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Close competition

The Westmount Lawn Bowling green was bustling with activity last Saturday as Westmount hosted the annual Governor General's Competition, in which bowlers from Quebec faced off against their neighbours from Ontario. And the competition was very close indeed. When the dust settled, the Quebec men won 51-50, and the Ontario women won 54-52. Photo: Stanley Baker

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Drury, Ikeman step up

Martin C. Barry

The race for Westmount city council heated up this week with word that lifelong Westmounter Victory Drury is seriously considering making a run, while Ste. Catherine Street resident Gary Ikeman has confirmed that his name will also be on the Nov. 1 ballot.

"I'm giving it very serious consideration; there are just a couple of things that have to be settled," Drury told the Examiner, adding that he would be in a better position to confirm his decision later this week.

"I've been an active member of this community for several decades now, and it's a

community that I hold very near and dear to my heart," Drury said. "I think the time has come for me to step up to the plate and play a public role. I have always felt that being an elected representative is the highest calling of all, and I think my time is now."

While this would be the first time Drury runs for public office, it is well known that he has served more than once as an advisor and organizer for several leading local political figures, including former mayors Peter Trent and Karin Marks. He is the son of former Westmount Liberal MP and cabinet minister Charles Drury.

Should he decide to run, Drury said it could be for the District 1 seat currently

occupied by city councillor Patrick Martin.

Martin has previously stated he will be seeking a second term. Drury said he might also consider other districts, depending on the circumstances.

"I'm looking seriously at District 1, but any other that may become open, as well," he said. "Until that is established, I'm not in a position to declare. That's what I want to settle, obviously: where I'm going to be running."

While Martin and Trent are both potential candidates for the mayoralty, neither has made a formal declaration so far.

When asked if he was taking a position with regards to the mayoralty race, Drury replied,

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Pedestrians take advantage of 'diagonal' intersections



Pedestrians can safely cross diagonally at Sherbrooke and Victoria, as well as Sherbrooke and Claremont. Photo: Martin C. Barry

Martin C. Barry

Although the City of Westmount has taken special measures allowing pedestrians to navigate some of its busiest intersections using diagonal crosswalks, new 'X'-shaped

markings on the street may not be painted any time soon.

While Westmount has not gone to great lengths publicizing it, for several years now the Sherbrooke Street traffic lights at the corners of Victoria and Claremont avenues have been synchronized to lock on red long

enough for pedestrians to cross safely to the diagonal corner.

In this way, they can safely make their way directly through the middle, rather than having to go to one corner first, before proceeding to the next. "Pedestrian scrambles," as diagonal crosswalks are also known in some parts of the world, have been in use for decades in areas of the United States and in western Canada.

Last year, they started to be adopted in some neighbourhoods of Toronto. In that city, the intersection of Yonge and Dundas streets has a diagonal crosswalk, and more are expected to follow.

"This has been in place for a couple of years," Director General Duncan Campbell said of Westmount's first two diagonal crosswalks. "All four directions are signalled

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Ville de Westmount
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AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné aux électeurs de la ville de Westmount que :

1° conformément à la Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités (L.R.Q., chapitre E-2.2), une élection générale doit être tenue à Westmount le 1^{er} novembre 2009;

2° à cette occasion, les postes suivants sont ouverts aux candidatures :

- maire;
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- conseiller du district n° 2;
- conseiller du district n° 3;
- conseiller du district n° 4;
- conseiller du district n° 5;
- conseiller du district n° 6;
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- conseiller du district n° 8;

3° toute déclaration de candidature à l'un ou l'autre des postes ouverts doit être produite au bureau du soussigné, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount aux jours et aux heures suivants :

- du vendredi 18 septembre au jeudi 1^{er} octobre 2009 de 8 h 30 à 12 h et de 13 h à 16 h 30; et

- le vendredi 2 octobre 2009 de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30;

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2. The following positions are open for nominations:

- Mayor;
- Councillor for District No. 1;
- Councillor for District No. 2;
- Councillor for District No. 3;
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- Councillor for District No. 5;
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- Councillor for District No. 7;
- Councillor for District No. 8;

3. Every nomination paper for these positions shall be filed at the office of the Returning Officer located at 4333 Sherbrooke St. West in Westmount, on the following days and at the following times:

- Friday, September 18 to Thursday, October 1, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and

- Friday, October 2, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

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OPINION

Is Ignatieff eyeing Christmas at no. 24?



WAYNE LARSEN
Commentary

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...And they're off! Well, at least Michael Ignatieff is.

