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Three new sergeants make Public Security history

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Three newly promoted Public Security sergeants are becoming part of the unit's record book.

Robert Forbes and Jennifer Chabot are the first husband-and-wife sergeants while Stephen Payne is the first "legacy" sergeant. Payne, who grew up in Westmount, is the son of the late Westmount police constable George Payne, who served his entire 33-year career in the community.

As a result, all five Public Security sergeants on the road are now breaking new

ground. Kim Colquhoun was the first woman in the position and Kaushi Patel the first member of a visible minority.

"We're very happy with these new appointments," said director David Sedgwick. "Steve has been with us a long time and knows Westmount inside out. Bobby and Jenn are rising talents who have enthusiastically taken the community to heart."

Payne, who has been working for Westmount since he was a student, was greatly influenced by his father, a well respected and well continued on p. 7



Newly minted Public Security sergeants are, from left: Stephen Payne with Jennifer Chabot and Robert Forbes, the first married couple to be promoted to the rank.

'Safe Walk' audit results expected soon

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

More than 100 Westmount volunteers could soon expect to see the city take corrective measures to address many safety deficiencies they encountered during their "Safe Walk" audit of all city streets and sidewalks last fall.

While some conditions they identified may already have been attended to as part of regular city maintenance, the city is now taking steps to fix others that are within this year's budget, according to Public Works direc- continued on p. 18

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City kicks off yearly check of home smoke detectors

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's summer fire prevention personnel started knocking on doors in the southern portion of the city this week to ensure that all homes are equipped with functioning smoke detectors. This includes residences south of Sherbrooke, including its south side.

Hired by the Public Security Unit, the two agents will check out by-law compliance concerning smoke detectors, replace missing or dead batteries and even install new detectors from a limited supply on hand for people unable to do so.

While the agents hope to gain entry to every house, they will leave notices at others asking residents to call Public Security

to arrange a return visit, said assistant director Greg McBain.

At apartment buildings, the agents will check out the building's fire inspection certificate and call at random at some of the units.

Westmount by-laws require that all residents maintain operating detectors in every apartment dwelling unit and on all floors of private homes.

The agents, Pierre-François Sabourin and Olivier Sehari, were expected to be on

hand at Family Day last Saturday to kick off the summer fire prevention program.

The annual operation is operated jointly by Westmount Public Security and the Montreal fire department.

Smoke detectors that may be installed by the agents are sealed lithium units with a 10-year guarantee. Defective units could be replaced within that time-frame by informing Public Security, said management advisor Jean-Yves Mailloux, who is supervising the program.



Westmount's Public Security fire prevention personnel prepare to check smoke detectors in homes south of Sherbrooke St. They are Pierre-François Sabourin, left, and Olivier Sehari.

Six fined for violating curfew in parks

The long Victoria Day weekend brought a number people into Westmount's parks after the midnight curfew overnight Saturday into Sunday, May 22, Public Security officials report.

Five tickets for \$118 were issued to all in a group found at 12:40 am in Sunnyside Park near 30 Summit Circle. They were residents of Laval, Blainville and neigh-

bouring areas aged 17 to 19.

A few minutes earlier, one ticket and three warnings were given to a group of four teenagers for violating the midnight curfew in Westmount Park. The one fined was identified as a 16-year-old male from Anjou who was also in possession of alcohol and might also receive a second ticket for that offence, officials said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUMMIT WOODS MAGIC

On that November-like day we had a couple of Sundays ago, I met two friends also out for a walk on the pathways of the Summit Woods. My dog Mel was on a leash, and we remarked how blessedly quiet and restful the forest was during the present on-leash period.

And just then, by the bud-strewn char- treuse on the wayside, a scarlet tanager perched on a nearby tree.

It was a male, its colouring at this time of year a uniform scarlet body, except for its wings that stand out as shiny black as a cavalier's breast plate. It is a deeper scarlet than a Mountie's tunic, almost Titian's purple red. It was not as luminescent as a male cardinal, but unusual in that there is no shading of tone, just pure scarlet.

Exotic, it passed for a momentary mi- rage amidst the Irish green of the awak- ening woodland.

It perched but did not warble. And my friends and I understood this apparent re- luctance on this blustery, grey day. But it gladdened our hearts. It spread its wings, the scarlet running down its back, and seemed impatient for spring.

And then, to cap this rare event, a pileated woodpecker sailed past only yards away and began a lusty search for grubs in a rotting tree trunk.

The trilliums, in swaths of brilliant white, are peaking – alert, as if waiting for

a maestro's cue to begin some invisible dance. Cherish these moments before the sweltering days of summer.

JOHN FRETZ, LANSDOWNE AVE.

CITY: TOUR DE L'ÎLE OPTIONS WERE WEIGHED CAREFULLY

This is in response to the letter "Care to tell us about the tour de l'île, city?" (May 24, p. 4) with regards to the Tour de l'île through Westmount on June 5.

This is the first time that the Tour de l'île is passing through a predominantly residential area of Westmount. The city council reviewed the matter extensively be- fore accepting. The city believes it should participate in such activities as many of our residents do. It promotes an active lifestyle, and we are an integral member of the island of Montreal.

The route down Claremont to St. Catherine St. and then through to the Glen was suggested by the organizers when the original route down Decarie was deemed to be a problem due to the con- struction of the MUHC and related works at Decarie and de Maisonneuve.

We voiced our concerns to the organiz- ers about the steepness of the hill and the quality of the road surface but received as- surances from the organizers that the route was acceptable, and that they would not hold the city of Westmount responsi- ble should any accidents occur.

All residents in the areas affected will be informed next week of the event and the restrictions that may be placed on traf- fic and parking in the area.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, DIRECTOR GENERAL, CITY OF WESTMOUNT

ENFORCEMENT AND MORE BIKE PATHS

The Westmount Walking and Cycling Association agrees with Mr. Taddeo's let- ter in the May 10 issue of the *Independent* (p. 4) in which he salutes the city's cycling education program and stresses that all three E's (engineering, education, en- forcement) should guide active trans- portation initiatives.

However, he questions the effective- ness of the city's safety education program because he counted only 45 percent of cy- clists stopping at red lights on April 27.

While not satisfactory, that represents an 80 percent improvement over last year when only 25 percent of cyclists were stop- ping for red lights on de Maisonneuve.

