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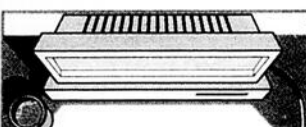
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EMSB closures could benefit local school

> Noah Sidel

As first reported in The Examiner last spring, it appears that not only are all of Westmount's public schools safe from closure this year, one might actually gain from next year's potential shutdowns.

With last week's announcement of the impending closure of four English Montreal School Board elementary schools, there is a chance that Westmount Park School could receive students from St. Gabriel School in Pointe St. Charles—which is being considered for closure with McLearn, Frederick Banting and Carlyle schools.

The large Westmount Park building can "comfortably accommodate the St. Gabriel population," according to recent EMSB documents, which also report that an "extensive demographic study" prepared last winter showed that the EMSB is operating too many facilities in the youth sector.

Since the last series of major school changes adopted in 2004-05, which involved the closure of St. Ignatius and Wagar and the relocation the Marymount Adult Centre among other moves, the EMSB says it has experienced a sharp drop in enrollment of almost 2,000 students.

"This is due to a variety of reasons, including a declining birth rate, families with children moving out of the EMSB territory and the introduction of Bill 104 by the Quebec government," the board claims.

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Vandals torch abandoned car



On the Scene

Jessica MURPHY

on the corner of Edgehill Road and The Boulevard, where it had remained for several days before being brought to the lot under the Ville Marie Expressway.

"It had been checked out many times by police," said Sgt. John Everatt of Westmount Public Security. The car was defaced and had accumulated eight tickets on its windshield. While it wasn't stolen, the police were unable to reach the owner and his phone had been disconnected.

The car was brought to the lot by Public Security on Aug. 30. By 1 a.m., the car had been stripped and set alight. "It was pretty torched," said Everatt. There are no security guards or cameras at the impound lot.

This is not a common occurrence, he noted, "and it won't happen again. Had it been something of value, we wouldn't have brought it to that location."

Westmount Park gazebo youth hotspot

Westmount Park had to be cleared out on Aug. 17 after Public Security received noise complaints. Patrolling officers received a call at 11:35 p.m. and found 10 teenagers at the gazebo. "They were yelling, screaming, causing noise," said Everatt.

The officers also found eight unopened beers, though the youth denied ownership. "We opened the bottles and disposed of it," he said. "Due to the presence of alcohol and noise, we closed the park. About 30 people were ejected." While there is no curfew in the park, the Public Security department can close it temporarily under certain circumstances.

On Aug. 24, at 7 p.m., a Montreal youth was caught by a patrolling Public Security officer writing on the floor of the gazebo with a black marker. The 17-year-old was fined \$141.

"He's lucky he's young. If he'd been 18, he

would have gotten a fine of over \$500," Everatt noted.

Finally, late in the evening of Aug. 26, at 10:24 p.m., another patrolling officer noticed three youths in the gazebo. Approaching, he realized they were in possession of beer and marijuana. "All three were identified and charged with having alcohol in the park - a \$37 ticket. The police were contacted and they dealt with the marijuana possession," said Everatt.

Speed bump 2, cars 0

The speed bumps east of Westmount Park are there to reinforce the stop signs. One, on the corner of Redfern Avenue and De Maisonneuve Boulevard, is definitely doing its job.

A low-riding grey Cobra sports car was left balancing on the speed bump last Aug. 18. "With everybody's help, we managed to (dislodge it)," said Everatt. However, the rubber speed bump was damaged in the process, twisted as the driver tried initially to reverse the car. On Aug. 28, another car was damaged as it drove over the replacement speed bump.

A car left parked in upper Westmount was set afire in the City of Westmount impound lot near the Glen Yards last week.

The car, an old Nissan Maxima, had been towed there the same day by Westmount Public Security. The car had been abandoned

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Council roasts retiring Caluori

Light-hearted reminiscing highlights Public Works chief's last meeting

> Martin C. Barry

There was no lack of short jokes during Westmount city council's August meeting last week, as residents and officials packed City Hall to mark the retirement of Public Works Director Fred Caluori.

Caluori, who served Westmount for the past 36 years, retired in August.

One Burton Avenue resident recounted how during former mayor May Cutler's term, Caluori was asked by Cutler to stand up and answer a question concerning garbage collection. "And he looked at her and he said, 'Your honour, I'm standing up.'"

He also recalled that it was on Caluori's watch that Public Works developed a plan to build a chamber under the floral clock in Westmount Park, so that employees could service the mechanism comfortably.

"Under the clock there used to be this little, tiny cave ... It was an awful place," he said. "An engineer and Fred finally did something about it and they built a wonderful Aladdin's cave. Mind you, he's the only employee in Westmount who can actually go in there."

Mayor Karin Marks told Caluori that "being five-foot-two in my stocking feet, I particularly want to thank you for absorbing all the short jokes. Because I'm not quite sure from here on in whether I'll be quite as lucky."

"Since Fred came to this city, I think that everybody must say that the bilingualism of the city improved a lot," she added. "The only problem is that it's Italian and English that we now have in this city. And if you go down to the yards,



Former mayor Peter Trent returned to City Hall to help pay tribute to Fred Caluori. Photo: Martin C. Barry

you'll be very much aware of that."

Councillor George Bowser, one of those not to poke good-natured fun at Caluori's stature, said the man who oversaw street resurfacing and snow removal in Westmount for so many years had a simple philosophy.

"To provide good and uniform service to all residents," he said. "The most remarkable thing that Fred has said to me is, 'after all these years, I've enjoyed every minute of it.' And that's a remarkable achievement. Also remarkable because he's never taken a holiday in the winter."

Bowser said Caluori's cheerful and positive approach was like a tonic. "If you tell Fred the sky is falling, he just picks it up—and may I say he does it in a cost-efficient and sustainable way."

Former Westmount city councillor Peter Duffield, who interacted with Caluori as Commissioner of Public Works, recalled how, years ago, when city council's Finance Action Committee was determined there would be no overspending, they questioned why it cost more to remove fallen leaves in Westmount than in Outremont.

When Caluori conducted a count and reported back that there were more trees here, the committee then wanted to know why it cost more to repair Public Works' equipment. Caluori concluded that differentials and other parts broke down more often because Westmount is on a hill. "After a while, you know, they got tired," said Duffield. "Because every time they came forth with something they thought they got him with, Fred would come up with the answer. That's Fred."

Westmount Y acquires heart defibrillator

> Martin C. Barry

For those prone to sudden heart attacks, a strenuous workout at the Westmount YMCA will be safer from now on thanks to an automated heart defibrillator the branch acquired last week.

"At the Y, we've always insisted that all of our staff have CPR training and first-aid training and have them updated regularly," says Westmount YMCA director Gary White.

"Getting a defibrillator into the centre is just one more thing that increases the possibility of resuscitating someone who's unconscious and not breathing and without a pulse if the worse case scenario were to happen."

Philips' HeartStart Automatic External Defibrillators were recently installed at all YMCA branches in Montreal, as well as at the organization's summer camp in St. Sauveur. The branches are also training their senior staff in how to operate the AED units. Nine senior staffers at the Westmount Y have been trained to operate the machines. They will in turn be training others.

The units and training, costing a total of \$30,000 (paid by the Montreal YMCA's central office) are the latest generation of defibrillators. Not only are they smaller and lighter, but are so easy to use. They automatically issue voice directives on resuscitating heart attack victims.

The technology is so advanced, it detects any electrical activity in the heart, and then



YMCA aquatics coordinator Kevin Skiffington and preschool coordinator Melissa Proietti demonstrate the use of the defibrillator with CPR to a group of preschool educators. The 'victim' is course instructor Serge Dubord.

lets the rescuer know if a defibrillation shock is advisable. Technology can only go so far,

however. The best course of action is still considered to be the human application of

CPR, in conjunction with defibrillation.

Senior managers of all the Y branches in Montreal spent the past year discussing the possibility of getting the state-of-the-art AED units. The defibrillator at the Westmount Y will be kept ready in a special enclosed wall cabinet just behind the front desk.

Sharon Parry, the Westmount Y's director of aquatics and senior first-aider, said she hadn't encountered any situations in recent years in which an AED unit would have come in handy. "But you always hear of stories," said Parry, who is also a CPR instructor.

