area to be worked on."

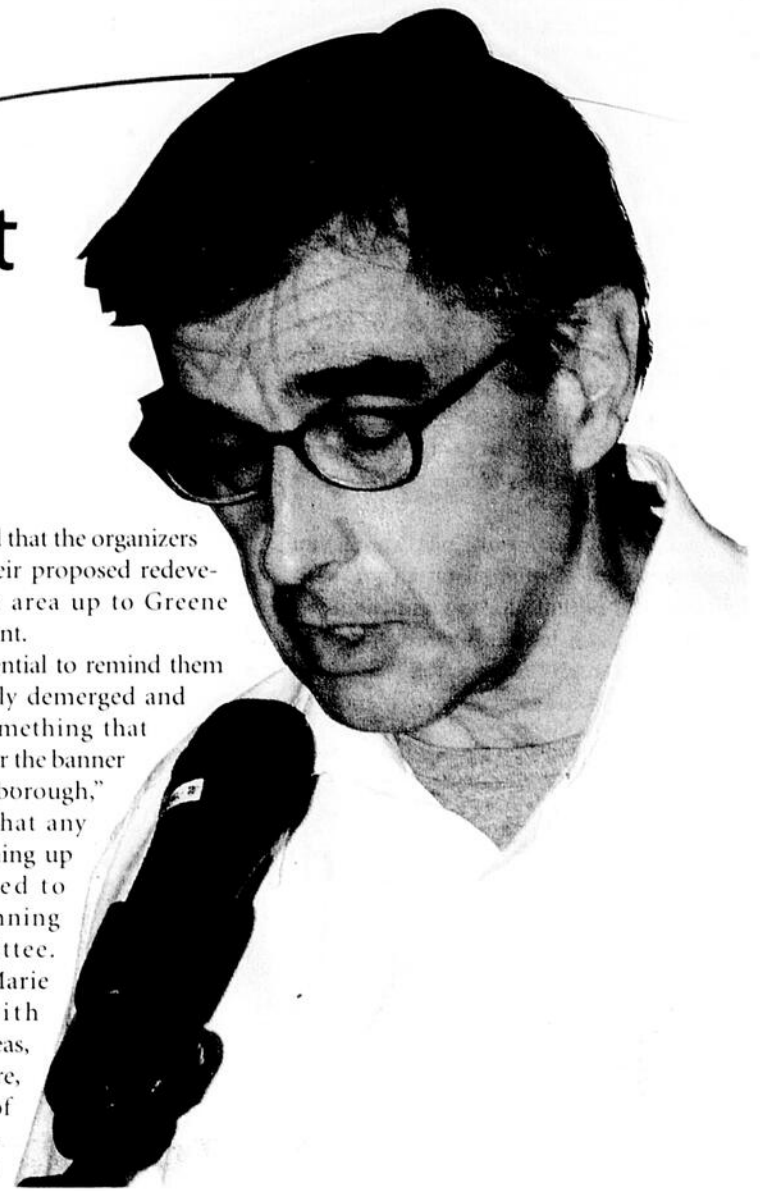
During question period, Marks confirmed that the Quebec Transport Ministry, which is undertaking a massive reconstruction of the Turcot highway interchange below Westmount, has approached the City with regards to the possible expropriation of a small part of its Public Works yard. Noting that Public Works has very little space as it is at the Bethune Avenue yard, Marks said the department can't afford to lose any more of its territory.

### Ville Marie problems have local impact

While the proposed MUHC hospital, straddling Westmount's western border, remains a focus of attention, developments to the east are also becoming a preoccupation. Mayor Marks recently took part in a public consultation held by the Borough of Ville Marie, leading towards the redevelopment of the area stretching between Atwater and Guy

St. Marks discovered that the organizers had included in their proposed redevelopment plans an area up to Greene Avenue in Westmount.

"I felt it was essential to remind them that we had actually demerged and that it was not something that would be done under the banner of the Ville Marie borough," she said, adding that any relevant issues coming up would be referred to Westmount's Planning Advisory Committee. Marks said Ville Marie wants to deal with specific problem areas, such as Cabot Square, which is just east of the Westmount border, as well as the deterioration of the area between Atwater and Guy, and an increase of the homeless population.



John Fretz brings summit snow damage issue to city council meeting. Photo: Martin C. Barry

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# Feeders beware

## City cracks down on park users feeding local wildlife

The seemingly innocent act of offering a squirrel a peanut or tossing some bread to the ducks may be common practice in our parks, but as some residents are finding out — the hard way — it's also against the law and could cost you at least \$50.

The City of Westmount has launched a public-awareness campaign to educate residents on the potential dangers of feeding local wildlife, and has authorized patrols to issue tickets to repeat offenders.

Described as an "escalating problem," the

seriousness of the situation was brought to the attention of City officials this spring, when the melting snow in Westmount Park revealed an excessive amount of peanut shells and seed casings — evidence of people feeding the squirrels and birds over a prolonged period.

This alarmed those who realize the potential dangers.

According to the City, studies have shown that excessive feeding of local wildlife can actually cause them more harm than good. Animals may stop foraging for natural food

as a result, and local wildlife populations could increase dramatically due to the overabundance of food — then suffer when this food source is cut off. It has also been pointed out that excessive feeding also attracts vermin, which can create a health risk for both park visitors and those living in the immediate neighbourhood.

But not all park users are happy with the no-feeding policy. One resident said she was shocked when stopped by a patrolling officer and informed that it is against the law to feed the animals.

"I grew up in Westmount and lived here practically all of my adult life," Ingrid Mask wrote to the Examiner this week. "To be approached and even ticketed for such nonsense is incomprehensible to me, as all my life I have seen people feeding the pigeons or the squirrels, and it was never an issue."

But it's all for the good of the animals, say City officials, who have pointed out that while the bylaw has been in place for several years, until now many officers have opted to exercise "reasonable toleration" when observing infractions.

# Architect Moss discusses history of her heritage home

Members of the Westmount Historical Association were given a special treat recently when local architect Rosanne Moss dropped by their monthly meeting to conduct a virtual tour of her Queen Anne Revival house on Mount Pleasant Avenue.

Moss, of the architectural firm Fournier Gersovitz, had worked on the 1995 restoration of the house, which she and her husband bought in 1983. The building was

originally designed by prominent Westmount architect Robert Findlay and built in the late 19th century.

The house had been designated as Category IA in the Beaupré & Michaud Report commissioned by the City of Westmount in 1987. Moss showed the audience of about 50 WHA members and guests several photographs of her home, dating from about 1890, when it was first


built as a dowry house by the Ward and Reekie families on the marriage of their children. Back then, there were few neighbouring dwellings — although one could see the route that the future Mount Pleasant Avenue would follow.

The evening also benefited from extensive historical research undertaken and presented by WHA vice-president Caroline Breslaw in her introduction to Moss's talk.



Rosanne Moss Photo: Doreen Lindsay

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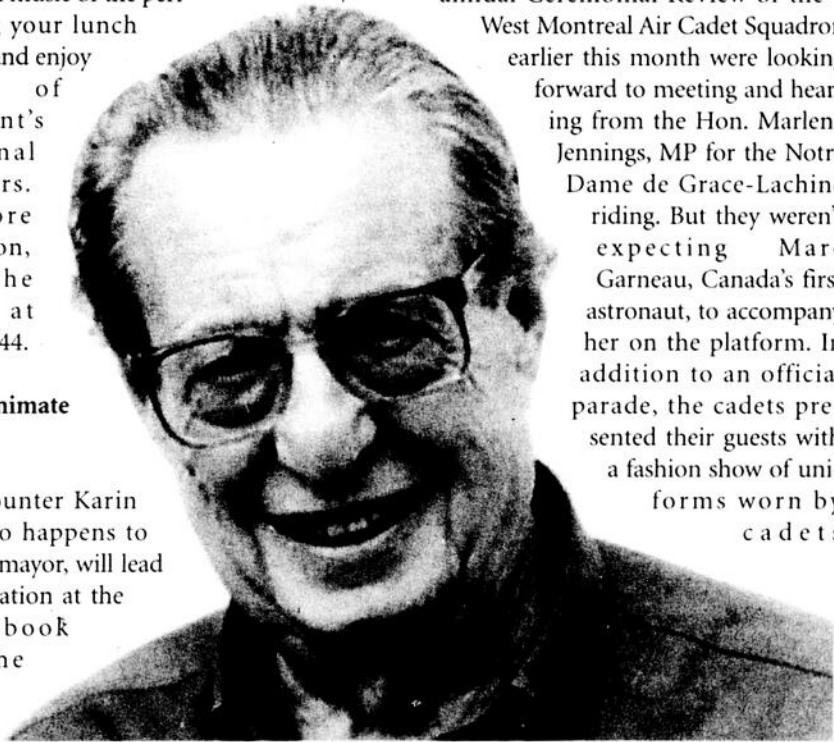
Fans of Westmount author William Weintraub will be pleased to know that he will be reading from his most recent book, the comic novel *Crazy About Lili*, at the Atwater Library next Wednesday, June 18, at 12:30 p.m.