Also important is that last year, we counted only 16 percent of pedestrians stopping for red lights and many drivers speeding, texting or talking while driving.

All three groups should respect the law, but since the vast majority of serious in- juries involve motor vehicles, the city should focus the majority of its efforts on motor vehicle safety.

We agree with Mr. Taddeo that police enforcement (ticketing) campaigns are ef- fective in promoting compliance, and so we asked the police to conduct a ticketing campaign for cyclists not respecting red lights, which they are doing.

As for engineering, Mr. Taddeo argues that bike paths for commuting cyclists should be on arterial roads not on resi- dential streets like de Maisonneuve. How- ever, if the city wishes to promote cycling, it must provide the safest possible route and de Maisonneuve is the safest one.

That said, we feel the city should build a bike path on St. Catherine St. or Sher- brooke St. – not to replace the de Maiso- neuve bike path, but to relieve the cycling load on that street.

More experienced cyclists in a hurry could opt for a faster, albeit less safe com- mute on St. Catherine St., for instance.

DAN LAMBERT, PRESIDENT OF WESTMOUNT WALKING AND CYCLING ASSOCIATION

DOUBLE DOG ID?

When my dog is wearing a valid West- mount license tag, why does some bu- reaucrat at city hall now decide to require

that the keeper of my dog must also carry a newly conceived Westmount dog's li- cence card at all times whenever the dog is being walked in Westmount?

This nonsensical duplication of ID is arbitrary bureaucratic overkill that has got out of hand and should be stopped!

JOHN DOREY, VICTORIA AVE.

Tour to affect local bus routes

Residents may be noticing a last minute patch job on Claremont as well as parts of St. Catherine to ensure the pavement is safe for the Tour de l'Île this Sunday, June 5. While notices of the is- land-wide bicycle event were to be deliv- ered this week to affected homes along the route, Public Works officials said changes could be expected on West- mount bus routes 37, 90,104,124 and 138.

Delivery update

A strike by Canada Post, our usual door-to-door distributor, still loomed at press time and our use of alternative methods continues to be fine tuned. This week, at a minimum, houses should re- ceive the paper in a clear plastic bag by Friday and apartment buildings should have a stack of newspapers in their lob- bies. If you don't have this level of service (or a site is getting too many papers), please contact me and I will personally remedy it.

If we don't speak live voice, please leave me your name, address (including apartment number) and coordinates so I can follow up fully.

Thanks in advance for your help.

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Rec Q & A will be back

Councillor Patrick Martin, the chair of the recreation centre committee, has in- vited Westmounters to write him with questions. There is no column this week because he is out of the country, but it will return. You can contact him at pmartin@westmount.org. Your questions and his answers will appear in the *Inde- pendent*, space permitting. Please indicate whether you want your name published. For reasons of space, Councillor Martin may paraphrase questions.

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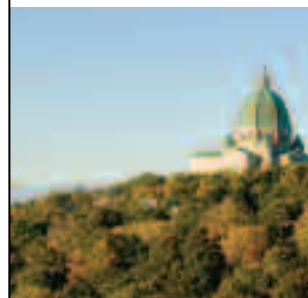
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From left, Westmounter Stuart Webster, and Westmount retailers Willamina and Nicholas Martire of Victoria Ave.'s Pretty Ballerinas encouraging the public to buy some of the remaining tickets for DESTA's annual fundraiser.

DESTA's annual fundraiser is on tap again this year at the St. Henri terrace of the McAuslan Brewery, which is also a sponsor of the event.

The event takes place Wednesday, June 8 from 6 pm to 9 pm. Raffle prizes include

items from Thaylor Clothing, Pretty Ballerinas, Little Burgundy footwear, WANT Les Essentiels de la Vie and Rowntree Antiques, as well as U2 and Habs tickets.

DESTA's primary goal is to serve marginalized adults aged 18 to 25 from Montreal's black community. Last year's event raised \$43,000 for the group's alternative Lion Wolf School and offset the cost of providing one-on-one counselling.

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Jean-Pierre Goyer (1932-2011)

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Funeral services were to be held May 31 for lawyer, businessman and former federal cabinet minister Jean-Pierre Goyer, husband of city councillor Nicole Forbes.

Goyer, a prominent member of Montreal's arts community, died May 24 at the Jewish General Hospital after a lengthy battle with cancer. He had just spent the holiday weekend with family at the couple's country home in Georgeville. He was 79.

"He was a great visionary in the arts," said Forbes, his long-time partner whom he had married only nine months ago in a wedding ceremony performed by Councillor Victor Drury at Westmount city hall.

Goyer had been president from 1982 to 1989 of Montreal's Conseil des arts.

He had also served as solicitor general and minister of Supply and Services in the

government of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, whose leadership campaign he had helped manage.

Because of her experience with oncology care at the Jewish General over almost a year, Forbes said that "eventually I hope to volunteer at that hospital because of the wonderful care he received."

"I now understand what people with cancer are going through and how important it is for them to have someone with them during their chemo and other treatment."

Goyer is also survived by his daughters – Christine, Sophie and Julie – and seven grandchildren, as well as by Forbes' son Alexandre and daughter Rafaelle.

Music, a passion for Goyer, was to be play a significant role in his funeral service, Forbes said. It was planned for 11 am at Église St. Viateur in Outremont.



Still a new bride but now a widow, Councillor Nicole Forbes has fond memories of her wedding to Jean-Pierre Goyer at Westmount city hall. They were married September 29, 2010 by Councillor Victor Drury (behind). Forbes has herself married eight couples in her role as city councillor.

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New sergeants

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- Grade 1**
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|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. Adrianna Florit | Roslyn |
| 2. Gustav Scheibler | Selwyn House |
| 3. Dylan Lee | Selwyn House |
| HM Kubair Mehta | Selwyn House |

- Grade 2**
- | | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. Iris Palmqvist | Wst. Park |
| 2. Ryan Cheema | Selwyn House |
| 3. Oscar Cruz | St. Léon |
| HM Enoch Tamale | Selwyn House |

- Grade 3**
- | | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. Abigail Wolfensohn | Akiva |
| 2. Shawn Gruber | Akiva |
| 3. Emma Wolfe | Akiva |

- Grade 4**
- | | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Chloe Martin | Roslyn |
| 2. Teya Finan | The Study |
| 3. Morgan Biljan | ECS |
| HM Rebecca Mizrahi | Akiva |

- Grade 5**
- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Emma Hason | The Study |
| 2. Allan Narbonne-Stubbs | Roslyn |
| 3. Erica Sun | Roslyn |

The awards ceremony will be held the evening of June 1 at Victoria Hall.

