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Kate Buchanan and Jenny Cahill-Jones check out the sporting goods at the Rotary Club of Westmount's annual garage sale last Saturday in the Westmount arena. Local residents and garage-sale enthusiasts sorted through books, furniture, electronics and much more, with all proceeds going towards the Rotary Club and the many services it provides in the community. See page 2. Photo: Charles Montgomery

## City enacts parking and traffic measures for opening of Marianopolis College

> Martin C. Barry

In anticipation of the opening of the new Marianopolis College campus in the former Mother House on Westmount Avenue this fall, the City of Westmount has adopted a 31-point action plan to deal with related traffic and parking issues.

"There is no question that Marianopolis's move will certainly change the nature and level of activity on and around the CND site as it is transformed into a college campus," said City Councillor Tom Thompson, who represents District 2.

"We are in the City making these adjustments to the traffic regulations because we believe that we want to discourage parking in the area," Thompson said. "We want to discourage the students and the staff who haven't got legitimate parking on site."

While Marianopolis has a total student/staff population of 1,900, due to the varying schedules, the maximum number on site at any one time will be in the range of 1,300. There will be 165 on-site parking spaces which have been dedicated for staff and visitor parking needs. There will also be on-site parking spaces reserved for students living in off-island areas that are not well served by public transportation.

The peak student/staff arrival period will occur between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. each weekday. During this half-hour period, just over 1,140 students and staff will arrive by various means of transportation. As for the afternoon peak period, it is projected that this will be nowhere near as problematic. Afternoon departures are spread out over a period of several hours, starting as early as 2 p.m.

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Marianopolis College will open in Westmount this fall.

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# Rotary Auction and Garage Sale deemed best yet

> Stanley Baker

The Rotary Club of Westmount, with its Wednesday luncheon meetings in Victoria Hall and numerous other activities, has long been an important part of the local landscape, and its biggest event of the year by far is the annual Auction and Garage Sale — a huge, two-day event that never fails to attract a steady crowd of bargain hunters to the Westmount arena.

This year, however, organizers have proudly announced that the Auction and Garage Sale was the most successful in the

Club's long history of such events, grossing more than \$33,000 — at least \$3,000 more than last year.

One of the reasons given for last weekend's unprecedented success was that many felt that expenses were lower this time around.

"Rotary will therefore be able to devote more funds to their various world-wide great projects," said Ted Sancton, referring to the Club's diverse range of services, both in the local community and abroad.

As one of the primary organizers,

Sancton's long-term planning, arranging pick-ups of the items and orchestrating the sales was said to be a major factor in the event's success. Of course, he was ably assisted by local Rotarians, as well as many volunteers.

As usual, there was a long line-up of eager customers last Saturday morning, all waiting impatiently for the arena doors to open at 9:30 a.m. When they finally did, it was like the gate going up at the start of a horse-race — a surging rush of buyers heading straight


to their favourite counters, ready to snatch up their prized items.

The arena was filled with items on sale, ranging from a large book section to electronic equipment, furniture, kitchenware, records, toys and home-baked cakes.

There was also a desk where buyers could arrange delivery of large items such as furniture. There was no real lull during the day, and there was a constant stream of people until the 2:30 p.m. closing.






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## Turf opponents present 1,000-strong petition

> Martin C. Barry

Save the Park, a citizens group spearheading efforts to prevent the proposed installation of synthetic turf on playing fields in Westmount Park, presented a petition containing the signatures of more than 1,000 supporters at city council's May 28 meeting.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who chaired the meeting during Mayor Karin Marks's absence, said council had not as yet had a chance to meet and discuss the turf issue.

● We will not be making a decision before

## Park curfew begins tonight

Young people in the habit of hanging around in any of Westmount's several parks will have to find another place to go from now on, as the City's new park curfew goes into effect at midnight tonight.

The legislation, which was scheduled to be passed yesterday at a special noon city council meeting, has been tabled to help prevent what the City has described as "a dramatic increase in reports of vandalism, graffiti and substance abuse infractions in municipal parks."

According to Public Security Director Richard Blondin, no less than 16 cases of graffiti and vandalism were reported in local parks over a month-long-period, between April 28 and May 28.

As well, 25 tickets were issued for substance-abuse offences, including consumption of alcohol and possession of alcohol in a public park — both infractions of Westmount's Bylaw 69.

"These new regulations will help our Public Security officers and local police to curb graffiti, vandalism and substance-abuse infractions in all of our parks," City Councillor George Bowser said earlier this week. "The increase in these incidents in our parks is a serious problem, and we must make it clear that they are absolutely unacceptable. In the interest of public safety, Council feels committed to moving ahead with a curfew at this time."

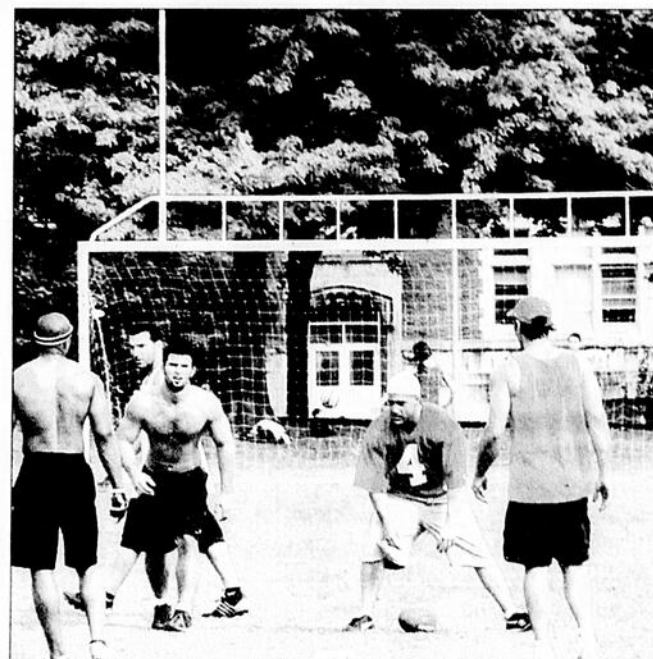
Bowser, who also serves as the City's commissioner for Public Works and Parks, pointed out last week that terms of the existing bylaw made it difficult for authorities to make an arrest — even when they knew a crime was being committed.

● "Our current municipal legislation requires that an individual, or, in most cases in our parks, individuals, must be caught in the act before action can be taken," he said. "You can imagine the frustration this is causing in our enforcement personnel when they observe large groups of individuals in the parks, and the following morning they see the new graffiti and vandalism that has occurred, but they were powerless to prevent."

Under the new bylaw amendment, all of Westmount's parks will be closed to the public between midnight and 5 a.m. until further notice.



Some children from the Narnia daycare centre presented city council with a painting protesting the installation of synthetic turf on the field outside their facility. Photo: Martin C. Barry



Heavy demand for Westmount Park's athletic fields, for both organized sports and informal activities, is at the root of the City's proposal to install synthetic turf. Photo: Martin C. Barry

our next council meeting," said Lulham. "No decision has been made and no discussions have been had."

At the same council meeting, a petition bearing nearly 60 signatures of parents and staff at the CPE Narnia daycare centre was also presented. This represents a significant show of support at the centre, at which 55 children are enrolled.

Another document, addressed to Mayor Karin Marks and signed by Patrick Barnard of Save the Park, Alanna Dow, president of the Westmount Park School Council, and Caroline Kemp, president of CPE Narnia's board, listed seven reasons for rejecting synthetic turf.