"If the person doesn't survive, it's hard to assess would the outcome have been positive. But what we do know is that (with an AED unit), the chances are much higher that the outcome would have been positive."

Sudden cardiac arrest is considered to be one of the leading causes of death. More people die from SCA than from breast cancer, prostate cancer, house fires, hand guns, traffic accidents and AIDS combined. SCA can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere, and sometimes in extreme conditions.

The current survival rate in the United States for SCA is less than five per cent. The likelihood of successful resuscitation decreases by about 10 per cent per minute. It is estimated that an additional 40,000 lives could be saved each year in the U.S. alone with widespread access to defibrillators.

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Historical Association lectures return with restoration theme

The Westmount Historical Association has announced the lineup for its fall lecture series—and the timely subject of home restoration will be the focus of all four Thursday-evening talks at the

Westmount Public Library. Under the title 'Restoration of Homes in Westmount: Preserving the Original Character of our Architectural Heritage', the

lectures are intended to inform residents about the rich heritage of local buildings and the various rules and regulation governing their restoration.

"Many of our homes are 100 or more years old," said WHA president Doreen Lindsay, who prepared the lecture series. "Most were built during the 24-year period between 1890 and 1914. Present-day owners are finding that it is time to repair or replace the original architectural elements that give our homes their character. Like people, buildings need tender loving care. Owners need to redo the roof, have the exterior bricks repointed, renew doors and windows, or redo stone foundations."

Lindsay added that the WHA believes it is important to preserve the original characteristics of local neighbourhoods. In the Westmount Heritage Study carried out in 1988, there are 268 homes, religious buildings, schools, and municipal buildings classified as 'very significant buildings' and another 328 as 'significant buildings'. Many of these are included in the book 'Westmount: A Heritage to Preserve', available at City Hall.

Over the next four months, the WHA has invited two architects and two new homeowners to share their knowledge of architectural heritage with the public.

On Thursday, Sept. 21, guest speaker Astri Prugger will present 'Having a Home Restored: Help from the Experts.' This illustrated talk by the local homeowner and designer will focus on what needs to be done and the order of things to be done in a home restoration.

The series continues on Thursday, Oct. 19 with 'Wardleworth House: Understanding the Importance of Metcalfe Terrace' with architect Glenn Bydwell, who will discuss the origins and evolution of the well-known historic house on Côte St. Antoine Road.

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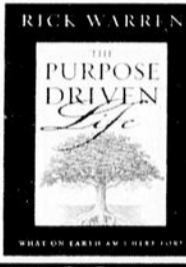
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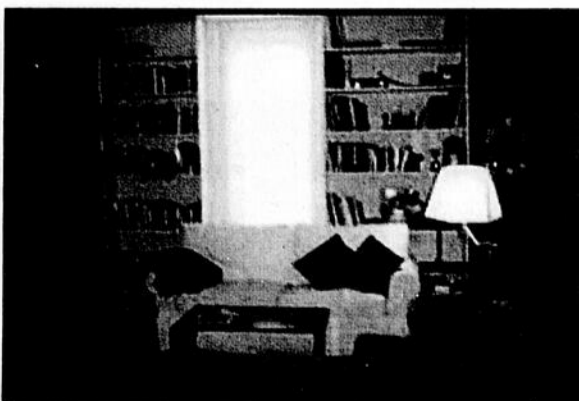
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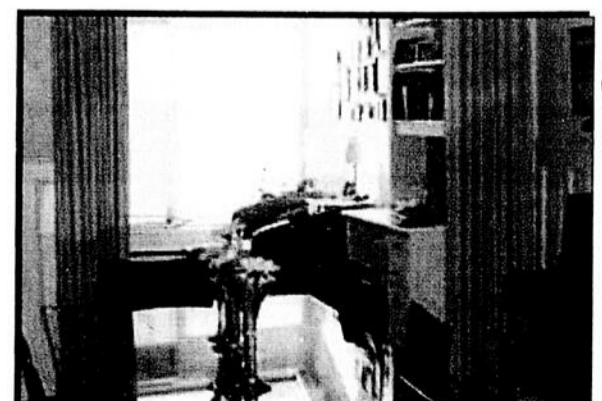
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Seniors knit with a purpose



Around Westmount

Marilynn VANDERSTAY

The Kensington Knitters of Place Kensington senior's residence recently invited Rosanna Dorazio, professional coordinator of the Pediatric Social Service Department at the Montreal Children's Hospital to their weekly Monday meeting to discuss the needs of patients in that department.

Dorazio explained to the group how many of her clients, often young immigrant families with children with multiple medical needs, require the money to purchase everything from beds and furniture to clothing and diapers and more.

"Right now the families particularly need warm coats and boots for fall and the coming winter," says Dorazio.

As a result of that meeting, the Kensington Knitters are now preparing for a sale of their handmade knitted hats in October from which they will donate all the proceeds to this department of the Montreal Children's Hospital. This industrious group has already collected nearly \$400 from the advance sale of hats. "Knitting with a purpose," the Kensington Knitter's motto, clearly benefits

both the recipients and givers," said program director Doreen Friedman.

Turning up the volume on ovarian cancer

This Sunday, Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. women who have survived or are battling ovarian cancer and the men and women who love them will take to the streets to raise awareness and funds to fight ovarian cancer, the disease that whispers, through the annual Winners Walk of Hope.

Registration for the 2.5 or five kilometre walk or run will start at Beaver Lake at Mount Royal Park from 9 to 10 a.m. After the hour walk participants will enjoy refreshments and entertainment. Register for the walk online at www.winnerswalkofhope.ca or by calling toll free 1-877-413-7970 ext 232 or register on site.

Ovarian cancer is the most lethal of all the gynecological cancers. When caught early, survival rates beyond five years are very good. But there is no test to screen for the disease that whispers and it is difficult to detect so it often not diagnosed until it has progressed. The walk is all about raising awareness among women to take note of the surreptitious symptoms and to raise money to find a test and a cure.

Community mourns Harry Shapiro

Again last month Westmount lost another fine life-long resident. Harry Shapiro passed away in palliative care at Mount Sinai hospital on August 11. He was 90.

The Clarke Avenue resident was raised as a child in Westmount and graduated from Westmount High School in the early 1930s. Like so many Westmounters, he met and married Liliane in Manchester, England when he was serving his country during the war. He and Liliane returned to Montreal where they raised two boys while Harry built a business.

"My father began one of the premier ladies evening dresses of its time, Diamond Tea Gown," said son Paul. He owned and operated the business for eight years before

entering the brokerage business in 1958. The stock broker worked for Royal Bank Dominion Securities until his death. "He walked to work at Place Ville Marie and played 18 holes of golf until he was 88," said Paul. He is survived by his wife Liliane and sons Rick and Paul. He will be missed by his family, friends and neighbours.

Local ice winery wins medals in England

Westmount antique dealer Henrietta Antony owns an antique shop by day, but owns and works a winery in Sutton by life. Her Chappell Ste. Agnes vineyard was awarded medals for its two ice wine entries in the 2006 International Wine and Spirits competition in London, England.

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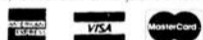


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Bravo to two local heroes



Commentary

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It was the trip of a lifetime—cycling across Canada over two months—and a golden chance to raise some much-needed funds for a worthy cause.

That was how Westmounters Daniel Kliger and Ryan Stotland spent this summer. They pedalled from Victoria, B.C. all the way to St. John's, Nfld. in a gruelling trek that included natural obstacles such as steep hills and strong winds, not to mention the inevitable spells of scorching heat and pelting rain. Travelling across the country in the comfort of a train or car is one thing; doing it on a bicycle, exposed to the elements and weighed down by camping equipment, is quite another.