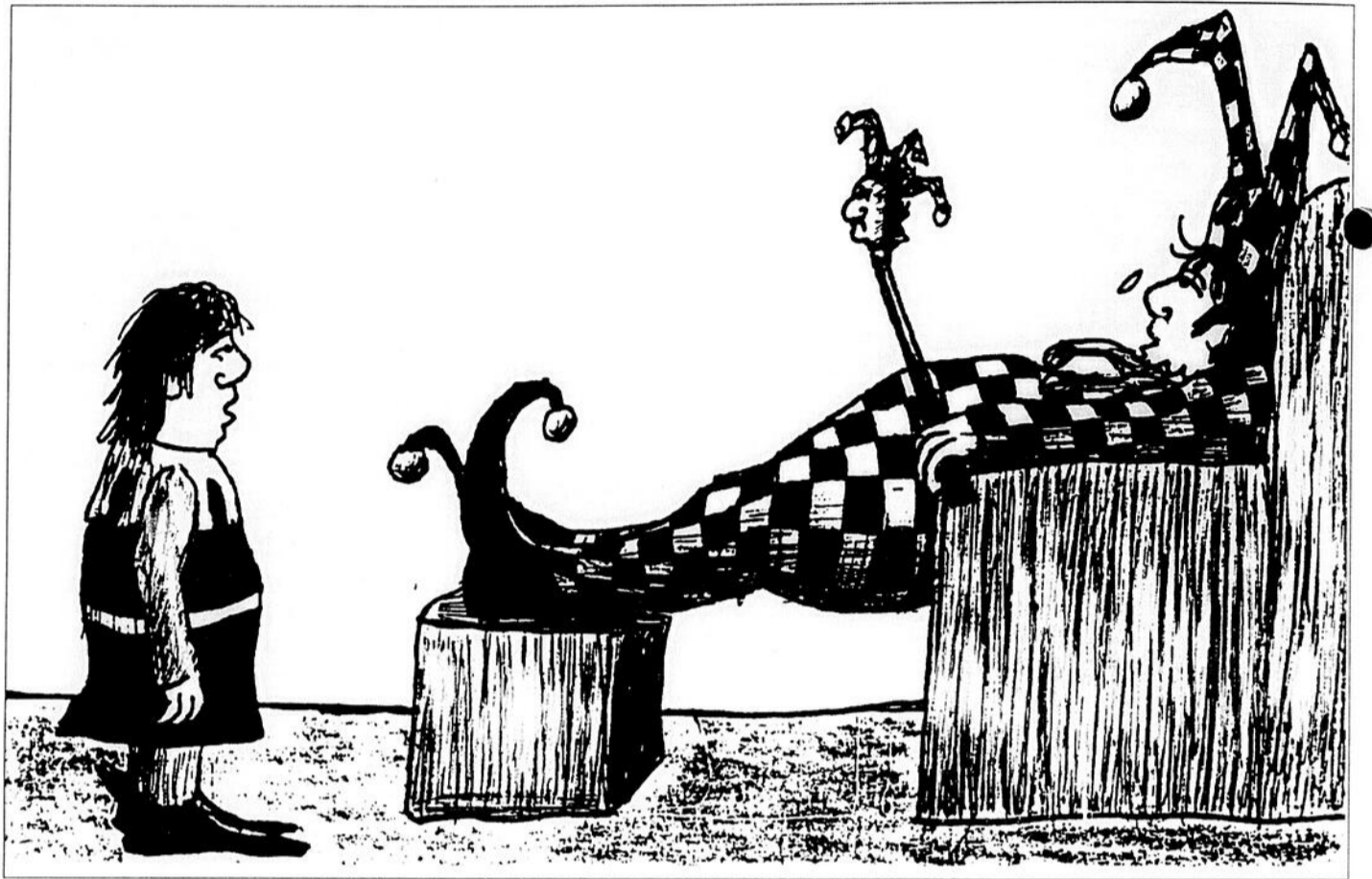
The Great White Hope of the federal Liberals' comeback push is out of the gates and already heading for the homestretch, never mind that he probably doesn't even have all his back-bench candidates in place across the country, never mind that an election hasn't even been called.

You have to admire the zeal demonstrated by the big red machine as the nation braces itself for yet another federal election. And if Ignatieff and his strong team of Liberal cohorts have their way, we will all be going to the polls again long before the first snow-storm. This is hardly an appealing thought for those of us still trying to readjust to the end of summer, but as election talk increases on Parliament Hill, the more likely we are to see those all-too familiar posters and placards lashed to every pole and light standard before the first Christmas lights and inflatable Santas take over the urban landscape.

Ignatieff recently unleashed a series of TV ads, in both official languages, that cannot be taken as anything but a preliminary strike against the Harper government and, by obvious extension, the first move in an all-out effort to topple the Conservatives in a fall election. If all goes according to plan, Ignatieff will be able to roll out the Stornoway welcome mat for the Harpers and be happily ensconced on Sussex Drive in time for Christmas.

Under the deceptively simple slogan "We can do better," the Liberals are pushing a multi-tiered message — that Canada can improve its reputation and beef up its presence on the world stage, that Canadians can do better by electing the Liberals rather than Conservatives, and, of course, that the Liberals can do a much better job of running the country than the Harper government has done so far. Yes, we can all do better — and according to some recent opinion polls, the Liberals can do a lot better in the eyes of the Canadian public. This naturally makes Ignatieff's current media blitz all the more necessary and effective.

The first volley has been fired across Harper's bow. We await his reaction, knowing that we could wake up any morning to the smiling faces of local Liberal candidates on every pole in the city.



"Rough day in court?"

The appendix: Not just for ruptures anymore



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Until now, we've largely considered the appendix to be a useless remnant of evolution. Just a slimy, passive sac that takes up space and gets infected on occasion. Sounds like a few of my ex-boyfriends actually. All these years, we've been yanking out appendixes like garden weeds. But now scientists think they've discovered that the darn thing actually serves a purpose.

They say the appendix could be the place where our 'good' bacteria hangs out until it's needed to tackle infection in the gut. For example, after a wicked bout of the poops

(and here I've been relying on bananas and soda crackers). The appendix is essentially a mason jar of probiotics. Ready to fight off the bad stuff. Some information goes so far as to say the appendix "can help make, direct and train white blood cells". It's a little army recruit program down there.

Got me to thinking about some other body parts we consider "useless," the spleen, for one. Sure, we can live without it, but studies show it might have the power to heal damaged hearts (oh, this is sooo going to put Delilah at Night out of work). And have you ever really thought about your 'tailbone', as other than something that hurts like a mo fo when you land on it? What if that part of our species development is just on pause and we all wake up one morning hanging from the eaves by our newly-sprouted tails?

I was a kid who managed to dodge a tonsillectomy back in the day. But we now know that tonsils can filter some bad germs from entering the body. Maybe I've got a

special H1N1 filtration pocket in my tonsil meat. Or, maybe tonsils are on an evolutionary path and in a few years, will be able to catch swear words before they come out of our mouths.

You know that groove under your nose and above your lip? The scientific name is the "philtrum" but my grandpa always referred to it as "where to put the butter when you eat corn on the cob". Now, I'm not so sure he was fibbing. What happens if a few years from now, we realize that male nipples can do stuff..like light up? No more need for book lights or groping your through the dark for a 2 a.m. bathroom break. And while we're at it, how 'bout that dangly thing at the back of your throat? Or ear lobes? Wisdom teeth? Hairy backs. Cankles? Can they be kick-started into functioning somehow? They can't ALL be just a cruel joke on humanity can they?