The risqué novel, which centres around a young McGill student's infatuation with a notorious stripper, is set in Westmount and Montreal in the 1940s. It was published to great critical acclaim in 2005.

To enhance the mood of the reading, jazz saxophonist Dave Turner will play sultry and sentimental music of the period. Bring your lunch and come and enjoy one of Westmount's exceptional storytellers. For more information, phone the library at 514-935-7344.

### Mayor to animate book club discussion

Westmounter Karin Marks, who happens to also be the mayor, will lead the conversation at the monthly book club at the



Author Bill Weintraub will be at the Atwater Library next Wednesday

registration is necessary for this free session.

### Crafty event at the Atwater Library

Craft master Barbara Shanks from Garnitures Dressmaker at 2186 St. Catherine St. W., will teach a beading workshop next Thursday, June 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Atwater Library. Shanks will demonstrate how to create a wire crochet necklace, a light summer accessory. A kit with all supplies will be available at the library for \$15. For more information, phone Shanks at Garnitures Dressmaker at 514-935-7421. All proceeds will go to the ALCC for library improvements.

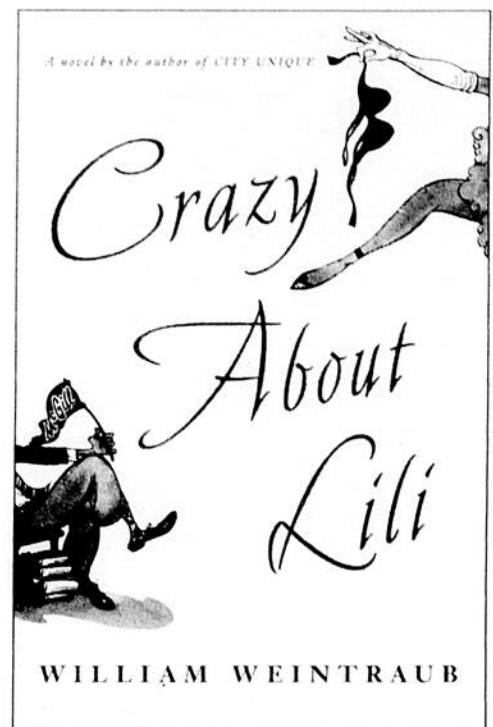
### Surprise guest at ceremonial review

Participants at the Royal Montreal Regiment Armory in Westmount's 67th annual Ceremonial Review of the 1 West Montreal Air Cadet Squadron earlier this month were looking forward to meeting and hearing from the Hon. Marlene Jennings, MP for the Notre Dame de Grace-Lachine riding. But they weren't expecting Marc Garneau, Canada's first astronaut, to accompany her on the platform. In addition to an official parade, the cadets presented their guests with a fashion show of uniforms worn by cadets

never heard of the disease that I later learned whispers.

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Westmount Public Library next week.

The group will discuss Peter Robinson's 'Pill of My Heart', the 16th in the author's Inspector Banks series of mysteries. Set in England in the 1960s, the story explores the age-old truth of how things can go so wrong when one generation is estranged from the next and when fathers no longer understand their daughters.

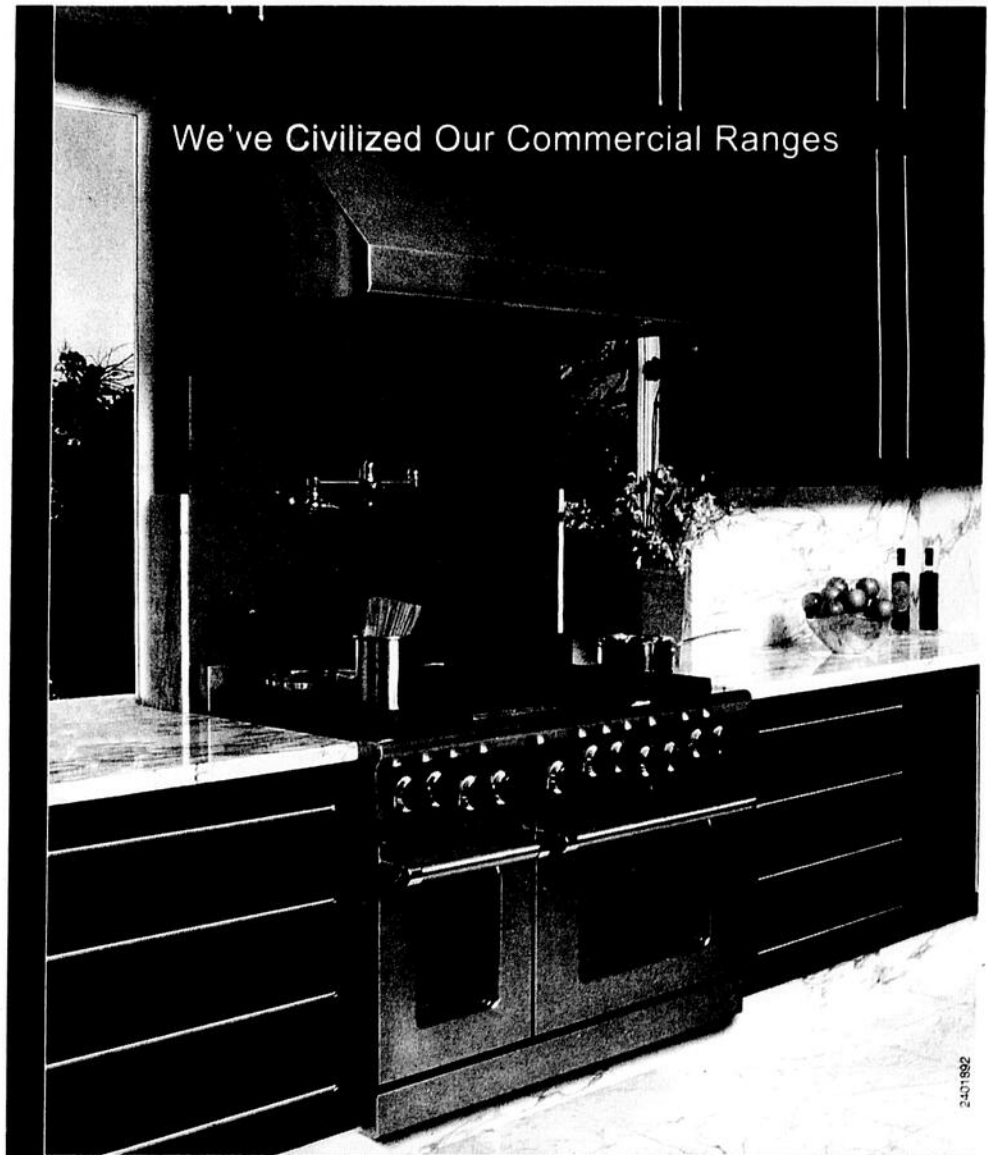
The book club meets on Tuesday, June 17, at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. W., at 7 p.m. For more information, phone programming librarian Donna Lach at 514-989-5386. No

since the formation of the movement 67 years ago.

Later, Garneau presented the Richard Bowser Memorial Plaque, awarded to the cadet who embodies the initiative of the Air Cadet movement.

### Celebrating life, love and friends

On a personal note, while you are reading this on Thursday, June 12, I will be remembering and being thankful for life, love and friends. On this day 20 years ago I began my healing journey with the diagnosis of stage three ovarian cancer. I was only 34 and had



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# OPINION

## On being funny — and serious

Mr. George Bowser, of Lansdowne Avenue, earns his daily bread by one of the most precarious and intellectually demanding means known to mankind. He makes people laugh.

As one half of the well-known musical comedy duo Bowser and Blue — the more talented half, he would quickly interject — he is not only a versatile musician but a witty satirist of the first order. Over the years, his professional duties have included removing most of his clothing onstage and uttering the notorious F word more than 100 times within the course of a single song. All in a day's work when you happen to be one half — yes, George, the more talented half — of what unabashedly bills itself as Canada's number-one musical comedy duo.

But George Bowser is also a Westmount city councillor — a committed, responsible public figure who not only loves his community but carries out his civic responsibilities in a serious, dedicated manner, with all due reverence for the dignity of the office he occupies.

But much like so many of the giants in his chosen field — John Cleese and Woody Allen immediately spring to mind — it is virtually impossible to be funny one moment and serious the next without creating some sense of ambiguity. This does not apply to Mr. Bowser, who so effortlessly separates the comic persona with the guitar and silly hat from the conservative elected official with the smart tie and City of Westmount pin displayed proudly on his lapel.

