

'Rules are rules': neighbours lose demolition appeal

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount city council cleared the way for the demolition of a vacant bungalow at 310 Côte St. Antoine Rd. at an appeal hearing January 14. The dispute was triggered by neighbours concerned about the impact of the replacement home on their houses.

In dismissing the appeal, council unanimously confirmed the decision of the city's Demolition Committee on November 18, 2008, and the approval of a plan to build a three-storey house designed to more closely resemble others between Strathcona and Arlington.

The new house, neighbours claimed, is oversized, set too far forward, blocks views and light, eliminates green space and does not consider the impact on those who have lived there 20 and 30 years.

"Rules are rules," said the architect Adam Borowczyk after council announced its decision. "We have to go by rules rather than emotions. People are afraid of change, but when the project is finished they bring you flowers."

"We are not in agreement with the decision, obviously," said neighbour and lawyer Guy Masson of 492 Strathcona. "We are consid- *continued on p. 12*

Anna Gainey returns to Roslyn



From left: Bob Gainey's daughter Anna; current Roslyn teacher Roger Pelland (and one of Anna's); with Roslyn principal James McMorran. For story see p. 13.

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Council pay rises 6% over 3 years

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount city council members voted themselves a 2-percent pay hike January 12 for each of the three years 2007-2009, but they are not eligible as elected officials to collect the additional amount retroactively.

While they had intended to increase their own remuneration yearly, "I didn't think it was appropriate for us to raise the bar until we had settled the blue collar agreement," said Councillor Tom Thomp-

son who chairs the Finance and Administration Committee. This was approved by council December 15 with the same 2-percent increases. In the workers' case, however, the increases are retroactive.

As a result, council members will see their pay cheques rise 6 percent for 2009. This boosts the councillors' annual stipend to \$14,645 when compounded. They also receive a tax-free expense allowance of \$7,323, for a total of \$21,968.

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New Selwyn headmaster takes the helm



Hal Hannaford, Selwyn's new headmaster, stands in front of some his office's blues music memorabilia.

By ISAAC OLSON

Hal Hannaford may be entering his 20th year as a school headmaster, but it will be his first at Westmount's Selwyn House.

The new headmaster is taking the helm on the heels of Selwyn's recent settlement in the decades-old sex-abuse scandal that has rocked the community in recent months. So far, 35 men claim they were abused between 1961 and 1991 by three former teachers. On Jan. 13, a \$5-million "no admission" class action settlement was approved by the Superior Court of Quebec. Edward Claxton, chairman of the board of directors, has issued an official

statement that can be found on the school's website.

"I'm happy there is a settlement," said Hannaford. "I hope it will help expedite the claims process and there can be a fair resolution for everyone involved."

Refreshing his French

Settling into the now-retired William Mitchell's office, 52-year-old Hannaford has been arranging his blues music memorabilia display and refreshing his French with some help from first graders. He looks to a future that will be more "evolutionary than revolutionary." His primary goal, much like his predecessor's, is to instill good values in Selwyn students.

Council salaries have limits

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councillors, is listed as going to \$43,934. While she is entitled to an additional expense allowance of half the salary (\$21,967), the tax-free limit for this year has been set by Quebec at \$14,584, according to city officials. The excess amount of \$7,383 is therefore considered to be taxable remuneration for a total amount of \$65,901.

The mayor also receives additional amounts from two inter-municipal bodies

on which she sits: the agglomeration council and the STM. In 2008, these amounted to \$10,160 and \$20,746 respectively and to date remain unadjusted for an overall total of \$96,807.

Interestingly, total mayoral remuneration (minus non-tax expenses) is limited by Quebec at \$92,912 for all but the larger cities such as Montreal and Quebec City. If the amount exceeds the maximum, it is the stipend from the supra- or inter-municipal bodies that is cut proportionately.

Checking out winter tires

At last reports, no tickets had been issued so far in Westmount in respect to the new law this year requiring the mandatory use of winter tires, police said. But residents are urged to check that their tires meet the criteria.