Among them were the public response expressed at the May 16 consultation meeting, evidence of the turf's toxicity, its heat effect and odour, and the importance of preserving Westmount's distinct character and the financial implications.

"We will energetically support the City in finding a viable comprehensive solution for the lower playing fields based on natural turf," said a statement attached as a preamble to the document. "We strongly reject any solution that involves placing synthetic turf in Westmount Park."

In their reasons for rejecting synthetic turf, the coalition said, "We do not distinguish between the hybrid or full synthetic options as they both contain significant volumes of synthetic turf." They also claim that at an October 2006 information session, "rejection of synthetic turf was nearly unanimous (one

exception)."

Regarding toxicity, they said, "there is incontrovertible evidence that the rubber in these fields contain toxins and probable carcinogens." Synthetic turf's well-known heat effect "constitutes a significant health risk, especially for our youngest players," they added.

"... It will create a strong, negative micro-climate in the area that will re-create in Westmount what has been reported in other urban areas i.e. a disproportionate concentration of urban heat stress on the most economically disadvantaged citizens, in this case the children of Westmount Park School." The coalition's members believe that the impact of synthetic turf's odour "has been grossly understated especially close to so many private dwellings."

They say that in Jeanne Mance Park, where artificial turf has been installed, "a rubber odour emanates from the surface and travels a considerable distance from the park. The odour will intensify in the summer months due to heat. This odour will have a noxious


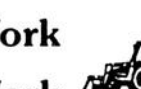


effect on the adjacent upper part of our park, current used for picnics, music and theatre in the park."

They maintain that synthetic turf would not be in line with the tradition of preserving Westmount's distinct character. "Westmount prides itself on its greenspaces and has provided leadership in environmentally responsible, forward-looking stewardship of public greenspace ... The killing of all that is natural in this area to lay down a plastic and rubber imitation flies in the face of the priority Westmount has always given to preservation."

The coalition also points out the stress that will be placed on Westmount Park and the immediate neighbourhood by concentrating sports activities on synthetic turf and that the cost appears to have been understated.

"It is likely that over the 20-year span, it will be necessary to buy, finance and dispose of two fields, raising the projected cost of artificial turf to \$4.9 million over 20 years. This makes the cost of artificial turf essentially double that of new natural turf fields that are resodded every year."

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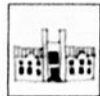
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## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

### La galerie du Victoria Hall

La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter *Pays de rêves*, un projet artistique créé par des jeunes de Westmount. L'exposition se poursuit jusqu'au 12 juin. Info : 514 989-5226.

### Visite des jardins secrets - le 14 juin

Venez découvrir et explorer onze des plus beaux jardins cachés de Westmount lors de la 4<sup>e</sup> édition de la Visite des jardins secrets. Ce tour autoguidé inclut le déjeuner et les rafraîchissements. Les billets, en nombre limité, sont présentement en vente au Victoria Hall au coût de 35 \$ chacun. Le comité consultatif d'horticulture tient à remercier Simply Wonderful, Metro Fletcher, Les 5 saisons et bistrot Café Gourmet pour leur généreuse commandite.

### Fête de la Saint-Jean

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## DATES À RETENIR

### Le 12 juin à 19 h

Société d'horticulture de Westmount  
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Conférencière : Pat Webster  
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### Les 14 et 28 juin - 19 h

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The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present *Dreamscapes*, a Westmount community youth art project. The exhibition will run until June 12. Info: 514 989-5226.

### Secret Garden Tour - June 14

The fourth edition of this popular event gives you the opportunity to discover and explore eleven of the most exceptional hidden gardens in our community. The self-guided tour of Westmount's secret gardens includes lunch and refreshments. Tickets are limited, and are now on sale at Victoria Hall for \$35 each. The Horticultural Advisory Committee would like to thank Simply Wonderful, Metro Fletcher, Les 5-saisons and Coffee Gourmet for their generous sponsorship. Info: 514 989-5265.

### Fête de la Saint-Jean

#### June 22 in Westmount Park

Bring a picnic anytime from 5 p.m. and get ready for an evening of celebration, which includes music, St-Jean cake and a bonfire. A special concert of *québécois* songs featuring Manuel Brault and François Guy will begin at 7 p.m. Rain venue: Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5226. ♡



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### June 14 & 28 - 7 p.m.

The Westmount Quilters Guild  
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### June 18 - 8 p.m.

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### Words & Music

For the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, *Words & Music* will be taking place at The Gallery at Victoria Hall on Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m. This free event presented by the Friends of the Library celebrates the spoken word and song and includes performances by Ian Ferrier, Hélène Pedneault, Deux filles et un piano and Les Blaireaux. Come and enjoy our local talent!

### Cultural Lecture Series

#### Elsie Meighen Reford and the Reford Gardens

Join author Hélène Jasmin on Wednesday, June 20 at 7 p.m. as she examines the life of Elsie Meighen Reford and the passion for gardening that ruled her life. Please register for this event at the circulation desk. (Event in French) Info: 514 989-5386.



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# Examiner wins for best news story of 2006

**T**he Westmount Examiner won a total of five awards at the recent Quebec Community Newspapers Association banquet — including a first-place win for best news story.

Charles Montgomery and Matthew Surridge split the first-place award for their joint coverage of the Sept. 13 Dawson College shooting spree, which was put together in a last-minute rush before the paper was due to be sent to the printer.

"The story from the Westmount Examiner did show that a big story can be covered quickly, and with multiple sources," noted judge Jim Cornall of the Saint Croix, NB, Courier. "In just four hours, the reporters got the story, the photos, and as much information as possible. Clearly, with another day, there would have been even more coverage. But they managed to get comments, facts and a description of the scene without editorializing."



Charles Montgomery

"It really was a frantic afternoon of rumours and confusion," remembers Examiner editor Wayne Larsen. "Charles was at Dawson the whole time, taking photos, interviewing witnesses and relaying information by phone and e-mail, while Matthew was here in the office, working with the phones and Internet."

But this was no Woodward-Bernstein effort, he said, noting that the two worked totally independently of each other and much of the story was typed directly onto the page. He added that, to this day, he doesn't think the two writers have ever even met.

The Dawson story provided a double-barrelled outlet for Montgomery's talents, as his dramatic close-up photo of two students hugging in the midst of all the chaos won second prize for best news photo, beating out 24 other entries from across the province.

"Charles's photo said it all," said Larsen, whose irreverent Christmas cartoon won third place for best editorial cartoon.

Chris Manitt won second place out of 30 entries in the feature photo category for his dramatic shot of a huge bolt of fork lightning touching down in or very near Westmount during one of last summer's most violent thunderstorms. "I know from sad experience just how hard it is to get a lightning picture," said judge Bill Clarke, editor emeritus of the Campbellton, NB, Tribune. "To do this well is great."

The Examiner also won third place in the best front page category, again for the Sept. 14 issue, which carried the Dawson College story, Montgomery's photo, and Andy Dodge's real estate report announcing that the average Westmount home valuation had surpassed \$1 million.

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It has been proposed to channel all vehicular access through a single entrance/exit point at the southwest corner of the campus, that is the northern end of Claremont. The campus is within walking distance of two metro stations, and five bus routes provide direct and close-proximity service. Council has asked STM officials to increase the number of buses during the

morning peak period to respond to the increased demand that will be generated.

City council's traffic committee is concerned for pedestrian safety if the existing stop signs continue to be the only protection provided for students crossing the intersection of NDG and Claremont avenues. New traffic lights equipped with pedestrian crossing signals are scheduled to be installed next spring.

