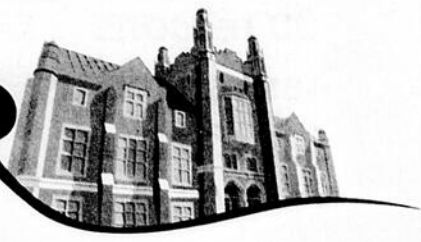


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While their parents were preparing to participate in last weekend's Walk to End Breast Cancer, Westmount teens Lauren Sugar and Talia Bensoussan did a bit of fundraising on their own, stopping cars at the corner of Sunnyside and Victoria Avenue and asking for donations. Their efforts raised a total of \$1,200 — one car at a time. See the full story at www.westmountexaminer.com

Harel hopes for a 'dialogue' with Trent



Louise Harel Photo: Martin C. Barry

Martin C. Barry

Montreal mayoral candidate Louise Harel, who was largely responsible for initiating the province's forced municipal mergers a decade ago, insists she won't be trying to reclaim anything from the demerged suburbs if elected — although she looks forward to having a dialogue with Peter Trent, who is considering running for another term as mayor of Westmount.

During a press conference on Wednesday to announce a slate of candidates for Vision Montreal, the municipal party she now leads, Harel was asked by the Examiner whether part of her intention in running might be to finish the work she started as a PQ cabinet minister, which was cut short when many of the suburbs, including Westmount, opted to demerge.

Harel said she wished only for cordial relations between Montreal and the suburbs, and that she was pleased to hear that Trent, who played a dominant role in derailing the PQ's merger plans, would be back in the political limelight.

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De Castell will run in Dist. 8

With 10 years of council experience under his belt, John de Castell announced this week that he will seek another term as city councillor in District 8, in the southeast section of Westmount.

The decision to run again, he said, was reached after a great deal of contemplation.

De Castell was first elected to Westmount council in 1999, served as borough councillor during the four-year merger period, and was re-elected to his current seat in District 8 in 2005.

When asked if he had been asked to run again by Peter Trent, de Castell said he recently spoke to the former mayor, with whom he served on the "stunted" council elected in 1999, but his candidacy was not discussed. Still, he said, he would look forward to working with Trent again.

"We didn't do so badly the last time we worked together," he said of the demerger battle. "So I expect we can do the same again."

The viability of de Castell's candidacy for another term had been uncertain, as the City of Montreal plans to demolish his Selby Street home as part of the controversial Turcot Exchange proposal. Without a home in Westmount, he could not legally serve on city council — but he



John de Castell

has decided to run regardless of the plans which may or may not be carried out within the next four years.

"This is not a decision made lightly," he said on Tuesday. "But damned if I'll let someone else make this decision for me," he said.

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Zuckerman continues her crusade

Westmount cyclist prepares to ride with Lance Armstrong for a second time

Stephanie Beauduhin

The Cedars Cancer Institute's second annual Tour de Lance event is scheduled for Sept. 11 in Mont Tremblant, with more than 40 cyclists expected to participate — each of whom must raise a minimum of \$25,000 to ride with world-famous American cyclist Lance Armstrong.

Among these riders is Westmounter Debbie Zuckerman, who is currently accepting donations to secure her spot on the 100-kilometre ride to raise money for cancer research and treatment.

A dedicated fighter against cancer, Zuckerman has volunteered in the MUHC's oncology department for about a decade. But her more personal crusade

began recently, when she lost her father to cancer.

Having participated in last year's Tour de Lance event, Zuckerman thought it would be a once-in-a-lifetime event — but as her husband endured surgery and six weeks of intensive radiation for a benign tumour, she realized that the fight was not done and has decided to ride again.

"[Lance Armstrong was] always an icon for me," Zuckerman stated, describing last year's ride as a life-altering experience, with a connection beyond words formed between the riders. She said that friendships, mutual support, and a sense of achievement developed among all participants.

Armstrong is a "great inspiration for cancer patients, cancer survivors," said

Westmounter Jeff Shamie, executive director of the Cedars Cancer Institute. Since 1997, the Lance Armstrong Foundation, Livestrong, has raised more than \$250 million, to support people affected by cancer.