Peter McEntyre was the mayor of Westmount from 1969 to 1971. He set up a trust fund, instead of accepting a mayoral

- Grade 6**
- | | |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Caroline Anber | ECS |
| 2. Annabel Guthertz | Akiva |
| 3. Talya Diner | Akiva |
| HM Tamar B.-Rotchin | Akiva |

- Grade 7**
- | | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Philippe Danis | Wst. High |
| 2. Pierce Cullen | Selwyn House |
| 3. Brianna Nellis | ECS |
| HM Samantha Sambrook | The Study |

- Grade 8**
- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Morgan Buell | Wst. High |
| 2. Antonia Novakovich | Wst. High |
| 3. Chloe Keleny | The Study |
| HM Eli Dannenbaum | Selwyn House |

- Grade 9**
- | | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Marina Mavridis | The Study |
| 2. Valerie Hladky | The Study |
| 3. Yeseul Jun | Wst. High |

- Grade 10**
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Samantha Backman | The Study |
| 2. Kristina Manouilenko | Wst. High |
| 3. Camilla Blanco-Purdy | Wst. High |
| HM Sang Min Lee | Wst. High |

stipend, to support a writing competition to encourage young people to think and learn about the idea of community.

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| HM Jesse Cortina | Wst. High |
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- Grade 11**
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|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Ryon Everett | Wst. High |
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known officer. Stephen joined Public Security 23 years ago.

His wife, Lynn, is the daughter of retired Westmount firefighter Bob Cameron. She is also the sister of firefighter Alan Cameron, who worked with Public Security as the city’s dog catcher before joining the Westmount Fire Brigade, which has since been merged into the Montreal fire department.

Met in Kirkland

Chabot and Forbes met while serving as public safety officers in Kirkland. After Chabot moved to the Westmount force in 2004, she encouraged Forbes to follow, which he did three years later. They were the first PSOs to marry while serving Westmount. Since they now supervise different shifts, their paths seldom cross at work. In fact, they are rarely off-duty at the same time either, they point out.

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Chez Nick’s owner Callard one of Segal Cancer Centre’s top fundraisers



Chez Nick’s owner Rob Callard (seen here with manager Karyn Doke) managed to raise a total of \$4,200 in donations for the Jewish General Hospital’s Segal Cancer Centre during a fundraiser at his Greene Ave. restaurant on May 27 and 28. Callard, who will be taking part in the hospitals’ Ride to Conquer Cancer in July, contributed \$2,100 of his own money after he pledged to match all donations. Callard, who is himself a cancer survivor, has so far raised nearly \$25,000 for the cause, and at press time was in second place for the title of top fundraiser.


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Westmounters strolling the paths of Westmount Park on May 28 may have found themselves being greeted by pirates, led by an unusually friendly Captain Hook, all of whom would be outdone in the end by Peter Pan. Staff from the children's section at Westmount Public Library played the parts for the city's annual Family Day. From left: Odette Nadeau, Antonella Ferraro, Dylan Spivack, Faith Holness, Emily Gamble and Donna Hobbs (as Peter Pan).



Among the many stalls set up by community groups for Family Day was a hot dog stand run by the Girl Guides. From left: Emily Lillies, Caralyn Cormie, Celeste Bouchard (black cap, party visible), Alexandra Dalglish, Nico Halyk (behind in green cap), Guides leader Dawn Coffey, and Tracy Herriot.

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Scammer cheats senior out of \$1,500

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

A con artist who played on a grandmother's love cheated the Westmount senior out of \$1,500.

The 85-year-old woman told police the suspect phoned her at 9:30 am on May 18. He told her he was a friend of the woman's grandson, and that he was in trouble.

"He told her the grandson had been arrested for speeding and was in jail," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. "He said he needed \$1,500 in cash so he could pay the grandson's bail. He added that this had to be done quickly and he had details about the grandson that made the story sound credible."

The suspect told the victim not to discuss the matter with anyone, and to meet him at her bank to hand over the money. He gave her his description, and they decided to meet when the bank opened at 10 am.

"They did meet at the Royal Bank in Westmount Square," said Pimentel. "Just after 10 in the morning, the women withdrew \$1,500 and gave it to the suspect."

The victim returned to her home, a seniors' residence and called her grandson. He told her he was not in jail, he wasn't arrested and he was just fine. He said he didn't know the suspect and had no idea how the suspect knew his personal information.

"The victim then contacted us and made a report," said Pimentel. "She told us the suspect was very calm but kept putting pressure on her to get the money – two traits that are very common in these types of scams."

The suspect is described as a white male, 30, 6' with a medium build. He had a small beard and wore black pants and a dark jacket.

"No matter how much information someone has about your relative or how rushed they make you feel, always take the time to check first to make sure the story checks out," said Pimentel. "In a case like this, the victim could have called the police right away. We could have told her if her grandson had been arrested."

Couple scares off burglar

An action as simple as turning on the lights may have scared off a burglar who was attempting to break into a home on St. Catherine St.

Police say a husband and wife were asleep at 9:58 pm on May 17 when they were awakened by the sound of breaking glass.

"We believe the suspect first tried to force open their back patio door, and then smashed the door's double window," said Pimentel. "When the couple heard the noise, they turned on the light and went to the back of the house. By the time they got there, the suspect was gone."

Police went to the scene but found nothing after a search of the area. There were no footprints and nothing was taken from the home.

"Every situation is different, but in every case, you should always make your own safety priority number one," said Pimentel. "When someone is breaking into the back of your home, the best thing to do is leave through the front of the house and call 911, either with your cell phone or at a neighbour's."

He wasn't really helping

There are always those residents who are there to help a neighbour, and then there's this guy.

A 39-year-old Westmounter parked his car on York St. at 8:15 pm on May 15, and

left his car doors unlocked while he went inside for a few moments. When he came back out, he saw a man sitting in his car.

When the motorist tapped on his car window to get the suspect's attention, the suspect replied, "Okay, I was locking the doors for you."