Traffic officer Joël Goldberg at local police station 12 describes those qualifying for winter use as having "either a pictogram representing a mountain with a superimposed snowflake, or the following inscription: Alaska, Arctic, A/T or AT Blizzard, Ice, LT, Nordic, Snow (but not *mud and snow*), Stud, Ultratraction or Winter. More information is available on the Transports Quebec website.

"It's a great honour," Hannaford said about his new post. "This community has been unbelievable. Everybody has made the transition as easy as it could possibly be for me."

Born in Montreal, Hannaford graduated from Lower Canada College before heading west to continue his studies. Most recently, he was headmaster of Toronto's Royal St. George's College and, before that, he was founding headmaster of Kingsway College School.

Point of order

Council heard a rare request at its meeting January 12 for a change in the minutes of the previous sitting, December 15.

In this case, Councillor Patrick Martin questioned wording attributed to Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who was reported as saying that a recent court judgment had supported a "decision" of the Planning Advisory Committee. "Only the city council has the right make a decision," he explained, proposing that the word "recommendation" be substituted.

Mayor Karin Marks suggested the clarification be reflected in the minutes of the current meeting. Martin agreed.

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Council priorities: Shaping Westmount in '09

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council's priorities in the last year of its mandate are to finalize a sustainability plan, settle the arena project, and address urban planning questions concerning allowable building sizes and public information in the permits process.

Mayor Karin Marks singled out these three main items for the *Westmount Independent*.

Sustainability Plan

"We hope to have the sustainability plan in place by the end of the year as a road map for working with the community to establish a greener community," she said. In the meantime, however, the city will move forward with this objective.

Arena Renewal Project

"We had hoped to have already had a shovel in the ground in the arena project," she said. But that has been delayed

by funding and finalizing of the preliminary designs. The city's application for an infrastructure grant is awaiting the finalization of details between the federal and provincial governments on the grants program. At the same time, "We're working on preliminary design options."

The aim is to go public in the next few months with a design and funding proposal. Stimulus programs and low interest rates are positive reasons for moving forward at this time, she said.

Permits and urban planning

Council will be re-examining the part of the permit process regarding the amount of advance information to be made available to the public, she said. As well, the zoning and building by-laws "which shouldn't be stagnant" are being examined with particular attention to the "amount of building" that may be put on a property.



From left: Councillor Patrick Martin, Councillor Tom Thompson, Councillor Kathleen Duncan; Mayor Karin Marks, Councillor George Bowser, Councillor Nicole Forbes, Councillor Cynthia Lulham and Councillor John de Castell. Absent: Councillor Guy Charette.

on its size and affordability, and that it improves the situation regarding parking, traffic and safety;

- To assure Westmount has a long-term strategy for the maintenance and upkeep of its infrastructure (electric utility, water, sewers, roads and buildings) and sufficient budget to keep them up to standard;
- To assure that major changes take place in the urban planning process to provide greater transparency and more protection of the rights of neighbours and of architectural heritage.

District 2: Councillor Tom Thompson

- To seek the best rates over the longest period of time to reduce the city's debt and take advantage of any opportunity to stabilize the repayment;
- To use the arena and pool renewal project as an opportunity to examine some of the issues (parking, safety and traffic flow) resulting from the original construction;
- To develop a plan to make up for lost time over the merger years regarding capital works and to look for new infrastructure technologies to be incorporated in the rebuilding of streets.

District 3: Councillor Guy Charette

- To "survive" the economic downturn by paying special attention to the impact on certain budget items such as a possible decrease in revenue from land transfers and the city's commercial clientele;
- To develop a plan for long-term debt structure to ensure that "a very tricky year" won't affect subsequent ones;

District 4: Councillor Kathleen Duncan

- To examine the permits process, especially where major building alterations are concerned, with regards to making more advance information available to the public;
- To try to "re-establish trust and trans-

parency" with the community by opening up communication.

District 5: Councillor George Bowser

- In addition to providing "consensual" support to council's general priorities, to take the leadership in ensuring the condition of the cannon that previously stood in Westmount Park is reviewed so that "citizens get to enjoy them as soon as possible."