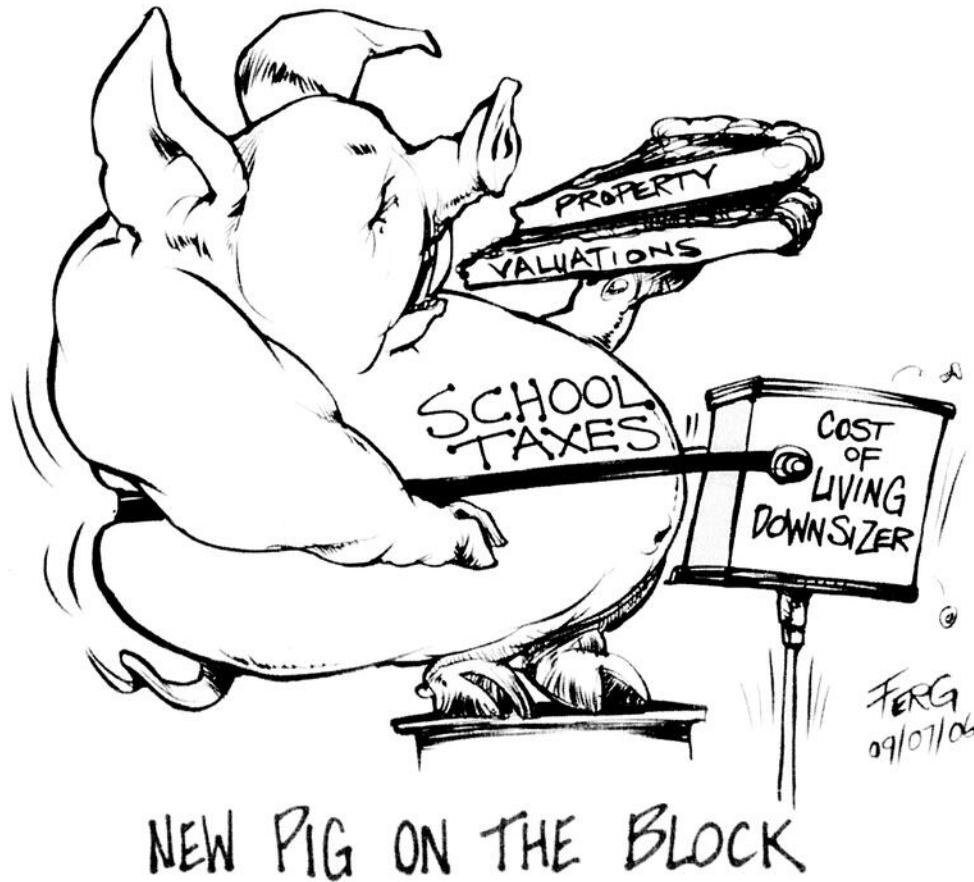
Seeing first-hand the Rockies, the prairies, and Ontario—mile after seemingly endless mile of Ontario—is something all Canadians should try to experience at least once in their lives. But while the trip obviously presented an opportunity many would have jumped at, and upon its completion must now fill Kliger and Stotland with an enormous sense of accomplishment, we must remember the *raison d'être* of the journey—a fundraising effort to support the battle against skin cancer, carried out in association with the Jewish General Hospital. Instead of simply deciding to bike across the country for the sheer challenge of it all, they made the trip—at their own expense—for the benefit of others.

The idea is certainly not new; ever since Terry Fox's seminal Marathon of Hope, there have been countless treks across the country to raise money and awareness of various causes, the fight against cancer foremost among them. Though neither Kliger nor Stotland were even born when Fox made his much-venerated attempt to run across the country with one artificial leg, their recent accomplishment is clear proof that he remains an inspiring figure for Canadians of all ages.

What is next for these two local adventurers? Perhaps it is too early for any announcements, but you can be sure that many eyes will be on them in the future.

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How long can Charest or Tremblay justify the Agglom?



Civic Alert

Don
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An eruption of frustration over the Agglom is fast approaching.

The "linked" mayors complain futilely to Jean Charest. He continues to bluff and turn a blind eye to the chaos. Gérald Tremblay oversees all, yet seems to be above reality. The latest Agglom council meeting was another disgrace to democracy.

Tremblay gets full marks for staying calm whatever the disaster. He rarely gives any sign that anything can disturb him. Perhaps he simply doesn't understand.

There were 105 items on the pre-circulated agenda. They were dealt with in about 110 minutes; the vast majority slid through almost uncontested.

Not item 20.15, which attracted TMR Mayor Vera Danyluk's alert mechanism. The agenda called for spending of \$22.2 million on three contracts for engineering support on the \$400 million arterial roads reconstruction program—a major Tremblay political commitment.

\$1.2 million error

In fact, the total of the new contracts was \$23.4 million, which was probably an arithmetical error in the City Clerk's department. Did Tremblay or a minion apologize? No. What is \$1.2 million in megacity dollars anyway?

Furthermore, Danyluk complained, she had received no support documents for the item. This bulky set of paperwork gives the bureaucrats' justification when asking council's spending approval. The missing documents also report on the legal and budget implications. They are essential for Danyluk and anyone before approving spending.

"Besides, I looked through the Agglom's operational budget, and there was no provision for \$23 million in consultant fees," Danyluk told me over the holiday weekend.

As former chair of the MUC executive and its budget committee, she is well-practiced in searching complex Montreal municipal financial documents.

50 engineers at \$111,000

Mayors questioned even the validity of the spending. Westmount's director-general Bruce St. Louis collates information from his colleagues in the other cities to brief the mayors on Agglom business.

Using that research, Danyluk said the spending meant that with the \$23 million the Agglom could hire 50 staff engineers for four years and pay each \$111,000!

Karin Marks and the suburban mayors wanted to know why Montreal's staff could not do the work. Why not farm out some to the suburbs who had staff to look after their own roads?

All these questions and suggestions put Tremblay and his supporters slightly on the defensive. So Helen Fotopoulos came to their rescue, demonstrating her crude lack of democratic tolerance.

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Fotopoulos defends

The council rules, written by Team Tremblay without consultation with other members, result in muddled debate on unrelated agenda items. Questions get posed in short debates, but responses cannot be insisted upon.

Fotopoulos was not slow to take advantage. Bluntly she called out: "This is not a question period!" Hey - what does it matter, they were only talking of \$1.2 million!

Claude Trudel was not to be outdone. The Agglom council speaker—and an immense Tremblay supporter—told Claude Dauphin, the executive member struggling to make some sense out of the issue: "You don't have to answer."

It was democracy megacity style perhaps, but not very good government.

and Near

• Colleagues met in the public works conference room at the end of the work day last Friday to toast Fred Caluori on his retirement. The previous evening, office staff hosted a farewell supper—at an Italian restaurant, of course, Mama Mia's in NDG. Caluori was chief cook at a lunchtime City Hall staff barbecue the same day. The City will hold a farewell party in October.

Caluori's remarkable role in the city was typified by citizens calling to explain that, while they had no problem to load on him in his final week, they just wanted to thank him for the past services and wish him well in retirement.

• The protest at the unfair escalation of school tax, which Westmount council launched last week, was supposed to be part of a joint push with Montreal and other cities. There should have been a joint

endorsement by center city and the suburbs at last week's Agglom meeting. But the Tremblayites found reasons not to go ahead with it at the Montreal council meeting and that made it ineligible for the Agglom.

• The megacity will release the new evaluation roll next Wednesday morning. Westmount City Treasurer Claude Lachance hopes to have a printed copy and a computer terminal available by noon for citizens' use.

• Lachance is working with IT chief Jerry Dolar to provide access to the new roll from www.westmount.org, but this may be a few days later.

• The Green Coalition is opening a nature trail at the Cheval Blanc West wetlands on Saturday morning.

• Louise Harel has lost her job as PQ leader now that André Boisclair has a seat in the National Assembly. She becomes the PQ's health critic.

• The Agglom will be charged 55 per cent of the \$25,000 fee the mega-executive committee has agreed to pay for lawyer Serge Benoit to represent Montreal if the Blue Collars seek Supreme Court permission to appeal their contract ruling. Benoit has represented Montreal in the negotiations.

• Of the \$329,000 megacity contract with Telus for the computer network connecting Montreal boroughs, 55 per cent will be charged to the Agglom. Can someone explain how connecting the boroughs is an Agglom charge?

Tax shock

The Welcome Tax—already a shock to many people who buy new homes only to find a special first year levy on it—took a large, unexpected increase for some new owners this year. The provincial government decided that the indexing rate should be raised—in Westmount's case by 28 per cent.