Anyway, the appendix. Not such a useless organ after all. But here's the big question: if the appendix is so full of "good bacteria", how come it gets infected all the time?

Apparently because of our sanitary lifestyles. We don't challenge our immune systems enough. We live in a crystal clean, bacteria-free bubble. So when a bad germ does get in, the appendix overreacts and causes inflammation. Isn't that crazy? We're too clean! We've gotta muck it up a bit....so go play in the dirt would ya? Go lick some doorknobs, go ride the metro naked....it's all in the name of evolution, dammit!

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Old NEWS from the archives
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Ten Years Ago
September 9, 1999

POT LUCK: "The yard of Roslyn School will be turned into a huge picnic area this evening as residents gather for a pot luck supper and block party beginning at 6 p.m. Organized by Grosvenor Avenue residents Mary Hooper and Johann Sadegursky, the party is the latest in a series of community fundraising events to support the Westmount Historical Association's train station project. Donations to the project will be accepted, and an original Joan Graham art photo will be raffled off at \$2 per ticket. All proceeds will go towards the WHA's community fundraising campaign, chaired by Lillian Léonard.

Fifteen Years Ago
September 8, 1994

ACTION! ON GREENE: "There were lights, cameras and a lot of action at the corner of Greene Avenue and Ste. Catherine Street on Tuesday, although the film crew wasn't here in Westmount to catch a bit of Canadiana on celluloid. In fact, they were shooting footage for a British television commercial, featuring actor Bob Hoskins, the spokesman for British Telecom. They chose Greene Avenue because, well, it looks so downright British."

Twenty Years Ago
September 7, 1989

HEATED MEETING: "Citizens hounded city council for lack of consultation on dogs and demolition Tuesday night, calling for the resignation of Councillor Rhoda Vineberg from the demolition committee for alleged unethical conduct. The first public council meeting after the summer erupted into a sometimes fiery exchange between citizens and council on both issues. One of the hottest moments of the meeting came near the start when a Greene avenue merchant stated Coun. Vineberg should resign as one of the three demolition committee judges. Dog owners applauded loudly as speakers said they felt betrayed by council's camera decision to rescind winter dog freedom in parks. They accused council of swinging the pendulum away from consultation but they failed to prevent final approval of restricting legislation."

Wine series comes to Westmount

Owain Harris

Savouring a good wine can be one of life's finer pleasures, but many of us are unaware of how to best enhance our vino experience.

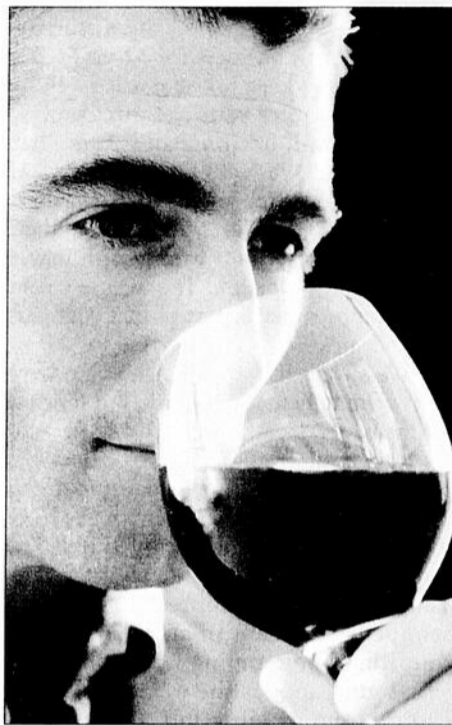
For those eager to do so, opportunity is coming this fall. Beginning Sept. 30, Nick Hamilton's five-session series 'Better Understanding of Wine' will commence at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom.

Hamilton, a well-known wine consultant, has been teaching courses on the subject since 1985. This will be the first time the Temple will be hosting one of his events.

"We're really excited," says Temple Program Director Anita Bensabat. "The course [will cover] a sophisticated array of subject matter."

The series is aimed at beginners. Hamilton will be covering topics that range from the science of winemaking all the way through to the marriage of wine and food.

The course also involves a tasting of three wines per session accompanied by



informative product knowledge.

"[Participants will] be able to get a really good grip of how to taste wine, describe it, and perceive it," says Hamilton. His goal is not only for the course to be enjoyable, but also informative.

Ralph Rothstein took the series a few years ago and liked it so much he will be taking it again with his wife.

"[The course] is very informative and not too over your head," says Rothstein. Today, instead of going to a restaurant and not being sure of what selection to order, he says he values the experience of having a glass of wine with his dinner and "knowing" the product.

There is room for up to 30 people to register. This is an increase from the usual number of participants, but allows for the course to be offered at about half of its usual price. The fee is \$125 per person for the five-session series. Reservations must be made by Sept. 21 by calling 514-937-3575 ext. 212 or anita@templemontreal.ca

Cheers for the Underdog

Marta Samuel

Old, ugly and unpopular—not exactly the words you want to hear when you are searching for a new dog. But man's best friend still needs company and now a charitable organization is trying to find them a home.

Until Sept. 27, the Underdog Club is



hosting a live dog and photo gallery at 4922 Sherbrooke St. W. to find homes for these hard-to-place, homeless canines.

The event is a first of its kind in Montreal. Underdog founder Fern Breslaw is overwhelmed with the community's support. "The main objective is getting people involved and making homeless dogs

more attractive and accessible to the community," Breslaw said.

The live dog and photo gallery will be completely staffed by volunteers from the community, and local schools and organizers are encouraging children to get involved.

One hundred per cent of the proceeds will go to local shelters, including Sophie's Dog Adoption, Gerdy's Rescues and Adoptions, the Montreal SPCA and Beirut for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (BETA). Breslaw believes that Westmount businesses have truly made the event possible. "[They] have been phenomenal with their support and financial services," she said.

