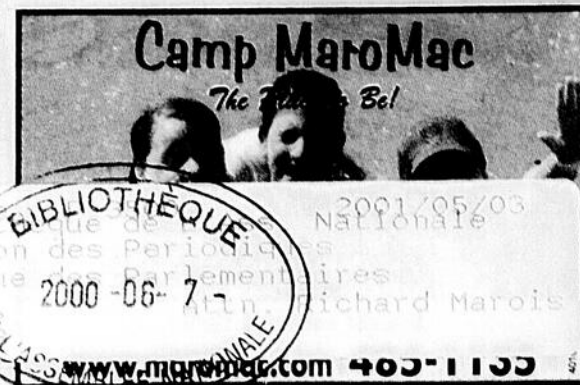


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WAGNER TO PILOT WHA THROUGH ROUGH WATER

By Wayne Larsen

The Westmount Historical Association has suspended its fundraising campaign to restore the local train station into the proposed Westmount Heritage Centre amidst speculation that part of the space may be given to the Royal Montreal Regiment for a military museum.

"The ground rules have changed," said Flora-Lee Wagner, who has succeeded Aline Gubbay as WHA president. "The City is looking to others to use the Heritage Centre, (which) was originally solely for the use of the Westmount Historical Association and for us to act as stewards and managers of the Heritage Centre."

"To us, the Centre was never to be exclusive to the WHA—it was to be a community centre for heritage, but also our home and home to our archives."

But the rumour of the RMR eventually sharing the Heritage Centre space is not behind the WHA's decision to put the fundraising effort on hold. Instead, Wagner said, the City of Westmount has not had time to work out an arrangement with campaign chair David Lank, whose mandate has expired and has yet to be renegotiated.

"We couldn't go any further with a major part of the campaign because we've had no campaign chair," she said, adding that although the fundraising effort is currently on hold, the WHA fully intends to maintain a strong presence in the community.

"The WHA now must get on with the job of being the WHA—we must keep to our mandate and look to the future," said Wagner, who was elected president at the association's annual general meeting on May 23. Archivist Philip Dombowsky—who has lately been immersed in such projects as the WHA website—is the new vice president.

The rest of the new executive board is made up of Lee Taylor, treasurer; David Freeman, membership secretary; and Andy Dodge, secretary.

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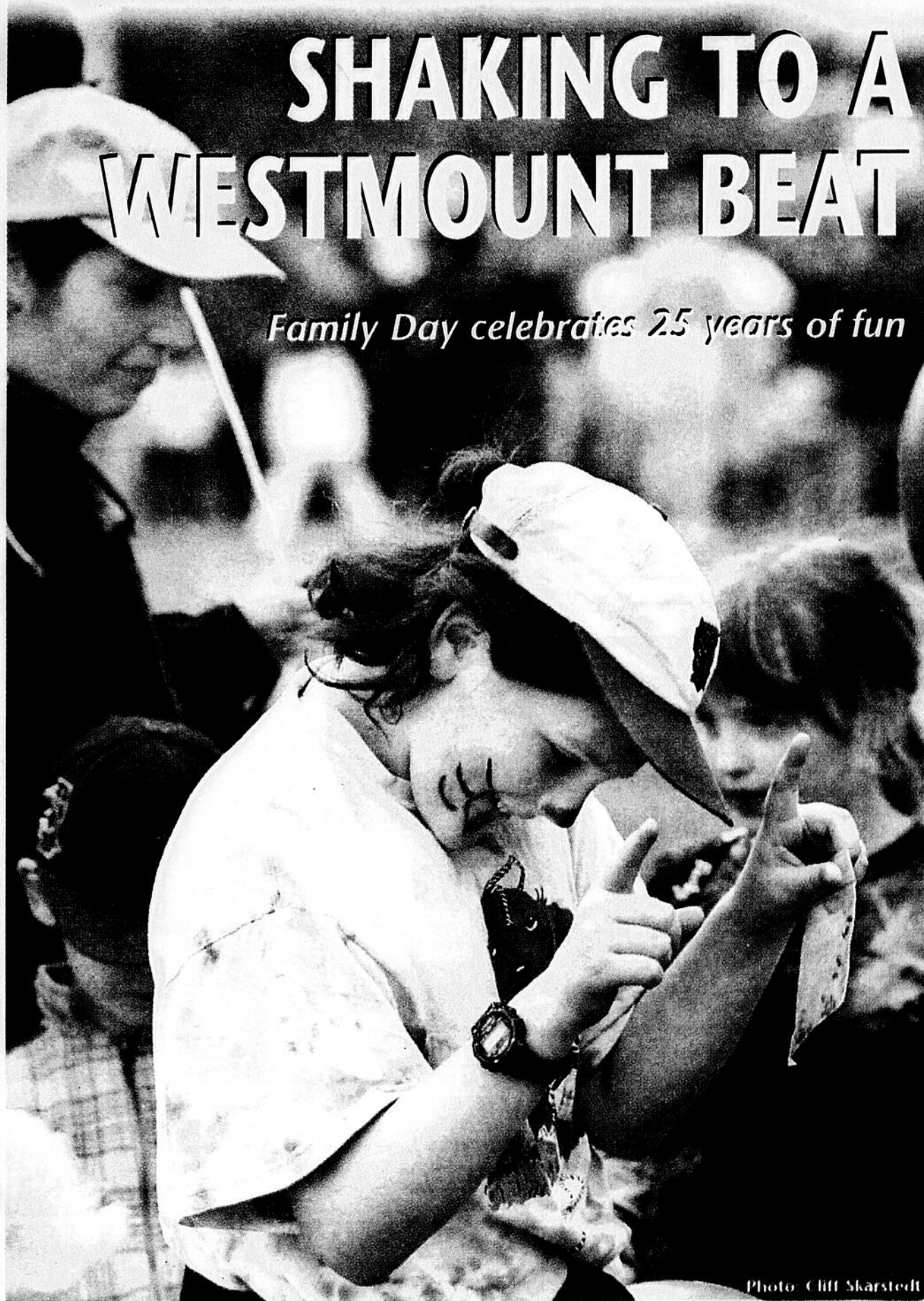


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Westmount mourns loss of Bob Aiken

Sports and Recreation head passed away on Monday afternoon



Robert Aiken

By Wayne Larsen

The City of Westmount was dealt a severe blow on Monday afternoon with the

passing of Robert Aiken, longtime director of the Sports and Recreation department.