District 6: Councillor Nicole Forbes

- To see an approved action plan for the renewal of the arena and pool;
- To ensure the survival of Art Westmount as a biennial event;
- To encourage more of a cultural season at Victoria Hall.

District 7: Councillor Cynthia Lulham

- To see the playing fields project finished in Westmount Park;
- To pay close attention to the Ministry of Transport's work to lower the Ville Marie Expressway as part of the Turcot interchange project and the impact it may have on the community;
- To work with the AMT and the railway on the reduction of train noise;
- To ensure the arena project meets the needs of the community as a whole while reducing the impact the original facility has had on the immediate neighbourhood.

District 8: Councillor John de Castell

- To see a sustainable development plan come to fruition, have meaning and allure for residents, and be developed in concert with interested parties;
- To obtain clarification regarding the future of the transportation corridor (trains and the Turcot interchange project);
- Regain an upper hand on the graffiti problem.

City councillors' individual objectives

Mayor Karin Marks

The mayor aims to move forward on two important items facing the 15 reconstituted municipalities:

- To address the level of funding responsibility for the centre city and establishing reduced boundaries for this downtown area;
- To try to work out a "reasonable relation-

ship" with the city of Montreal regarding island-wide responsibilities and "hopefully venturing" into off-island regional ones. "If, by the end of the year, we can begin a better dialogue with Quebec and other areas, it can have huge implication on grants and other sources of revenue."

District 1: Councillor Patrick Martin

- To follow the arena project with a focus

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At Second Glance

Finding middle ground

BY HEATHER BLACK



In Ottawa, the year 2008 ended with a prorogued parliament, the threat of an election and a new Liberal leader. But for Westmount's Liberal member of parliament, Marc Garneau, the opposition will bring a "new unity of purpose within parliament to deal with the Number One issue – the global economic downturn."

And this is what Canadians want – our elected representatives working together. But will partisanship get in the way?

Left, right and centre

Partisanship – the extreme "us and them" mentality – suggests that there is no common ground. Not so, says moral psychologist Jonathan Haidt. At a recent lecture, the University of Virginia professor illustrated that two important values – protection from harm and fairness – are shared by both liberals and conservatives. And his research – based on a questionnaire available at www.yourmorals.org – included Canadian respondents.

But while conservatives and liberals differ on the remaining three – loyalty, authority and purity – Canadian politics does not always follow the left/right divide that party name would suggest. While "small l" liberalism supports free trade over protectionism, it was Conservative leader Brian Mulroney who promoted North American free trade in 1988. Although Westmount MP Donald Johnston supported free trade, opposition to the policy by party leader John Turner made it a defining election issue. Accordingly, some Liberal voters supported the Conservatives to back a liberal policy.

The fact is, historically, both Conservative and Liberal leaders have pursued progressive policies. Father of Confederation Adam Archibald and Liberal Party leader – a protégé of Nova Scotia's free-press

champion Joseph Howe – supported Conservative Party policies such as elementary education and Confederation. Appointed to John A. Macdonald's cabinet, he ran as a Confederate in the 1867 provincial election and lost, only to be re-elected as a Liberal-Conservative in 1869. Our politicians – out of necessity of the times – respond to the issues.

And this is what Canadians require from our politicians, a balance of social rights with a positive economic environment. With conservatives, liberals and moderate voters in agreement on the two key values, fairness combined with care, many Canadians are understandably swing voters. At the start of any campaign, a certain number indicate their preference – 54 percent in the last federal election – but a large number decide on the basis of ongoing campaign promises.

According to Haidt, the remaining three "conservative" values – loyalty, authority and purity/sanctity – traditionally divide the electorate. So while these three contribute to great civilizations like Babylon, the prime "liberal" characteristic – an openness to new experience – must also flourish. Haidt's advice is to balance the need for both stability and change by seeking truth. For citizens, truth in troubling economic times means finding successful policies – either new or old.

Future positive

But, there are indications that a new spirit of cooperation exists. Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff has indicated a willingness to work with the prime minister to manage. And Stephen Harper has adopted a conciliatory tone. When Mike Duffy was asked by the prime minister to sit as a senator, he responded: "I'm not much of a partisan." But Harper – according to Duffy – replied: "That's alright, we have enough partisans in parliament."