Among the 31 contemplated measures, the City intends to continue traffic calming measures on Victoria Avenue from The Boulevard to Côte St. Antoine Road. To better control traffic flow and speed levels on Westmount Avenue, existing traffic lights at Victoria and Grosvenor avenues will be set in a 30km/hour progression with the new traffic lights at NDG/Westmount and Claremont avenues.

A maximum speed limit of 30 km/hour will be established on all major streets in the immediate area. The City will also be imposing a 'one-hour maximum' on-street parking restriction on most surrounding residential streets. Westmount residents' vehicles that bear a 'W' parking sticker will be able to park in a one-hour zone for up to four hours. Those with a 'G' sticker will be able to park for up to 24 hours.

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## 'Round midnight



Commentary

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Westmount's city council may have spent the past few months under a pall of controversy over that very tough synthetic turf issue, but its recent initiative concerning its parks is not likely to invoke the wrath of local activists.

In fact, as it is doubtful that any muggers, dope dealers or graffiti vandals will turn up at the next city council meeting to voice their disapproval, the City probably won't get any flak at all over its recent decision to impose a midnight curfew in local parks. If anything, most taxpayers would agree that it is for the best.

Coincidentally, the announcement comes on the 40th anniversary of the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper album — a major cultural milestone that will take people back to their youth and, for many, back to those long summer nights in Westmount Park, whose reputation as a haven for young drinkers and pot smokers is certainly well-deserved. In its heyday, it was party central — now a venerated local legend that has grown increasingly hazy by hearsay repeated by those too young to have been there and the understandably faulty memories of those who were. No doubt there are many parents and grandparents in the community who look back at those nights with a twinge of wistful nostalgia. It was as much a part of their youth as Led Zeppelin IV or Dark Side of the Moon — but we must remember that that was another era altogether.

Of course there were plenty of social problems back then, but vandalism and graffiti were not an integral part of the culture. Sweeping up a few roaches and bottle caps are one thing; replacing entire bathroom fixtures and cleaning up graffiti is quite another. It is unfortunate that the City has had to take what appears to be such a drastic step, but then other municipalities have had park curfews in place for years.

Besides, apart from a Leonard Cohen character, who in their right mind is going to be lurking in Murray Park at 3 a.m. anyway?

The City of Westmount is to be praised for passing this legislation. It will be extremely difficult to enforce, of course, but at least it empowers Public Security and police far beyond their previous limitations. And, for the most part, it should inconvenience only those who are probably up to no good anyway.



## LETTERS to the editor

### Open letter to Mayor Marks and the City Council

Dear Mayor Marks:

My name is Peter Weldon and I'm a resident at 52 Academy Road. I am not a member of Save the Park, but I'm not personally in favour of the artificial turf options.

I am concerned with the environmental aspects of the proposal to replace the grass with Fieldturf but these concerns are being addressed by many citizens with far more expertise than I have. From the outset of the controversy which has arisen over this proposal the City's mantra has been "finding a solution for our soccer players." Although various options involving fencing off large areas of the park and the installation of large plots of synthetic turf have been proposed as a solution, I'm still not sure of what the actual problem is. Given that the oft-stated major concern of the City has been the safety of players on the fields at present, I wish to offer some of my own comments and suggestions.

For over a decade starting in the 1980s, I volunteered as a coach and official for the children's athletic programs offered by the City. I was primarily involved with the soccer program, although I also coached softball and hockey. I estimate that I was involved in at least 200 soccer games and an equivalent number of practices on both the upper and lower playing fields, which were, if anything, in worse condition than they are at present.

During this period, I can recall very few injuries (ankle sprains and other joint injuries) other than scrapes and bruises which could be attributed to the playing surface and these occurred mostly in games involving older players where the level of play was faster and more physically aggressive. These games took place on the main field which incurred a lot of damage due to overuse by school sports, particularly high school football.

Soccer games involving younger children are carefully supervised and rough aggressive play such as tackling is not permitted. In addition, the players are light, relatively slow and are not yet capable of the fast changes in direction, stops and starts etc. which put undue strain on joints, tendons and muscles. As I recall, the major health concern was overheating, young children vary a great deal in their tolerance for heavy exercise in hot weather and are not aware that they may be overheating during the excitement of the game. Given that artificial turf is considerably hotter than natural turf, I don't feel that

extended periods of play on such surfaces are desirable for younger children. The artificial surfaces are more appropriate for teens and adults playing at a much more demanding and competitive level. Parenthetically, I informally canvassed a number of parents and coaches this spring as to whether they considered that the condition of the west field posed a danger to the players, no one that I spoke to considered that they were. I don't feel that the children playing on these fields are at hazard because of the condition of the playing surface.

Furthermore, there do not appear to be any reliable estimates of injuries which can be attributed to the field conditions during scheduled games on the east and west fields.

The condition of the east field is appreciably worse than that of the west field, and this is due to the regular pounding this field takes from the students of Westmount Park School several times a day. This is a longstanding problem and it is due mainly to the fact that the school does not have an adequate schoolyard to accommodate supervised play.

I would suggest that the City consider making a defined schoolyard for WPS by installing a fence or a hedge along the length of the school, placed, say 10 to 15 yards into the park surface and closed at either end forming an enclosed schoolyard. There is plenty of room to shift the east soccer field the equivalent distance towards the north border of the park particularly as the city plans to relocate the baseball diamonds. I suggested this possibility to several of the teacher/monitors during a recess period last week and their response was uniformly positive. The teacher who appeared to be in overall charge was particularly enthusiastic and told me that she would discuss it with her principal and bring it up for discussion at the next staff meeting. I have discussed this with several other individuals, including some city employees, all of whom seemed to feel it was a useful possibility. To be sure, there is something distasteful about limiting the range of the students some of whom currently spread out all over the park but it seems a more palatable alternative to enclosing the entire park with a six foot fence should the natural turf option be chosen.

I have a further suggestion concerning protection of the playing surfaces. Just prior to the meeting of May 16, I watched a pickup game on the east field involving about 20 adults most of whom were wearing cleats. The game was fast and vigorous and the abuse the field suffered was compounded by the fact that it was being played on a playing surface much smaller than a regulation pitch such as the upper field. I've been told by a friend in

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# Making the Park decisions

**P**atrick Barnard is no doubt celebrating, having spread the artificial turf fight onto the Gazette's op-ed page at the weekend. But why was it necessary? The mood of those present at the Victoria Hall hearing on May 16 was clear. They don't want it in the Park.

True, Council could cease being coy about the next steps, admit it was pushing the wrong button and focus everyone's attention on a solution to the basic problem: playing fields that meet the population's needs.

With the Mayor and half the Council in Calgary at the weekend for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' annual conference, Pro-Mayor Patrick Martin fielded questions following the Gazette's repetition of the arguments that had already been so well-publicized locally.

Incidentally, the Gazette did Barnard a doubtful favour by illustrating his article with a picture taken at the upper field — not the site proposed for the artificial turf in front of Westmount Park School!

Martin was not willing to respond to Barnard's arguments, but had a lot to say about the public hearing.

"The project will not be decided in The Gazette," Martin promised. "We will calmly determine all the facts and make our decision."

"There is no hurry. It is June now, and on any critical path the earliest opportunity to carry out any changes would be next spring."

"We will look through the fog of information presented. Whether a famous architect designed it — and he didn't — is totally irrelevant."

"It's just a flat field on which hay and apples used to grow and kids now play on."

Martin, an engineer, revealed his own bias in looking for the solution.

"I'm always sensitive to the impact on people who live near to a project," he said. "I am sure that will be a heavy part of Council's eventual deliberation."