Aiken, 62, succumbed to cancer at St. Mary's Hospital.

He is survived by his wife Linda, daughter Alison and sons Robbie and Alex.

In a career that spanned more than 40 years, Aiken began his association with Westmount's recreation department as a student lifeguard in the 1950s. He was hired full-time by the City in 1972 as assistant recreation supervisor, and worked his way up to director.

Over the years he was responsible for implementing numerous new programs and events in the department, including the popular Family Day in Westmount Park—which celebrated its 25th anniversary last Saturday.

Aiken was considered the father of the tightly-knit Sports & Recreation family. On Tuesday, his grief-stricken staff sat quietly in the main office in the Westmount arena, trying to find the right words to describe him.

In the end, they agreed to issue a joint statement: "He was an extremely caring, considerate and kind person, a great family man, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him."

"Bob was unusually fair and equitable," said Lloyd Harriman, president of the community garden at the corner of Victoria and Ste. Catherine.

"We had our little confrontations over the years, but I always had great affection for Bob. He was a calm, Zen-like man. This is a major blow and a terrible loss to me personally."

David Goldberg, editor of The

Monitor, who knew Aiken well through coaching his son Robbie and covering Westmount sports for *The Examiner*, remembers Aiken as a dedicated family man with a great sense of humour.

"Bob was very devoted to his family," he said. "This is very sad—not only for Westmount, but for the Aiken family and all his friends in Montreal West and NDG."

Bob Aiken's funeral will be held on Friday, June 2 at St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, located on the corner of Lansdowne and The Boulevard. The service begins at 2 p.m. At the request of the family, there will be no prior visitation.

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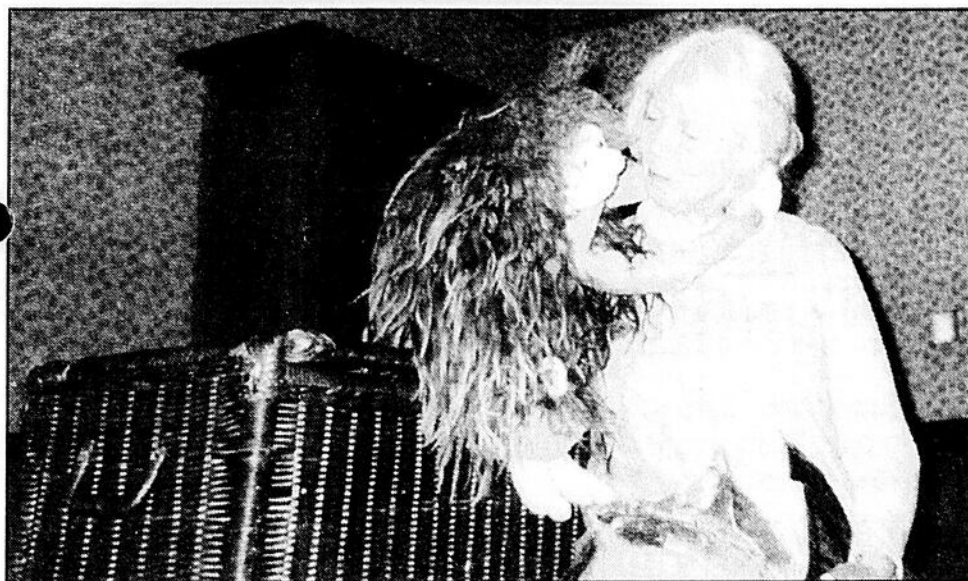
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ICELANDIC FOLKLORE ON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY

Puppeteer celebrates thousandth anniversary of Leif Ericson's arrival



Hallveig Thorlacius introduces her little troll girl puppet.

By Sidhartha Banerjee

Hallveig Thorlacius is in many respects a rarity in the world.

First off, she happens to be related to the first European-born child in North America, a boy of Icelandic descent named Snorri some, 1,000 years ago.

"Since I come from him, I should really be given a Canadian or American citizenship," she joked.

The author/performer also relies on an artform that is arguably going by the wayside thanks to the advent of technology—the art of storytelling.

But for Thorlacius, telling stories was an inherited trait and came somewhat naturally. "I think because my grandmother, she used to tell me stories as a kid," she recounted, "and it just came naturally to me." It is from these stories, told to her as a child, that many of the folk characters she uses in her performances first entered her imagination.

More than 100 Westmount students in grades four and five from Selwyn House, Roslyn and Miss Edgar and Miss Cramp's schools had a unique opportunity to learn about Icelandic folklore and traditions last Thursday.

Thorlacius performed the puppet show 'The World's Smallest Giant,' at the Westmount Public Library, chosen by the Leifur Eiriksson Millennium Commission to introduce Icelandic folklore to Canada and the United States in celebration of the landing of Iceland's own Leif Ericson in what is now North America exactly 1,000 years ago.

Thorlacius is on a one-month, whirlwind trip through the Canada and the

USA, performing in schools and libraries. As founder of the Pocket Theater, Thorlacius has been performing 'The World's Smallest Giant,' for three years, and has at least a half dozen other performances that she has presented. Her productions have been seen by children all over the world, including Scandinavia, England and China.

From the depths of her wicker basket, Thorlacius produced a hideous, sinister-looking witch-like puppet named Gryla—considered an integral character in Icelandic folklore. "She's very typically Icelandic," explained Thorlacius after her performance. "She exists nowhere else."

A famous character in Iceland for eating children, there is at least one benefit to the hideous character. "They say that because of Gryla, there are no more bad children in Iceland—but there is no certainty," Thorlacius says, laughing. The story of 'The World's Smallest Giant,' is a simple tale of Hallveig, who comes to North America on her magic umbrella. She has come to tell the children a story, but all her stories have fallen out of her 'story apron' and are mixed up during the trip. She discovers a mouse, Leif the Lucky, who saves the life of a small troll girl from Gryla.

The 45 minute performance is very much interactive, where the students are invited to play the role of the hero themselves. "I like to involve them," says Thorlacius. "They have to have the feeling that they can take the story in any direction that they want to."