Donations to Zuckerman's Tour de Lance fundraiser may be made at www.tourdelance.ca/bio/zuckerman.html

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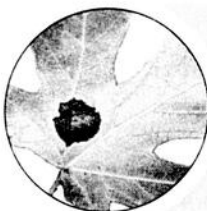
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Running with the bulls in Pamplona is an experience you can't pass up

Jessica Murphy

Ever since Ernest Hemingway published *The Sun Also Rises* in 1926, plenty of popular imagination has been wrapped into the phrase 'running with the bulls'. So when a friend invited me to join him at the infamous fiesta, I was game.

I knew too that, despite my fears, I would run.

El encierro is the highlight of July's Feria de San Fermin in the northern Spanish city of Pamplona, a fiesta dating from the

A drunk man wandered up to me, threw an arm around my shoulders and in a gust of warm, boozy breathe, told me Spanish men like to push women runners in front of the bulls.

Middle Ages and celebrating the city's patron saint.

Each morning of the fiesta starts with the bull run — 850 metres of adrenaline open to anyone not obviously inebriated and willing to test their mettle in front of six charging bulls.

We arrived in Pamplona Sunday evening to find the city packed with locals and tourists flowing out of bars dressed in the



The annual death-defying tradition in Pamplona, Spain, is no place for the faint of heart. Photo: SanFermin.com

San Fermin uniform of head-to-toe white accented with a red neckerchief and a sash tied jauntily around the waist.

Monday morning we stumbled out of bed before six to get to the run on time. Runners take their place on the course by 7:30 a.m. I had no appetite for the croissants and chokolatines in the hotel lobby and the coffee I drank only jangled my already taught nerves.

The streets in the casco viejo were packed with thousands of people and crowded cafés were selling coffee, hot chocolate and pastries to the revellers, the curious and those readying for the run.

Newsstands were hawking copies of tabloids displaying graphic photos of yesterday's unlucky runners caught

mid-gore. I was trying to take deep, calming breaths, but they came out sounding like tense sighs. I couldn't stop thinking about how soft and fragile the human body really is and about the 27-year-old Spaniard gored to death just days before by a beast called Cappuccino.

A drunk man wandered up to me, threw an arm around my shoulders and in a gust of warm, boozy breathe, told me Spanish men like to push women runners in front of the bulls. I heard this a few times, but it seems to be a myth. Still, few women run — it's just not something Spanish women do — and you have to be ready take care of yourself on the course.

We decided to move up the run — a narrow street lined with tall wooden barricades and buildings where people

watch the action from balconies — to the Mercaderes section, away from the sharp turn nicknamed 'dead man's corner,' where the bulls often skid and fall.

We were placed before a mural of Saint Fermin, next to a man is standing before the image, head bowed and praying. My nerves were showing on in my expression — a startled expression I saw mirrored in a couple of faces around me — and a Spanish man pulled a cigarette from his mouth and asked me if I wanted out.

I said no, but my voice came out higher than usual.

With just minutes to go before the 550-kilogram animals were released into the streets, the crowd on the course started stretching, jumping up and down, or laughing with false bravado. We were all scared and waiting for the sound of the first rocket when the bulls explode out of the corral and hurdle towards us.

I heard its pop, then nothing. We craned our necks and I walked forward a few nervous steps. Then I saw a wall of people sprinting towards me and I started to run, sticking close to the wall. It was a chaotic rush, and then I saw them. I couldn't hear or smell the bulls but I could see their thick, low backs and pumping muscles, and for a moment I could have touched the brown flesh when they passed. I could see the cowherds — who run behind the herd with sticks, keeping them in a pack — followed by the larger, tame oxen that come chugging just behind.

Then it was a final sprint into the bullring filled with a cheering crowd and the other runners, and we halted now in the golden sand, catching our breath.

Later in that bull-mad city, I would watch as the beasts I had run beside were killed, their lives ended at the hands of visiting matadors.

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"It's sure that I hope to have good relations," she said. "I'm happy with the comeback of Mr. Trent. I heard he wants to come back. He is a real gentleman and I hope to open a dialogue with him."