"If 200 people live close by, their situation has to be given more weight than even 2,000 who live a mile away."

"I felt that we would have heard more about the traffic that would be generated. There are already problems on Melville Avenue, and we are looking at possible solutions. On the other hand, it would take several days to fully respond to some of the half-facts presented."

"For instance, we had already looked at the new Marianopolis site, and there is no way we can use that. Moving on to the mega-hospital land is not possible either."

"In the first place, the MUHC would not agree and, if they did, it would add at least \$5 million to the cost to buy the land."

"I sometimes get riled up about silly things that are said. Then I cool down, and that's why we'll debate it quietly and unhurriedly."

#### More campaigning

Meantime, Patrick Barnard is taking a vacation and his Melville Avenue neighbour Mavis Young is this week leading the Save the Park effort.

"We are still doing our research and trying to publicize the issue," she said. "We are in a bit of a holding pattern while awaiting the council's decision."

Even so, and despite the huge petition presented to council last week, the group is continuing to seek signatures.

"More names are being added to our petition and we will present them to the City."



#### Civic Alert

Don WEDGE

Our aim is to continue to sensitize the population. The more names we can get the better."

#### Wrong pitch

I thought Barnard's article was mistimed and misdirected, to say the least, repeating the now, mostly old, issues.

There are so many people in Montreal and Quebec City anxious to find fault with Westmount that it hardly needs residents to help them with contributions to The Gazette.

It would have been far better if Barnard had used his research as a warning to the rest of the Island and the province about the potential risks of artificial surfaces.

#### Warnings for others

Municipalities are finding synthetic turf a fast solution to their recreation problems and the provincial government is subsidizing them abundantly. They are being installed without regard to all the issues facing their long-term use.

There is a need to debate, not just in Westmount, the issues of their potential pollution everywhere.

Not only is there the possible exposure to carcinogens to be considered but also the end-of-life problems. How will the artificial turf be disposed of?

Last month happened to coincide with the 10th anniversary of Quebec's tire recovery programme. It has ensured that 60 million were diverted from landfills. The 85 per cent recovery target has been exceeded annually since 2002.

Some tires were reused, but many became fuel — a controversial "solution," which is not accepted by many environmentalists.

#### Change the law

Tires-as-fuel may be legally accepted today, but will it be when the life of the turf now being installed is over?

Some pellets from New York turf samples were analyzed at Rutgers University. The results raised alarm about possible environmental risks. But when compared at my request with Quebec environmental law, the New York results met Quebec standards.

By comparison, asphalt — which is an accepted surface for many school playgrounds and basketball courts — is permitted even though it contains ten times some possible carcinogens!

Rather than amplifying Westmount's problem, how much more useful it would be to use Westmount's concern as an alert for the rest of the world about the downside of this fast solution for playing fields!

There is a need for better disposal of waste rubber, as well as a realistic assessment of the problems of asphalt!

It could be time to look at revising the provincial law, too.

#### Tremblay wants to change agglom

Gérald Tremblay and Mario Dumont pushing the same agenda! Life has its surprises. Both

are advocating abolishing the Montreal agglom. What's more, there is an air of mystery about the conversion of the Big City's Mayor to the idea of dropping the agglom.

Tremblay is now asking the Quebec government to add the suburban mayors to Montreal's council and letting all members, including the opposition parties, vote on Island-wide issues. He would no longer nominate only his adherents to the agglom. This is exactly what Pierre Lortie and his Transition Committee proposed unanimously — in 2005! Both Tremblay and Jean Charest's Liberal government decried it.

It will now be interesting to see how closely the government will follow Tremblay's lead. Or is it the other way — with Quebec City telling Tremblay to make nice and display a conciliatory gesture?

There has been a quiet smile of satisfaction on the face of Raymond Bachand, the minister responsible for Montreal, who has been pushing for a solution. After all, the slump in Liberal votes at the March election demands some miracle solution.

But how much of a solution is this Bachand-Tremblay plan? Mitchell Brownstein, who took Anthony Housefather's seat as Côte St Luc's representative at last Thursday's agglom meeting, said: "Tremblay's proposal is smart politics. It looks like something, but is, in fact, nothing."

Is Brownstein being too generous? Tremblay brought his two opposition leaders, Noushig Eloyan and Richard Bergeron, to the table for

his announcement. But he didn't even discuss it with the other players — the suburban mayors.

In fact, many of the mayors were in, or travelling to, Calgary for the FCM conference. This must have been known to Tremblay as some of his own councillors were there, too. Presumably he wanted the suburban mayors far away. That was not the way to a harmonious solution.

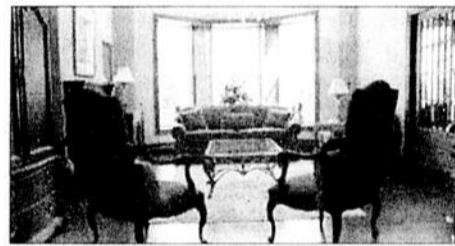
Tremblay knows that the suburbs still feel cheated by the Liberal's broken demerger promises. The conflict will continue.

#### Civic Studies

**Ticketed:** The weekend saw Patrick Martin's first stint as Pro-Mayor. It was marked by another "first" — a ticket for parking in front of his own house! More serious was his central role in the presentation on Monday of 1,281 McEntyre Essay Awards to Westmount students.

**Scores:** La Presse rated boroughs and cities for their transparency and council accessibility. Among the cities, Westmount was tied for second place with TMR. Beaconsfield, where former TV journalist Bob Benedetti is mayor, came top of the 14 cities; Montreal-West was fourth, Côte St. Luc sixth and Hampstead eleventh. Of the 19 Montreal boroughs, CDN-NDG was rated fifth.

• Community activist Don Wedge can be reached at [alert@web.net](mailto:alert@web.net). His columns are archived at [www.westmountexaminer.com](http://www.westmountexaminer.com), go to Opinion.



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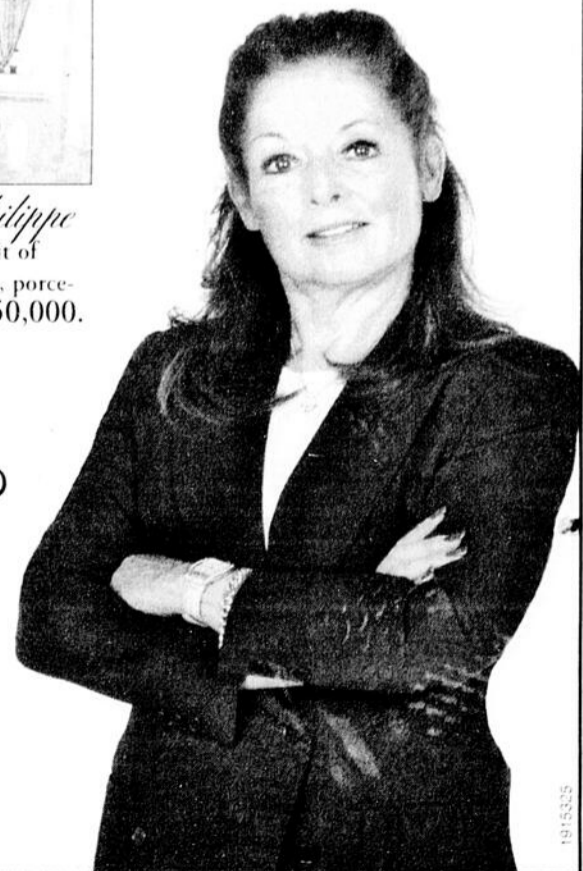


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# Liberals call for a democratic and productive Parliament

**B**efore Parliament breaks for the summer, the Liberal Opposition has called on Prime Minister Stephen Harper to work constructively with all parliamentarians to help pass important legislation for the common good of all Canadians.