Well said! There is common ground. Heather Black is a communication designer. Contact her: atcitizen@gmail.com

Snow can hurt!

Mavis Young questioned city council and director general Duncan Campbell about snow removal procedures at the council meeting of January 12. Young broke her wrist after slipping on Melville Ave. on December 27.

Young told the council that the sidewalk in front of her house was not salted or sanded by 12 noon, despite a clear weather advisory the previous night.

City director general Duncan Campbell explained that the city's procedures are tailored to weather conditions.

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Atwater Library at 180 Shorthand's long history

BY SUSAN MCGUIRE

Given the 180th anniversary of the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, the In-

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Shorthand (at first called "phonography" in England) evolved significantly during the 18th century and its use was accelerated in England when it became legally possible to report house of commons proceedings, which happened at about the same time as improved printing presses allowed for the rapid circulation of newspapers.

Several systems were developed, all essentially recording sounds rather than letters. Among those who mastered a form of phonography was Charles Dickens who, prior to becoming an idolized writer had, at the age of 18 (following in his father's footsteps), become highly skilled in shorthand and as a result was admitted as a reporter to the gallery of the house of commons in 1831.

Dickens visited Montreal in 1842 while on a North American tour. Four years later, the first classes in phonography were held at the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal. This was the system, developed by Isaac Pitman in 1837, that spread quickly around the world.

A letter from James Henry Browning to John Harper in June 1883 provides evidence that a shorthand program was ongoing at the institution. Mr. M. Hutchinson of the law firm Macmaster Hutchinson & Weir was suggested as a course examiner due his being "the first to ply the vocation of shorthand writing in the Civil Courts of this district."

9 Lives: 2009 starts with thanks

BY LYZANNE

I would like to start 9 Lives in this New Year with a message of gratitude and hope.

As an update from last year, I am most pleased to announce that Maximus, my large adopted black cat who is afraid of dogs, was adopted by a dogless family in Westmount just before the holidays.

The adopting family members are so kind and such wonderful neighbours. I look forward to visiting them regularly.

I found Maximus outside on Olivier Ave. very late on a winter's night at my neighbour's front porch, where they were trying to feed and shelter him in -30°C weather. I then carried him home before he froze to death.

As I reflect on this, I remind myself that, in the book of life, the happy ending occurs after a number of adventures.

In this chapter, even though Maximus was terrified of my shih tzu Suyeung, he was saved on her late evening walk and

found a friend in her. As Suyeung is going blind now and getting frail at the ripe old age of 13, it was best that they have homes that offer each of them peace of mind. We have come to this happy conclusion for both of them.

So this is a message of thanks to all my neighbours in Westmount who have read my column and helped find homes for the cats who needed a chance.

As with Maximus, it sometimes takes a few families to make a difference. Each one of us has a role to play in placing a pet in need and having the incredible satisfaction of knowing a life has been saved.

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Underdog: Still waiting for homes

BY FERN BRESLAW

When we first heard about the SPCA puppy mill raids, it felt like these dogs were a bunch of war heroes returning to civilization. We adopted these soldiers one by one, bringing them home to be smothered with love and overpriced rubber toys. When the media frenzy died down and the shelter had cleared, two were left. Nobody had noticed them as they sat patiently waiting. Their names are Elsa and Freya, and they are the last two puppy mill dogs still needing to be saved.

Elsa is a big, black, beautiful German shepherd. She's about a year and a half and was clearly never let out of her cage. Still, she is learning quickly; how to walk on a leash and how to sit. Even how to play with other dogs comes as a first. She gets compliments everywhere she goes for her model good looks but once she is back at the shelter she returns to her status as just another big black dog.