The tax is levied on the actual selling price or the valuation, whichever is the greater. The valuation, of course, gets out-of-date, particularly in the buoyant real estate market of recent years. The present roll was issued in 2003 and is based on property sales in the middle of the previous year.

The law provides for an indexing so that the value set in the roll is up-dated. In practice, it has not been done—until this year. Unfortunately, neither government nor city made any announcement about the change.

Some buyers found that the tax was 28 per cent higher than expected only when they received the bill from the city.

Badly served citizens

Not only is the Agglom democracy-deficient in its concept and rules, but appallingly lacking in its welcome to citizens. This was demonstrated at the last meeting, and Speaker Trudel was again at the centre of some disturbing events.

With so much at stake, it is surprising that citizens have shown little interest in participating. The brave souls who forced the demergers on the reluctant Charest-Tremblay duo have not continued to work for control over subsequent issues—such as their taxes.

So far, environmentalists have had the strongest presence. The well-researched Bruce Walker, of STOP, has been one of the more consistent interveners, usually with questions about sewage treatment, which still lags behind best international standards.

The others were the Green Coalition's spokespeople, Sylvia Oljemark and David Fletcher, also well informed and persistent in their quest to save the remaining natural land on the island. Currently there is about three per cent, which is poor compared to the international level of 12 per cent.

21 questions, six answers

The half-hour set aside at the opening of the Agglom meeting has rarely been used fully by citizens. This time it was painfully different. The Green Coalition urged their members to attend.

Many did. In all, 21 citizens—not all Coalition members—registered for questions. Only six were allowed to ask questions before Trudel cut them off.

Even the megacity does better, extending the period once and sometimes twice for further half-hours, and then adding another period if their meeting is adjourned until a second day.

Saving the Cheval Blanc wetland

Most suburbs have one or two half-hour periods and usually let all the questioners be heard even if they run overtime. It is often the most interesting part of the meeting.

Not the Agglom. Fifteen people who had registered to ask a question were not heard. There was no apology given, or any offer to respond in writing.

Not one councillor or mayor questioned Trudel's guillotine.

The Green Coalition had prepared a wide range of questions. Several concerned Team Tremblay's failures to keep promises; others were about land swaps or mysterious dealings with developers, but most involved the saving of precious wetlands neighboring the Cheval Blanc rapids.

This is the last unprotected riverfront land on the Island, and runs between the CN tracks and the river to the west of the continuation of Sources Blvd. in Pierrefonds. It is the home to some endangered species.

• Community activist Don Wedge can be reached at calert@web.net. His columns are archived at www.westmountexaminer.com.

Rosh Hashanah Menu

HOLIDAY CHALLAH		size	MEATS	
Round - 5" or 9"			Brisket and gravy	16.99/lb.
Plain	4.50/6.50		Roasted herb Chicken breast	12.99/lb.
Raisin	4.75/6.75		Tagine chicken - sweet	8.99/lb.
Raisin, hazelnut & honey	5.00/7.00		mixed fruits	
Apple & honey	4.75/6.75		Moroccan chicken	8.99/lb.
HORS-D'OEUVRES			w/tomatoes & oil	
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Hot dogs in blankets	6.99/12		Holiday Pomegranate	\$12
Potato knish	6.99/12		Salad Dressing	
SOUPS			PIES	
Roasted tomato	7.99/2lb.		Apple • Apple Crumb	
Chicken broth	5.99/2lb.		Apple & Cranberry	
Matzo balls	5.99/6		Sour Cherry	
SALADS			Blueberry-Cranberry	
Quinoa tabouli	7.99/lb.		Blueberry & Raspberry	
Spicy eggplant	7.99/lb.		Rhubarb, orange, cranberry, apricot	
Olive salad	7.99/lb.		Pecan	
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On Nov. 16, well-known local architect Bruce Anderson will present 'Characteristics of Westmount's Architecture: The Classical Idea, the Medieval Idea, the Modernist Idea', with a look at various architectural trends from the British Colonial through the Gothic and Arts and Crafts and into Art Deco and Modernist.

The series concludes on Thursday, Dec. 21 with 'Economic Demystification: Renovating Old Homes at Less Cost' with guest speaker Edouard El Kaim, who currently owns and is restoring the elaborate yellow brick house at 4547 Sherbrooke St. He will explain how it is possible to bring a house back to its original beauty while keeping costs down.

All of these lectures will take place in the

Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. W., from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is free for WHA members, \$5 for non-members at the door. For more information, call 514-925-1404 or 514-932-6688.

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"The latter excludes studies completed in the Quebec private school system as a way to gain English public system eligibility."

The EMSB went on to say it anticipates a further drop of at least 2,700 more students over the next half-decade, which may eventually lead to more West End closures and may affect Westmount's three EMSB schools as well.

The good news for Westmount Park

School is that, should St. Gabriel close its doors for the last time next June, the majority of its students would likely be diverted to Westmount Park.

"Data shows that since 2001-02, enrollment has declined by 82 students, from 227 to 145, using just 43 per cent of its 345 pupil place capacity," the EMSB said.

"The Westmount Park building has a capacity for 864 pupils. In 2005-06, just 44 per cent of this space was used. With a projected enrollment of 327 students this year, the facility can comfortably accommodate the St. Gabriel population," it stated.

A consultation period will now begin involving the governing boards of each affected school, the Central Parents Committee and the municipalities and boroughs in

which the schools in question are situated.

Each group will be given the opportunity to present briefs which will serve as the basis for public hearings and discussions to be held in early December.

A final vote on the proposals will occur at a special meeting in mid-January.

• For more information on the English Montreal School Board and its school-closure recommendations, visit www.emsb.qc.ca.

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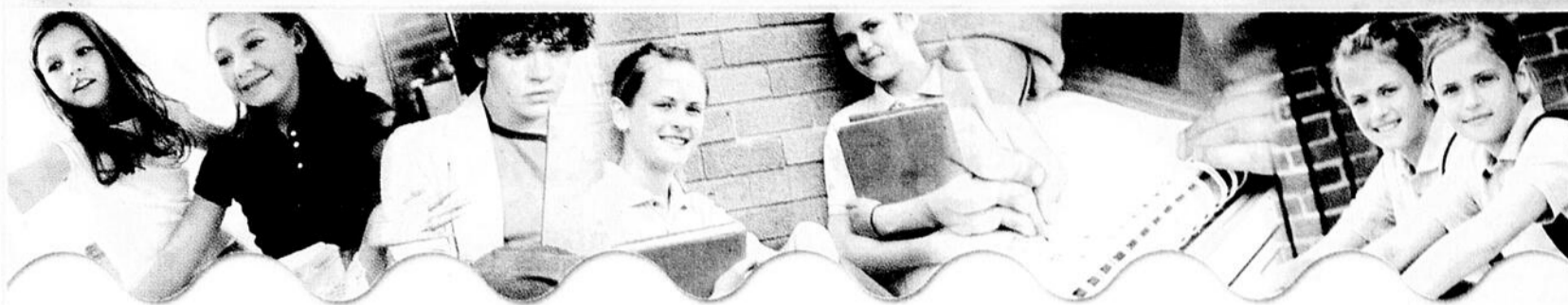
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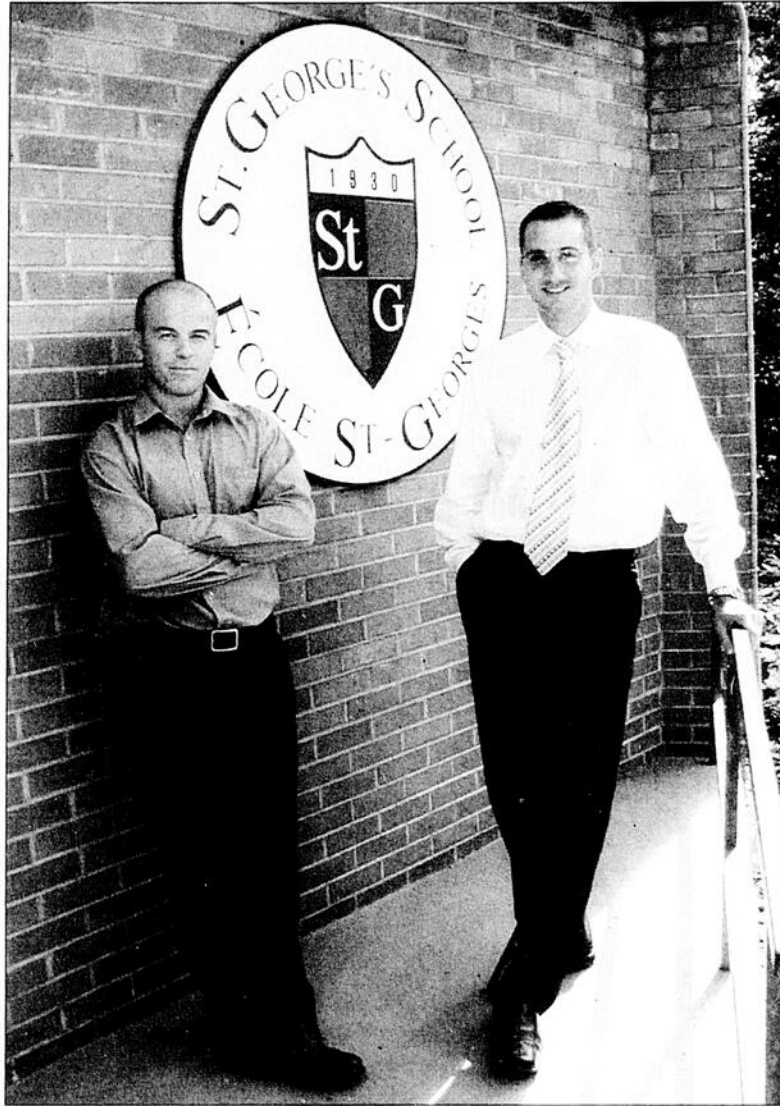
"Confident and experienced administrators contribute to leadership"