The suspect then opened the car door and ran off, heading south on Prince Albert. Nothing was taken from inside the vehicle.

The suspect is described as a white male, 45, 5'9" and 170 lbs. He wore a blue baseball cap with a red logo on the front, a dark blue windbreaker, blue jeans and dark brown work boots.

"Whether you're leaving your car for a day, an hour or a minute, you always lock your doors, and don't leave any items visible inside the car," said Pimentel.

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Sports

Baseball faces uphill battle in Westmount



By the book

JARED BOOK

The baseball program in Westmount continues to go strong despite the growing popularity of other sports and the steady decline of baseball as a whole in the city.

Ever since the Montreal Expos left town after the 2004 season, the number of people playing baseball in Quebec has dropped every year. This same decline has been seen in Westmount.

And now it faces the problem that young kids aren't being exposed to the game, which limits their knowledge of it, as opposed to soccer, hockey and even football, which continue to have successful professional teams in the city.

"Baseball is a different type of sport," said Bruce Stacey, sports coordinator with Westmount's Sports and Recreation de-

partment. "It's mental instead of physical despite the fact that hitting a round ball with a round bat is one of the hardest things in sports to do. Hand-eye coordination is very difficult but you can be in the outfield for 10 to 15 minutes and not be moving very much."

Westmount's baseball program has remained steady despite a small decline. They have three teams at the t-ball level, two teams at their Atom level and four teams in their Mosquito-level house league. They also have an inter-community league with Côte St. Luc, Montreal West, Hampstead, TMR and St. Laurent, with one team at each of the mosquito, Pee-Wee and bantam levels.

"The kids in our program tend to participate year after year," Stacey said. "We try and make our programs as fun as possible and focus on improving the children's skills," he said. He mentioned that the more kids see improvement, the more likely they are to stay in the sport – and baseball is not an exception to that rule.

Although Westmount offers all of its sports to residents first, it does open up some sports to people living in other communities. Stacey mentions that baseball is the sport that has the most non-residents.

"When people sign up their kid, we often ask 'do you know anyone else who would want to join?'" he said. "We also ask people when their age group is filled up in another sport if they have thought about baseball. When it comes down to it, there's only so much promotion we can do."

While soccer is the biggest competitor for baseball in the spring and summer, Westmount also boasts a growing lacrosse and rugby program, which provide parents with options when signing their kids up for physical activity during the summer. And Westmount also sees more and

more kids opting for summer hockey, making the sport a full-year activity.

"In the summer a lot of hockey players would try out for inter-city baseball," he said. "Now a lot of them are going to summer hockey, and I think that's a little un-

fortunate especially for younger kids. When I was a kid, there was hockey in the winter, baseball and soccer in the summer and football in the fall. I think it gave kids a chance to try every sport and switch it up and let kids be kids."

Hall wins world sailing championship



From left are Paul Davis, Peter Hall and Philip Kerrigan.

Courtesy of Margot McFarlane Hall

BY JARED BOOK

Competing in world championships in the "Soling" class of sailing since 1977, Peter Hall had never come away with the title. But, this past April, Hall, a Westmount resident, along with Paul Davis and former Westmount resident Philip Kerrigan came from behind in the eighth and final race to win his first world championship.

The event, held April 22 to 30 on Lake Chiemsee in Germany, had one of the toughest fields in a century with 50 boats from 14 countries taking part.

"It was a tremendous thrill," said Hall, who was the skipper. "It was a very dramatic event, and it was a tough battle with the Hungarian George Wossala, and everything had to go right. We had fabulous sailing conditions and even though it had been a long day, we were pretty ex-

cited when we finished the race."

Hall, who has lived in Westmount all of his 61 years, has been competing since he was a teenager and with Kerrigan since 1968. Hall sent his own boat over to Germany for the event and said the team was prepared and wanted to come away with the title.

He also gave credit to Davis. "He is a sailmaker and a very experienced crew. He was a tremendous help." Davis was also heavier than the crew Hall is used to which was also a help with the weather conditions.

Hall considers himself a true amateur and considers sailing a "lifelong pastime." His next goal is to qualify for the Pan-Am games to be held in Mexico this October in the lightning class.

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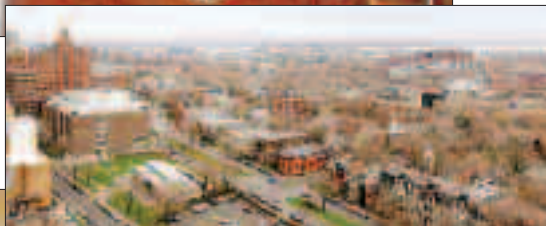
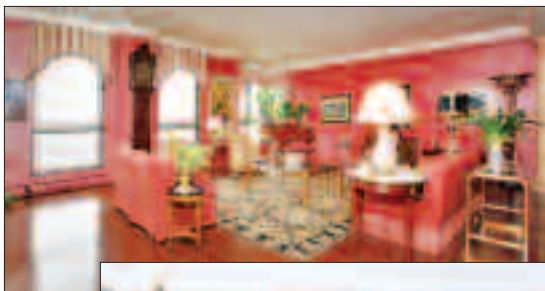
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CSL mayor Housefather warns about rise of NDP

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Following the May 2 federal election, Côte St. Luc mayor Anthony Housefather says he is alarmed by the rise of the New Democratic Party (NDP) in Quebec and the implications it has for the unity of Canada and business interests.

Speaking at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim on May 15, the former Alliance Quebec president said the election taught many people, including himself, “how irrelevant, in some senses, the local candidate is.

“It was a shuddering shock for me that voters across the country seemed to pay no heed to who the local candidate was, but rather just voted for the party or the leader ... And that was most prevalent certainly in the province of Quebec where the NDP won 59 seats.”

Housefather said he was especially disturbed by the NDP’s sweep in Quebec, “because of various promises made by the NDP in this election ... I was distraught; I was somewhat horrified to see the pandering of *continued on p. 25*



Côte St. Luc mayor Anthony Housefather spoke at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim May 15.