Sophie Fournier, owner of Sophie's Dog Adoption, works in collaboration with

BETA. "There are few perfect dogs that I take in — most are ugly and have behavioral or health issues, but now they all will get a chance," she said.

Photographer Jaime LeBlanc looks forward to the future of the event. "I'm in it for the long haul. It's a great pleasure to work with the dogs and the shelters involved," she said.

Expectations are high for the gallery's success. Both Breslaw and LeBlanc are hoping the fundraiser can become an annual event. "It would be nice to do it somewhere beyond Westmount to include all of Montreal," Breslaw said. "A lot of people care about animals and they are seeing the need."

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Westmount's Cantor Bakery an update on a good thing



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Briefly Bram

Growing up in NDG, I was very lucky to have a Cantor Bakery in my neighbourhood, on Cote St. Luc Road, corner Walkley. The place was Neverland for we kids, walking in on a yellow brick road to find a magic kingdom's worth of candy, Bazooka Joe bubble gum, popsicles and Space Bars I hungrily plunked my pennies down to devour.

When I was older, my girlfriend's dad, the late Philip Migicovsky, owned a Cantor in a strip mall on de Salaberry and I worked for him weekends for one glorious year during which I snacked my way through his éclairs, mocha squares and milles feuilles on my breaks.

Alas, Cantor is today a far less imposing presence on the retail scene, with 20 stores in Montreal and Ottawa, down from 60, although they do sell their labelled products to supermarkets. But you do still come across a Cantor here and there... the

one in Westmount, at 4421 Ste. Catherine St., has been in business for 32 years. But after falling on hard times, it was saved by four partners three years ago this October: Bana Kabbani, her husband Rudy, her mother Souraya Kabbani and Sana Al Jyrian took over the business, renovated it and added product lines, augmenting their always popular Cantor breads with loaves from Premier Moisson. The business next door, CoppAroma, is part of that gorgeous renovation.

"We always had the regulars who have been coming here for 20 years, but now we see many new faces, as well," said Bana. And it's no wonder. In addition to delectable pastries, the shop offers quality coffees, including fancy choices more affordable than those found at the competition: The cappuccino I had was simply outstanding. They also sell great muffins, slushies and scooped ice-cream in summer, hearty soups in winter, piping hot fresh pizzas year-round and feature a Panini of your choice, soup or salad and canned drink special starting at just \$7.99. Their motto "you make the choice, we make it delicious" certainly rings true.

This Cantor also delivers in the immediate area, ensuring the term "service" is more than a buzzword that rings false. Give them a try.



Bana Kabbani and husband Rudy are part of the ownership group that has rejuvenated the Cantor Bakery in Westmount.

One consistent presence at Cantor remains Max Cantor, son of founder Samuel. I remember him well, as he and "Fishel" Migicovsky would often banter on the phone, occasionally arguing over some

fine point, although always with good humour and respect. Now 77 and semi-retired, Cantor is still involved with the company he has since sold to several former employees. We spoke last week and he admitted he sold because it had become too hard to control the independent stores. "Everyone wanted to do their own thing," he said. He also reminisced about the good old days, including how his father had started with a business selling sweets and how Max had expanded it into baked goods ("We sold many wedding and birthday cakes in those days"), how the family had owned the Bucharest establishment across from Moishe's from the 1930s till the mid 1950s, as well as a popular inn in the Laurentians that carried the family name.

I had to ask who was responsible for the iconic poster of a toothless, grinning Eskimo munching on a Cantor bagel with the words "You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy Cantor bagels" on it. "I was," he said. "We found an actual aboriginal man from Frobisher Bay at the Montreal General, recuperating from a broken arm and we offered him some money to pose for the poster."

The rest, as they say, is history, as whimsically nostalgic — or "shappy" — as it may be. Cantor, I'll always love ya!

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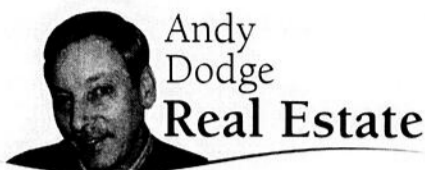
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August sales show encouraging signs



Andy Dodge
Real Estate

Westmount's real estate prices moved up slightly in August, but the upper end of the market still has a way to go before we can say it has fully recovered.

Eight local sales have been posted by Westmount agents in a price range from \$580,000 to \$1,350,000, with four sales at \$1 million or higher and an average price of \$938,625, up from \$902,458 in July. While the adjusted average price of the "typical" Westmount house pushed above \$1.2 million, the problem is that the higher-priced homes simply are not moving, at least so far, while buyers push up the markups for the lower-priced real estate.

So far this year agents have reported 11 sales at \$1.5 million or higher (including four over \$2 million), but only two since April, and none over \$2 million since then. Currently there are 54 houses in Westmount listed for \$1.5 million or more, according to Multiple Listing Service.