Looking to the future

"I don't want to come back to the past," she added. "I look to the future and the future is to maintain boroughs. You know I am the minister who introduced boroughs

for the first time in Bill 170. But I'm sure that it's really a wrong thing that boroughs became like cities in the Tremblay-Zampino administration."

Asked whether demerged suburbs such as Westmount could find themselves challenged by a new administration if she were elected Montreal's mayor, Harel replied, "No. You know, they left Montreal and I don't want to do more with them. But I want to do more for those who have chosen Montreal."

However, Benoit Labonté, whom Harel

succeeded as leader of Vision Montreal, suggested there could be more in store for the suburbs than Harel would readily admit.

"The fact is, by law the mayor of Montreal is also president of the Agglomeration of Montreal," Labonté said. "So in this context, of course these new cities are part of the Agglomeration, so we'll have to deal with them. We're still neighbours, and it's one of the responsibilities of the president of the Agglomeration Council — which is the mayor of

Montreal. So there will be relations."

Thing would be a lot worse with Harel, says Trent

While noting that Harel recently went on record to say that if elected she would not try to change Montreal's relationship with the demerged cities, Trent told the Examiner, "I take that with a grain of salt ... She has made it clear over the last little while that she's against the decentralized model of the megacity and if she were elected mayor she would centralize things a lot more."

Although this in itself would not affect demerged cities like Westmount, Trent sees the possibility of Harel being in charge of the Agglomeration as a matter of great concern. "If we thought we were dealing with a butcher who was putting his or her thumb too much on the balance with regard to the amounts of money that are charged to the Agglomeration Council, it would be a lot worse with her," he said.

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Jim Dine comes to Galerie de Bellefeuille

Ami Kingdon

Fans of prominent artist Jim Dine will want to mark Sept. 10 on their calendar.

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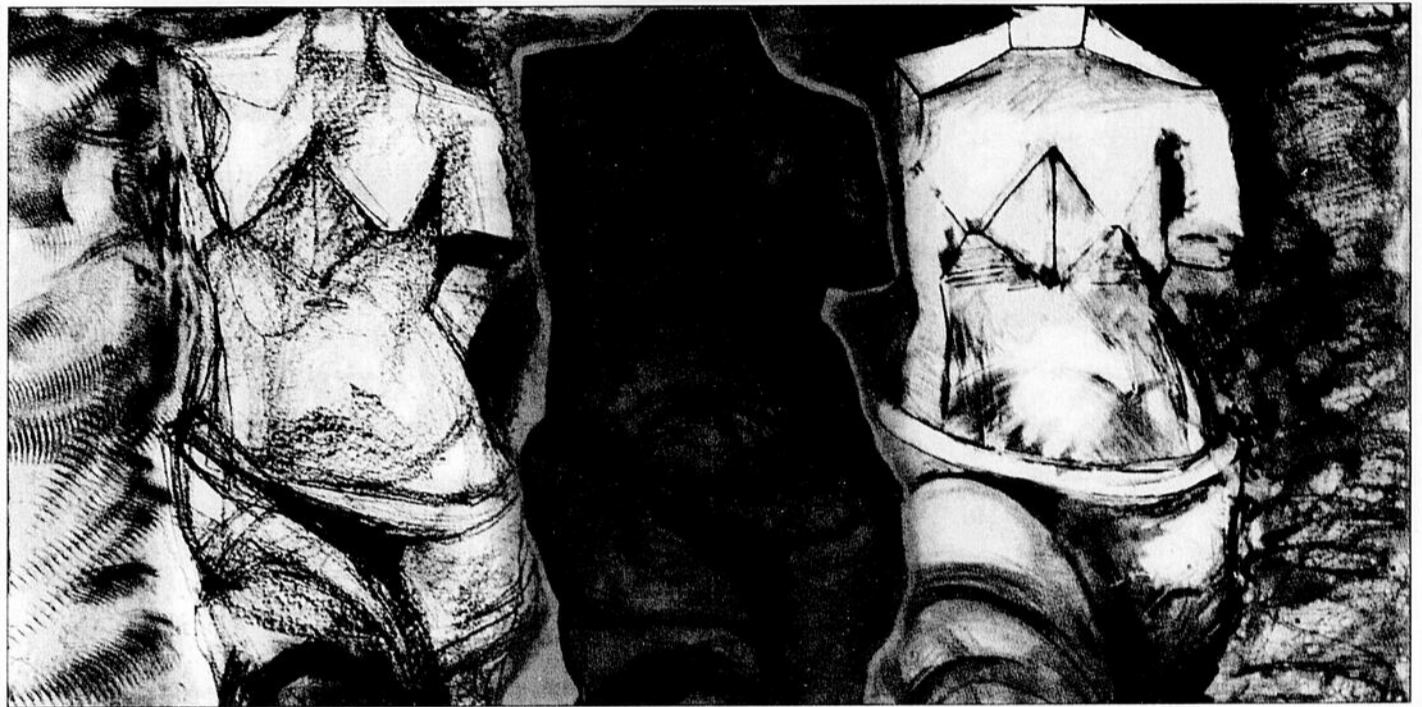
"They're new pieces for us," says the Gallery's Dimitrios Koussioulas. "They're not just leftovers from New York."