The tactics of government obstruction and sabotage witnessed in the House of Commons in the last few weeks were deeply troubling. Instead of answering questions in the House or dealing with legitimate and substantive issues in Committee, Conservative members disrupted proceedings. It is time for the Conservatives to throw away their play book, and to make Parliament work.

Our leader, Stéphane Dion, urged the Conservative government to act on a number of legislative and committee priorities, including: allowing debate and a vote in the



MP  
Lucienne ROBILLARD

House on Commons on Bill C-30, the amended Clean Air Act, and ending stall tactics on Bill C-288, the Kyoto implementation bill now before the Senate; ending obstruction of the Ethics Committee's work to determine how the Department of Foreign Affairs reached a decision to deny the existence of a report detailing allegations of abuse and torture in Afghan prisons; and bringing forward the two justice bills that the Liberal Opposition has offered to fast track

for many months. While the Conservatives finally answered our call by naming a new chair for the Official Languages Committee, they have yet not to move on all other points.

Mr. Dion also called on the Conservative government to ensure Canada's approach to foreign ownership is able to keep up with the practices of our competitors in global markets.

To that end, we demanded the government: immediately appoint a blue ribbon panel of experts to review the issues and make recommendations on changes to the Investment Canada Act within three months; and hold back decisions on major foreign acquisitions and any changes to foreign ownership rules until after this process has been completed.

Mr. Dion said that, parallel to the work of this panel, a special sub-committee of the Finance Committee and the Industry Committee of the House of Commons

should hold hearings on these matters over the summer. Liberal House Leader Ralph Goodale said the Liberal caucus is committed to rolling up its sleeves and getting a number of important bills passed in the remaining weeks before the summer recess. Canadians want and expect their political representatives to work together for the benefit of the country and its citizens. This is especially true in a minority situation which — in Mr. Harper's own words — obliges the Prime Minister and his government to consult, to listen and to accommodate the views of the Opposition.

Liberals want to see some real progress made on some critical issues. Canadians become frustrated and disillusioned when the things that are important to them take a back seat to political ambition and party politics.

• *The Hon. Lucienne Robillard is the Liberal MP for Westmount-Ville Marie and the Deputy House Leader.*

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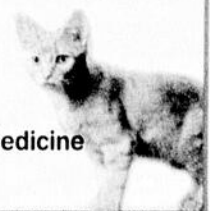


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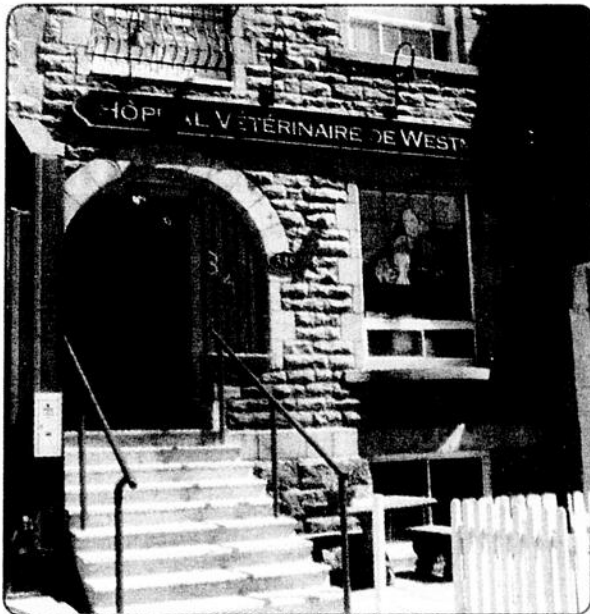
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Although in most cases a raw food diet is best for both dogs and cats, this option may not be right for everyone. If your pet has a severe health condition that prevents them from eating a raw meat diet, cooking for your pet is the perfect option.

For an average adult dog, the ideal ration should consist of 2 to 3 percent quality animal protein with either mixed in bone meal or ground up bones, so a 50 lb. dog should typically be getting 1 to 1.5 pound of meat and bone meal per day. Good quality bone meal is available in the form of powder that can be added to your pet's meals. You can also use eggs, cheese, yogurt, cottage cheese and even raw milk as an excellent source of protein, although meat or organ meat should be your primary choice.

Raw fruits and veggies, even if the meat is cooked, at approximately 1/3 ratio should accompany every meal, although carrots can

be steamed and sweet potatoes should be baked to aid digestion and the absorption and assimilation of beta carotene. These contain essential vitamins and fiber needed to help fuel the immune system and help in the eliminatory process. Because dogs and cats cannot break down fruit and vegetable skins, it is impossible for them to assimilate the needed nutrients. One must either pre-juice (combine both juice and pulp into the meal) or finely puree them in your blender. Nuts and sunflower seeds in moderation, because they are so fatty, can be added to the puree for additional fiber, vegetable protein and nutrients.

I do not recommend adding grains to your pet's diet. Many experts agree that grains are extremely difficult to digest and are therefore very taxing to a dog's and cat's digestive process. Not only do grains pass undigested through the animal's intestines serving no purpose other than being a filler, they take up a lot of energy from the body as it tries to "read" their molecular structure, therefore taxing the body of its energies needed elsewhere especially in maintaining immunity. There is a direct link between the increased amount of grains used in our pets' diets today, and the increased percentage of pets suffering from allergies. I have been often asked about the benefits of giving wild brown rice as a source of vitamin B complex, and although

that is something that one could give in small amounts, there is a wide range of other food sources that are an excellent alternative for carnivores; fish, beans, peas, dark green leafy veggies, eggs, liver and other organ meats, brewer's yeast (in moderation), and dairy products such as yogurt, raw milk and cottage cheese.

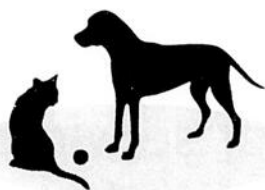
**...As for cats...**

According to CJ Puotinen's The Encyclopedia of Natural Pet Care, one of the most impressive experiments was conducted from 1932 to 1942 by Francis M. Pottenger, Jr., M.D. in Monrovia, California. Dr. Pottenger served as president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the American Academy of Applied Nutrition and the American Therapeutic Society among several others. "... (Dr. Pottenger) was inspired to embark on a ten year study conducted according to the most rigorous scientific standards of the day, during which 900 cats were studied and complete records were kept on 600... they were routinely weighed, numbered and examined... All of the cats were fed scraps of meat served at the sanatorium, which included beef, lamb and poultry muscle meats, bones and organs such as liver, tripe, brains and heart. All of the meat was organically raised

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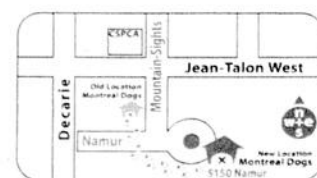
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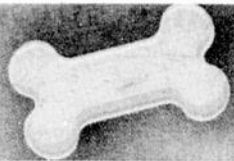
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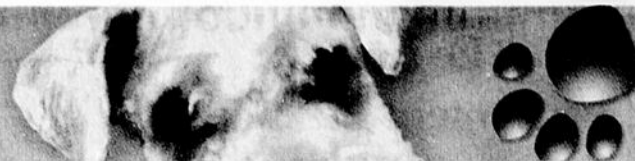
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If you absolutely, positively cannot feed your cat a raw meat diet, please make sure that you regularly provide him with fresh, organic cooked meats along with plenty of organic yogurt, cottage cheese and raw milk. Cats are true carnivores and they need animal protein not only to thrive but also to survive!