Even though it was meant for younger children, Thorlacius had the older children immersed in the puppet show the entire time and captured their imaginations throughout. Trolls are also famous in Iceland. Thorlacius

estimates that the thick fog and the large mountains play a large part in their appeal in Icelandic folklore. "I've got to have a big pocket for the troll stories because the trolls in Iceland are as big as mountains," she explained to the children.

As for Leif the Lucky, she says there is no direct relation between the fictional mouse and the actual explorer. "It's just a joke on Leif Ericson, just to make all this a little less serious for the children," she explained. All the puppets used in the play are hand-crafted by Thorlacius herself, and while each puppet is a product of her imagination, there is an underlying folklore tradition behind each one.

Iceland is shrouded in mystery and curiosity and at the end of the performance, Thorlacius answered questions about Iceland from the children. "Is it cold all the time in Iceland?" asked a student from Selwyn House. "The coldest part of Iceland is its name," explained Thorlacius. "They didn't know anything about tourism back then, but some people say that Iceland is in the name of the Egyptian God Isis." "Is there television in Iceland?" asked a student from Roslyn during the afternoon performance, to which Thorlacius replied that Iceland is very much 'Americanized.'

"Imagine living in a country where there's glaciers and volcanoes—fire and ice together," said David Franklin—Westmount lawyer and president of the Icelandic Canadian Association of Quebec—during his introduction to the students. But perhaps the most difficult question to answer was how she had managed to travel so far by umbrella. That was one that Thorlacius left unanswered in a way that only a good storyteller could.

Storytelling is a long standing tradition in Iceland and Thorlacius hopes this art form never truly disappears. "I think that it would be really bad if that happened," she said, "but at the same time there is opposition to it, and I don't know if it will ever really disappear."



Hallveig Thorlacius & David Franklin

The World's Smallest Giant

Reviewed by Roslyn students
Lara Richer, Madeline Doyle
and Adam Century

This year is the thousandth anniversary of Leif Ericson's journey to America. Hallveig Thorlacius took this occasion to come to North America. With the help of her puppets, she is educating the youth in legendary Icelandic sagas.

Hallveig recounts being flown by umbrella from Iceland to Canada. Along with a big blue basket, she brought a beautiful apron with many pockets. In each pocket is a story. She finds a mini mouse (puppet) in her "Cinderella" pocket.

As she frantically searches for a story, she finds a miniature troll girl. Gryla, a mountain troll who eats children, comes onto the scene. We help Hallveig save the little troll from Gryla's soup by trekking through swamps, climbing over fences, etc. In the end, Gryla gets turned into a fly by the same magic rock that makes the troll girl bigger. Later, when the show was over, questions were answered on Iceland.

We also learned some Icelandic words and got to say "good-bye," in her native tongue. Each class received a lava rock from Hallveig. We hope that one day you will have the opportunity to attend one of Mrs. Thorlacius plays.

"Takk, Hallveig!"
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Monday, May 15

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11:40 a.m., 80 Hillside: Defective alarm.

11:55 a.m., area of 456 Argyle: Smell of gas due to swimming pool company emptying contents into sewer.

6:16 p.m., 4470 Ste. Catherine: Alarm sounded due to a grease fire on the stove. Fire was out prior to arrival.

Tuesday, May 16

11:51 p.m., 130 Hillside, #105: Electrical problem caused by a defective bedroom wall outlet.

Wednesday, May 17

9:45 a.m., 642 Carleton: Alarm activated due to workers creating dust.

10:23 a.m., 4000 Ste. Catherine: Strange odour caused by gas in sewer system.

12:15 p.m., 356 Metcalfe: Carbon monoxide detector activated due to weak batteries.

1:24 p.m., 1255 Greene: Fire alarm activated due to an electrician working on the electrical system.

5:13 p.m., 7005 Kildare, Côte St. Luc: Cancelled en route.

10:25 p.m., DeMaisonneuve and Grosvenor: Smell of gas due to a release valve activated at the exterior of the building.

Thursday, May 18

9:22 a.m., 4160 Dorchester: Fire alarm activated due to water leak from blocked drain on the roof

Friday, May 19

10:21 a.m., 4505 Ste. Catherine: Fire alarm activated due to cooking.

1:13 p.m., front of 14 Sunnyside: Small cedar shrub on fire.

4:00 p.m., 45 Prospect: Water leak set of alarm due to blocked drain on roof.

6:28 p.m., 460 Mount Stephen: Defective alarm.

6:46 p.m., 4626 Sherbrooke: Three people stuck in elevator pulled alarm. People were released and elevator company was called in for repairs.

Saturday, May 20

12:37 a.m., outside 4941 Sherbrooke: Smell of gas traced to an activated release valve.

3:40 a.m., 4400 Montrose: Fire alarm activated due to renovations.

5:31 p.m., 587 Lansdowne: Carbon monoxide detector defective.

10:52 p.m., 4307 Montrose: Called to scene due to water leaking from a toilet in washroom.

Sunday, May 21

10:25 a.m., 4488 Ste. Catherine, #805: Defective smoke detector.

6:50 p.m., 5 Park Place #3: Flood from bathtub. Hot water faucet was leaking and water was shut off. Advised occupant to call a plumber.

9:31 p.m., 1303 Greene Ave: Defective alarm.

9:43 p.m., 470 Roslyn: Smell of fumes traced to solvent used on bricks as cause.

Tuesday, May 23

1:47 a.m., 1303 Greene: Defective alarm.

8:28 a.m., 245 Victoria: Defective elevator motor causing excessive smoke from elevator shaft.

11:46 a.m., 360 Clarke: Baseboard heater causing strange odour.

3:56 p.m., 4400 Montrose: Workmen redoing electrical system in building triggered alarm.

4:22 p.m., 4626 Sherbrooke: Alarm sounding from elevator. Found to be a false alarm.

5:14 p.m., St. Phillippe & Richelieu: Call from Montreal. Upon arrival on scene, discovered fire to be already out.

Wednesday, May 24

4:10 p.m., 396 Oliver (entrance): Fire alarm activated when a women with a child on her back pulled alarm.

Thursday, May 25

8:38 a.m., 450 Kensington: Smell reported in building entering from drains. No reading from gas monitor, advised occupant to flush drains with water.