As a result, one could say there are two Bowsers, and never the twain shall meet — except, of course, on those rare occasions when the twains happen to be on the same twack. One example of this occurred last year. While outlining the City's Communities in Bloom entry during a Rotary Club luncheon, he kept his audience in constant chuckles while delivering his municipal message in no uncertain terms. Most recently, he managed to slip in a well-placed one-liner in the course of an otherwise routine city council meeting — a generous gesture that was much appreciated by his colleagues and the assembled regulars.

This ever-present potential for an unexpected chuckle takes us back to the days of former mayor Peter Trent, who seemed loathe to allow a council meeting pass without injecting at least one groan-worthy pun into the proceedings. He and Mr. Bowser have both demonstrated that humour definitely has its place — wherever and whenever appropriate, of course — in the often colourless routine of municipal affairs.

Everyone enjoys a good laugh, especially when unexpected, and these impromptu quips are always most welcome.



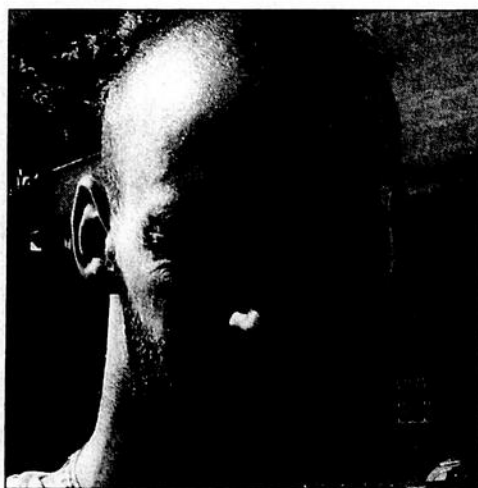
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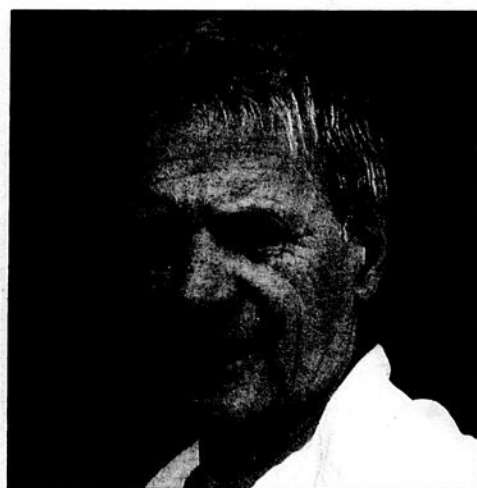
Bryan Mongeau-Eastmond

The City of Montreal has proposed the return of tolls on bridges

accessing the island, and wants to put about \$400 million in anticipated revenue toward public transit. Reporter Bryan Mongeau-Eastmond went to Greene Avenue to find out how people feel about this topic.



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# Power cut nearly empties Westmount Square

Jessica Murphy

It almost came down to the evacuation of a major apartment building.

Last Saturday at 6:37 p.m., during 32-degree heat topped with 80 per cent humidity, the power went out at 3 Westmount Square, near Ste. Catherine Street and Wood Avenue.

"I'm sure with that type of building, the windows don't open much — if at all," said Westmount Public Security Captain Richard Bourdon. "There was an evacuation that was planned, but the problems were fixed in time."

Public Security and the local fire department were called to the scene to aid the evacuation, had it been necessary. However, by 10:25 p.m., the defective cables inside the building that caused the power outage were fixed.

## No dogs un-leashed

Westmount Public Security is starting their yearly campaign to remind residents that dogs must always be leashed in public areas. Not only that, but the leashes cannot be longer than six feet.

"It's often the same thing each spring, especially with new pet owners. They don't know the rules," said Bourdon. Starting June 14, he said, "our officers will educate people. For the first week, there will be prevention. After that they'll be handing out fines." The fines will cost pet owners \$75.

## Park drinking gets expensive

Over the past week, Public Security officers gave out nine separate fines for drinking alcoholic beverages in the parks — four in Summit Park, one in King Georges Park, and another four in Westmount Park. "In Montreal parks there's a tolerance for alcohol with picnics," said Bourdon. "But in Westmount it's not the case."

He reminds residents that possession and consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited in Westmount parks and fines reach as high as \$75.

## Inebriated driver stopped

It was around 3 a.m. on May 24 when Public Security received the call concerning a noise near King George Park. When PSO Robert Forbes and Sergeant Kim Colquhoun arrived on the scene on Cote St. Antoine Road, they found a gold Acura with a damaged front wheel. The car seemed to have hit the curb.

"After a brief discussion with the driver," said Bourdon, "it seemed (to PSO Forbes) that he was in an advanced state of inebriation."

The officers called Station 12 police, who came and arrested the driver.

"Thanks to the vigilance of our patrolling officers, a potentially dangerous driver was removed from the streets," said Bourdon.

## Pedestrian hit on Victoria Avenue

Public Security Officer Julie Noiret was well placed to help a pedestrian involved in a traffic accident. On May 23 at 5:30 p.m., she was in her Public Security vehicle when she heard brakes screeching and the sound of an impact.

She turned to see a pedestrian lying on the ground. The victim had crossed against a 'don't walk' light and was struck by a taxi that had turned onto Sherbrooke from Victoria Avenue.

"Our patroller went to help and comfort the victim and ensured the scene was secured by three other Public Security vehicles," said Bourdon. Police and ambulance were also called to the scene. He added that it was not an intersection where many accidents occurred and the pedestrian suffered only "very minor injuries. But there's still the stress."

# Gold, de Mestral inducted into Order of Canada

Stanley Baker

Last month, two noted Westmount residents, Dr. Muriel Gold and Prof. Armand de Mestral, were invited to Ottawa to receive investiture as Members of the Order of Canada, with C.M. Honours.

Dr. Gold is well-known to local theatre lovers, for she has long promoted and shared the joy and power of the theatre. As the artistic director of the Saidye Bronfman Centre from 1972 to 1980, she stimulated both artistic and fiscal growth.

With a view that drama can serve as a bridge between cultures, she pioneered introducing French Canadian plays to Anglophone audiences and brought a resident Yiddish theatre company to the Centre. As a university educator at McGill, Concordia and Dawson, she developed her influential Fictional Family technique that fosters

both acting skills and personality development. She has worked in film, TV, and radio, and is the author of several books on drama and theatre, as well as her family history.

Armand de Mestral has for 30 years made major contributions to international law and international trade law and has prepared books, articles and studies in English and French on the subject.

He was involved in settling WTO and NAFTA disputes. He became a member of the Bar in the Province of Quebec in 1967 and has been professor in the faculty of law at McGill University since 1976. He has held the Jean Monet Chair in the Law of International Economic Integration at McGill since 2003 and was President of the Canadian Red Cross Society from 1999 to 2001.

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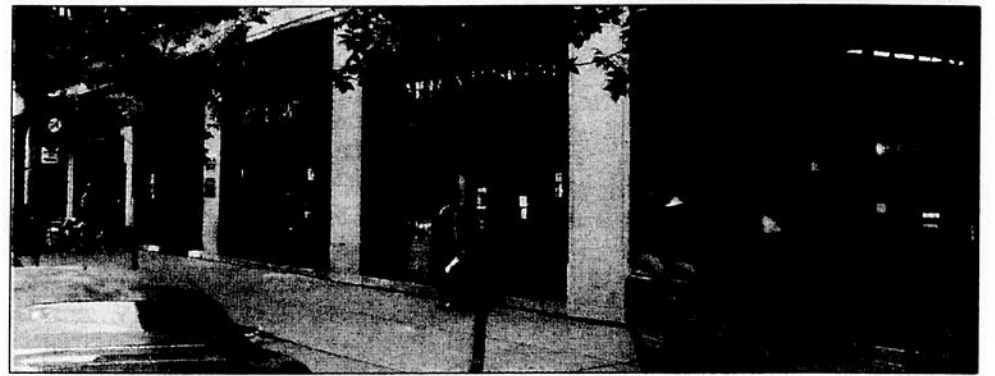
Nancy Macdonald



## Smile of the week



Our smile of the week goes to none other than Trudie Ogden, director of Adult Programs and Membership Service with the Westmount YMCA. The Examiner had the opportunity to spend some time with Trudie and found out that she has been with the Westmount Y since November 1988, when she began as program director. Today, Trudie, who has a physical education degree from McGill University, can still be found teaching various muscle-toning and Pilates classes. Pictured, from left, are Trudie Ogden and Nancy Macdonald, Newspaper Director with the Westmount Examiner.



## Here comes the Street Festival!

Merchants in the Victoria Village are all abuzz over this weekend's annual Westmount Street Festival, which takes place on Sherbrooke Street and Victoria Avenue. These familiar sidewalks will be transformed into party central over the next three days, from Friday to Sunday, June 13-15, with dozens of stores and businesses in the area putting on special sales and events. See you there!