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Since the cooking process destroys meat's naturally occurring enzymes, it is recommended that you add good quality enzymes to your pet's meals. This is an important part of feeding your pet as dogs and cats have a much shorter digestive track and therefore have less time to absorb nutrients. Enzymes are necessary to help in the digestive process so that nutrients can be properly absorbed especially if you have a puppy, a kitten, an ill or a senior pet.

Vitamins are naturally found in your pet's food, provided that you feed them a fresh diet as discussed above, therefore you don't need to overdo a good thing. I do often recommend that vitamins be added for older pets or those suffering from health conditions who need that extra boost for their immunity. The most common vitamins are antioxi-

dants in the form of vitamins C, E and beta-carotene that aid in conditions related to compromised immunity such as allergies and cancer. Pets suffering from arthritis can also benefit from antioxidants, especially vitamin C as it helps nourish the body's collagen, in combination with glucosamine sulfate, chondroitin sulfate, and methylsulfonylmethane (MSM). Not all supplements are created equal, so do your research and buy reputable name brands from either your holistic veterinarian, specialized holistic pet health stores or your local health food store. Cheap brands are usually ineffective and can be a waste of

your time, efforts and money.

Remember that there is no substitute for a fresh, healthy diet that is suitable for dogs' and cats' carnivorous nature. There are many books and other references available to those who seek to learn how to naturally feed their pet. An informed choice is a healthy choice for your pet's health and well being as much as your own.

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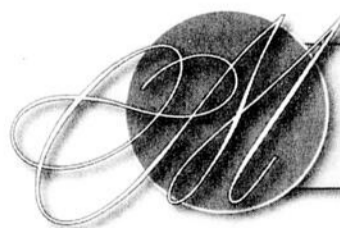
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the police force that they hate breaking up informal games of this nature, but I would suggest that it would be a simple matter, and would significantly reduce wear and tear of the fields, to post conspicuous signs — say beside a goalpost — forbidding the wearing of cleats for unauthorized games. It seems to me that this would be much easier to enforce and would elicit less friction and more cooperation from recreational players using the fields. Incidentally one or two days after the public meeting, when the field was pretty soggy, I watched an organized high school intra-squad rugby game, again on the east field, for two hours. This, I assumed, was an allocation. The divots were flying. I would suggest that a couple of hours of such activity inflicts far more damage to the fields than six weeks of eight-year-olds pattering around, chasing the ball.

To close, the lower field is something of a village green. On any given day one can see a variety of unrelated activities, pickup games of all sorts, strollers with or without pets, parents playing with and teaching their offspring, and so on. The attractiveness of this area is precisely that it is a big, open, unfenced space available to anyone and everyone in the neighbourhood for all sorts of recreational uses. It would be a pity to convert it to the 'pretty' (and obviously restricted) Better Homes and Gardens concept illustrated by the somewhat misleading "before and after" illustrations on the City website.

Peter Weldon  
Academy Road

### Another open letter to Mayor Marks

Madame:  
I write to point out the reasons why your honour should abandon the project to replace natural grass with unnatural in the playing fields of Westmount Park:

1. The fields are an intrinsic part of Westmount Park.
2. In particular they are the year round playground of Westmount Park Elementary School's children.
3. The fields belong to all Westmount residents who need the oxygen and comparatively good air provided by the greenery — especially the grass.
4. An increased and increasing number of soccer games will bring crowds, noise and very likely, rowdiness if not violence to Westmount Park.

5. The tremendous financial cost just for a few extra weeks of soccer for players who are not all residents of Westmount.

Your honour may perhaps have laudable reasons to encourage the game, but not the right to turn the natural playground of Westmount Park Elementary School's children into an unnatural one which, in the summer will produce temperatures too hot for play and very likely, emissions which may harm their health. Your honour has not the right to do this to the children.

Your honour may have all the figures and opinions of a phalange of 'experts and environmental specialists, etc.' to justify your 'project', but as a resident I demand a public inquiry to ascertain there is no conflict of interest involving these experts. Also, the anomalous fact that a local resident is a manufacturer of artificial grass needs be subject to a provincial enquiry if this corporation is to benefit from your honour's 'project'.

Chinese artisans have today perfected the art of making artificial flowers that by appearance, touch, feel and even scent can deceive most people to think their creations natural. They have not and never will be able to create the soul of a flower. In the Torah is written, "Above each blade of grass hovers an angel whispering, Grow, Grow, Grow..." The artificial flower (and imitations of nature) is the most perfect symbol of Death. I plead with your honour, please do not bring the symbol of death to the fields of Westmount Park. The children of Westmount Park Elementary School would not like it. Neither would a vast number of residents who choose to live in Westmount because its abundance of greenery is Alive. Please listen to five-year-old Katherine Toth in the May 3 *Examiner*: "I love the earthworms and the birds and the mud and I love to roll with my friends in the cool grass. There is no fun rolling on a plastic carpet."

To conclude, I again plead with your honour not to carry through your project with the 'recommendations' of your experts against the wishes of so many residents. Carrying it through would mar the rest of your term of office. And will not be easily forgotten, especially after the fairly recent levelling of our great grove of hard woods at Sunnyside (with scant public notice) to encourage more tourists to bring more crowds, more traffic and its pollutants to our fragile green home.

Stephen Chin  
Sherbrooke Street

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# Selwyn student wins science fair — again

**A**t age 9, Selwyn House Grade 4 student Bhavish Beejan has already made a unique contribution to the world of science. He is the first person to win first place overall two years in a row at the regional elementary Expo-sciences Bell.

His winning project on multiple sclerosis also has a humanitarian component. As part of his project, Bhavish organized a fundraiser at his school in which he and his classmates raised \$182 for research into MS, while pursuing his goal to "spread the message about the disease."

At the Expo, Bhavish spent three days spreading the message to judges, visitors and television reporters. Information flows out of him in both official languages with an ease and eloquence that is almost startling for someone of his age and stature. He came home with a gold medal in the Grade 3-4 category and a \$250 cash prize and science games for winning first place overall among 150 students in the competition.

Last year he took first place overall for his project on cloning. Chantal Simard, Bhavish's science teacher at Selwyn House, says one of last year's judges told Bhavish, "Come and see us when you graduate. We'll have a job for you."

Multiple sclerosis affects many people today and is becoming more widespread, Bhavish explains. There are four types of the disease, and specific symptoms vary from patient to patient. There is no cure at the present time, so doctors concentrate on relieving symptoms. "You don't die from MS, but life

becomes really painful," Bhavish says. He predicts that science may find a cure for the disease within the next two years.

Where did he glean all this and much more? Is it a trick of technology? "The Internet is quicker," Bhavish admits, "but I got a lot of information from books."

Well, then, it must be in his genes. Are his parents Nobel laureates? No — his dad's an accountant and his mother a research analyst.

And he's no automaton. Bhavish is a well-rounded student who plays hockey and soccer, and is as good at teamwork as he is at solo projects. "It's not like I'm a science nerd," he says. "There are other things [in life]."

"He is a student who is interested in everything," says Simard. "He likes to work in team, and has a very positive influence on his peers. He always has meaningful, constructive comments about others' work. They like him."

For instance, he says science is not his first choice for a future career. He would prefer to write fiction — preferably fantasy — for a living. But he's philosophical about his ambitions. "When you're young you have plenty of ideas of what you want to do," he admits.