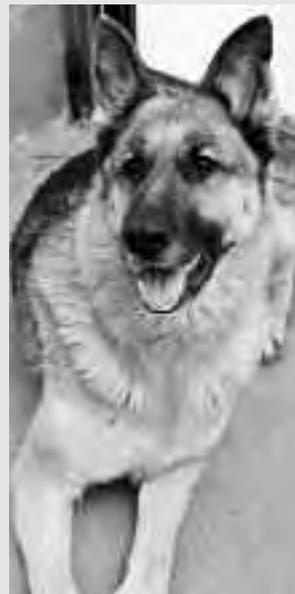
Freya is four or five and is quite well trained. She is an old-fashioned Norman Rockwell kinda' German Shepherd - smart, calm, gentle and will make a very loyal companion if anyone ever decides to rescue her. These two are too loving and have been through too much to possibly be forgotten.

Somebody please go get these girls from the SPCA and take them home. For information on Freya and Elsa, call 514.969.3376.



Elsa

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Freya

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Westmount Art Scene

Westmount artists at local galleries

BY HEATHER BLACK

Art is a celebration of individuality, as Westmount artists illustrate. Whether the artist is gallery owner Andrew Lui, long-time resident Douglas Fales or newcomer to the area, Tom Hopkins, expect a diversity of subject matter, style and technique at our local galleries.

Andrew Lui's painterly whirls and

swirls evokes man, horse and cavalry. Imaginative and futuristic, the artist introduces a contemporary take on this historic art theme. Also at Han Art, Hugo Wüthrich's stylized faces, figures and scenes evokes a spontaneous humour. Painted as simple geometric shapes, the strong graphics recreate a sense of exuberant play.

At West End Gallery, ballerinas dominate Lynda Schneider Granatstein's recent oils and pastels. Creating an antique effect with layered colours, her paintings are vibrant and complex. A skilled draftsman, her drawings are sensual and colourful. Also using pastels, landscape artist

Douglas Fales skillfully conveys rural Glengarry County or maritime scenes.

Across the street at Galerie de Bellefeuille, Jennifer Hornyak's flowers are joyful, abstract expressions. Playful yet dramatic, the artist conveys geometric form by limiting detail. In contrast, Tom

Hopkin's textured, jewel-toned oils are often narrative or allegorical in nature. Painted in thick layers, the artist creates rich landscapes uniquely his own.

At Galerie D'Este, abstract painter Zhang He exhibits colourful and dynamic



Helianthus Annus

Photograph by Alison Sorbie

art inspired by nature. From his Somerville studio, the artist paints with thick, impasto brushstrokes combining colour with tactile complexity.

Victoria Village

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Alison Sorbie exhibits exquisite photographs at Galerie Sandra Goldie. Focusing on a colourful detail of a blossom or hedgerow in dramatic black and white, the architect's images are abstract, tactile and sculptural.

At Collins Lefebvre Stoneberger, Heidi Spector presents landscapes as majestic vistas. Creating fjords, fields or deserts in oil, her work transports us to dramatic settings.

A. H. Campbell displays Bruce Roberts' flamboyant horses. Fluid and fanciful in ink or watercolour, no line obscures the rich design. Also available, charming street scenes by Laurie Campbell and figurative oils by Roxanne Dyer. Portraying fashion students in soft, muted colours, Dyer's images are sensitive and elegant.

And until February 7, the Gallery at Victoria Hall presents a retrospective of paintings by Anne Fish.

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Westmount's adult hockey standings

Executive A	GP	WIN	LOSS	TIE	PTS	LAW (Black)	GP	WIN	LOSS	TIE	PTS
C.E.O. (Grey)	12	6	2	4	16	ENGINEERS (Red)	12	4	8	0	8
M.D. (Yellow)	12	4	3	5	13	Senior A	GP	WIN	LOSS	TIE	PTS
P.H.D. (Blue)	12	4	6	2	10	KINGS	20	17	2	1	35
C.A. (Green)	12	4	7	1	9	BLUES	20	9	10	1	19
Executive B	GP	WIN	LOSS	TIE	PTS	RED WINGS	20	8	12	0	16
M.B.A. (White)	12	8	3	1	17	BRUINS	20	4	14	2	10
BROKERS (Blue)	12	6	5	1	13						