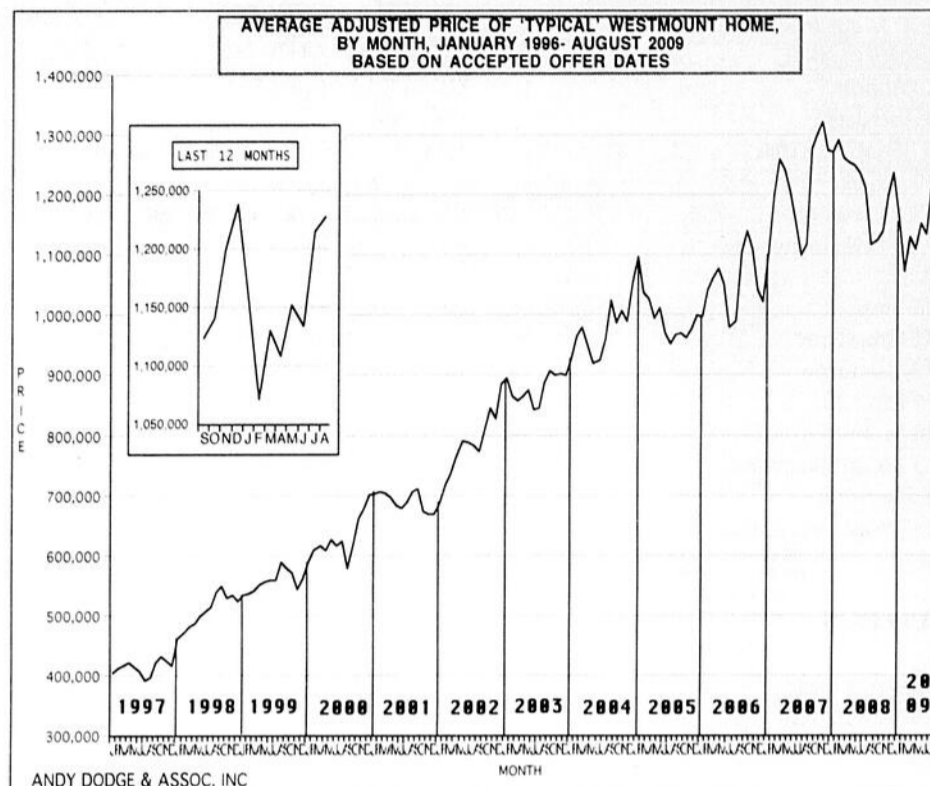
Two condominiums sold in August,

bringing the volume for that market to six in the third quarter of 2009, with an average markup over valuation of 25 per cent, while the one- and two-family average was over 40 per cent.

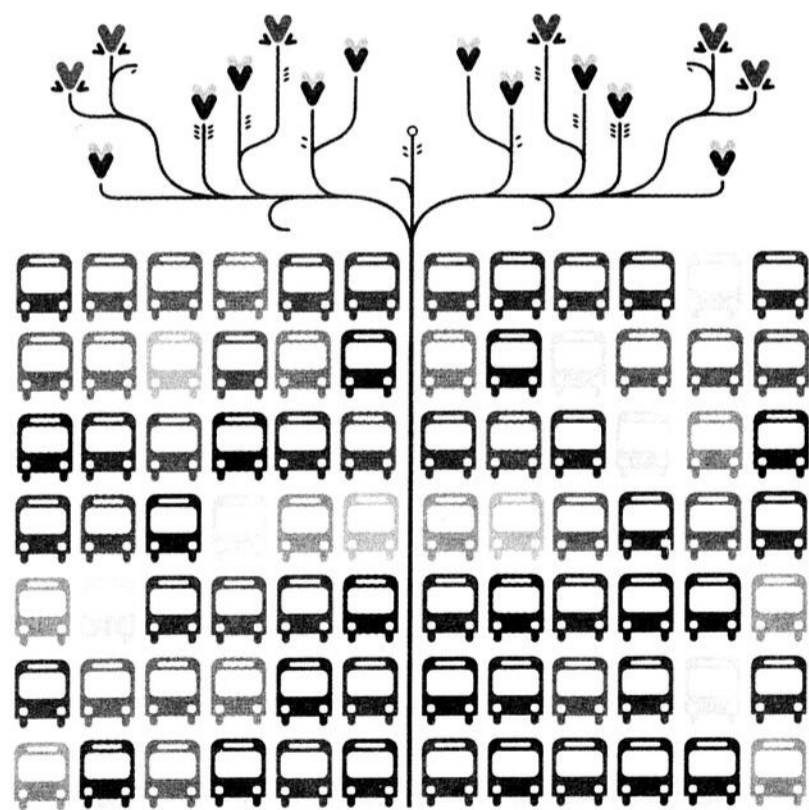
The Trafalgar-Daulac area of Montreal, just east of Westmount city limits, logged three new single-family sales in August, involving houses on Highland, de Breslay and Hill Park Circle. The extra interest there pushed the averages up for that area; for the rest of adjacent-Westmount they remained flat, with one house sale in southern Côte des Neiges and one condo sale in eastern Notre Dame de Grâce.

September usually marks the beginning of the fall mini-market, which means volume should improve between now and November. Whether this means that buyers will settle on prices for the higher-priced properties in Westmount remains to be seen. Volume is still at its lowest point in years, in fact since 1994, just before the Quebec referendum.

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 August, 2009. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices can-



not be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph on this page offers a picture of these trends over time.