Back in class, he tackles the Grade 4 curriculum the same way his classmates do: one math problem at a time. Fortunately, he seems to be equipped with a healthy dose of self-confidence. "You have to push yourself and believe in yourself," he says.

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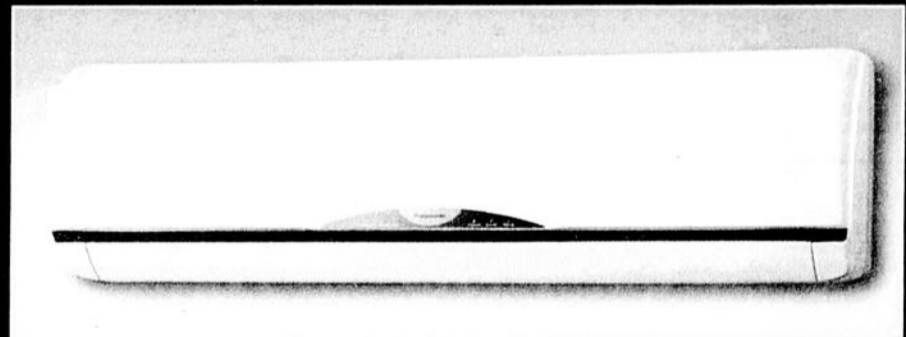
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# Law firm donates playground to Oral School

> Bram Eisenthal

Lawyers Benjamin Robinson and Joseph Shapiro founded their law firm 85 years ago, and since then something in addition to the law that has guided the firm, known today as Robinson Sheppard Shapiro.

"A key ethic of RSS has remained the imperative of giving back, via charity, to the communal organizations that have helped us become successful," said Barry Shapiro, son of the late co-founder.

When the time came to celebrate RSS's 85th anniversary this year, partners Shapiro and Charles Flam knew it could be anything but a run-of-the-mill affair. "We decided to choose a deserving organization and make a sizeable donation that would make a major

difference, rather than spend the money on a huge party to pat ourselves on our collective back," said Flam. "But we extended these efforts to enlist the significant participation of our clients in this important fundraiser."

What emerged from this special anniversary campaign has made a difference to the recipient of a \$50,000 donation—the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf, which used the funds to establish a badly-needed playground for 50 full-time students and about 200 others who benefit from its services.

The school, which trains hearing-impaired children aged several months and older to listen and speak, relocated to Westmount from NDG in 2004.

It includes both health and educational

components in its teaching routine, which is directed toward children using both hearing aids and cochlear implants to facilitate varying degrees of hearing. The new playground was as much an educational aid as a recreational one and therefore helped fill a gap.

"This playground was a necessity," stated Martha Perusse, the school's principal. "On one hand, we could never run a program that keeps children inside all day without one. But on the other, the development of gross motor skills, which are learned on the playground,

are essential to the acquisition of language skills. The children get really creative out there."

There is a little garden, a place where lessons are learned while planting pumpkins in the fall and sunflowers in the spring. There is also a small asphalt track, which features a play gas pump, where the children can drive their tricycles.

"Our condo neighbours have seen the children having fun while they learn and many have sent us donations, some as much as \$1,000," said Perusse.

605 Miscellaneous employment

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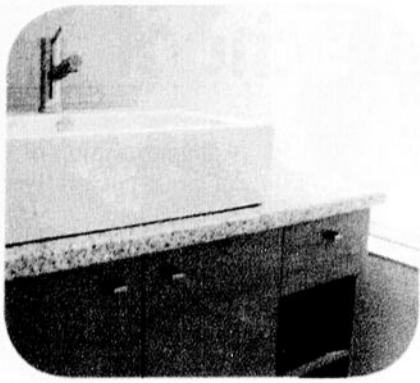
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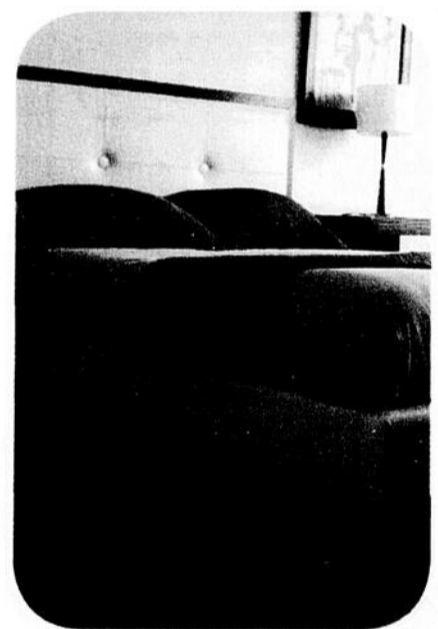
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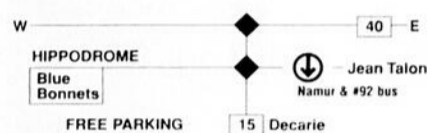
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## Turning the page: New book, new life for Ray Smith

> Wayne Larsen

As one of CanLit's original enfants terrible of the late 1960s—barging onto the literary scene right in that sweet spot of rebellious creativity—Ray Smith can never be classified as a 'conventional' or 'traditional' writer; that label was forever denied him four decades ago with the publication of his first book, 'Cape Breton is the Thought-Control Centre of Canada.'

But then, Ray Smith has never been one for labels. And anyone familiar with his relatively small but potent body of work will agree that no author of Smith's quirky versatility deserves to be categorized at all.

The only thing that can ever be safely stated about Smith is that he is among the country's best yet under-appreciated writers — a novelist and satirist of the first order whose witty and irreverent prose have surfaced once again in a brand new novel, 'The Flush of Victory: Jack Bottomly Among the Virgins.'

As the first in a projected series of what Smith describes as Bottomly misadventures, the title character is introduced as a Canadian air force intelligence officer hot on the trail of a bizarre series of military murders and other assorted crimes, misdemeanours and absurdities. The result is a complex, comic tale that unfolds like a walk through an unfamiliar neighbourhood — you never know what awaits around the next corner.

The narrative style, different again from

most of Smith's previous work, fluctuates between elegant and downright rude and never lets up in its sheer lack of respect for anything even remotely respectable. As usual, nothing is sacred in Smith's topsy-turvy view of the Canadian establishment. And in the grandest tradition of contemporary satire, he gleefully shoots down everything in his path. This may be Major Jack Bottomly's misadventure, but the very bureaucratic military setting provides Smith with countless opportunities to flaunt his gift for lampoon — and he takes full advantage of each one.

"Jack is not the kind of guy you'd want to spend a lot of time with," Smith says of his character — a man whose flaws really do fill a book.

### Going home

The publication of 'The Flush of Victory: Jack Bottomly Among the Virgins' comes at a major turning point in the author's life. He has recently retired from a 35-year career as an English teacher at Dawson College, where he became well-known among hundreds of students over the years as 'The Man Who Loved Jane Austen' — not coincidentally the title of his 1999 novel.

Not only that, but after living in Westmount since 1982, first on Burton Avenue then in a basement apartment on Grosvenor just above Sherbrooke, Smith is moving out.

Now, he says, he's going home.

Home for Smith is Mabou, a village on Cape Breton, where he was born and raised. He may have lived and worked in Westmount for most of his life, made the daily trip to Dawson along Sherbrooke Street and buried himself in research at the Westmount Public Library, but hearth and home has always been the house built by his grandfather in Mabou, a dozen miles from Inverness.

Smith speaks of Mabou with the affection and pride of a true native son. Describing it as the most musical village in Canada, he claims that if he were to take a 4-iron and hit a golf ball in Mabou, chances are it would fly over someone who has a CD out. Names like Rankin, MacMaster and MacIsaac — giants of the East Coast music scene — drop left and right as Smith describes his neighbours and their relatives.