For the past 77 years, St. George's has been recognized as innovative while maintaining a leadership role in child-centered educational practices. Other, local schools claim that they are also now child-centered (when in fact they are responding to the current reforms in education). It is interesting to note that the Ministry of Education (MELS) has granted St. George's School a "Lead School" status in the Province of Quebec. St. George's has also entered into an intensive partnership with the Faculty of Education, McGill University, to further share and participate in leading-edge teaching and learning practices.

Last spring the Administrative Team, led by James A. Officer, Head of School, identified the need for a revised leadership model, one that would facilitate the connections between the academic learning process, student life, interdisciplinary studies and extra-curricular activities. Two Assistant Head positions were established to further ensure maximum enrichment and support opportunities for St. George's students and faculty.

An intensive search was undertaken and the school was fortunate to engage two well-known, experienced and respected educators. Scott Armstrong, Assistant Head, Academics, comes to St. George's after a distinguished five-year career at The Hebrew Academy, both as a Vice Principal and more recently as the Principal. Michel Lafrance, Assistant Head, Students, was involved with Herzliah Snowdon for nine years, most recently as a Vice Principal. It is the intention of both Assistant Heads to work in partnership while overseeing all aspects of student life and academics at the High School. They are also committed to the introduction of several school-wide initiatives that are intended to further the involvement and connection between the Elementary and High School.

Reflecting on his many years in education, in a variety of teaching and administrative postings, Scott Armstrong believes that "A variety of experiences have allowed me to see things from a different perspective, and to take knowledge from each place while helping me define what constitutes good learning. For example, you must pro-



Scott Armstrong (left), Assistant Head, Academics and Michel Lafrance, Assistant Head, Students

vide students with an academically-challenging curriculum, and allow them to experience success and be confident that they can continue to succeed." However, in order to achieve these conditions for success "you have to also work with faculty and provide developmental and leadership opportunities, so that ultimately we all participate in a collaborative process. Such a process encourages school-wide participation while recognizing individual strengths, from both the student and the teacher."

"A child-centered educational environment requires a framework that supports hands-on exploration and encourages a natural evolution to occur. Such a framework was established last year with the inauguration of our Student Achievement Centre" says Scott Armstrong. "An effective child-centered environment works best when directed by a person who understands the nature of differentiated instruction and the need to lead the faculty through this process, so that St. George's will remain innovative and relevant."

Michel Lafrance, when interviewed for this article, began by stating that "I think that my previous experiences were almost tailor-

made in preparing me for this position at St. George's. My vision of student life is that I want every student to be involved in extra and co-curricular activities. My first priority will be to identify the needs, interests and skills of each student and to then connect them with one of the many programmes and activities that are offered. It is our intention to encourage involvement, maximize opportunities and reward participation."

Mr. Lafrance is also very committed to community life and service programmes including environmental and global awareness.

To further support student life initiatives, Michel has begun a dialogue with parents to further facilitate a process that will include parental feedback while enlisting volunteers from the parent community in support of student life activities.

The entire St. George's community has welcomed Scott and Michel and look forward to the many exciting initiatives they will introduce.

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While adapting to the times, Marianopolis has been providing students with quality education and has never sacrificed its commitment to academic excellence.

The diverse student body at Marianopolis is made up of 1,700 students drawn from more than 150 high schools, both English and French, from across Quebec, Canada and abroad.

Marianopolis is proud of the size and dynamism of its community. By this time next year, the college will be returning home. The new campus will build on these qualities and provide an environment where students gain maximum enjoyment and benefit from their stay.

An interesting historical perspective about the Marianopolis move to Westmount in 2007 is that, from 1926 to 1943, the college was located in the former Collège Marguerite Bourgeoys at 4873 Westmount Avenue at the top of Claremont, just a few kilometres from the present location.

Reasons for moving include a desire to further enrich the college's learning environment, while not increasing the number of students. The new building will offer a marked increase in space for classrooms, physical education, art and music, as well as state-of-the-art science and computer labs.

While more room in teachers' offices will improve student-teacher interaction, the beautiful grounds at Marianopolis's new campus will offer students the opportunity to enjoy the pleasures of the outdoors, whether for sports activities or just to stroll among the beautiful trees to get away from the hectic pace of the day.

The college will be holding an **OPEN HOUSE**

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The variety of extra-curricular options for students keeps growing at Herzliah. Seen here is a scene from last year's English play, *Hamlet Cha Cha Cha*, which was staged at the Corona Theater.

"There is a terrific buzz in the air, here at Herzliah," says new Herzliah Snowdon Principal, Ellie Grumberg. "We are very excited about our new programs which have been created to offer an even wider variety of learning experiences to our students."

Da'at: New, innovative Jewish Studies program

The school's new innovative Jewish Studies program, called Da'at (an acronym for the Hebrew words for knowledge, experience and insight), incorporates Hebrew with English or French as languages of learning and will be offered at the Secondary I level for the 2007-8 school year.

"Herzliah now has a program to meet the needs and interests of all students- those with or without Jewish day school experience," adds Mrs. Grumberg.

To move the learning out of the text book and into real life, a new Judaic Life Coordinator will be exposing students to the warmth, spirituality and beauty of Judaism through shabbatonim, special projects, guest speakers and the application of tikun olam."

New middle school and resource programs

Headed by new Cycle One Coordinator, Michelle Toledano, the new middle school will also offer:

- Teacher advisors to help bridge the gap between elementary and high school.
- A two day off-site retreat for Secondary I students where they will get to know each other and their advisors while participating in fun team building activities.
- RAP, a program that complements student learning styles through classroom support, teaching sound organizational practices and study skills.

Vice Principal Linda Leiberman remains focused on the senior grades, developing programs to foster a strong school spirit and ensuring that the students take advantage of the vast choice of extracurricular initiatives.

"It's a great new time for Herzliah," states school President Arthur Silber. "I have four children in the school, each with their own interests and strengths. I am so pleased that there is so much here to ensure that their high school years go beyond academic excellence to include an enriching and spiritually fulfilling experience."