Senior B	GP	WIN	LOSS	TIE	PTS
PREDATORS	18	14	2	2	30
CANADIENS	17	11	4	2	24
NORDIQUES	16	8	6	2	18
SHARKS	18	8	9	1	17
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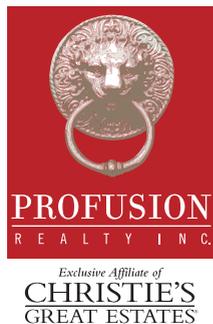
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New semester, new staff at Marianopolis



New Marianopolis faculty and staff, from left: front row, Cynthia Boulanger (French); Lorraine Briscoe (finance officer); Amélie Jackson (monitor); Alexandra Adam (biology lab technician); Zoe Dafniotis (physical education); Kate Sheckler (English); middle row, Jean-Michel Cohalan (geography); Cilanne Boulet (math); Adrian McKerracher (monitor); Rebecca Bain (humanities); Bonnie Day (information systems administrator); back row, Karine Villeneuve (French); Rachel Faust (physics); Jerry Bleton (history); David Prince (French); and Mark Stephen (instructional designer).

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Charlotte Huebner, 10, becomes published poet



Charlotte Huebner

Grosvenor Ave. resident Charlotte Huebner will be published at the tender age of 10 years old.

Her poem, “Pour planter une fleur d’amour”, will be published alongside works from such prolific writers and artists as Leonard Cohen, Nancy Huston, Daniel Pennac, Daniel Bélanger and even an unpublished work of Belgian singer/songwriter Jacques Brel in the 5th volume of *Mille mots d’amour*.

This compilation of love letters is published by Les Impatients in support of artistic and therapeutic expression by people with mental health issues.

The organization also encourages dialogue and contact through artistic expression. The launch of the book was scheduled for January 19 at the Lion d’or.

*Pour planter une fleur d’amour
Il faut choisir un endroit que vous aimez
Planter une graine d’amour
Que vous avez serez en lui donnant
de l’amour*

*L’arroser avec un eau pure
S’assurer que la fleur est contente
Si la fleur n’est pas contente elle ne
poussera pas*

*Demandez a la fleur sit u peux la couper
Cueillir la fleur
L’offrir à son amour*

– Charlotte Huebner

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ering all alternatives.”

Although he is not opposed to demolishing the bungalow, which he considers out-of-keeping with the streetscape, Masson said he disagrees with its positioning and size of its replacement and believes the city is not respecting its own guidelines.

The issue has been ongoing for three years during which the neighbours' protest resulted in two separate designs, a change in architect, two hearings before the Demolition Committee and two appeals to city council.

Emotionally charged

The latest appeal became so emotionally charged at one point that architect Borowczyk stated in his presentation that views did not belong to neighbours, who thought they had “more rights than newcomers.” Borowczyk also claimed that neighbours were being “un-Canadian.” Mayor Karin Marks interrupted, asking him to stick to design points.

She later said, “We do care what new people want to bring to the community.” The owner of the house, Yury Arutyunov, did not attend.

Jean-Philippe Aubert, 316 Côte St. Antoine Rd., told the council that he and wife, Janet Weinroth, feared the new house would be overbearing and suggested it be built on the same footing as the present one.

The project has affected their quality of



Above, current view of the bungalow at 310 Côte St. Antoine to be replaced by three-storey house as shown below (second from left) in the architectural rendering shown by architect Adam Borowczyk of the block between Strathcona and Arlington as it would look after construction of the new home.



life, Weinroth said, and has taken a toll on her health. She claimed they would lose their light and their view of Murray Park and be adversely impacted by a driveway to run along the side of their property.

The current home has a garage at the front, positioning no longer favoured by the city.

“Is there not a sense of humanity?” she asked, stating that existing residents were being considered “expendable” and “unimportant.”

In response to questions from Joe Der, a resident of nearby Arlington Ave., Marks explained that the city's Demolition Committee considers the heritage and architectural values of a house slated for destruction. In this case, the 1960s bungalow had neither. The committee also considers the replacement.

A better fit

Councillor Cynthia Lulham said that the city's Planning Advisory Committee, agreed that it would be better to fit in a new house than try to rebuild the existing one.