3:40 p.m., Front of 615 Roslyn: Gas leak at 670 Roslyn when workman digging up driveway accidentally broke gas main. Kids at Roslyn School advised to stay in school building and neighbours advised to shut all windows and doors.

10:07 p.m., 57 Belvedere: Responded to call that an individual was threatening to blow up house. Upon arrival, three cars from the M.U.C. police were present and managed to calm suspect down. Suspect was taken away by police. Lawnmower fuel, the intended weapon, was replaced in a shed at the rear of the home.

11:53 p.m., 4505 Ste. Catherine: Fire alarm activated when tenants lit a candle causing smoke.

Saturday, May 27

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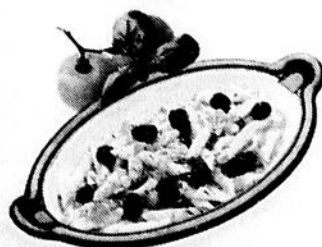
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ROSLYN IN DANGER OF LOSING ITS ENGLISH STREAM

By Sidhartha Banerjee

There is a sense of desperation in the hallways of Roslyn School, and it has nothing to do with impending final tests.

About a month ago, teachers and administrators at the school were informed that the English Montreal School Board (EMSB), not satisfied with dismal registration numbers in mid-March, recommended that Roslyn's grade one class in the English stream be closed.

The decision to close the grade one class would cause serious disarray to the school's organization—a ripple effect that would set off repercussions from grade two all the way up through grade six.

The fear at Roslyn is that it may be the next on the chopping block for the EMSB—that the English stream may be gradually phased out completely, leaving students without the option of learning in either language and separating families who would otherwise go the same school.

Roslyn offers students two streams, which allows siblings with different needs to stay together. There is an option of taking classes either in English or in French Immersion, although Roslyn is considered a French Immersion school.

Roslyn also has a very diverse group of students, coming from all walks of life. Many are children of people who are in Canada for a short period of time and would rather have their children educated in English.

But by eliminating the grade one English

stream class, the children are being dealt a serious blow as well, according to Shelagh Glover, a grade three English teacher in the French immersion program. Some children have difficulty in the French immersion program and would be better suited for English.

"By removing the grade one class, students are basically being told to swim in immersion, or sink," said Glover. "We're supposed to be taking care of the children's interests."

Students at the school agree. One grade five student who opted out of the French Immersion program after a few years said that he is much more comfortable in the English program. "It was difficult for me, but I knew I could do better" he explained. "I was really scared. My sister would come home crying because she couldn't do the work," he said.

Since the school does not have an English Kindergarten class, enrollment numbers in the English grade one have always been somewhat dismal.

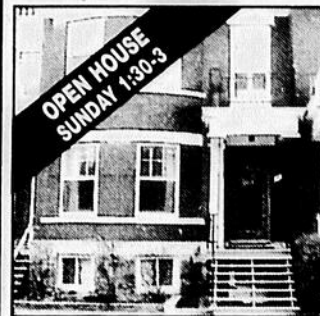
"There has not been an English stream kindergarten because of space problems and other times kids will decide to go into French immersion first and then switch into English," said Glover.

As a result, there is never a guaranteed group of grade ones moving up in the English stream each year. But according to teachers at the school, the numbers always tend to even out by the actual deadline of September 30. Roslyn has been offering primary education in English since 1907.

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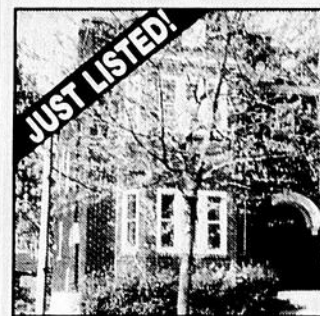
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THE REMARKABLE ROCKET

I must confess that I'm hardly the world's most avid hockey fan, in fact I would be hard put to name six current members of the Montreal Canadiens—no doubt a source of great embarrassment to my son.

Commentary

Wayne Larsen



But even for the least sport-minded among us, it's difficult to dismiss the cultural blow Quebec has suffered with the recent passing of Maurice Richard.

He was the greatest hockey player of his era; many would argue the greatest ever. For the past few days we've heard countless descriptions of his on-ice heroics—the scoring records, the look of fierce determination in his eyes as he rushed the opposing team's net, his absolute refusal to give up the puck, and that clichéd but appropriate statement that the word losing was not in his vocabulary.

"I knew I should create a great sensation," gasped the Rocket, and he went out."

—Oscar Wilde

Maurice Richard was a superb athlete, triumphing in a sport that was much more brutal and demanding in his era than it is today. Although many of his scoring records have been surpassed, we must keep in mind that he performed his miracles in a world without helmets, masks, thick pads or astronomical pay cheques—certainly an alien realm to today's pampered stars.

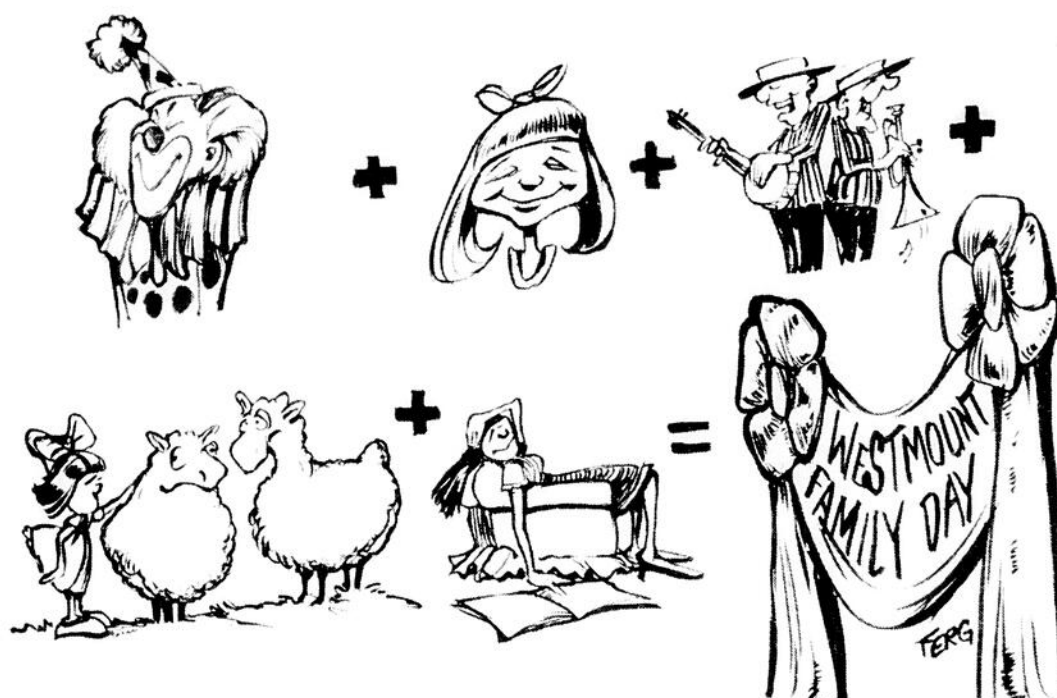
But there is a whole other side to the Rocket's legacy. He was just the right hero for Quebecers at just the right time, emerging as the perfect cultural icon for a people poised to rally out of its postwar bitterness and domination by the church. In his prime, the Rocket was second only to that other Maurice—in Quebec City—as a symbol of the province's fierce pride and hope for a better future. But history has not judged Duplessis well, and he did nothing to promote a bridge between the proverbial two solitudes. On the other hand, the Rocket remained loved by Quebecers of all linguistic persuasions and respected by Canadians across the country, as this week's extensive media coverage of his funeral proved beyond any doubt.