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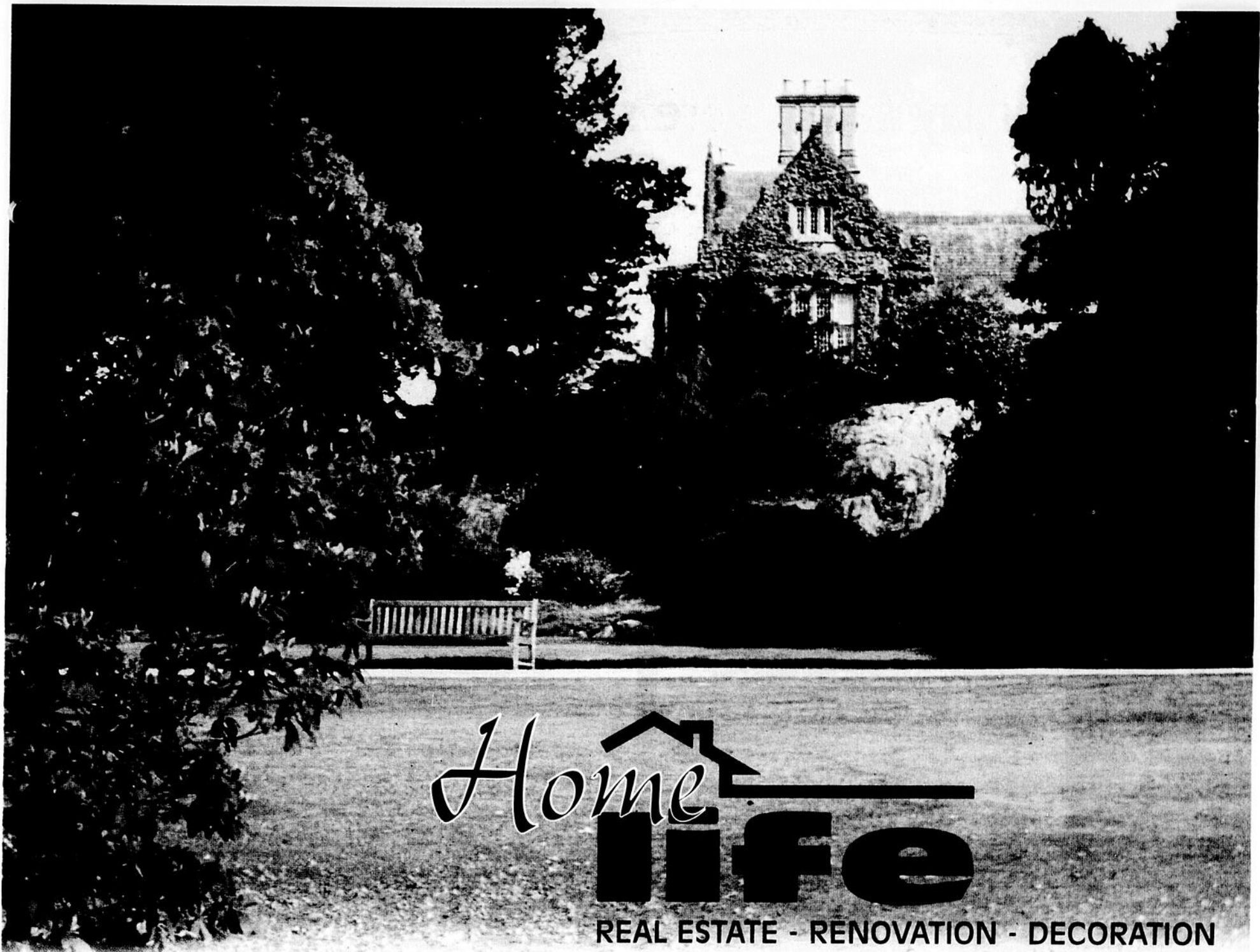
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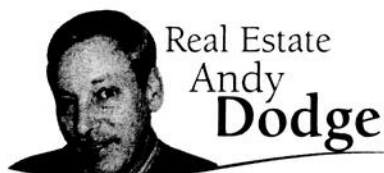
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## Year began on a lower note



Real Estate  
Andy  
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The average price of Westmount real estate dipped below the \$1 million line for the first time since last July, indicating a slight downturn in the hot real estate market which actually reached its peak late last year.

Both January and February had eight residential sales each, but December's average price of \$1,228,357 dropped to \$1,030,500 in January and to \$885,356, the lowest raw average monthly price since October 2006.

Prices in January ranged from \$600,000 to \$2.35 million, the latter involving 60 Summit Circle, corner Upper Bellevue Avenue. Then in February the lowest price was \$475,000, the price paid for a duplex at 50-52 Columbia Avenue, while the high price dipped to \$1.35 million for 20 Arlington Avenue. In each month there were only three sales over \$1 million, cooling down the market which had seen prices close to \$3 million late last year.

For the two-month start to 2008, then, the average markup was 23 per cent compared to the 2007 valuation roll, up from 18.5 per cent for all of last year, thus indicating that even if the average price is down slightly, it is still strong historically. On that basis, the 'typical' Westmount house evaluated at \$998,480

would have a value of more than \$1.22 million, which is still an incredibly strong price for Montreal-area real estate.

Only one condominium sale was registered in January but the \$1.33 million paid for the double-sized Apartment 204 at 1 Wood Avenue outshone the four condos sold in February, when the price range was between \$218,000 (for Apartment 7 at 343 Clarke Avenue) to \$580,000, for 478 Wood Avenue. The latter was the only duplex-type condominium; all the others were in apartment buildings of various sizes and ages.

The only commercial sale on the list, which took place in February, involved three non-connected buildings along Sherbrooke Street, including 4779-85 Sherbrooke corner

Grosvenor Avenue, 4873-73A Sherbrooke between Victoria and Prince Albert Avenues, and 417 Claremont Avenue, which also has the address of 4945 Sherbrooke. The three were owned by interconnected companies which transferred them to a numbered company whose president is Philip Molson.

Also in February, another apartment in the 435-39 Grosvenor Avenue building sold by usufruct. Since 2006 seven apartments have sold eight times for prices ranging from \$162,500 to \$367,000.

*NOTE: The preceding article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in January and February, 2008, provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found on Page 16.*

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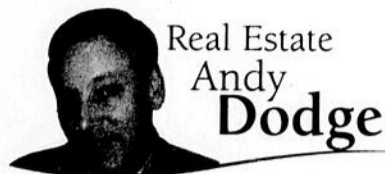
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# May sales were slow but steady

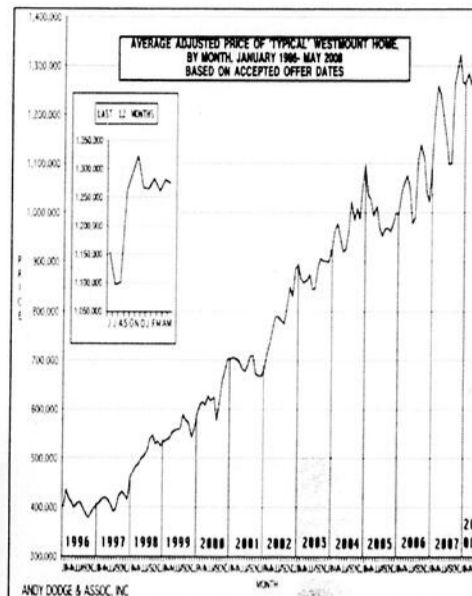


Real Estate  
**Andy Dodge**

While a typical May will see upwards of 20 sales, only 13 have so far been reported for Westmount one- and two-family dwellings. One condominium was sold in May, along with four co-operative apartments ranging in price from \$342,500 to \$495,000.

The lowest price for a single-family dwelling last month was \$792,000, among the highest minimum prices for a month in Westmount's history, and eight of the 13 sales were above the \$1 million mark, but there were none over \$2 million, with the highest reported price at \$1,775,000. The average

**W**estmount's real estate market continues to hold onto its record-high prices, but volume is way off what is typical for May — usually one of the best months to sell real estate.



might accelerate this; still, for now prices seem to be holding.

The adjacent-Westmount market is equally sluggish, with one cottage and a duplex sold north of Westmount, two more to the west and no houses being contracted on the eastern side of the city or the Golden Square Mile downtown. The four that sold ranged in price from \$650,000 to \$1,195,000, somewhat lower than for Westmount proper but still strong.

The Westmount sales included six homes which had been on the market for more than 100 days each, only two which sold within ten days of being listed, for an average 150 days. The average has been rising month by month since February, and includes one property which was on the market for more than two years, another over a year and two others more than 200 days.

No matter how we look at the future, from a historical standpoint the notion of a \$1.3 million average house in Westmount is staggering.