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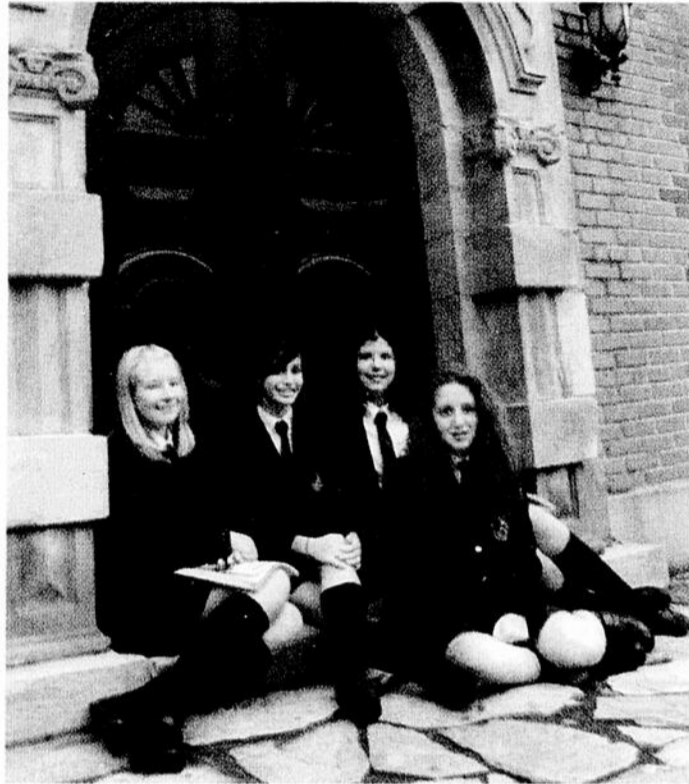
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For example, Trafalgar is Canada's annual representative at the World School Forum based in Japan. We offer annual student exchanges to countries like Germany and England, and we host such events as the North American High School Debating Championships. Our annual World of Women event, community service program, media literacy, national award winning teachers: these are only a few of innovative ways our school broadens the worldview of our girls.

While 20% of our students live in Westmount, the majority of Trafalgar girls come from all over the Montreal region. This, combined with our extensive bursary programme, allows for a remarkable cultural and socio-economic diversity at Trafalgar. Join us as we continue to move forward.

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What's New At The Priory?



A new school year is always full of excitement and aspirations for the future and this is especially true this year at The Priory! With the retirement of much loved principal John Marinelli, a new era is about to begin under the stewardship of Mrs. Deborah Heuff. Mrs. Heuff brings with her, experience as both an administrator and resource teacher as well as an educational philosophy of putting children first, teaching to the whole child and fostering positive moral character development. This is completely aligned with the mission and values of The Priory, an independent, co-educational, catholic elementary school.

This year, under Mrs. Heuff's direction, The Priory will implement the AIM (Accelerated Integrated Method) French program from Kindergarten to Grade 4 and has significantly increased French instruction time at the Kindergarten level. This will enhance the strong French program that is already in place. With children always a priority and their safety a first concern, Mrs. Heuff has overseen the installation of a special artificial turf on the school's soccer pitch, which is sure to delight both students and their parents. In addition, this year's "facelift" of the Library and the computerization of its contents, will make this special space all the more inviting and useful. A much anticipated new component of the Physical Education program has also been completed this summer - a state of the art climbing wall that will be enjoyed by students of all ages.

So - what's new at The Priory? Plenty!

Come and see for yourself at the Open House on

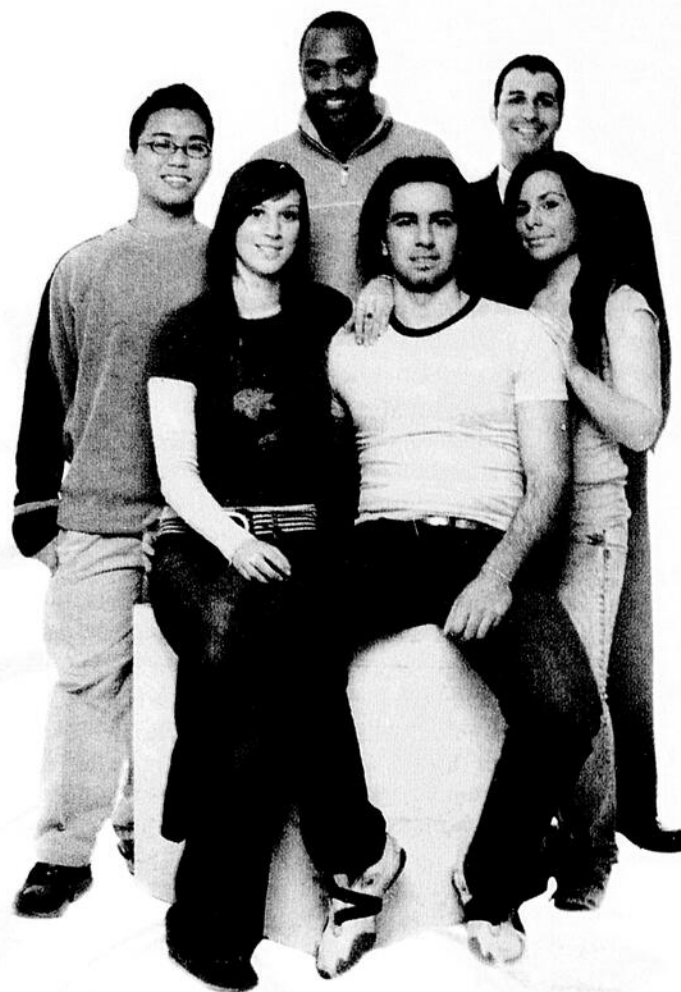
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In early 2006, we launched our Strategic Plan 2006 - 2011 to ensure that our students continue to benefit from individual attention, stimulating programs and unsurpassed services. Centennial Academy offers a comprehensive and stimulating academic curriculum that focuses on preparing students for success in their future. We ensure that all students receive an education designed to support their development by providing a range of co-curricular opportunities. In a small classroom setting our faculty and staff provide the individual attention that students need to achieve success.

CENTENNIAL COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

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Summer and fall enrolment is limited to just 65 campers per session. With Sans Souci's popularity growing every year, the Sedgwicks ensure individual attention by keeping each session small.

"We establish and value a personal relationship," says Don Sedgwick. This explains why so many young riders in each session are return campers.

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Improvements completed, Selwyn House focuses on the future

With the last phase of the Selwyn House School's facilities improvement program finally over, the school's administration is developing a new focus: restoring the Selwyn House endowment.

Over the last four years, the Selwyn House campus has been renewed in the first major renovation and expansion project to take place there since 1986.

The program, costing \$18 million, is seen as key to Selwyn House's maintaining its existing level of excellence, while attracting and retaining top level students.

Because the size of the student population has remained the same, the improvements are enabling Selwyn House to deliver its educational program more effectively and efficiently in a better teaching and learning environment.

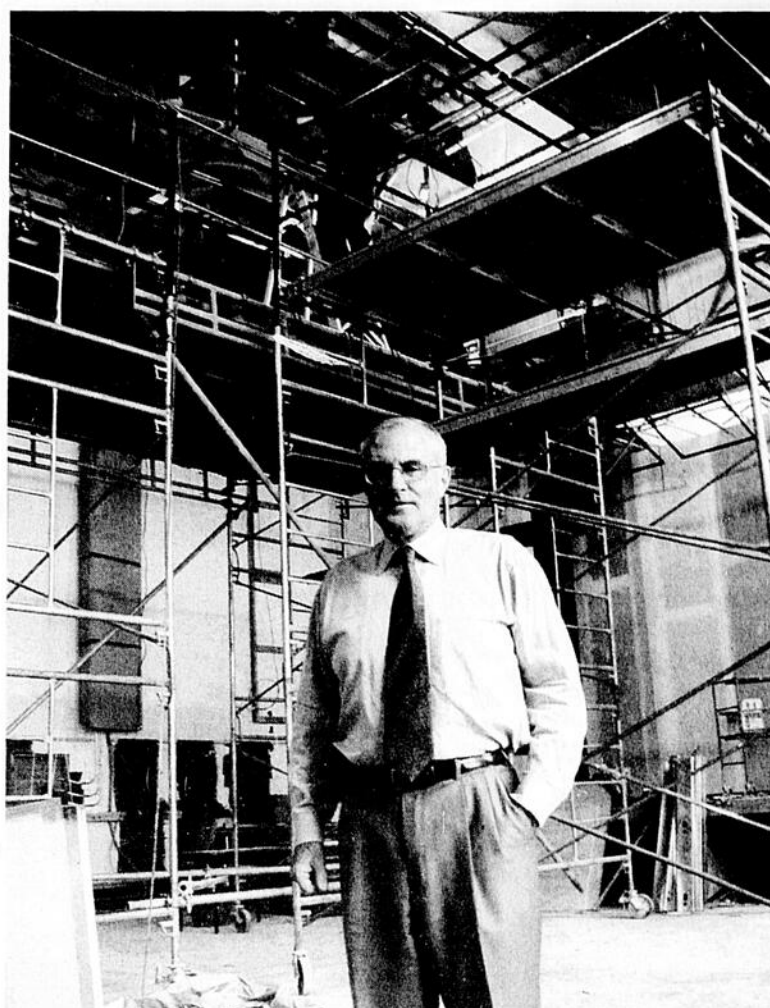
"As we know, every once in a while you have to add a room and renovate your house," says William Mitchell, Headmaster of Selwyn House. "That's what we've had to do here. It was time for us to address our facilities. We've now done that very significantly and we are getting on with the other strategic objective, which is to build the financial strength of the school."