He was not a highly-educated man, nor much of an orator, and he preferred to keep his political beliefs to himself, but he had more power and did much more than any politician to bring English- and French-speaking people together simply by skating onto the Forum ice and scoring a few goals. Whenever he led the Canadiens to victory, or better yet the Stanley Cup, language differences among Montrealers were suddenly forgotten and the entire city celebrated *en masse*.

As for the power this modest man had over his legions of adoring fans, one need only look back to the legendary riot outside the Forum 45 years ago. In a city renowned for its volatile political climate, it seems ironic that its most famous incident of social unrest was over a hockey player's suspension. Some point to that night in March of 1955 as the start of the Quiet Revolution, but that's only based on the absurd assumption that the rioting was restricted to francophones.

Whenever two or more linguistic groups live together, there's bound to be some tension. But as long as there are bona-fide folk heroes like the Rocket for everyone to cheer on equally, there always seems to be some hope.

Alas, Maurice Richard. Alas, ourselves.



Municipal restructuring is the big topic in Quebec

By Jacques Chagnon
MNA Westmount-St. Louis

The final month of the parliamentary session, from the end of May until St. Jean Baptiste Day, is quite a feverish period for we parliamentarians. This is the time of year when the government tries to adopt as many bills as it can, in the shortest time possible. What this means is that we sit frequently and the hours we put in are long. So during this final month, we arrive at the National Assembly at 7 a.m., Tuesday through Friday, for preparatory meetings prior to the caucus that I chair each day at 8 a.m. It is in these caucus meetings that we prepare for question period, which is held at 10 a.m. After question period, four parliamentary committees meet simultaneously from 11 in the morning to midnight, every night.

For the current session, the legislative menu quickly grew by about 30 bills, all presented before the May 15 deadline so that they could be adopted before session's end. As opposition critic for Montreal, I have at least one bill that the government is trying to adopt, namely, Bill 134 on the Montreal Metropolitan Commission. The objective of this bill is to create a sort of enlarged urban community which would include the cities of Laval and Longueuil as well as the northern and southern off-island suburbs. All told, this would add up to more than 100 municipalities, all included within the Montreal census metropolitan area. Several municipalities from the southern suburbs, as well as all of the northern suburbs, have already announced that they have no intention of participating in this new creation. Why?

Because this new organization will have to attend to a whole range of subjects, including not only public transportation, social housing, waste management and urban planning, but also—and this is where the real problem lies—an urban tax.

So what is this urban tax? You know that in principle part of your municipal taxes go to fund the MUC, which offers you services. However, what you pay out is greater than what you receive (which, yes, is nothing new), and the excess of what you pay is your contribution towards the expenses of the urban centre—Montreal. The suburban municipalities around Montreal estimate that they pay \$150 million to the urban centre via the MUC. Not only are the northern and southern suburbs reluctant to participate in this financing,

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A TREE GROWS IN WESTMOUNT



Left to right, Senator Joan Fraser, MP Lucienne Robillard and Mayor Peter Trent dig a hole for the Millennium Tree in Westmount Park during last Saturday's Family Day festivities. They also cut a huge birthday cake to celebrate the Family Day's 25th anniversary. The popular annual event also featured several concerts and carnival booths.

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they also fear that their eventual participation could simply be a way for the provincial government to pull its funding from structures which it judges to be too regional in nature.

Think of the Biodome, the Botanical Gardens, or the Planetarium, for instance.

Personally, I feel that we can't avoid the creation of a supra-regional structure like the MUC. Nonetheless, I consider it a futile and useless endeavour to introduce a new structure without tidying up the structures that already exist. Take public transport for instance, the management of which is carried out by about 20 organizations: the Agence métropolitaine de transport, three public transit commissions and thirteen inter-municipal transport commissions. There are also 28 inter-municipal authorities. In short, the 61 supra-municipal organisms in this region share a budget of close to

\$2 billion; their administrative costs top the \$200 million mark, and more than 15,000 people work for them. As you can clearly see, this is not negligible—some sort of clean-up is required.

Other questions will be asked during this debate. For example, what will be the future role of the MUC—will it be a large regional county municipality, or will it just disappear? Is the government's project too ambitious, or not ambitious enough? Just the same, I feel that this approach of supra-regional organization could provide the antidote to another new government policy—namely forced municipal amalgamations. In fact, why bother amalgamating cities that would already be grouped together on a confederal basis?

These questions are yet to be debated, and will fill up our days from now until the end of the parliamentary session.

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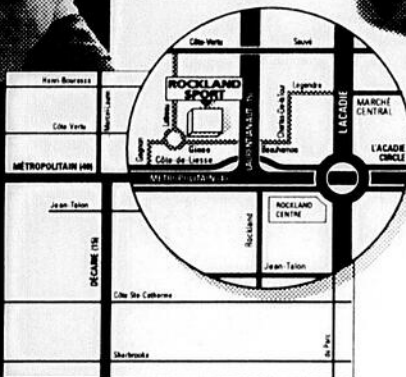
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La Transition, Le Club du Village, Mess Hall and Tao Restaurant will donate 25 per cent of each customer's dinner bill to the Farha Foundation, Quebec's leading AIDS fundraising organization.