*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 May, 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 graph on this page offers a picture of these trends over time.*

price in the month was \$1,201,538, but when compared to the average valuation the 'typical' Westmount home's value stayed just below \$1.3 million, roughly where it has been since late last fall.

While prices have basically been moving sideways, our figures indicate only one of the 36 houses which came on the market in May actually sold during the month, an indication that the market may be turning, at least for the summer. Most people who want to move during the summer months have now found their houses and demand typically drops in June. This could pull the prices down at least temporarily, and an economic slowdown

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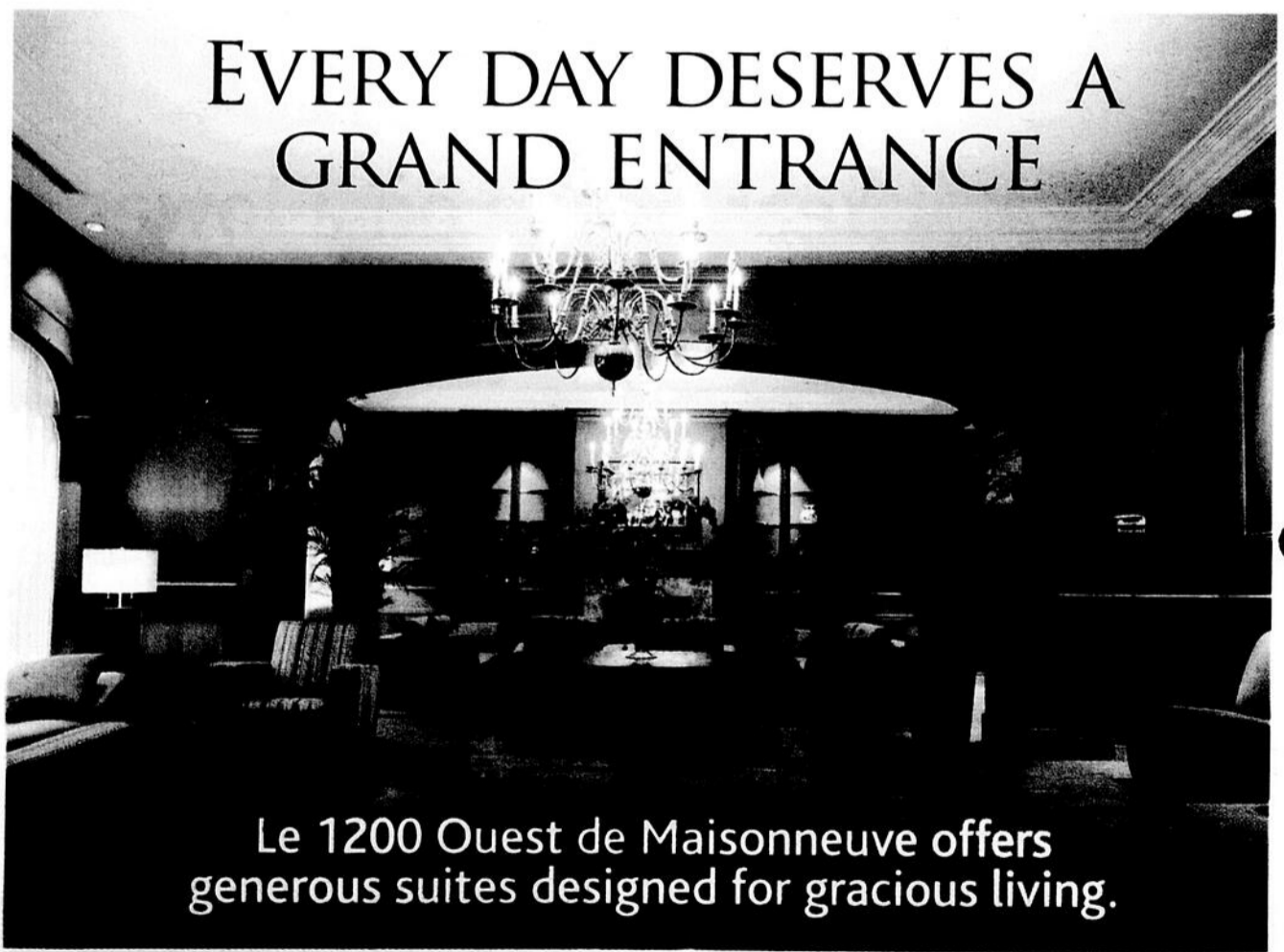
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## Know Your Wrights Ted Wright

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Then again, maybe not.

Moving do's and don'ts for both landlord

and tenant have a way of dovetailing neatly. Read everything in today's article. The 20 points work synergistically.

When both tenants and landlords cooperate, things have a way of working out very smoothly.

### For tenants

- 1.) You must leave the dwelling in clean order.
- 2.) You must repair those things you have broken.

3.) You must make sure that any damages during the move are fixed.

4.) You should dispose of hazardous materials before your final day in the dwelling.

5.) You should repair damages caused by your pet(s).

6.) You should take final meter reading(s) of your utilities.

7.) You should be sure to give keys back to your landlord (with receipts).

8.) All windows and doors should be

closed and locked upon leaving.

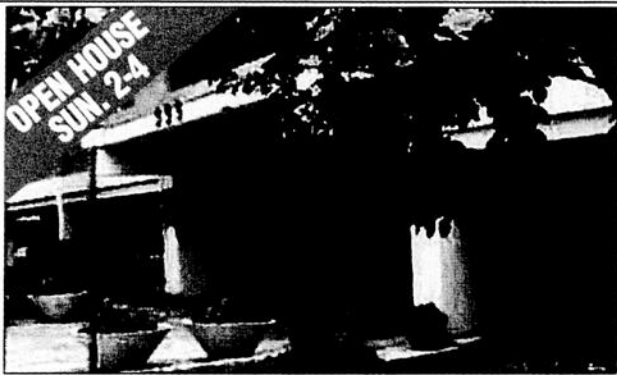
9.) You should not leave garbage piled up on balconies or inside the apartment.

10.) Do a once-over of the grounds, basement, garage, any space connected to your apartment.

### For landlords

- 1.) The new tenant must have a clean dwelling ready from him.

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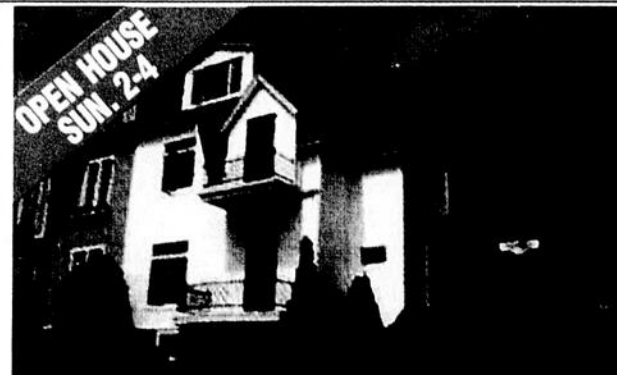
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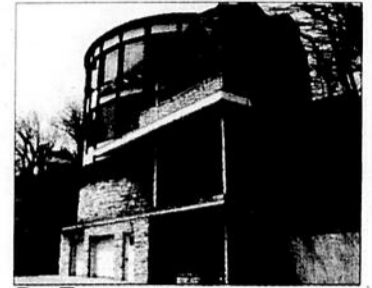
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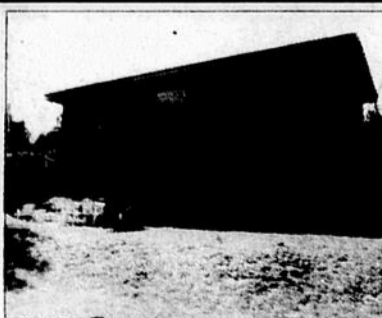


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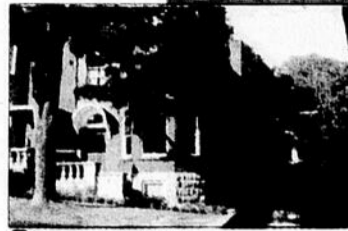
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2.) Fix anything necessary or agreed to with the new tenant.

3.) Make sure all move-in areas, i.e. stairs, walkways, doors, etc., are in good order.

4.) Do a thorough search for hazardous chemicals, products, etc., and remove them.

5.) Check for residual leftover "gifts" from domestic animals or damages.

6.) Take meter readings, check wiring, taps, etc., all which affect the readings.

7.) You must assure security. Change locks. Verify locks are working, etc.

8.) Verify that anything concerned with safety is okay, i.e. windows, stairs, smoke detectors, etc.

9.) Dispose of all residual effects, garbage, old paint, furniture, etc., from last tenants.

10.) Check the entire dwelling area, storage units, etc., to verify and ensure all is ready and okay.