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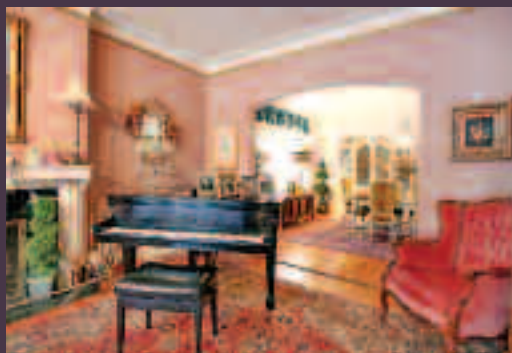
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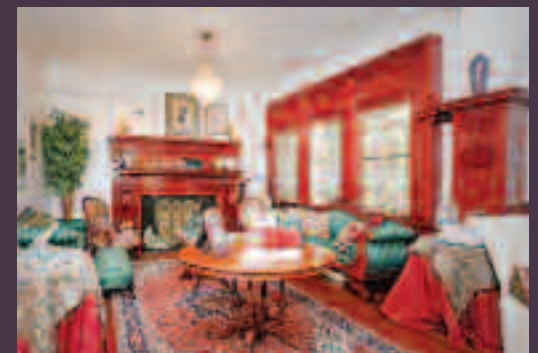
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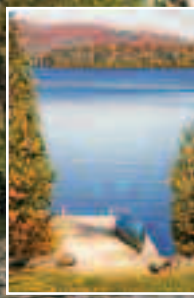
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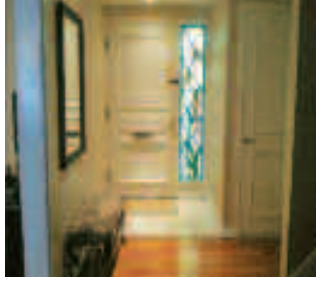


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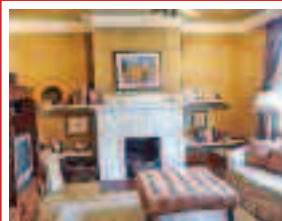
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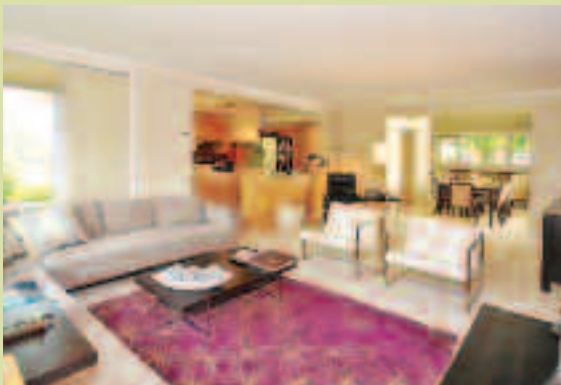
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Surveying walkability

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tor Marianne Zalzal.

The aim of the program was to have residents survey their own streets for walkability, pinpointing potential hazards from a pedestrian point of view. These included burnt-out lights, sidewalk cracks that could be easily filled and overgrown hedges and foliage that obscure signage.

“We have only recently received a compilation of all the problem areas entered into a spreadsheet by a McGill graduate

student,” Zalzal told the *Independent*. “We have designated one member of the department to check out each one and determine its priority.”

The update comes in the wake of questions to city council May 3 from Safe Walk coordinator Francie Montgomery. The volunteers have been asking her when their findings would be addressed.

Montgomery, who organized the audit for the Healthy City Project, said she had to date received only a preliminary summary of the volunteers’ findings. She asked if Public Works had actually seen the survey sheets submitted by the volunteers.

Environment commissioner Theodora Samiotis said the most dangerous items would be attended to “as soon as” Public Works was able to.

Information from the Safe Walk initiative would be incorporated into the city’s traffic master traffic plan being prepared by consultants, and she hoped it would serve as a “working tool.”

Montgomery, who had expressed similar concerns at a previous council meeting, explained that some of the recommendations needed immediate attention. One pedestrian had recently fallen on the sidewalk on Sherbrooke outside Westmount Stationery.

After meeting with Zalzal last week, Montgomery said: “I’m pleased the city seems to be moving ahead on this.” Montgomery said she was prepared to walk some of the streets personally with a Public Works representative.

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Urban gardening teacher, Westmounter and *Independent* columnist **Marci Babineau** gives an illustrated presentation on “Edible landscape, eating local,” 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Free admission, donations invited.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

John Felvinci on “Modern Anti-Semitism,” 1 pm; lunch served at 12 noon at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim – 425 Metcalfe Ave. entrance. Cost: \$5 for lunch and lecture. Reserve: 514.937.9471, ext. 139.

Centre Greene summer day camp still has spaces in all age groups. Registration is on now. www.centregreene.org.

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom’s first weekly networking breakfast group meets on Wednesday, June 1, from 7 to 8:30 am. Everyone welcome. Enter at 395 Elm. The fee is \$15 per person per meeting. RSVP to heidi@templemontreal.ca.

Ticket issued for Saturday work

A contractor was issued a \$267 ticket May 21 for operating heavy equipment on a Saturday, Public Security officials report. The excavation work was noticed at 4643 Sherbrooke. Under Westmount’s noise by-law 1387, no heavy equipment can be used on the weekend or a public holiday without a special permit having been obtained from the city.

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Westmount Profile: Sally Aitken

Involving others in community

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

As Westmount's Healthy City Project marks its 20th anniversary this year, founder Sally Aitken recalls the challenges she had trying to sell the idea even among her own council colleagues at the time.

"I did have to push hard," she admits. "I remember one of them who got involved saying, 'Oh no! We don't need another committee!'"

In the same vein, Aitken has pioneered other social causes in Westmount over the years, and remained undeterred by the reaction of others.

Credits others

Now, as she recalls her efforts that changed the social fabric of Westmount in many ways, the activist and mother of three is characteristically quick to credit others in helping effect the changes that seemed avant-garde to many at the time, especially when she raised them in the political arena.

And in her two terms on city council, from 1983 to 1991, she became a catalyst and prime mover of controversial legislation that has since become part of accepted everyday life in Westmount.

Her persistence resulted in recycling, pesticide control and the legal establishment of nursing homes, senior residences, daycares and the construction of the subsidized housing for seniors at 80 Hillside, to name a few.

She fought hard for the city to encourage retailers to place pornographic magazines out of sight of children and fought successfully to obtain elevators at city hall and Victoria Hall.

"Moving things forward in my early days on council was not very productive," she explains. "It was about learning on the job. But I brought my concerns forward at every opportunity and with varied results."