Dine, born in Ohio in 1935, achieved fame in the 1960s and has worked consistently with subjects including robes, hearts, Venus, and Pinocchio throughout his career. These new pieces give us familiar Dine motifs, interpreted in another incarnation. Confronted with his latest work, "You love it or you hate it," says Koussioulas.

Those familiar with Dine's work will immediately recognize the prominent heart motif in his paintings. His latest hearts have a delirious, decadent quality. Dine has emphasized colour and texture, and the bronze of his sculptures is mirrored in bold primary colour in his heart paintings.

"Looking upon his paintings is like falling in love at first sight," says gallery director Helen Bellefeuille.

There are also some of Dine's bathrobe motif paintings. Dine began painting robes in the 1960s as a kind of self-portrait. Over his career the robes, like the hearts, have gone through various incarnations of technique, and now they, too, are a Byzantine opulence of colour and texture. "You hear the word mercurial thrown around a lot,"



Jim Dine's etching 'Very Hot in the Centre'

says Koussioulas. "But in this case it really applies to him."

Fans of Dine's three-dimensional efforts will immediately notice Model for the Borås Monument, a bronze sculpture from his Pinocchio motif. Dine has likened the character of Pinocchio to the creative process, the transformation into life from a puppet. This sculpture, bronze with acrylic paint, is old-looking, but bright and dynamically positioned. Its messy paint and

blurred, simple features suggest both age and iridescence. "It's a sculpture trying to become a painting," says Koussioulas.



Dine may not appeal to those who never went for pop art, or who see hearts and self-referential robes as sentimental and repetitious. But like it or not, it's hard not to react, and it's interesting to watch the evolution of the same symbols over time.

Also of note at the Galerie are paintings by Jason Walker. Walker paints strikingly


realistic still-lives of donuts, toys, and other mass-market consumables against an empty black background. The wired crowd may see an interesting allusion to CAD regressed into glazed oil; the art aficionado will see the worshipful illumination of Vermeer conflicted with the emptiness of consumerism.