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68 Aberdeen	Gary Mintz	Randall Birks & Jeniene (Phillips-Berger) Birks	\$1,532,500	\$1,310,800
55 Belvedere Circle	John W. H. Molson & Susan Molson	Michel Bissonnette	\$1,650,000	\$1,778,500
3284 Cedar	Monica McIntyre	Marcel Behr & Nadia Giannetti	\$1,450,000	\$1,367,000
458 Claremont	Claude Simard & Katia Renaud	Elizabeth Currie	\$745,000	\$519,200
4335 de Maisonneuve	Marie Tremblay	Guilherme Sant'Anna & Ana Maria Guilhon de Araujo	\$1,155,000	\$888,700
426 Elm	Alice Daghararian & Vrej Markarian	Fiducie Alain Zakher	\$978,000	\$850,000
531 Grosvenor	Christoph Schmitz & Susanne Rauter	Guy Casgrain	\$1,450,000	\$1,400,000
26 Melbourne	Raymond Coulombe & Wendy L. Chancey	Alicia Hugessen & Dajan O'Donnell	\$1,260,000	\$945,300
434 Metcalfe	Anthony N. Wilson	Andrew Kerklaan & Jennifer Miller	\$790,000	\$1,017,600
528 Mount Pleasant	Felicia Claire McMullen	Alexander Porritt & Gillian Ritchie	\$1,100,000	\$591,600
463 Mount Stephen	Michael Guy Charles Ellwood	Nicole Senyard & John McArthur	\$955,000	\$851,000
26 Thornhill	Brian Dutch	Gary Dvorkin	\$1,040,000	\$779,000
4697 Westmount Ave.	estate Rachel Cymberg	Manon Venne	\$740,000	\$1,035,400
DUPLEXES				
239-39A Clarke	Nader Hanna & Antonietta di Staulo	William Trihey	\$800,000	\$615,000
328-30 Grosvenor	Roger Yeghayan	Stewart Bitensky & Jamie Amanda Bitensky-Roy	\$753,000	\$412,200
479-81 Lansdowne	Ronald B. Pickering	Guy Lord & Monique Dagenais	\$975,000	\$488,600
CONDOMINIUMS				
343 Clarke, Apt. 4	Alison Murray Cobban & Bruno d'Anglejan Chatillon	Sharon Harvie	\$409,000	\$381,400
399 Clarke, Apt. 4A	John McArthur & Nicole Senyard	Andrew Grove	\$585,000	\$494,700
200 Lansdowne, Apt. 307	Betty Margaret Latimer	Richard Steven Rosenberg & Jean Elizabeth Bethel	\$750,000	\$627,700a
4700 St. Catherine, Apt. 407	Stella Plousos	Ronald Pickering	\$479,000	\$430,900
SMALL APARTMENT BUILDINGS				
499 Elm	David Kalaydjian & John Kalaydjian	Thomas Condi & Blaire Warner	\$1,537,500	\$991,300
LAND SALES				
2 Lots Surrey Gardens	L'Oratoire Saint-Joseph de Montréal	Menagerie Holdings Limited	\$1,815,163	\$1,522,193b
Lot Surrey Gardens	L'Oratoire Saint-Joseph de Montréal	Construction Jean Houde Inc.	\$774,110	\$649,197b
SHARE SALES				
3235-41 St. Antoine, 15.9%	9208-9721 Quebec Inc.	Maja Radovic & Mitar Radovic	\$183,000	\$76,797c

aValuation includes four account numbers, one for apartment at \$544,300 and three for garages at \$27,800 each.

bThe individual lots are part of a group of six lots (total area 3,422.10 square metres) evaluated at \$4,106,500 for a rate of \$1,200 per square metre or \$111.48 per square foot. The two lots involve 1,268.5 square metres, the single lot is 541 square metres.

cSale includes the exclusive use of 3237 St. Antoine. Valuation is 15.9 percent of \$483,000.

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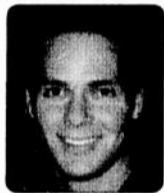
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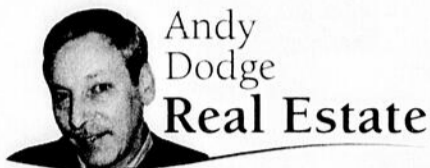
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Volume increased in May



Andy Dodge
Real Estate

Volume picked up in May this year but still stayed below average, and prices continued to lag.

The month saw the sale of lots in one of the only major tracts of land available for residential development in Westmount, on the north end of Surrey Gardens which for many years has been owned by the nearby Oratoire St-Joseph de Montréal. Two transactions were completed in May and more will be included in the June list, land which has yet to see any development activity. A



The north end of Surrey Gardens, where five new homes are expected to be built.

listing was published last month, advertising five houses to be constructed, with prices over \$2 million each.

Volume in May included 14 homes and three duplexes, making 17 one- and two-family dwellings in a month which normally sees about 23 such sales. The lowest price of \$250,000 for 100 Abbott Avenue is the lowest for a single-family dwelling in Westmount since January 2003, when 18 Arlington Avenue sold for

\$197,000. The Abbott property had been on the market for months and looks onto the sound barrier erected by the city next to the CPR railway tracks.

Highest price was \$1,650,000 for 55 Belvedere Circle, which had been owned by the Molson family since it was built in 1926. Still by this point in 2009, no houses have transferred for more than \$2 million; in 2008, some 15 houses sold for more than \$2 million, and certainly there are plenty asking more than that.

The duplex at 479-81 Lansdowne Avenue sold for almost double its municipal assessment, while the cottage at 4697 Westmount Avenue sold from an estate for almost 30 per cent less than its tax value, the biggest markdown of the month. The average markup for one- and two-family dwellings was 16 per cent, down very slightly from the 17-per cent average markup in April but higher than the previous two months. The average price of \$1,036,676 is the highest monthly average so far this year, but substantially less than the \$1,157,915 mark for all of 2008.

Four condominium apartments sold in May for prices ranging from \$409,000 for Apartment 4 at 343 Clarke Avenue to \$750,000 for Apartment 307 at 200 Lansdowne Avenue. The two also represented the lowest and highest markups, respectively, in a fairly tight range from 107 to 119 per cent.

The land sales, which involve the heavily-wooded northeast end of Surrey Gardens, were made for a very exact prices which, on the basis of sizes on the city valuation roll, represent just under \$133 per square foot. There are two contractor's advertisements posted on the property but no effort has been made to clear the land for development yet.

Other sales in May include a small apartment building at 499 Elm Avenue and a 16-percent share of a fourplex on St. Antoine Street, including the exclusive rights to 3237 St. Antoine.

NOTE: The preceding article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in May 2009, provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found on page 8.

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Antique store reopens after improvements

Owain Harris

On Greene Avenue people stop on the sidewalk to gaze through a glass façade. A collection of artifacts from around the world entertains their eyes. This is the antique and jewelry store Lapidarius, and it

has reopened its street-level location with a newly expanded showroom.

The store had been operating temporarily on the building's seventh floor, over the past three months, while renovations were underway. While the upgrade caused some disruption over that period, it appears that it was well worth the trouble.

"We have tripled our space," says owner Maged Tarabouly. "It is not as crowded as before."

While Tarabouly admits he likes the idea of a store that makes antique collectors dig for their finds, this new and more "museum-style" display appears to be paying off.

"Business is up," he says.

"It's like a New York style," says Donya Slobodian, who has been a Lapidarius customer for over 12 years. "Before they had lots of stuff in the window, now it's an open concept."