As part of Selwyn House's improvement program, floor space was expanded by 40 per cent overall. In addition, there are now larger classrooms, a Learning Centre with a modern library including an integrated computer centre, a new underground gymnasium, study areas for individuals and small groups, and a new combined cafeteria/auditorium.

The Learning Centre's study spaces are enabling students and teachers to interact informally. Tutoring can take place, students can work together on projects, and visiting authors can speak to small gatherings. Among the new educational technologies incorporated into the school are interactive Smart Boards, which combine the simplicity of a whiteboard with the power of a computer.

The students' computer labs were situated within the Learning Centre, thereby consolidating information resources at one location and reinforcing the Internet's role as the pre-eminent tool for research and discovery. In the last phase, new kitchen facilities and the new cafeteria/auditorium are being completed for the upcoming school year.

With the renovation program over, planning for building endow-



ment is in its early stages. Currently between 10 and 12 per cent of Selwyn House students are on financial assistance. The school would like to increase that number to 20 per cent.

"The importance of building endowment is so that we can ensure that we can continue to enroll mission-appropriate students and, therefore, having financial assistance, make sure that our student body is diversified," says Mr. Mitchell.

Besides fundraising, Selwyn House will be focusing on other priorities over the coming months. New teachers are being integrated onto the staff, there is also a new director of the senior school, a new director of admission, a new director of alumni, and a new director of annual giving.

Also this year, the Selwyn House faculty will be occupied with an evaluation the school will undergo in conjunction with the Canadian Educational Standards Institute. The institute will be sending a committee onto the school campus in late April.

Selwyn House teachers will be developing their own self-evaluation, which the visiting committee will then read and comment on and make recommendations. "The focus of that whole effort is to make good schools better," says Mr. Mitchell.

Finally, Selwyn House will be continuing a project begun several years ago - the integration of the Quebec Ministry of Education's curriculum reform, which emphasizes student-centred learning. According to Mr. Mitchell, the school will be putting special effort and focus into implementing the reform and monitoring its effectiveness.



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Today, 91 years later, the all-girls independent school, occupying several former homes on The Boulevard, boasts an enrollment of more than 400 students from kindergarten through to grade 11 and is renowned for offering an enriched curriculum that challenges students to think critically, communicate clearly and be active participants in their own learning experience. Parents who send their daughters to The Study praise the school's nurturing environment, Elementary School bilingual program (where days are divided equally between French and English), small classes and excellent teaching staff. With a maximum of 20 students per class in the Senior School and 18 students per class at the elementary level, the girls excel quickly and get plenty of individual attention.

"The slogan of The Study's new advertising campaign - The World Needs Great Women - reflects our goal: to give each girl the skills, the confidence and the desire to become a great woman. And we do this by giving students an opportunity to express themselves as scholars, as athletes, as artists and as leaders," says The Study's Head of School, Elizabeth Falco. "Rather than focusing strictly on academic excellence, we seek to foster human excellence - by enhancing classroom learning with activities such as sports and recreational pursuits, music concerts, drama productions,

debating, outdoor education and community service."

These co-curricular activities, together with regular assemblies and special events, help students develop many of the strengths they will need to be successful adults: emotional intelligence, creative problem solving and analytical skills, cognitive skills, such as research, organizational and time management skills; interpersonal skills, such as cooperation, teamwork and leadership and values such as persistence, courage and responsibility. Virtually all of the school's graduates go on to pursue a post-secondary education and among its alumnae are three Rhodes scholars and numerous doctors, engineers, professors, lawyers, filmmakers and architects.

"The Study prepared me very well for the chapters that have come after," says alumna Jessica Tory, who graduated in 2000. This past spring Jessica was awarded a degree in film studies from Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and is now working in New York City on the Entertainment Finance team at Merrill Lynch. "I learned a lot of valuable skills at The Study, but the most important was just being comfortable in my own skin."

"Every girl deserves an opportunity to realize her full potential, to draw on her talents and discover new ones, in an environment where she feels valued," says Ms. Falco. "At The Study, girls are encouraged to step outside their comfort zones and try activities where success is not guaranteed. By taking risks, girls gain confidence in their abilities, develop resilience, and learn to stand up for what they believe in."

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SCHOOL DAYS are here again!

Welcome to the education beat

> Noah Sidel

As the new school session kicks off all across the neighbourhood, we at The Examiner have decided to kick off a new feature of our own: a weekly education column featuring the latest stories, happenings and general info about your local public and private schools.

Westmount is a major hub for English-language primary and secondary educational institutions, with several private schools in the area, a few public institutions, and Quebec's biggest CEGEP right on its doorstep.

Even the English Montreal School Board itself is not far away, located in neighbouring NDG.

Within the friendly confines of Westmount are at least five major English-language private schools including The Study, Selwyn House School, ECS, St. George's, and The Priory. These schools are all Montreal institutions, and mentioned among them should be nearby Sacred Heart as well.

As for public schools, the EMSB's Westmount Park and Westmount High both bring a substantial amount of kids into the area from other neighbourhoods, while Roslyn is the preeminent local elementary.

Dawson College is located partly in and mostly out of Westmount, taking up the full city block comprised of Wood on the west, Sherbrooke to the north, Atwater on the east

and de Maisonneuve to the south.

Marianopolis College is also a Westmount/downtown feature, with its campus located on Côte des Neiges Road not far from the heart of the town.

Throughout the school year, the Examiner Education Beat will focus on events and activities, interesting programs and initiatives, and on the most important thing of all: the students.

Please make a point of keeping us updated as to what's going on at your school, whether you're a student, teacher, administrator or parent, and we'll do our best to make sure to get the message out.

This feature will also delve deep into the controversial Bill 104 legislation that is being fought by private school representatives on behalf of many of the aforementioned institutions.

Drivers should use their brains near schools

An interesting thing occurs as of the first day of school every year, and this year was no exception: people forget how to drive.

The reason this is relevant in the Examiner Education Beat is it's important people know that not only are the police watching closely, but simply put, lives and property are in danger.

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Without getting into a play-by-play on people's driving skills, it's a wonder no one has been killed yet by speeding parents and other morning commuters just a couple of days into the 2006-07 year.

Westmount's Station 12 police can clearly be counted on, however, to at least try to prevent anything serious from happening – just last Friday, for example, I witnessed them

pull over a few dozen speeders on The Boulevard just as kids were being brought in for class.

Sure, cops tend to give an extra 10 km an hour or so in a 40 or 50 zone, but it's just dangerous and stupid to be rolling at double the speed limit in a school zone during the morning drop-off hour.

Here's to wishing Station 12's officers the best of luck during the school year in punish-

ing people who put lives in danger.

Westmount High's numbers are up

Back when I was at Wagar High School in the mid-to-late-'90s, the 'high' in Westmount High's name seemed to stand for more of a physical state than a reference to a type of secondary education.

In recent years, however, the school seems to have cleaned up its reputation and has a

different kind of high going on: high enrollment.