Speaking in her usual candid style last week, Aitken had just returned home from hospital with a recent diagnosis of a malignant brain tumour.

"I always did what I thought was right, and I usually achieved my goals," she added.

Involved people in community

But perhaps Aitken's most important contribution has been her ability to involve people, says Mayor Peter Trent.

"Sally has single-handedly encouraged more people to get involved in the community than anyone I can think of. She got

me involved in the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) and helped me with my council campaign in 1983. She also got [the late] Don Wedge involved."

Aitken's achievements have been fuelled by a drive for human rights in which no obstacle was too great, including a physical disability from childhood polio that left her to walk with a leg brace her entire life.

"I never let it get in my way," she says. Nor did it prevent her from going on an African safari. "I thought that surviving polio protected me from everything."

That was, she adds, until her first bout with cancer more than 10 years ago followed not long after by benign brain tumours that disrupted her balance and left her dependent on an electric wheelchair/scooter for mobility.

Work in wider community

Still, she has soldiered on, co-editing books in English and French on stories of polio survivors and pursuing her work in the wider regional community.

She was president of Polio-Quebec, wrote its newsletters for many years and was vice president of the Constance Lethbridge Rehabilitation Centre. She also represented handicapped persons on a regional committee to create the portable handicap parking signs now used in car windows

Her achievements have been recognized in a number of awards.

Among them are Quebec's Mérite Municipal award for community service and the YMCA's Community Peace Medal for 2000. She was also named Volunteer of the Year for 2000 by the WMA, which she had led as president in 1980-1981.

She also brought the program Neighbourhood Watch to Westmount in the early 1980s, initiated the Seniors of Westmount Action Group (SWAG) and even a teen dance at Victoria Hall. Aitken was also a prime mover of the Square Roots project, a lengthy community quilt-sewing endeavour to combine the multi-ethnic heritage of citizens.

A decade ago, she said that none of what she had done in Westmount could have been possible without the support of her husband, Allan Aitken "who doesn't want or expect a conventional wife." And last week, she underlined the important role he plays.

They married in 1963, just before Sally completed her BA at Sir George Williams (forerunner of Concordia). They moved to



Photographed last week at their condo on St. Catherine St., Sally Aitken credits her husband, Allan, with making her community service possible.

Westmount, subsequently raising Ian, Jamie and Jennifer at 95 Arlington, where Jamie is now raising his own family. They have eight grandchildren.

Lucky family nearby

"I'm so lucky they're all nearby," she says. And all got together over the Victoria Day weekend to hold their own family day in Westmount Park. Her brother, Bill Drysdale, lives in Mozambique and "was just here for a visit."

Born in Outremont, Sally also grew up in St. Sauveur and Beaurepaire (now part of Beaconsfield). It was almost 70 years ago when the 4-year-old contracted polio, spent two and a half years at what was then the Children's Memorial Hospital (now the Montreal Children's), and early education at the School for Crippled Chil-

dren.

She graduated from ECS in 1954 and worked as a secretary in Paris, London, Bermuda and New York before returning to Montreal to pursue her BA.

For Aitken, her active involvement in the community began as the family was growing up. She co-chaired Roslyn's school committee and served on Westmount High's. She represented parents of the continued on p. 23

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An evening to honour Michael Hendy in love, charm and style



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The inaugural Michael Hendy Gala: Love, Charm and Style event took place at Ogilvy's Tudor Hall in late April. Chic in black and wearing an amazing necklace, **Margaret Trudeau** was emcee.

The event was held in memory of Michael Hendy, a wonderful young man who passed away from bacterial meningitis in 2010. The evening's top sponsors were Dynamite/Garage, Bentley, Danson Décor, Aldo, Place Kensington, Travelway Group International, Ogilvy, Tuango, the SAQ and Hendy, Greenberg.

A moving video on Michael Hendy was

presented by **Daniel Wilner**. Hardworking committee members were **Tal Fisher**, **Megan Schwartz**, **Noah Crampton**, **Mark Saykaly**, **Serge Gallant**, **Carly Gips**, Westmounters **Donald** and **Pamela Hendy** (Michael's parents), **Christine Mary Connolly**, **Katherine Cleland**, **Candice Friedman**, **Heather McKeown**, **Daniel Wilner** and **Stephanie Braun**.

Noted amidst the chic cocktail crowd were Margaret Trudeau's daughter **Alicia Kemper**, **Lesley** and **André Wery**, (associate chief justice of the Quebec Superior Court) and **Sylvia Zagury**, along with Westmounters **Vivian** and **Howard Stotland**, **Gillian Yanow**, sisters **Caron** and **Gail Gelber**, **Kirsten Simon**, **Laura Shaffer**, **Linda** and **Norman Joskolka**, **Andrea** and **Eric Maldoff**, **Norie Churchill-Smith** and her son **Christopher**, **Birgitte** and **Paul Scheel**, **Pilar Avrith**, **Orly Benchetrit**, and **Sharon and Mick Bond** – both doctors.

Speaking of the medical profession, a



Antoine Wey, Mario Saba, Westmounter Laura Shaffer and Camil Demel.

group of first year McGill med students

volunteered as waiters and waitresses!

The eve raised funds towards the purchase of a lifesaving piece of equipment called the Hemedex bloodflow monitor for the Montreal Neurological Institute.

Donations can be made in Michael's name to the Michael Hendy Fund at the Montreal Neurological Institute.

For more photos, turn to p. 21.

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Local curiosity

History under our feet: live bullet found near Winchester

By ROBERT J. GALBRAITH

Who would have guessed? You are on your way to have an ice cream at Dairy Queen, walking up Prince Albert at the corner of Winchester when you look down at the ground and there a shining, chrome-headed bullet lies in the dirt at the edge of the sidewalk. (See photo, p. 5.)

How did this bullet end up on the edge of a Westmount lawn? Was it a veteran who served overseas and brought it home as a souvenir, and it fell out of his pocket?

Was it a weaponry collector who lost or discarded it?

A search of the web and talks with a number of weapon specialists reveals the round was manufactured in the 1940s at the Argentina Military Factory Small Arms Ammunition factory in Borghi, Argentina. It has the code “FAMMAP 1940” stamped into its base.