"It's a chance for us to show we can

help however we can," said Rocco D'Agostino, owner of Mess Hall. "We thank our regular patrons by doing something more for them."

The Mess Hall has been involved for the last three years, and according to D'Agostino, the turnout is generally good. On average, he estimates that Mess Hall has donated about \$1,000 a year to the Farha Foundation. Last year, the organization raised \$60,000 through its Rubans & Restaurants fundraising initiative.

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The six-member board of directors is comprised of Caroline Breslaw, Joan Clark, Elizabeth Henrik, Donna Lach, Doreen Lindsay and John Sancton.

Aline Gubbay, who has been at the WHA's helm for four years, will stay on as past president. She is optimistic that the changes will inspire the WHA to take on a new, positive direction.

"A change always pushes you into doing new things, and I think Philip is going to be a great help," she said of Dombowsky.

"He's got some really wonderful ideas about where to take the WHA."

Gubbay was also quick to acknowledge those who were instrumental in helping the WHA revive itself from what she described as practically nothing a few years ago to a much more vibrant presence in the Westmount community.

"David Freeman has been such a wonderful treasurer, and he's also a very fine speaker," she said, citing Freeman's witty thank-you speeches as a highlight of the WHA's monthly lectures at the Westmount Public Library.



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MITCHELL, HARRINGTON SCORE BIG AT SELWYN SPORTS AWARD NIGHT

By Patrick A. Kerkhoven

Josh Mitchell and Conrad Harrington won the highest honour in athletic achievement by sharing the McMaster Trophy and Senior School Athlete of the Year Award at Selwyn House's annual Athletic Banquet last Wednesday, May 24.

Selwyn House hosted 360 parents and students to a roast beef dinner in the Lucas Gymnasium and presented over 100 awards to the school's most deserving athletes. A feature film documenting the feats of every sports team in the school highlighted the achievements of the award winners.

Mitchell has been at Selwyn House for the last five years, amassing a collection of awards that includes four Most Valuable Player distinctions in football, hockey, and baseball. He was also the school's top golfer at the GMAA Tournament last fall, finishing fourth overall.

Harrington, an eleven-year veteran of Selwyn, is a GMAA hockey all-star and has won Most Valuable Player awards in both hockey and rugby over the past five years. A goaltender for the Senior hockey team this winter, Harrington was originally called up to the Senior team last year, when they were in dire need of a starting goalie.

Harrington ungrudgingly agreed to the offer, although he knew he could have easily won the Bantam hockey MVP award that year. He answered the call this winter by winning the Senior hockey MVP award along with forward Josh Mitchell.

Jonathan Merritt won the equally prestigious Junior School Athlete of the Year Award, as well as the Cassils Memorial Trophy, presented to the grade 7 athlete who best demonstrates sportsmanship, leadership, skill and enthusiasm. The honours not over yet, Merritt was also named Most Improved Player in football, Most Valuable Player in basketball, and Most Promising in track and field in his grade.

Fall MVPs in football were Eric Belanger and Alex Bussandri at the Bantam level; and Mike Gross, Andrea Piccolo, and Ben Spencer for the Senior team.

David Abelson and Philip Clark won MVPs in grade 5 and 6 soccer, while the honours in grade 7 went to Jon Lutter Hoppenheim and William Molson. Geoffrey Dyck and Peter Nicholas Tsoukas won the MVPs in Bantam; Rob Campbell and Carlo Bellini in Midget; and Mario D'Otolo won the MVP for the Seniors.

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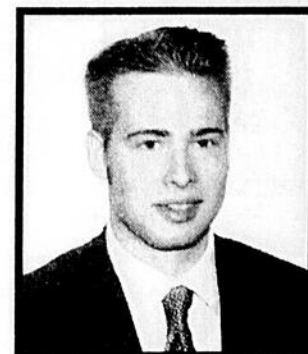
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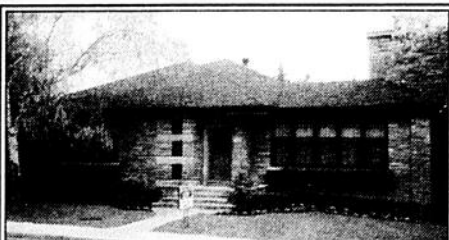
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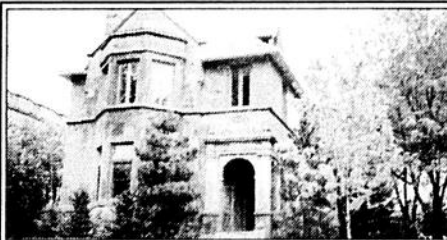
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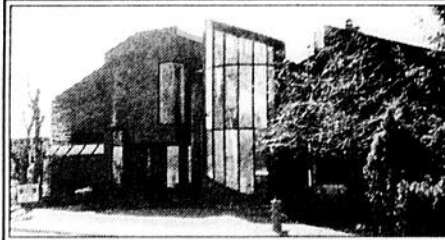
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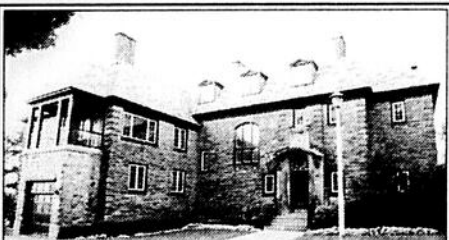
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"We are registering for the grade one class and we are assuming that it is open if we have the numbers," said Arlene Rill, a grade five teacher who has been active in mobilizing parents and children. "The important date for us is September 30," she said. "We are determined to open a grade one at Roslyn next year." So far, five children are enrolled in the grade one class—but just to be safe, parents are being asked to make other arrangements.

Roslyn's staff has made it clear that they will not stand by and watch the grade one class be eliminated. Rill was out on Family Day at a table for Roslyn school, collecting signatures for a petition to save the English stream, as well as recruiting new students. By last Tuesday, she had collected more than 400 signatures, including that of Mayor Peter Trent.