A walk around the shop feels like a stroll through history. The walls are adorned with Canadian, European, and other international art. Statues are displayed among the antique furniture. Crystal chandeliers and cases of silver glimmer in the light.

"What a difference a million makes," jokes friend Mabel Silva, as she admires the grand transformation. "It's beautiful."

While the interior may have changed, some things will stay the same.

"We [will] continue to do business the way we did it before," says Tarabouly. His family has been running the business since it began in 1919.

In addition to selling antiques, Lapidarius creates custom-made jewelry and is a specialist in estate sales.

A grand re-opening is expected to be held in late September or early October. Lapidarius is located at 1312 Green Ave.

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Healthy City Project hosts swine flu meeting

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The talk will take place next Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 12:30 p.m. at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W.

"Come and avail yourself of authoritative information on this important subject," says Barbara Moore, Healthy City member and former city councillor.

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red, so there is a sort of a free zone there to cross diagonally or normally."

But as for painting in a new layout on the street, Campbell wasn't as certain.

"We haven't really discussed that," he said. "I think that would maybe add more confusion. We're trying to limit the amount of confusion that there is out there. But I believe that elsewhere where there is permission for people to walk across diagonally across the lights, there is no formal marking on the street.

"There may be some signage, but I don't

remember seeing any place where there are lights like this where there's formal markings on the road," he added. "That doesn't mean that it can't be done or it won't be."

He said the city would consider putting up signs to better inform pedestrians of the alternative way to cross.

According to Campbell, Westmount has other intersections in mind for diagonal crosswalks. "I think that we're looking at the corner of Greene and Ste. Catherine," he said, citing Grosvenor and Sherbrooke as another possibility.



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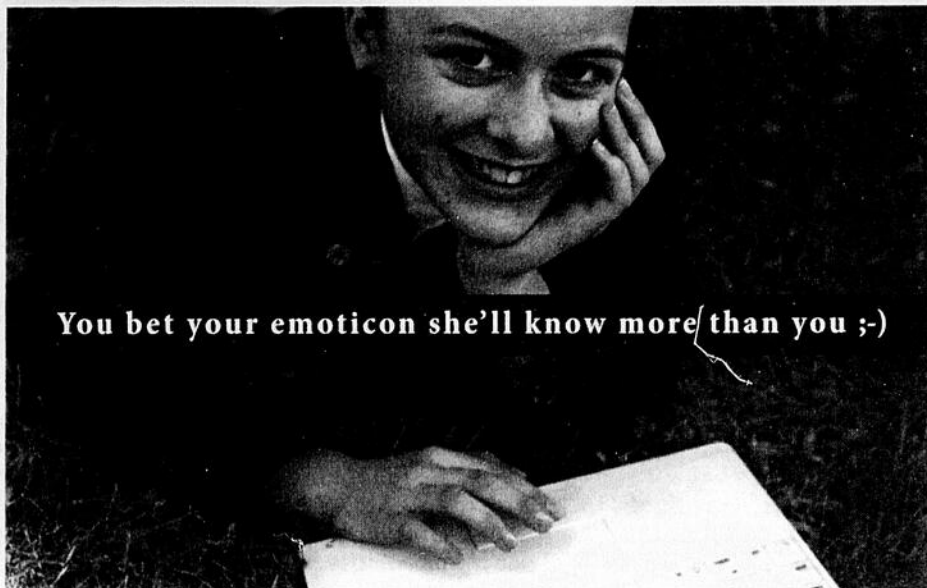
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"The Foundation's mission is to support the College and its students, so we are very happy to be honouring these three promising first-year student as they begin their Marianopolis studies," said Jill de Villafranca, Foundation chair and parent of Katie ('98) and Christine Kostiuk ('02). "This is a wonderful way to recognize their achievements in high school and to support their future endeavours."

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Images of Westmount past

The photographic history of Westmount will be in focus over the next few months as the Westmount Historical Association presents its fall lecture series, 'Viewing Westmount Through Photographs.'

Prepared by Caroline Breslaw and Doreen Lindsay, the series begins on Thursday, Sept. 17, when noted photographer Brian Merrett teams up with activist David Carruthers and urban planner Jason Prince to present 'The Turcot Interchange in Westmount: Then and Now.'

When the Turcot Interchange was built, many homes on Selby Street were demolished. Merrett photographed the Selby Street neighbourhood in 1971 and Carruthers lived in Lower Westmount. They were both part of the Westmount Action Committee at the time. Currently, proposals for the reconstruction of the Turcot are being discussed. Prince is investigating the impact the Turcot could have on the neighbouring communities and will present possible effects the project will have on Westmount.

On Thursday, Oct. 15, the James K. Ward family album will be examined. The Ward family played an important role in early Westmount. Ward was mayor, school commissioner and a wealthy businessman. Gary Aitken will trace the genealogy of the Ward family, explaining the tools available. The James Keeley Ward Album, housed in the WHA archives, will be used by Denis Longchamps to provide information about the Ward family. He will describe the role photographic albums play in learning about the past.

The series continues on Nov. 19 with a look at photographer William Notman, 'Photographer to the Queen', who was born in Paisley, Scotland in 1826. After immigrating to Montreal, he opened a small portrait studio in 1856. Nora Hague, who has been with the Notman Archives for 40 years, will show examples of some of the famous and wealthy people, many of them

Westmounters, who made appointments to be photographed. She will also explain the various types of photographs such as ambrotype, tintype, wetplate, albumin print, carte-de-visite, stereo, and cabinet card.

On Dec. 17, the series winds up with WHA president Doreen Lindsay, who will present a look at the Robert Harvie photographic album. Harvie was born 1845 in Ayrshire, Scotland and died 1926 in Westmount. He lived at 355 Metcalfe Ave., and photographed Westmount during the late 1800s. Some of the WHA's best-loved and most used photographs have been reproduced from his family album, which was donated to the WHA archives. Researcher and photographer Lindsay will show contact prints made from Harvie's glass plate negatives and explain how they were made.