When everything above is compared and understood, it becomes more a question of consideration for the other, be it tenant or landlord or new tenant.

If you can, as a tenant, it may help if you

know the new person who is going to take over your old apartment. This way key turnover is less complicated. Garbage disposal may be easier in the establishment of a common throwaway zone. Small problems may be discussed and solved.

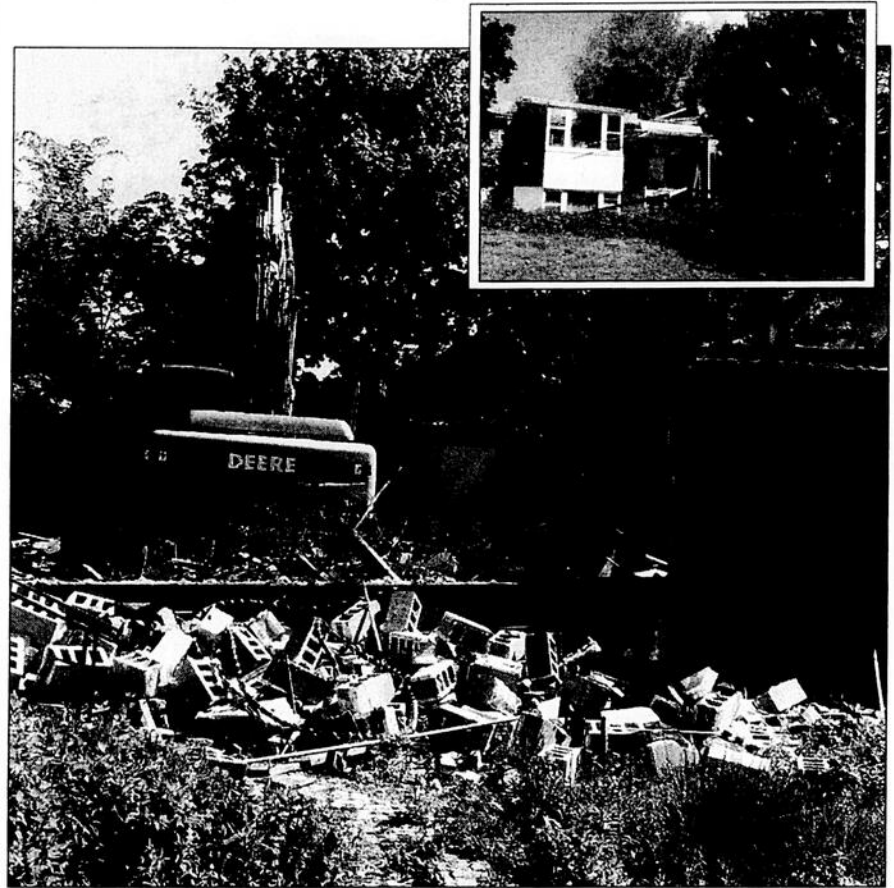
We have all heard the stories of tenants who have left large damages behind or of landlords who do not want to repair major things like toilets, refrigerators, etc., no matter how necessary a thing is to day-to-day living or legally obligated to be in place.

The easiest, most intelligent and rational course of action is to have everything in good order for the new tenant upon move-in.

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This is a general overview only. Please seek legal counsel or come and see us. Ted Wright is coordinator of the Westmount Legal Clinic, which meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Westmount YMCA, 4585 Sherbrooke St. W. Send questions to tedquestions@yahoo.ca, via fax to 514-277-8403, or write to PO Box 48101, Montréal, Qc., H2V 4S8. Please provide a phone number to verify identity. Your name will not be published without your permission. Mr. Wright contributes to various media in Canada, both print and electronic, including rental issues on CJAD News, CFCF-TV, 940 Montréal, The Gazette, etc. He may also be heard on Know Your Rights - Legal Show every Saturday on CINQ 102.3 FM, at 2:30 p.m. Podcasts of shows are available for one week after original airing at www.radiocentreville.com. Ideas or suggestions for articles are always welcome.

## Demolition day on Willow



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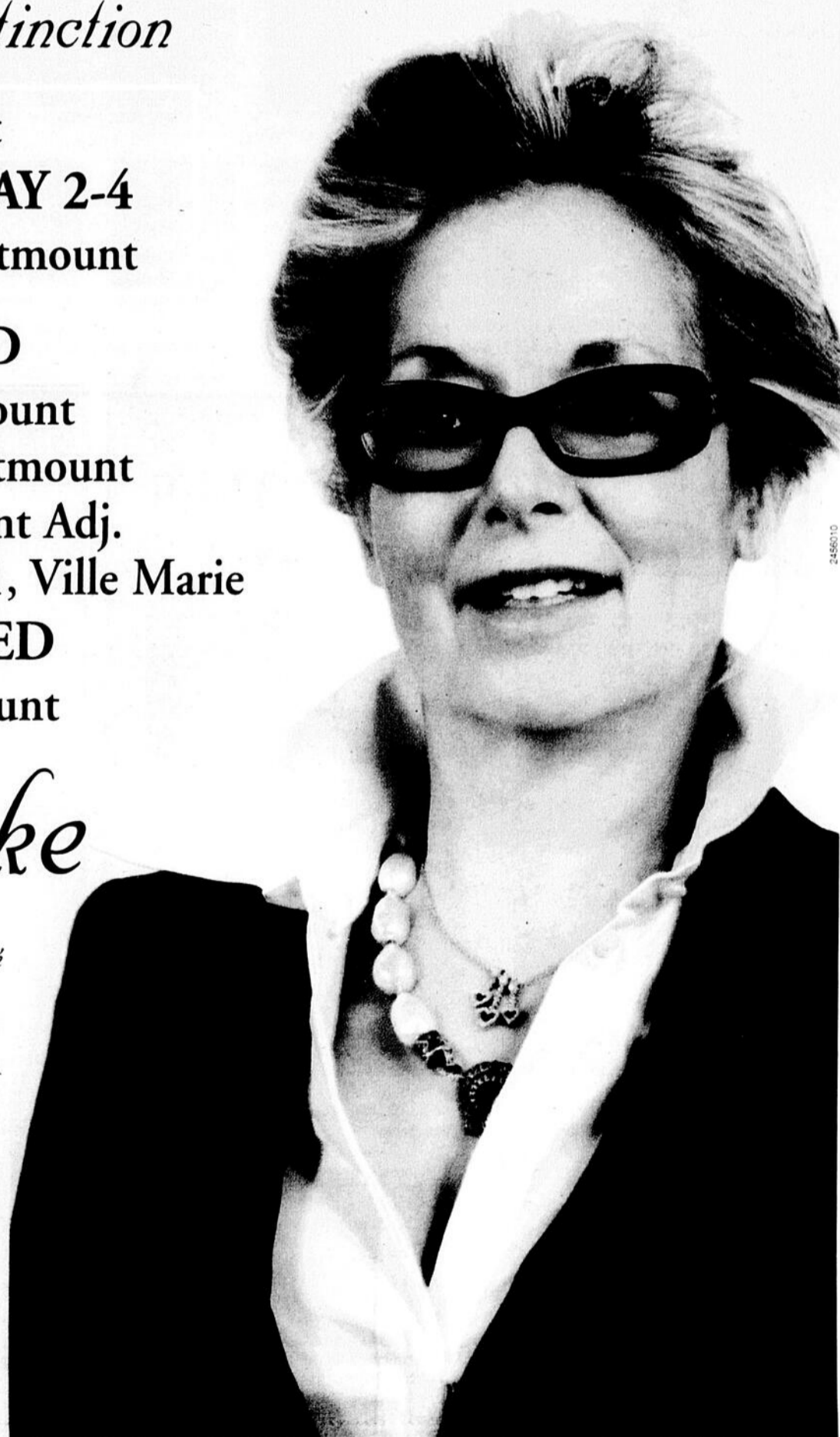
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413 Lansdowne	Daniel Malka & Eve Lazar	Michelle Golfman	\$630,000	\$558,700
259 Metcalfe	Gabriel Mary McCulloch	Caramba Properties, Inc.	\$600,000	\$622,300
15 Oakland	David Flicker & Ruth Schor Flicker	Eleni Barbagiannis	\$1,375,000	\$1,214,200
317 Prince Albert	Karine Aline Desnoues & Laurent Debü	Kate Rusko	\$810,000	\$719,500
80 Somerville	Moulay-Edriss Kheidri	Joe Booth & Anna-Maria Lillian Evelyn Booth	\$672,000	\$613,800
60 Summit Circle	Xiang Bi	Mansurali Mohammadzadeh	\$2,350,000	\$2,199,000
743 Upper Roslyn	Philippe Boulanger	Paul-André Martineau & Julie Lecomte	\$1,007,000	\$872,900
<b>CONDOMINIUMS</b>				
1 Wood, #204	Joseph Pearl	Moise Fefer	\$1,330,000	\$1,570,800