Letters were sent home with children on May 23, asking for parents' support in saving the English stream grade one class. As of last Tuesday, more than 250 of those letters had been returned—with more still coming in.

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Cross-country running MVPs were Josh Wolfe and Chris Churchill-Smith, and in wrestling, the MVP went to Enrico Quilico.

Grade 5 and 6 basketball's MVP was Philip Clark; in grade 7, Jonathan Merritt; in Bantam, Jair Whyte-Potter Mal; in Midget, Roberto Brunetti and Chris Merritt; and in Senior Chris Mettler-Warner.

On the ice, Harry Avrith and Alex Morton won MVPs in grade 5 and 6 hockey; Alex Kaluza and Andrew April in grade 7; Scott MacMillan and Torrey Mitchell in Bantam; and Rod Leider, Josh Mitchell, and Conrad Harrington in Senior.

Daniel Maldoff and Daniel Wilner won the cross-country skiing MVPs, while James McKinney and Keith Martin won MVPs in curling. Bobby Cranker won the MVP in rowing.

Richard Kwee won MVP distinctions in Bantam tennis; Adrian Gaty and Thomas Constantinescu in Midget; and

Robert Kwee in Juvenile. In track and field, Josh Wolfe took another MVP, shared with Pablo Durana.

Demetrios Manousos won the MVP in Bantam rugby; Nicholas Zaharia and Dimenico Brunetti in Midget; while Jeremy Clark and Conrad Harrington won in Senior.

Josh Mitchell and Chris Brown won MVPs in baseball along with best pitcher, Sasha Mandy.

The Sportsman's Guild for 2000 re-elected Tristan Schulz and Ben Spencer from grade 11, while newcomers were Chris Brown, Allan Cameron, Daniel Cercone, Jeremy Clark, Pablo Durana, Andrew Echenberg, Michael Gross, Conrad Harrington, Tim Ho, Rod Leider, Sasha Mandy, Chris Mettler-Warner, Jerome Miller, Josh Mitchell, Trevor Parekh, Andre Piccolo, and Enrico Quilico.

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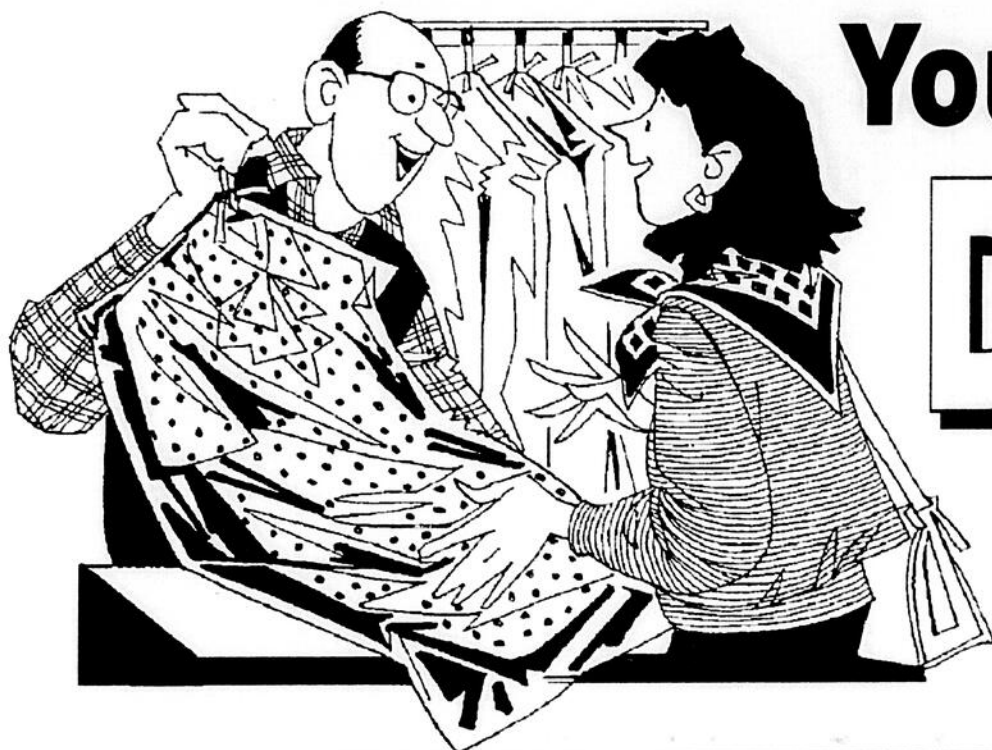
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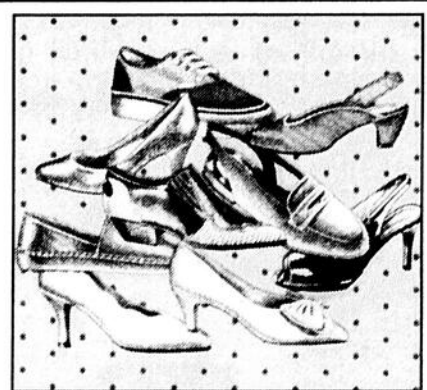
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Five Years Ago

June 1, 1995:

CLOSURES DEFENDED: "Closing nine hospitals, including the Reddy Memorial and Queen Elizabeth, is a dramatic move but a much needed change that will improve the health care system, says Westmounter Kathleen Weil, who volunteers as vice-chair of the Regional Health Board. 'People are attached to these smaller hospitals because they know the people. But at some point you have to go beyond that and look at the broader picture and make hard decisions to improve the system,' said Weil, one of six people on the steering committee that recommended the closures."

Ten Years Ago

May 31, 1990:

FAREWELL TO ARMS: "Groups and individuals will no longer be able to rent Westmount's municipal facilities for the display or sale of guns. City council passed a resolution prohibiting such events in city buildings at its meeting Tuesday last week. The resolution had been turned back at the previous meeting for rewording. This time it was adopted by a vote of 6-2 over the objections of councillors Stuart Robertson and Daniel Tingley."

Twenty Years Ago

May 29, 1980:

ROTHMAN CHALLENGED: "Marvin Rotrand, a 30-year-old educator and consultant, will challenge incumbent Joan Rothman for the position of Ward 4 commissioner in the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal elections June 9. Mrs. Rothman and Mr. Rotrand will discuss the issues at a candidates' meeting sponsored by the Westmount High School committee and the Westmount Municipal Association next Wednesday."