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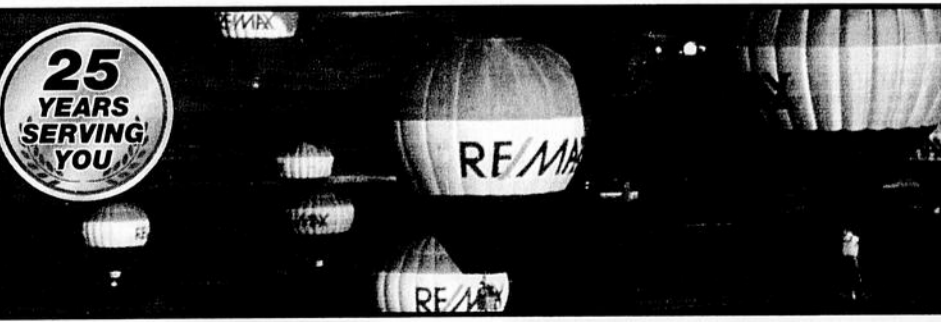
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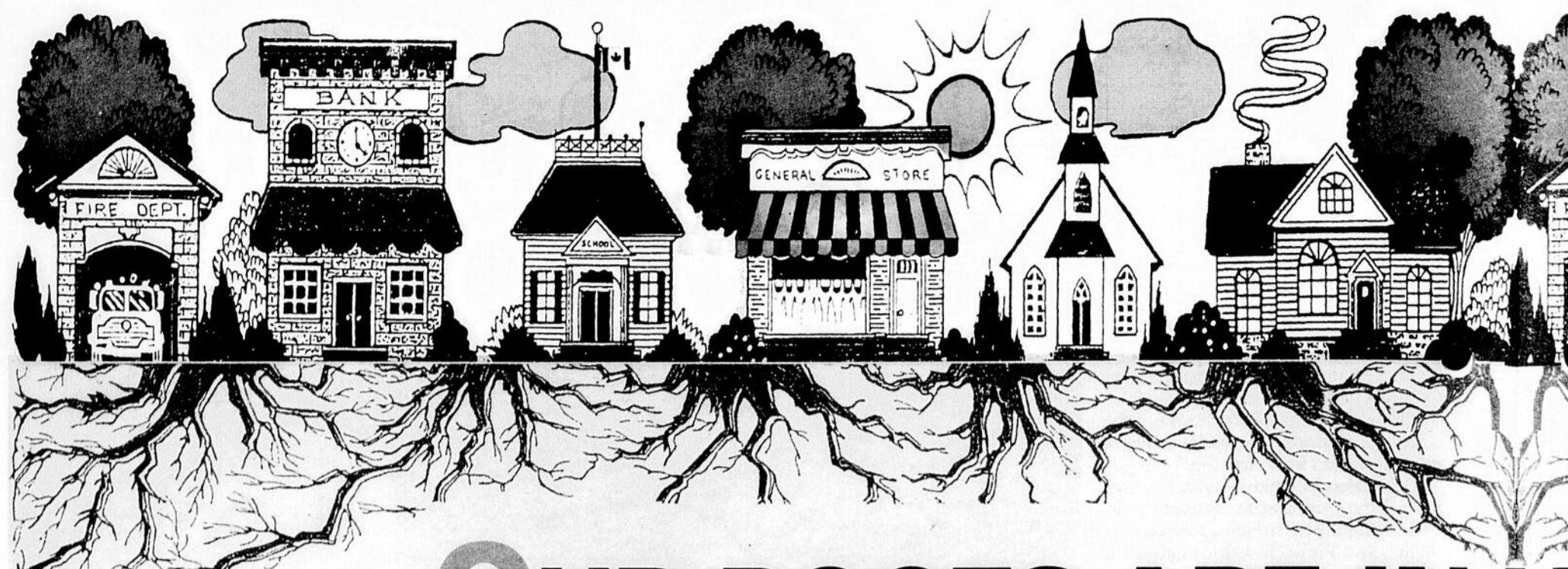