HOME TRANSFERS IN FEBRUARY 2008

20 Arlington	Mathieu Lafleur-Ayotte	Scott B. Jones	\$1,350,000	\$744,300
4374 de Maisonneuve	Socurs de la Congregation de Notre-Dame	Pascale Delhaye	\$985,000	\$544,800
445 Elm	Ginette LePage & Guy Pinard	Anne Robert & Georges E. Morin	\$1,050,000	\$676,000
381 Grosvenor	Gillian Pollack	Johann Tomas Sigurdsson & Johanna Jakobslottir	\$772,850	\$542,300
497 Mountain	Fereydoun Mavaddat & Golnaz Sharif	Alain Sabourin & Abraham Blair Wolman	\$1,050,000	\$859,000
720 Victoria	Helena Van Der Star	Joseph Chin & Gillian May Bellwood	\$700,000	\$684,000
<b>DUPLEXES</b>				
50-52 Columbia	Margaret Gordon Frost	Frederic Klein	\$475,000	\$451,300
4-6 Windsor	estate Michael Brian	Barbara Jeanne Buchanan (Ritter)	\$700,000	\$404,500
<b>CONDOMINIUMS</b>				
343 Clarke, #7	Gianni de Pastena & Linda Scavone	Nahad Karim	\$218,000	\$112,500
4215 de Maisonneuve, #3	Lisa Mashaal	Valerie Baillargeon	\$370,000	\$284,300
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478 Wood	Michelle Golfman	Astrid Ann Evans	\$580,000	\$450,000
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>				
4779-85 Sherbrooke, 4873-73A Sherbrooke, 417 Claremont	Furst Management Inc., Furst Capital Inc. & 3457800 Canada Inc.	9166-7907 Quebec Inc.	\$2,850,000	\$2,795,700a
<b>USUFRUCT</b>				
437 Grosvenor, #10	Linda Goldman	Jan Fergus	\$360,000	\$227,240b

aValuation is a combination of \$1,478,400 for 4779-85 Sherbrooke, \$653,000 for 4873-73A Sherbrooke, \$664,300 for 417 Claremont.

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# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Rotary garage sale a win-win-win for everyone

Marilynn Vanderstaay

In years past, the Rotary Club of Westmount's annual garage sale's primary purpose was to raise funds so the service club could sponsor local projects and organizations in the community and beyond. Ironically, this year the club filled the Westmount arena with more donations than any previous year — and this year the community came to the sale to receive.

A start-up daycare centre in the Cote des Neiges district sorely needed basics to furnish the fledgling centre that already has 80 children waiting for care. The administrator was able to fill her car with so many children's books, dishes, and utensils, then had to come



Driving a hard bargain: New Rotary president Cynthia Campbell worked the glassware table.

Montreal Botanical Gardens was the beneficiary of eight cartons of books about landscaping and gardening, with enough left over to give three boxes of gardening and plant books to a friend of Rotary who will take them back home with him to Guatemala. And the club will ship seven boxes of much-needed books, especially children's books, to a centre it regularly sponsors in Trinidad.

The community at large came in droves to take advantage of great prices on items they could not normally afford — like televisions for \$5, nearly new couches for \$100, and a working Hewlett Packard ink jet printer for \$10.

That same spirit of giving was evident in the people who made all that possible. The residents of Westmount and beyond who generously gave their belongings, some of them very valuable and most saleable. The dedicated Rotarians who for a year met weekly to pick up and store all the furniture, televisions, house wares, literally hundreds of books and more. And then for a week before the sale with the help of committed volunteers, many of whom have for years been giving their time to the garage sale, first schlepped the abundance of items into the arena and then sorted into various departments. The volunteers alongside Rotarians



Gary White of the Westmount Y was busy selling furniture.

then spent the day selling and wrapping all those items. And finally the employees of the City of Westmount who spent the week setting up, trouble shooting, schlepping, cleaning up and more so Rotary and the community could benefit from the mammoth garage sale. If you weren't there you missed a truly remarkable event of community helping community help community.

What a great event!

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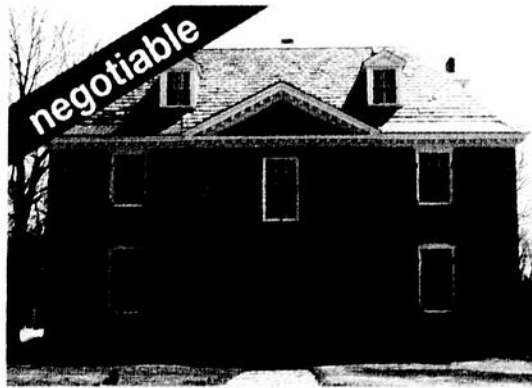
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# 'Food for Thought' theme draws record number of McEntyre submissions



Essay winners were honoured at Vic Hall on June 2.



Art exhibition remains at the Gallery at Victoria Hall through June 15.

Marilynn Vanderstaay

The Gallery at Victoria Hall was brimming with conversation on Monday, June 2, as judges and special guests of Westmount's 36th annual McEntyre writing competition celebrated another year of a job well done.

Against a backdrop of the colourful kids' exhibition, they discussed some of the humorous and interesting anecdotes they experienced reading and then judging the

entries that all focused on this year's topic, Food for Thought.

This year a record number — 1,225 Westmount students from kindergarten to grade 11 — entered the competition with original poetry, fiction and non-fiction. Chief judge Janet Boeckh had to call on 61 judges to read the anonymous entries and decide on the best of the best.

At 7:30, the judges joined the winning students and their families in Victoria Hall for the awards ceremony. Winners were presented with a cash prize and had their photo taken with Mayor Karin Marks and other dignitaries. In addition, and perhaps with more of a long term benefit, a book for each grade was donated to the Children's Library with the names of each of the winners of that grade remembered on a bookplate inside the front cover.

An exhibition of the entries and the books

continues at the children's library until June 15. The kids' exhibition of colourful pictures and sculptures of food continues in the Gallery at Victoria Hall until June 15.

The organizing committee for the McEntyre Writing Competition is looking for an original theme that can be worked in with community for next year's competition. Contact Wendy Wayling at 514-989-5229 for more information.

This year's essay winners are:

**Grade 1**

- 1st Natasha Yang, The Study
- 2nd Leah Annia Plante-Wiener, The Study
- 3rd Alexei Clarke, Selwyn

**Grade 2**

- 1st Layla Razek, The Study
- 2nd Olivia Hallett, Roslyn
- 3rd Elaine Manoj, St. George's

**Grade 3**

- 1st Anders Bretsen, Selwyn
- 2nd Matthew Behr, Selwyn
- 3rd Gerry Nikolopoulos, Selwyn

**Grade 4**

- 1st Ariadne Lemieux-Cumberlege, The Study
- 2nd Laura Stojak-Cohendet, The Study
- 3rd Alexa Schwarzwald, Roslyn
- Hon. Mention: Martina Erdstein, The Study

**Grade 5**

- 1st Daniel Wen, Selwyn
- 2nd Joshua Dermer, Selwyn
- 3rd Yasmeen Dajani, The Study
- Hon. Mention: Sam Carmel, Roslyn

**Grade 6**

- 1st Alana Shahbazian, ECS
- 2nd Ulysses Pamel, Selwyn
- 3rd Alexandra Hayman, ECS
- Hon. Mention: Caroline Chamandy, ECS

**Grade 7**

- 1st Sabrina Nolan, The Study
- 2nd Erik Richard, Westmount High
- 3rd Sidney Smith-Lopez, ECS

**Grade 8**

- 1st Meagan-Helen Henderson, ECS
- 2nd Roxane Rashidian, Villa Ste-Marcelline
- 3rd Anya-Andrea Cajal, Villa Ste-Marcelline
- Hon. Mention: Tim Shaw Selwyn

**Grade 9**

- 1st Lexi Stefanatos, ECS
- 2nd Phoenix Parisella, Westmount High
- 3rd Leanne Otoni, ECS
- Hon. Mention: Monica Doan, Westmount High

**Grade 10**

- 1st Kelly Donovan, The Study
- 2nd Victoria Quaglia, Westmount High
- 3rd Shirley Yin Kay Ho, The Study
- Hon. Mention: Giancarlo Jones, Westmount High