Forty-Five Years Ago

June 3, 1955:

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Sixty-Five Years Ago

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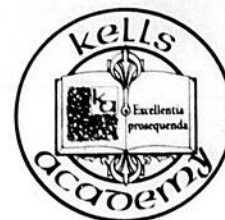
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Roslyn Block Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Roslyn Ave. between de Maisonneuve and Sherbrooke. In case of rain, the event will be held on June 10.

Sunday, June 4

La Paroisse St-Léon de Westmount célèbre son centième anniversaire en l'an 2000. La prochaine célébration organisée aura lieu à 10:30 le matin. Le président d'assemblée sera Monsieur le Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte, Archevêque de Montréal. Renseignements: 935-4950.

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"Suits for Sums and Lovers - The Quebec approach to the Common Law relationship." at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom, 395 Elm Ave. at 7:30 p.m. with Ian Solloway, family law lawyer answering questions. Also, **Book Lover's Forum II**, Coffee at 9:30 a.m. and lecture at 10:00 a.m. Info: Rhona Samsonovitch at 937-3575.

Thursday, June 8

Tikkun Leil Shavout at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom, at 7:30 p.m. The Ten Commandments: feelings, faith and freedom, followed by changing of Torah covers for Shavout and Sinai service before Ark at 10 p.m. Free and open to all. Info: Rhona Samsonovitch at 937-3575.

Friday, June 9

Gilbert H. Plaw, director of the St.George's High School, retirement toast/roast will take place at St.Georges, 3100 The Boulevard at 8:00 p.m. All members of the St.Georges' community are welcome. Info: Development Office at 937-9289.

AVIS DE DEMANDE DE DÉMOLITION

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES

AVIS PUBLIC est par la présente donné que la Ville de Westmount a reçu une demande du propriétaire du bâtiment situé au **14 Aberdeen** pour un permis de démolition dudit bâtiment.

Tous les documents pertinents concernant cette demande de démolition, incluant les plans, peuvent être consultés, durant les jours ouvrables, du lundi au jeudi entre 8h00 et 16h30 et le vendredi de 8h00 à 13h00 (heures d'été) au bureau du directeur du Service de la construction et de l'aménagement de la Ville de Westmount, 4333, rue Sherbrooke ouest, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 1E2.

Toute personne qui veut s'opposer à la délivrance d'un permis de démolition doit, dans les dix (10) jours de la publication de l'avis public ou, à défaut, dans les dix (10) jours qui suivent l'affichage de l'avis sur l'immeuble concerné, faire connaître **par écrit** son opposition motivée au Greffier de la Ville.

De plus, chaque personne désirant exprimer son accord à la démolition proposée et/ou présenter toute autre soumission, doit également le faire **par écrit, dans ladite période de dix (10) jours**, au greffier à l'adresse suivante:

Le Greffier de la Ville
Ville de Westmount
4333, rue Sherbrooke ouest
Westmount (Québec)
H3Z 1E2

Téléphone: 989-5253

Toute personne qui aura déposé une opposition et/ou une soumission par écrit à l'intérieur dudit délai, sera avisée de la date, de l'heure et de l'endroit où se tiendra la séance publique du Comité sur la démolition à laquelle ladite demande de permis de démolition et ledit "programme préliminaire" pour la réutilisation du sol à être dégagé seront considérés. Cesdites personnes (ou leurs représentants dûment autorisés par écrit) pourront être entendues par le Comité sur la démolition à ladite séance publique.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 1er jour de juin 2000.

Alan Kulaga
Assistant-greffier de la Ville

Ongoing

Overeaters Anonymous, a non-profit, self-help group welcomes anyone who wants to stop overeating. Weekly meetings at the Westmount YMCA, 4585 Sherbrooke, at 2 p.m. Info: 488-1812.

Centre Greene's Super Summer Day Camp: Join us for a great summer of fun and friendship at our down to earth downtown summer camp. Call today for info and registration package at 931-6202.

Volunteers needed: St. Margaret's Day Centre seeks volunteers to help professionals with various activities. Info: Mona Beck at 932-3630, local 3019.

Contactivity Centre is looking for a friendly volunteer to help a housebound senior advance her computer and Internet skills once a week for about an hour. Make a difference today! Info: Lisa at 932-2326.

Westmount Toastmasters: Take the fear out of public speaking each Thursday evening at Victoria Hall at 7 p.m. Info: 367-5986 or 937-1346.

Ongoing classes for adults at Chabad of Westmount Educational Centre. Monday, 8 p.m.: Jewish Mysticism. Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.: Jewish Women's Institute offers courses on Hebrew Reading Skills. Saturday: Study on Pirkei Avot., discussion style class on the values of justice and ethics of the Mishna. Info: 937-4772.

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION APPLICATION

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Westmount has received an application from the owner of the building situated at **14 Aberdeen** for a demolition permit of the said building.

All relevant documents concerning this proposed demolition, including plans may be consulted on any working day, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Monday to Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Friday (summers hours), in the office of the Director of the Building and Planning Department of the City of Westmount, 4333 Sherbrooke Street, Westmount, Quebec, H3Z 1E2.

Every person wishing to oppose the granting of a demolition permit must, within ten (10) days of publication of this public notice or failing such notice, within the ten (10) days following the posting of the notice on the immovable concerned, make his objections known **in writing** to the Clerk of the City, giving the reasons for his objections.

Likewise, every person wishing to express support for the proposed demolition and/or to make any other submission in this regard must also do so **in writing, within the same ten (10) day period**, to the City Clerk at the following address:

The City Clerk
City of Westmount
4333 Sherbrooke Street
Westmount, Quebec
H3Z 1E2

Telephone: 989-5253

All persons who shall have filed objections and/or submissions in writing within the said delay shall be notified of the date, time and place of the public sitting of the Demolition Committee at which the said application for the demolition permit and the said "preliminary program" for the reutilization of the vacated land shall be considered. All such persons (or their representatives duly authorized in writing) may be heard by the Demolition Committee at the said public sitting.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this 1st day of June 2000.

Alan Kulaga
Assistant City Clerk



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