Cape Breton may not be acknowledged as the thought-control centre of Canada by most Canadians, but from now on it will serve as the creative centre of the universe for one of our most original literary minds. He is leaving Westmount, but with more of Jack Bottomly stories on the way, we definitely have not heard the last of Ray Smith and his finely tuned sense of the absurd.

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Ce règlement a pour objet, notamment, d'établir un couvre-feu dans tous les parcs municipaux, entre minuit et 5 h.

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The object of the said By-law is, among other things to establish a curfew in all municipal parks between midnight and 5:00 a.m.

This by-law comes into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, during summer office hours, Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Nancy Gagnon  
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# Bulletin Board

## Thursday, June 7

Paroisse Saint-Léon de Westmount holds a liquidation sale of clothes, books, CDs, etc. from 1 to 6 p.m. in the church basement, 330 and 336 Clarke Ave., corner de Maisonneuve. Info: 514-935-4950.

The Bimetallic Question, our local Sherlock Homes Society, will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. W. The story The Noble Bachelor will be quizzed and discussed, but participation is not mandatory. All are welcome to join us for a fun evening. Info: 514-931-8690.

The Westmount Horticultural Society invites Pat Webster, who will give an illustrated talk entitled 'A Personal Landscape: Glen Villa and its Gardens' at 7 p.m. at the Westmount Library, 4574 Sherbrooke Street W. Join the society or renew your membership. Annual dues \$15; guest fee \$5. Info: 514-932-9349 or westhortsoc@sympatico.ca.

## Saturday, June 9

Montreal Children's Library in collaboration with the NSERC and the Pepsi Forum presents the Science is Everywhere! launch for 5- to 12-year-olds and their families at the Pepsi Forum (corner Atwater and St. Catherine) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free day of displays, hands-on activities and science programs. For more information, call 514-931-2304 or visit www.mcl-bjm.ca.

Cadet Corps 2862 RMR hosts a Bazaar Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Royal Montreal Regiment, 4625 St Catherine St. W. Info: 514-496-2003 ext 315.

## Sunday, June 10

The Westmount children's choir 'Imagine' and the adult singing group 'Singing is Fun' present their annual spring concert at 3 p.m. in Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W. Concert will be followed by a party. Free admission. Info: 514-934-0535.

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Steri-Animal holds a cat/kitten adoption clinic at the Naturanimal & Pawtisserie, 4932B Sherbrooke St. W., from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Foster homes and volunteers/drivers needed. Info: 514-859-9008.

## Thursday, June 14

Seventh annual Words & Music event in The Gallery of Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W., at 7 p.m. This year featuring Ian Ferrier, spoken word artist; Hélène Pedneault, writer, journalist and poet; Deux filles et un piano with Maude Desjardins (soprano), Virginie Proulx-Tremblay (soprano) and William Kraushaar-Hébert (keyboard); and Les Blaireaux, a barbershop quartet with Bernard Bourgeois (bass) Mathieu Caya (tenor) Christian Perrault (tenor) and Richard Quinn (baritone). Info: 514-989-5226.

## Saturday, June 16

Roslyn School's Annual Medieval Fair and Garage Sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's fair will have a Princesses and Ogres theme. Participate in the Far, Far Away Idol talent show. Be crowned king or queen of the Medieval Fair for best costume! Play games and contests! Have things lying around the house you want to get rid of? Rent a table at Ye Olde Garage Sale. Table rental is \$25. Info: Delores LaPratt at 514-504-8978.

## Monday, June 18

Monday Morning Torah Institute presents Contemporary Jewish Women's Issues with Rabbi Adam Scheier at 11 a.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave. Info: 514-937-9471.

## Ongoing

The Gallery on Greene, 1368 Greene Ave., presents an exhibition of paintings by Pei

Yang through June 10. Info: 514-938-3863.

Galerie Avenue Art, 10 King St., presents 'Horizons', an exhibition by Anthony Hobbs, through June 16. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 10:30 to 5 p.m. or by appointment. Info: 514-867-3745.

The McClure Gallery of the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave., presents 'The Newfoundland Series' by Mary Martha Guy and works by Catherine Hoey through June 16. Info: 514-488-9558.

Westmount Baptist Church, 411 Roslyn Ave., invites the community to join in the Alpha Program, which runs through June 24. Info: 514-937-1009.

Register today for Mini Med School at The Children's Hospital. A chance to hear from six leading health experts on subjects like autism, palliative care, emergency medicine, and much more. Cost \$60 for adults, \$30 for students and seniors. Classes start on Sept. 10. For more info call 514-412-4307 or www.thechildren.com. Seating is limited so please register today.

Enjoy Lawn Bowling this summer: Westmounters interested in trying and learning this great sport are invited to come to the local club on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. It is located at 401 Kensington, next to Westmount City Hall. Bowls and coaching are provided. There is no dress code, except flat-soled shoes required. Info: 514-931-8690.

St. Margaret's Home for the elderly is currently recruiting volunteers to help with

mealtime assistance and tuck shop, as well as assisting the occupational and physiotherapist. Info: Melanie Lafleur at 514-932-3630.

Mary's Recovery: Weekly meetings in English and French at the Westmount YMCA for people seeking help in dealing with fear, anger, stress, depression, anxiety, panic attacks, phobias, insomnia, gambling addiction. Info: 514-485-2194 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Tumbling Tots at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave., for parents and toddlers under five years old, with music, stories and more. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10:30 a.m., \$3.50 per child drop-in. Info: 514-931-6202.

The Montreal Camera Club meets each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve, entrance at rear. Slide shows, competitions and workshops. Visitors welcome. Info: 514-637-2767.

Westmount Toastmasters: Take the fear out of public speaking every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W.

The Rotary Club of Westmount meets each Wednesday at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W., at 12:30 p.m.

Friends of the Westmount Library ask that you think of them if you have any books you wish to donate for their book sales. They accept quality hardcovers and paperbacks in reasonable condition, on all subjects. Please drop off your books at the library circulation desk, 4574 Sherbrooke W.

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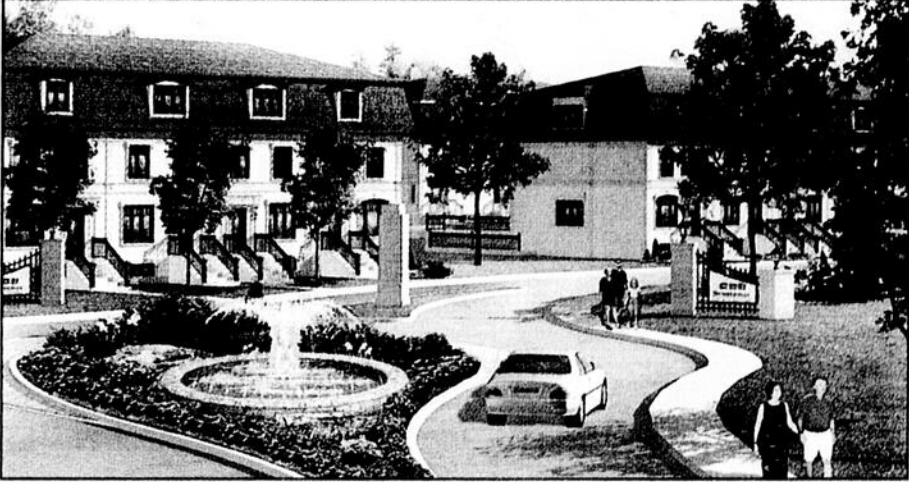


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