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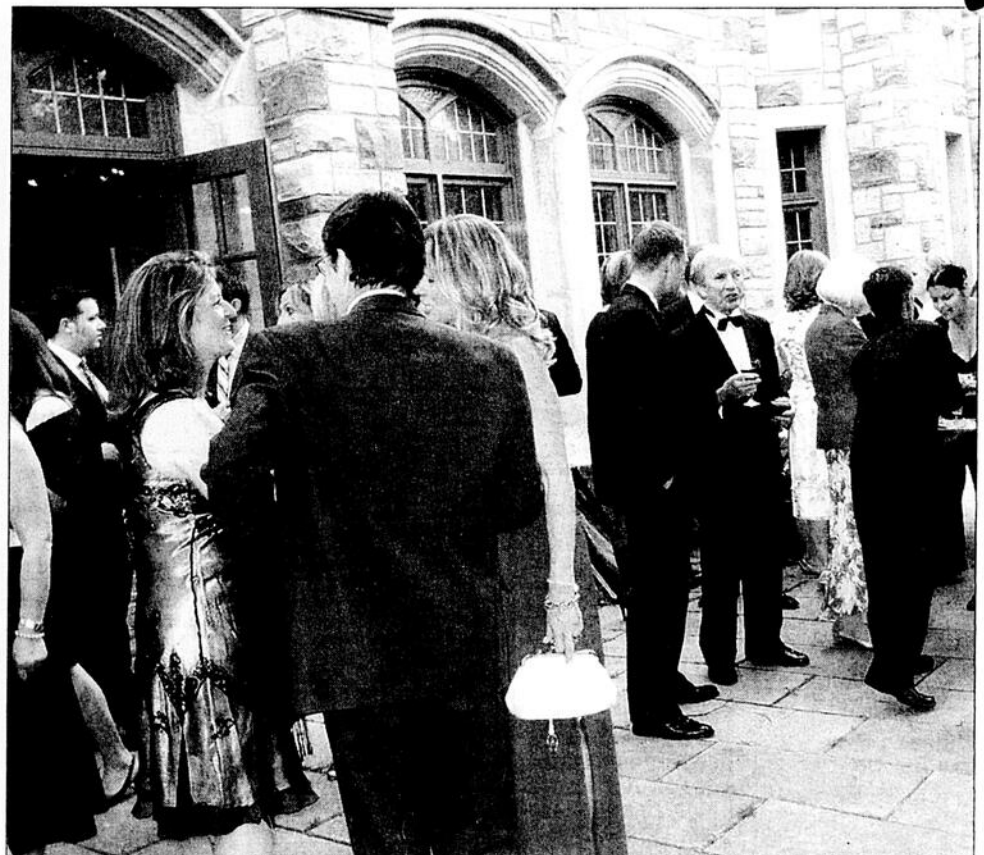
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# Westmounters get into party mode

Mixed crowd of 200 attends annual spring soirée



Mayor Karin Marks cuts a rug with Roger Warren. Photo: Martin C. Barry



Cocktails in the courtyard Photo: Stanley Baker

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**M**oms and dads longing to get away from the children for just one night and cut loose for some dancing and entertainment got their chance when they attended Westmount's sixth annual Spring Soirée last Thursday evening at Victoria Hall.

About 200 guests, in ball gowns, formal wear and more casual attire, turned out for

this year's event. They began their annual welcoming of spring with cocktails in the Art Gallery and adjoining sunny courtyard, followed by dinner in the hall's main auditorium.

Helen Campbell and Véronique Pourcelet co-chaired the eight-member organizing committee, who had been working closely with Virginia Elliott of the City's Community Events office since January.

Dance music for all tastes, from classical to rock 'n' roll, was played by the Joseph Segreti Band, a lively group that ensured a popular repertoire by accepting song requests by e-mail several days before the event. Since the guests' ages ranged from early 30s up to the 80s, the band faced the challenge of pleasing everyone. As a result, the music ranged from Sinatra tunes from the 1950s, through to Justin Timberlake in the current era.

"We get people of all areas of the community, different generations," Mayor Karin Marks said, addressing the crowd. "Every year I see many who've been here before and others who've never been before, and it really is a true community event. That to me is what

Westmount is really about. It's what made us want to start these kinds of events, it's what makes us continue these events."

"We have a new caterer this year, Malibu Catering, and they're fabulous," said Campbell.

In view of popular demand for tickets, place was made for about 50 more people. "We added two more tables. It's pretty popular. People who couldn't come at the last minute, those tickets were snapped up."

"People know it's a party and definitely an event to be at," Pourcelet added. "They're here to have a good time and see people they may not have seen in ages. A lot of people know each other here. It's quite a social event." According to Campbell, the organizing committee had four new members this year, including Mimi Kuflik, who contributed her catering and culinary knowledge. "We're always looking for new people to get involved," said Campbell. "Because it's a community event, it runs on the strength of the community members who get involved and contribute."

— Stanley Baker contributed to this report.

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# FEATURE

## Remember the Main!

Robert N. Wilkins

**T**he recent demolition of the old Fogarty Shoe and Boot Store Building, which stood until a few months ago on the southeast corner of St. Catherine and St. Laurent, creates yet another void in the popular folklore of Montreal's old St. Lawrence Main.

Fogarty's, which opened in 1861, can be noted in many of the vintage Notman photos of the prestigious intersection that divides this city in two.

As chance would have it, I was passing by at the moment of the clearance of some of the structure in question. Struck, I watched the levelling for a time and observed the huge crane contending with the perfectly in tact field stone foundation walls which were put in place nearly a century and half ago. More than once I noted the derrick operator shake his head in disbelief at the resilience of the underpinnings of the doomed edifice. Eventually, however, they too surrendered to the demands of time and the abiding call for renewal. Nevertheless, it was yet another part of a long familiar world to vanish before my eyes. In deep reflection, my mind was suddenly alight with memories from seemingly simpler days.



The 'unsavoury' Boul. St. Laurent back in 1974. Photo: Robert N. Wilkins

### An unsavoury reputation

I first became familiar with Boulevard St. Laurent (as the Quebec Toponymy Commission and others would like us to call it) in my early teens. My friends and I were well aware that the Lower Main was an unsavoury corner of the city where young boys might find some imagined excitement and adventure. Of course, we were too young to enter most of the thoroughfare's establishments (for want of a better word) and, therefore, the greater part of our delights were visual in nature, centering on the variety of colourful characters carrying the street. They peered at us; we peered pluckily back at them.

One time, I remember, our inquisitiveness got the better of us. As a result, we braved to enter the now demolished Midway Tavern (ostensibly to use the toilet) only to be intercepted by a most homely and irate waiter who scared us from the premises with what was, for me at least, a volley of rather incomprehensible local invective. Suddenly on the sidewalk anew, we quickly tried to regain our

precocious adolescent dignity, much to the amusement of those same gaudy mortals with whom we had earlier exchanged glances.

Minutes later, having proudly and triumphantly put that fleeting moment of juvenile awkwardness behind us, we set foot in the Montreal Pool Room, a Lower Main landmark since 1912 and situated more or less across the street from where we had previously been so unceremoniously ousted. After having devoured several quintessential Montreal "steamies" with their requisite French fries, my friends and I quite shyly slithered our way into the back of the establishment where several billiard tables were to be found. However, once there, we observed many more of the madcaps who make up the diaspora which is the Main. Even for relatively unstudied teens, it was not encouraging and so we quickly decamped as circumspectly as when we had entered the building. It was, in any event, almost supper time and a long trek home in those pre-subway days. Besides, the Habs were being broadcast later that evening on television!

### A mature perspective

Later in life, I returned to St. Lawrence Main somewhat more mature, and for other incitements. In fact, on that same stretch of tawdry urban roadway was ironically found the Monument National, home in this city to the National Theatre School. Virtually every month, I would venture off to this truly historic site — so important in the traditions of both the French Canadian and Jewish communities of this province — to take in the latest production of the celebrated drama school. The quality of the plays staged by the senior students was superb and I would almost always leave the tattered edifice more than satisfied.

Once on the street, I would again amazingly find myself in the midst of that same garish world that so intrigued me as an adolescent. Little had changed from those earlier juvenile occasions except that now I could put my feet in the Midway Tavern without suffering the humiliation of my misguided adventure of all those years ago.

Interestingly, however, the better part of that youthful desire was no longer with me.

As for the Lower Main today, many of the establishments I knew are gone, not the least of which was the St. Lawrence Market that is now a public square in which many of those same unconventional personalities while away their time on a hot summer's night.

Suddenly, I am roused from my fleeting deliberation of The Main's past by the abrupt movement of a demolition container carrying off yet another consignment of debris from the old Fogarty Building. The receptacle is pulled away forcefully and noisily from the site just as another rapidly replaces it. No time for unsolicited sentiment here.

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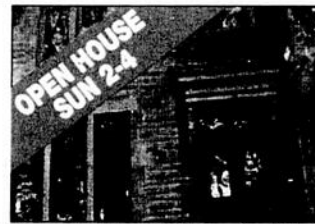
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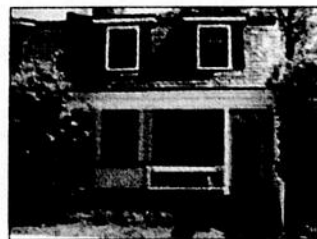
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