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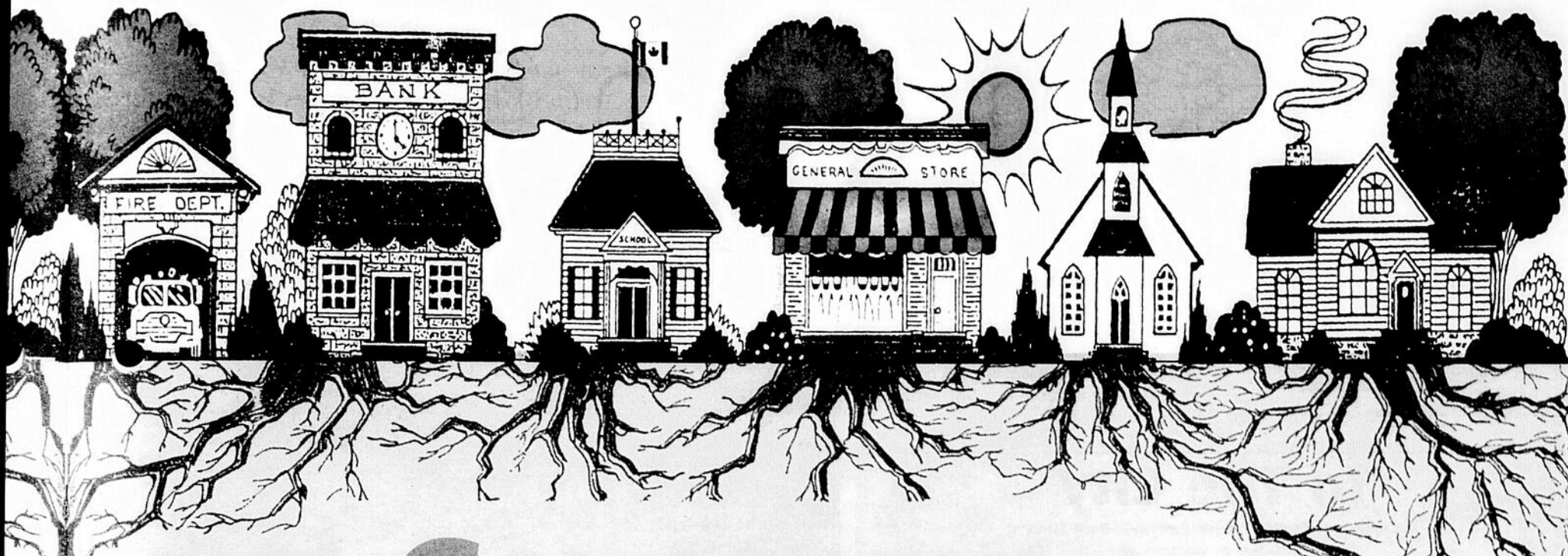
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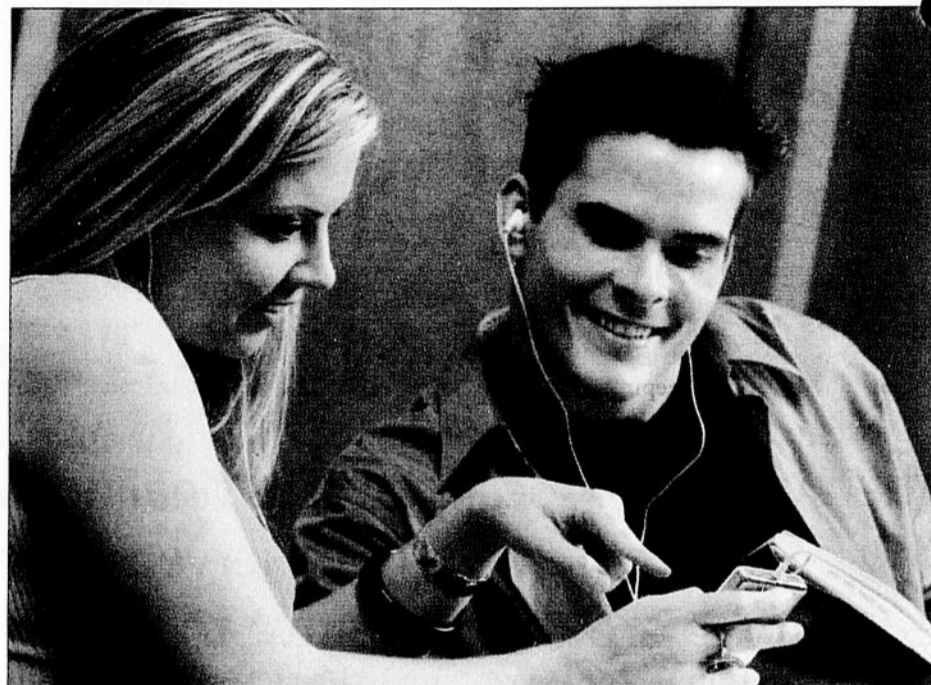
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Tagging along with the upcoming routine will be that constant effort to remain in tune with the academic curriculum. Unfortunately the stress-free days of the short-lived leisurely summer are presently winding down as we head into a new and hopefully stimulating academic year.