All lectures will take place in the Westmount Room of 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. Info: 514-989-5510 or 514-932-6688.



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AVIS DE RECRUTEMENT du PERSONNEL ÉLECTORAL

Le 1^{er} novembre prochain, les électeurs de la ville de Westmount seront appelés à élire un nouveau conseil pour un mandat de quatre ans. Conformément au mandat qui m'est confié par la Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités, il est de ma responsabilité, en ma qualité de président d'élection, d'engager des personnes afin de combler les différents postes qui constituent le personnel électoral.

Ainsi toute personne intéressée à travailler à l'occasion de cet événement est invitée à remplir le formulaire de demande d'emploi à cet effet qui peut être obtenu du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30 à mon bureau situé au **4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount** (T : 514 989-5280).

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DONNÉ à Westmount, le 10 septembre 2009.

NOTICE OF RECRUITMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS

On November 1, 2009, the City of Westmount's electors will be asked to elect a new city council for a four-year term. Pursuant to the mandate conferred on me by the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities, it is my responsibility, as Returning Officer, to hire people to work as election officers.

Thus, any person interested in working for the coming municipal election should complete the job application form to that effect which can be obtained Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in my offices located at **4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount** (T: 514 989-5280).

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• Member of the identity verification panel		\$140
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• Deputy returning officer		\$185
• Deputy returning officer for the counting of votes		\$50
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• President of the identity verification panel		\$140
• Member of the identity verification panel		\$120
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"I know exactly where I stand in terms of that. I am very, very supportive of one of the two candidates that haven't yet declared. That would be Peter Trent." Drury also said that he has recently been speaking to Trent, and those conversations have shaped his decision to run.

The Ikeman Cometh

Although Gary Ikeman has been an outspoken critic of the current city administration on a number of issues — most notably the arena/pool reconstruction project and traffic in his neighbourhood — he will not necessarily be concentrating on these in his campaign.

"I have a background in problem solving in business and scarce resource allocation, and I believe that every municipality has resource issues that have to be dealt with setting priorities and dealing with scarce resources," he said.

"We sometimes have to make very difficult decisions that balance priorities and give satisfactory quality of life to everybody in whatever society, and I believe that applies to Westmount as it does to every other city — or every other country, for that matter. And I have a lot of experience in dealing with those issues."

While he may have gotten involved in city politics largely as a

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It's back to school for drivers, too

Jessica Murphy

Westmount police say that despite their efforts to enforce traffic rules during the busy back-to-school season, drivers are failing their safety basics.

"It's a bit of a mess," said Station 12 Constable Alain Diallo. "We're noticing people simply aren't respecting traffic rules and drop-off points. People aren't focusing on the safety of their kids."

Until Sept. 18, police will increase their presence near schools and will be handing out tickets to speeders, illegal parkers, and drivers who don't respect pedestrian crosswalks.

They'll also be cracking down on students who are crossing the streets away from intersections, though Diallo says pedestrians have been setting the example so far; he gives them an 'A'.

Diallo has also noticed drivers scooting around stopped school buses — a major no-no and liable to net the driver a hefty fine and demerit points.

Police will also be doing their bit, ensuring that visibility is high around intersections and Westmount Public Security will also be overseeing parking and traffic flow around schools.

The gridlock around the many Westmount educational institutions has been a problem for years.

A tangle of traffic outside schools each morning and afternoon is a common sight. In fact, in 2007, at the request of Station 12, city councillors expanded the school zone around The Study and parking is forbidden in the zone from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 2:45 to 3:45 p.m., Monday to Friday, during the school year.

In 2008, the number of school children who received minor injuries in traffic

collisions in Montreal dropped over 11 per cent from the year before.

No children were killed, but one child was seriously injured, down from three in 2007.

Diallo also highlights the new section on the SPVM website aimed at youth, spvm.qc.ca/youth, where students, teachers and parents can find a wealth of road safety information.

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result of the arena and pool project, Ikeman insisted, "The problems that we've seen with the arena project are really symptomatic of the deeper problem, which is management, resource allocation and good solid decision making. Those are the issues that got me involved."

Ikeman is expected to run in District 5, currently held by city councillor George

Bowser, who has confirmed that he will not seek re-election.

Thompson bows out

Also this week, District 2 city councillor Tom Thompson, who is finishing his third term, announced that he will not run again.

"This gives someone else the opportunity to help with the operations of the city," he told the Examiner. "I have had the honour to serve the citizens."



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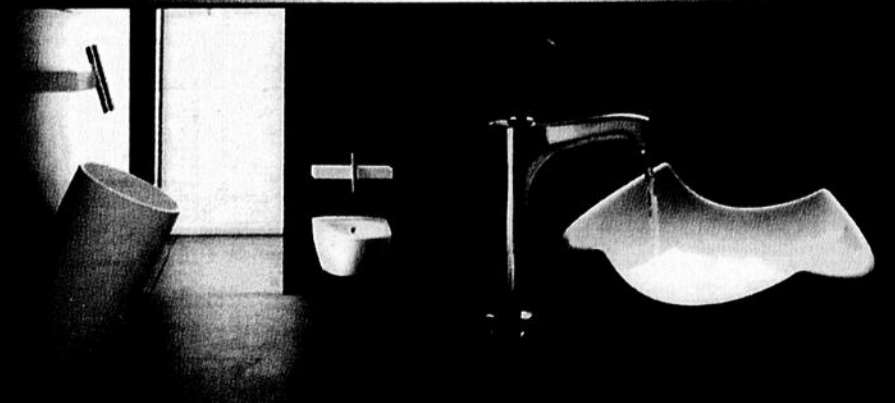
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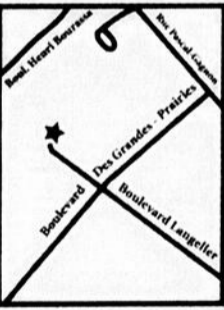
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