The design of the new home includes aspects of adjacent homes including the use of brick and stone, bay windows, a slate roof with dormers and other architectural details.



Jean-Philippe Aubert appeals to council.

Bridge for Bright Brains: Introducing the new American president

BY GEORGE RETEK

At the fall 2008 North American Bridge Championship, I had the privilege of playing with Jerry Fleming who is the serving ACBL President in 2009 and intends to visit Montreal in August.

A fine example of Jerry's declarer play from that event. The deal was reported in the Daily Bulletin as played by Zia (under the title of Magic Tricks), who made an overtrick because his opponent discarded the helpful Spade 10!

Watch Jerry in action:

Dealer: East

Vulnerability: None

♠ A 7 6 2

♥ Q J 8

♦ K Q 5

♣ A 6 5

♠ 8 5 4

♥ 10 6

♦ A 7 6

♣ K 10 4 3 2

♠ K Q 10

♥ 7 5

♦ 10 9 4 3

♣ Q 9 8 7

♠ J 9 3

♥ A K 9 4 3 2

♦ J 8 2

♣ J

West	North	East	South
	George		Jerry

P	2 NT Asking	P	2H
			3D

(showing good Hearts)

P	4H	All Pass
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West started with a low Diamond, not much of a risk considering dummy figured to have a lot of high cards. Jerry won with the King, cashed the Ace of Club and ruffed a Club. Played a Heart to the Queen and ruffed another Club. Played the Heart Ace and exited with a Diamond. West grabbed the Ace and when he returned a “safe” Diamond, it was all over. Jerry won in dummy and a low Spade ended play East for a top score.

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Gainey at Roslyn

BY ISAAC OLSON

Pregnant with her famous father's first grandchild (a boy), Anna Gainey, daughter of Bob Gainey, recently discussed her life and current charitable foundation with students at Roslyn School, where she went.

While the kids zeroed in her father – former team captain and now general manager of the Canadiens – Westmounter Gainey also talked about the Gainey Foundation, which supports charitable youth organizations focused on the environment and arts. The foundation was established in memory of her sister, Laura Gainey, who was lost at sea in 2006, and her mother, Cathy Gainey, who died in 1995.

"We are doing some of the work that my mom or my sister would have done if they were still with us," Anna Gainey said. "We are trying to take a difficult situation and turn it into something positive for our family so we can move forward together."



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Anne Fish retrospective opens



Anne Fish's brother, Robert Johnson, speaks to Mary Martha Guy (centre), the principal organizer of the exhibition and Gloria Bishop, a longtime friend of Fish currently living in Toronto. Guy told the Independent, "It is so super to see her progress over 40 years. She worked so hard."



Anne Fish's brother Robert Johnson with his daughter Julia. One of the exhibition's painting features Julia's dog.

A capacity crowd braved January 14's cold weather to attend the opening of the Anne Fish retrospective at the Gallery at

Victoria Hall. Fish, a longtime Westmounter, died in 2007.

Comin' Up...

THURSDAY, JAN. 22: Dr. Ralph Watson speaks on **Robert Burns**, Scotland's national poet at 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre (1200 Atwater). Also, an address to the haggis by George Barclay, Scottish music and a display of books from the Library's Scottish collection. Free. 514.935.7344.

MONDAY, JAN. 26: Tickets for the Winter Carnival's Feb. 5 Speakeasy Casino are on sale Jan. 26 from 4 to 7 pm at Victoria Hall. After Jan. 26, tickets will be on sale during regular office hours (Mon. to Fri., from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.) Cost: \$15 includes gaming chips. See Feb. 5 for event details. ● Tickets for the Feb. 6 Carnival Space Odyssey are also on sale, same dates and times as above. Cost: Adults \$10; youth aged 12 and under \$5. See Feb. 6 for event details. 514.989.5265.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28: **Sheila Goldbloom** gives a presentation on the 2007-08 Quebec Consultation on Aging at 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre (1200 Atwater Ave.) Free. 514.935.7344.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31: **Family Games Night** at the Westmount Public Library. Join other

game enthusiasts in the Westmount Room at 7 pm for an evening of family board games. Refreshments. Ages 4 and up. Please sign up at the Children's desk. 514.989.5229.