In past years, WHS alumni wondered if their alma mater was forever tarnished. The closure of other English Montreal School Board institutions – including my own alma mater – seems to have helped the local public high school, however.

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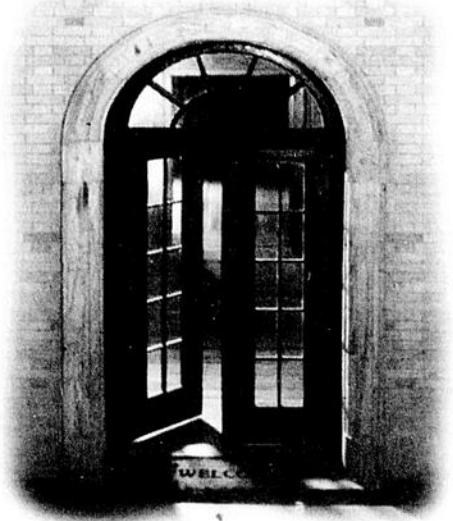
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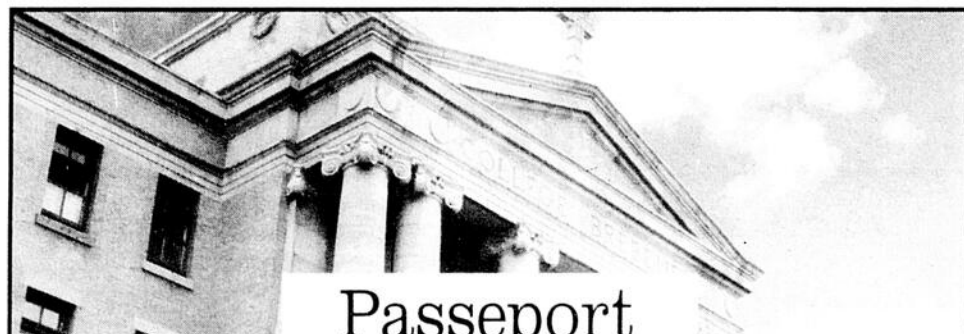


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Lacrosse comes to Westmount this Saturday

McGill's finest players host clinic in Westmount Park

> Noah Sidel

Canada's other national sport will take centre stage this Saturday as Westmount Park will play host to McGill Universities men's and women's teams in a local lacrosse showcase.

"The women will start Saturday morning from 9:30 to 11, followed by a clinic for kids and any other Westmount residents interested in learning the game from 11 to noon," said the event's organizer, Westmount resident Tim Murdoch.

"The women will actually be playing against some of their alumni, because the women's team has been helping us to start a league in Westmount and we want to show them off a bit," he added.

"We're trying to bring the game to Westmount like we did with the recreational league we had in the spring. They played in King George Park, and there were about 30 kids, including eight girls."

The game, he said, is catching on with boys and girls despite differences in play.

"The women's sport is quite different from the men's. The men's is more like hockey on the field with more contact and hitting, the women's game is more technical and graceful. You even notice a difference at the age of eight or nine," he said.

Murdoch is leading a revival of the game

in the area—part of what he said is a greater trend across the province.

"Lacrosse is Canada's national sport, and it started in Montreal. We're seeing a renaissance of the game in the city and we want to see the sport alive and well," he said.

"We're seeing it across the province. In 2001, for example, there were basically no teams in Quebec. Now we have both Bishop's and McGill playing in the national university league with eight other teams. There's also a Maritimes league that will be joining up with us and we'll have as many as 18 teams in the near future," said Murdoch, who actually was born and raised in Princeton, New Jersey. He now coaches at McGill and wants lacrosse to take its place on the local sports scene.

"Lacrosse never died in Ontario; there are something like 40,000 registered players there. I think in the case of Quebec, there's just recently been a renewed interest because of a couple of universities and a few CEGEPs and high schools playing."

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Monday, Sept. 11

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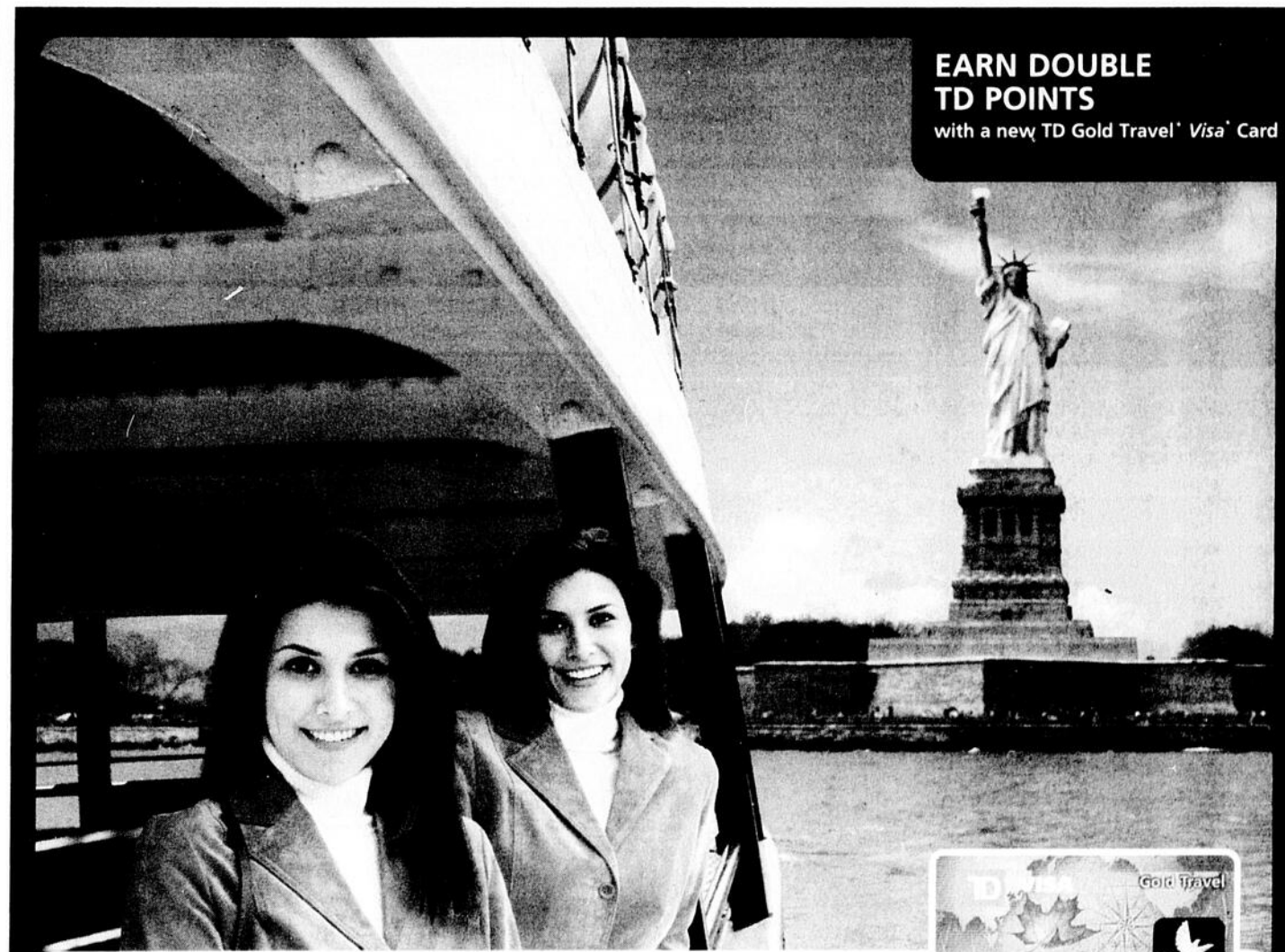
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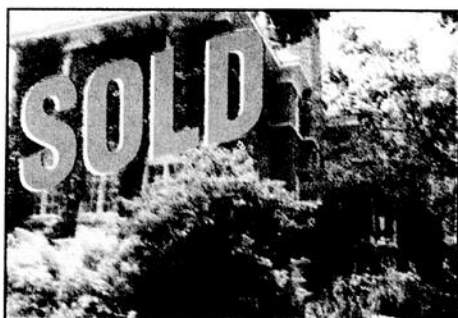


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