When I was teaching and affiliated with the EMSB, I would become thoroughly distraught and nervous each and every August when those television commercials and newspaper ads advertising back-to-school supplies would reappear. I would be in complete agreement with all those children who were not too thrilled when the hints of the approaching school days went public.

I would always question why the media felt that need to promote those untimely reminders when there were still weeks of summer ahead. Somehow they would put a damper on the balance of vacation as once

they began, there would be an ongoing avalanche of many more displaying everything new and updated. Although I was not the apprehensive student, dreading the serious commitment of an academic year was almost as intimidating to me, and I was the teacher, the one in charge. Fulfilling the requirements effectively and educating my students to the best of my abilities was something I had always strived to accomplish and worried about considerably.

Start fresh

From a child's point of view, school is not, in most cases, the thrilling highlight of their young life, so how can parents instil a positive spin on the forthcoming schoolwork? Of course, so much of this lack of enthusiasm depends on the age of the child, and how a parent prepares the groundwork

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for a child's academic career is crucial. To maintain a positive outlook, you have a better chance of being effective if you start young to encourage the benefits of an education.

From the beginning, it is essential to enforce that positive school feeling by discovering ways in which to make these years special and ones to anticipate.

Every level of learning should reflect new and bright expectations and it should definitely not be the time to focus on the negativity of the year before. Start fresh with your children and decide what you want to enforce in order of importance. Be available to answer questions and assist with homework. Sometimes just keeping the child company while he or she is studying is sufficient. It can become a wonderful bonding relationship as a child realizes that his or her parents want to share in their day. To avoid family confrontations, it is also essential that everyone is kept aware of ensuing work while kids are also taught how keep up to date with all assignments. This is an excellent lesson to be learned for all the school years.


In order to maintain this equilibrium

and a more relaxed environment, I recommend a personal home agenda aside from a school one for each child so that they can visually organize their assignments. This will also keep everyone aware of what's coming so there are no unexpected surprises such as a research project due within a few days.

High school brings new diversions

The teenage years do pose more of a challenge as so much is transpiring emotionally and physically for this particular age category. The original motivating plan stemming from those younger years should be ongoing and that sense of parental involvement should be kept intact, as children of all ages still require attention. You must also be especially encouraging, as this could be a time when school loses its importance in their eyes as the social arena tends to dominate. Offer compromises and try to understand their issues even though they may seem trivial to you. Remember the time when you were young as well and try to compromise in order to make your case concerning the crucial tools essential in broadening an individual's education.

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Loosen the reins on them, but secure enough of a hold so they do not stray. Without too much interference, you may be able to keep the year in a positive light. Of course, there is always that sense of good luck involved in parenting and rapport that helps makes a good and interested student.

In the grand scheme of childhood and throughout the duration of school, there will always be some complicated obstacles to overcome, but personally I can vividly recall that during the years that I was teaching and parenting, those involved parents did produce the more motivated children. I sincerely believe that caring initiates

success. Although my children are no longer in school except my youngest, who attends McGill, my participation and accessibility have been noted and usually appreciated. With a new school year about to transpire, and the woes of instilling that sense of accomplishment, parents should

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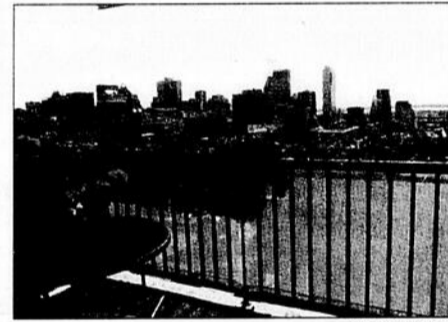
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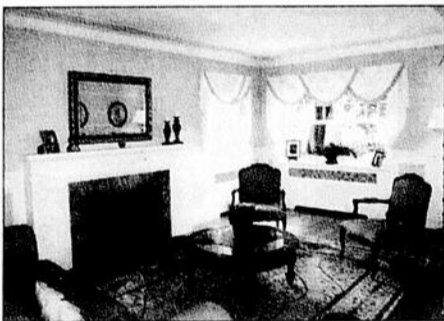
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