According to a weapons website, this type of bullet was first developed in 1905 for the automatic Colt .45 pistol (ACP). It was used by the United States military

until 1985 when production of this type of ammo was discontinued. The bullet was manufactured in the millions and was used in both world wars and the Korean and Vietnam wars. After this, it was also copied and used by a number of other countries due to its stopping power.

According to Ron Zemancik, the curator of the Royal Montreal Regiment museum, this size of round was used by the Canadian forces during World War I and World War II. “The .45 ACP was used by officers and regular soldiers (who could af-

ford it), though it wasn’t a weapon distributed by our military. They would personally purchase the weapon because it was well known for its stopping power,” he explained.

“These .45 rounds were interchangeable with any .45 calibre weapon, so it found widespread use, particularly by the US forces in the battle for the Philippines. This was a weapon of choice for close quarter fighting in a jungle environment. It is still a very popular

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AVIS DE DEMANDE DE DÉMOLITION À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES :

AVIS PUBLIC est par la présente donné que la Ville de Westmount a reçu une demande du propriétaire du bâtiment situé au **215, avenue Redfern** pour un permis de démolition de ce bâtiment.

Ce projet implique une démolition substantielle du bâtiment original. Comme les travaux touchent plus de 50 % de toutes les façades principales, le projet doit être soumis à l’examen du comité de démolition. Ce projet consiste à ajouter deux étages au bâtiment existant, à ajouter une construction hors-toit pour usage récréatif et à remplacer complètement le revêtement extérieur.

Tous les documents pertinents concernant cette demande de démolition, incluant les plans, peuvent être consultés durant les jours régulières d’ouverture de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30 (horaire régulier jusqu’au 3 juin 2011) et durant les heures d’été à compter de 6 juin 2011, soit du lundi au jeudi entre 8 h et 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h, au bureau de la directrice du Service de l’aménagement urbain de la Ville de Westmount situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount.

Toute personne qui veut s’opposer ou faire des commentaires à l’égard de la délivrance d’un permis de démolition doit, dans les dix (10) jours de la publication de l’avis public ou, à défaut, dans les dix (10) jours qui suivent l’affichage de l’avis sur l’immeuble concerné, faire connaître **par écrit** son opposition ou ses commentaires au greffier de la ville à l’adresse suivante :

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Ville de Westmount
4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest
Westmount (Québec) H3Z 1E2
Téléphone: (514) 989-5318

Toutes les personnes qui auront déposé une opposition ou des commentaires par écrit à l’intérieur de ce délai seront avisées de la date, de l’heure et de l’endroit où se tiendra la séance publique du comité de démolition au cours de laquelle cette demande de permis de démolition et le « programme préliminaire » pour la réutilisation du sol à être dégagé seront considérés. Ces personnes (ou leurs représentants dûment autorisés par écrit) pourront être entendues par le comité sur la démolition au cours de la séance publique.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 31^e jour du mois de mai 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
Greffier de la ville

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION APPLICATION TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Westmount has received an application from the owner of the building situated at **215 Redfern Avenue** for a demolition permit of this building.

This project involves substantial demolition of the original building. As the demolition work exceeds 50% of all main façades, the project must be submitted for consideration by the Demolition Committee. This project consists of an addition of two storeys to the existing building, a roof penthouse and of the replacement of the entire exterior veneer.

All relevant documents concerning this proposed demolition, including plans may be consulted on any working day, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (regular hours effective until June 3, 2011), and during summer hours as of June 6, 2011, namely from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Monday to Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, in the office of the Director of Urban Planning Department of the City of Westmount located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount.

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

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City of Westmount
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Westmount, Quebec H3Z 1E2
Telephone: 514 989-5318

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

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this 31st day of May 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
City Clerk

ON THE SHELVES

Among recent materials at the Westmount Public Library singled out by staff are:

Magazines

“The End of Bin Laden: Death comes for the terrorist. After more than a decade of hunting, the US eliminates its most hated enemy,” by David Von Drehle in *Time*, May 20, 2011, p. 14.

“Bin Laden: dead or alive? Nearly one in five people don’t buy the US account of the terrorist’s death. It’s only the latest in a toxic new wave of conspiracy theories,” by Nicholas Kohler, in *Maclean’s*, May 23, 2011, p. 30.

“Afghanistan: De l’autre côté du miroir. À Kandahar, des entrepreneurs payés par l’armée canadienne embauchent des talibans. Dans cet univers dominé par la corruption, rien n’est tout à fait comme on nous dit,” by Anne Nivat, in *Actualité*, March 15, 2011, p. 36.

Adult books – influential leaders

Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi and his Struggle with India by Joseph Lelyveld – In this ambitious original study, Pulitzer Prize-winner Lelyveld sets out to measure Gandhi’s accomplishments as a politician and an advocate for the downtrodden, against Gandhi’s own expectations and in light of his complex, conflicted feelings about his place in Indian history.

Osama bin Laden by Michael Scheuer – Drawing from a wealth of information, Scheuer, the first head of the CIA’s bin Laden Unit, provides a closely reasoned portrait of bin Laden, showing him to be a figure of remarkable leadership skills, strategic genius and considerable rhetorical abilities.

Adult French – great Italian authors

Homo erectus by Tonino Benacquista –

Sally Aitken

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Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal on the Quebec Federation of Parent Committees and was a member of the Protestant committee of the Quebec Superior Council of Education.

As director of community involvement for the Westmount YMCA from 1981 to 1982, she brought together citizens who would later form the Westmount Initiatives for Peace (WIP).

She also helped build up Children for Peace and arranged for children to per-

A group of lonesome men hold regular meetings to discuss their unhappy love lives. This often humorous novel focuses on three members of the group with very different personalities. Their stories each illustrate a paradoxical aspect of romantic relationships.

Le cimetière de Prague by Umberto Eco – It seems almost impossible to describe the plot of Eco’s new novel but some of its main subjects are the rise of antisemitism in the 19th century and the manipulation of masses through fakery. This is described as an erudite but entertaining piece of fiction.

DVDs

Jean-Michel Basquiat: The Radiant Child – Jean-Michel Basquiat became notorious for his graffiti art under the moniker Samo in the late 1970s on the Lower East Side scene. This film is a vivid, accurate and entertaining homage to a painter, who led a radical life and left an ambitious body of work behind after his premature death.