Westmount Winter Carnival 2009

THURSDAY, FEB. 5: **Tobogganing**, bonfire and hot chocolate at Murray Park from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Helmets recommended. ● **Speakeasy Casino** in the Lodge Room at Victoria Hall, starting at 8 pm. Casino, cash bar and entertainers Team Burlesque. See Jan. 26 for ticket information.

FRIDAY, FEB. 6: **Carnival Space Odyssey**, a family evening with dinner, dancing, and activities on board the spaceship *Westmount of the Stars*, starting at 5:30 pm at Victoria Hall. Dress code: extraterrestrial. See Jan. 26 for ticket information.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7: **Frosty Fun in Westmount Park** and arena. Hockey, skating, maple taffy, races, sleigh rides and more from 10 am.



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WHETHER BUYING OR SELLING, OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU IS...RESULTS!

WESTMOUNT FEATURED PROPERTIES

OPEN HOUSE SUN 2-4



3156 TRAFALGAR (WSMT ADJ.) – Spacious 3+1 bdrm residence on a quiet cul de sac w/over 10,000 sq. ft. of land waiting for your special touch! The open concept living/dining room w/French doors leading onto the terrace/garden is ideal for lavish entertaining! With its wonderful views & 2 car garage, a visit is a must! **Now Asking \$1,795,000**



CHATEAU WESTMOUNT SQUARE – 15th floor – The fabulous entertaining space you have been waiting for in Westmount's finest condo building! 2,375 sq.ft. 2+1 bedroom condo w/spectacular southern & mountain views from every window, 24 hour security, indoor pool, gym, squash court, restaurant & steps from trendy Greene Avenue! **Asking \$1,689,000.**



ELM: Impeccable & completely renovated & restored 1894 greystone with the finest of taste and quality. Simply move-in to this 3+1 bdrm home w/12' ceilings, unparalleled plaster mouldings/columns, A/C, master w/ensuite, eat-in kitchen, new media room in basement, 3 decks & 2-car parking. One visit and you will be impressed! **Asking \$1,395,000.**



CHURCH HILL. Location! Country living in the city on a large corner lot of approx. 7,000 sq. ft. in prime mid-level Westmount! This 5 bedroom, 3-storey, detached home with central air is waiting for you to restore it to the Victorian home of your dreams! **Asking \$1,349,000.**

If you are thinking of buying or selling, NOW is the time! We appreciate and welcome your calls (in strictest confidence). – Joan & Jill

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1 SEVERN – LOCATION! The perfect condo alternative situated on a quiet street in mid-level Westmount! Completely renovated from A-Z, this sunny 3+1 bedroom home is perfect for the couple who loves entertaining! With 2 garages, 2 terraces, a/c and top of the line appliances this home is not to be missed! **Asking \$1,349,000.**



ROSLYN: Completely renovated 3-storey, 3+1 bedroom home loaded w/country charm! From the exposed brick, brand new kitchen leading onto a private deck and garden with Jacuzzi, Mexican oak floors, fireplace, large master w/ensuite, finished bsmt & 3-4 car prkg, this home is one-of-a-kind! **Asking \$1,095,000**



VICTORIA: Impeccable and sun-filled 2+2 bdrm ground floor condo w/ approx. 2,700 sq.ft. Of wonderful living space & exclusive use of the lovely backyard. W/central air, central vac, oak floors, tons of improvements & integ. Garage; this condo feels like a home & is steps from everything! **Asking \$649,000.**



BEACONSFIELD – (Monkland village-NDG). Lovely ground floor 1,305 sf, (including bsmt) 2+1 bedroom condo steps from Monkland village! With its renovated kitchen, bath and finished basement, fireplace, wall-mounted a/c unit, rear garden off kitchen and the possibility of parking, this condo is not to be missed! **Asking \$339,000.**

OUR SUCCESS IS MEASURED... ONE FAMILY AT A TIME