Exit Through the Gift Shop – An eccentric French shopkeeper turned documentary maker attempts to locate and befriend the global graffiti superstar Banksy, only to have the artist turn the camera back on its owner with spectacular results.

Reference

The Book of Fungi: A Life-size Guide to Six Hundred Species from around the World by Peter Roberts and Shelley Evans.

Encyclopedia of Greek and Roman Mythology by Luke Roman and Monica Roman.

L’état du Québec: [tout ce qu’il faut savoir sur le Québec d’aujourd’hui] edited by Miriam Fahmy.

form at the United Nations during the 1986 International Year of Peace.

“Everything I learned came from my experiences with Westmount,” she says.

Westmount owes much to her foresight in its evolution, according to former city councillor Tom Thompson, who chairs the Community Life committee of the Healthy City Project.

“She laid the ground work for the next step ahead, the city’s springboard to the future in its move into sustainable development,” he explained.



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DONNÉ à Westmount, le 31 mai 2011.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FINANCIAL REPORT AND THE AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE 2008 FISCAL YEAR

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with section 105.1 of the *Cities and Towns Act* (R.S.Q. chapter C-19) the financial report and the report of the external auditor of the City of Westmount for the 2010 fiscal year will be filed at the regular sitting of Council to be held on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 8:00 p.m., at City Hall, located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount.

GIVEN at Westmount, on May 31, 2011.

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Summit's resident owl spotted



Photographed in Summit Woods the evening of May 23, this eastern screech owl was spotted in the northwest section of the nature reserve.

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Housefather weighs in

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the NDP to nationalists in Quebec during this election. This is today a party which advocates Bill 101, the charter of the French language, applying in federal institutions in Quebec.”

Housefather said the implication is that there will be “even less of a chance for your grandchildren, your children, future generations of English Quebecers to be employed with the federal civil service in this province.

“And they [the NDP] are not promoting in any other province that it should be unilingual English. They’re only promoting it for Quebec. So suddenly the NDP is the champion of asymmetrical federalism, meaning that it’s just fine that Quebec English-speaking people are treated differently than minority language people in the rest of Canada.”

Noting that NDP leader Jack Layton said during the pre-election leaders debate

that he would re-open the constitution, Housefather said the effect each time that happens is that “you end up in a situation that only benefits Quebec separatists.”

Housefather suggested that just because the Liberal Party got such poor results in the election, “To me, there would be no reason for the Liberal Party to automatically disappear, nor would there be any reason for the Liberals to unite with the NDP. The views of the NDP and the Liberals on some issues are similar, but on some issues are very, very different.”

He described the NDP as “relatively hostile to business, and you can talk and listen to their comments about corporate tax rates ... If you listen to the way they articulate their position about big business and the visceral dislike they have for big business – and whether we like it or not big business pays for a lot of jobs in Canada – that is not the natural voice of most Liberals.”

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According to Jeffrey Poll, the new membership director of the Eastern Ontario Handgun Club and Shooting Range, “I would highly doubt that our military used this particular round during the war but we did use a .45 calibre weapon, including the M1 Thompson sub-machine gun.”

As with most mysteries, the more questions that are answered, the more the mystery deepens, and it may never be possible to answer the story of this bullet.

If any reader can help to unveil the mystery of the FAMMAP 1940 bullet, or if anyone finds any other artifacts, please contact the *Westmount Independent*, and we will try our best to piece together its story.

The Study's Battat gold medallist at science fair nationals

Sarah Battat, grade 10 student at The Study and a Westmounter, was a gold medal winner in the intermediate category at a national science fair in Toronto recently. Her project was entitled “Hysteresis: A Lasting Memory.” She was awarded a \$1,500 cash prize and a \$4,000 entrance scholarship to the University of Western Ontario.

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Roberts exhibits at Old Brewery Mission gallery



Westmounter Bruce Roberts, left, is shown with Carlos Anglarill, the social animator of the Old Brewery Mission, at the vernissage of Roberts' "Subway Warriors," which was held at the mission's Webster Gallery May 20. Fifty percent of the profits went to the mission. The exhibition continues until June 30.

Photo: Mike Haimes

June at the art galleries

Galerie de Bellefeuille

4626 Sherbrooke, 514.989.5226.

Hanneke Beaumont. Exhibit: June 4 – 15. "Art 2011" group show. Exhibit: June 16 – 29.
1367 Greene, 514.933.4406.

Han Art

Dorothy Knowles, "Woven Beauty". Exhibit continues to July 10.
4209 St. Catherine, 514.876.9278.

Galerie D'Este

Paul Bourgault. Exhibit continues to June 12. Ludmilla Armata. Exhibit: June 16 – July 1.
1329 Greene, 514.846.1515.

McClure Gallery – Visual Arts Centre

David Blatherwick "Aqueous Humour". Exhibit: May 6 – 28. Linda Swanson. Exhibit: June 3 – 25.
350 Victoria. 514.488.9558

Galerie V. Trimont

ExpoFive: Bujold, Cerrado, Gaudette, Merola and Varte. Exhibit: June 1 – 23.
4259 St Catherine, 514.658.7214.

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Adam Pendleton "Band". Exhibit continues to June 4. Tia Halliday "Edge of Illusion". Exhibit continues to June 4. "Summertime in Paris" group show. Exhibit: June 23 – July 30.
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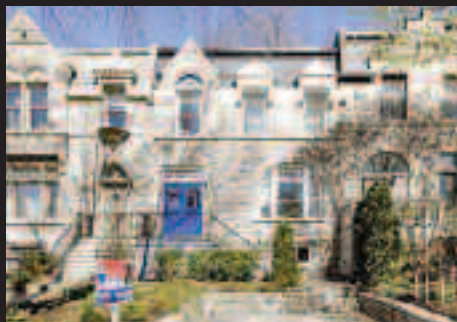
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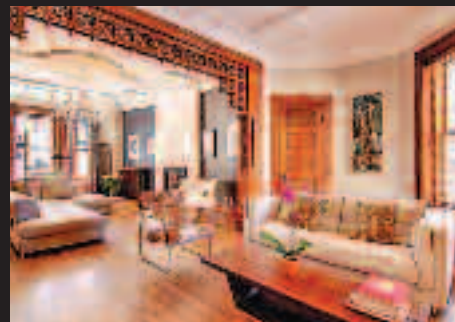
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