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Westmount's snow can fill football field 10 storeys high

Low snowfall spared city some \$400K - till now

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Until last week, half way through January, Westmount had yet to load or dump any snow this winter. And compared with the start of last winter, when the city had already had two storms in December, this translates into a difference of close to \$400,000 for the month, Public Works officials said last week.

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"But we're going to get the snow," said John Monteiro, roads and parks superintendent. "Over the years it always averages out to around 2.2 metres a year."

This winter, while only 20 cm of snow was recorded in December compared with the normal 48 cm, the month had a much higher rainfall than usual – a total of 96 mm compared to 35 mm. This translated into 115 mm of total precipitation compared with 81 mm.

And over an average winter, from December through mid-March, the volume of snow trucked away from Westmount's streets, lanes and municipal parking lots totals some 160,000 cubic meters.

That's equivalent to filling McGill stadium's football field with snow 10-storeys high, he said. "It's a huge amount."





Freeze-thaw cycles play havoc with outside rinks

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It hasn't been the best of weather so far for sliding in Murray Park or skating on outdoor rinks. In fact, they've suffered in different ways but from the same problem.

Freeze-thaw cycles and rain initially played havoc with building up good ice surfaces on the rinks, enabling only four of the usual six to be opened by the end of last week, though a fifth was to be operational for this week.

Rain followed by plunging temperatures forced the closure of the sliding hill for four days after New Year's day.

"It was a sheet of ice," said parks superintendent Mike Hunter.

"It's going to be a bad year for the rinks," he ex-continued on p. 16



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Much is an experiment, says Babineau of city farming

By Joanne Penhale

"Edible Urban Landscape," the Westmount Horticultural Society's January 10 discussion at the Westmount Public Library, featured Westmount gardener, teacher, and chicken and beekeeper Marci Babineau.

Babineau, who writes a column for the *Independent*, described some European urban garden projects, like the 17th century Jardin du Luxembourg in Paris, and the town of Todmorden, England, which has integrated edible plants into its land-scape, and has a Google map application for locals to find the nearest freshly-laid chicken eggs.

Such projects inspired Babineau, she said, to make Westmount's landscape more edible. She described working with the city's Horticultural Advisory Committee to have the planters along Sherbrooke and Victoria contain dill, cherry tomatoes, basil, nasturtiums, and more. At the end of the last growing season, 12 large shopping bags of produce were harvested from the planters and delivered to the NDG Food Depot, she said.

Babineau shared images and stories from her home garden, where she's pro-

duced enough hops for home-brewed beer. She also grows comfrey, strawberries, cabbage, lettuce, nettle, wild cherries, sour cherries, raspberries, gooseberries, blueberries, lemon balm, mint, seaberries, oxalis, rhubarb, ground cherries, echinacea, grapes, red currants, and potatoes.

On her rooftop deck she keeps tomatoes, eggplants, basil, figs, sunflowers, broccoli and pak choy, plus a beehive from which she harvests wax and honey.

Five hens winter in the basement beneath Babineau's kitchen; her family and neighbours enjoy the eggs, and the scat is used for fertilizer.

Several trees are maturing in her yard, including apple, hazelnut, plum, pear and a kiwi vine.

"A lot of this is an experiment," Babineau told more than 40 people attending. "I try and try again."

She introduced and lauded the efforts of a small group of Concordia students, who were looking into planting orchards in local parks.

Sally Cooke, president of the horticultural society, thanked Babineau and presented her with two gifts following the presentation.

The horticultural society is to feature



Marci Babineau, right, answers a question about growing wild cherry trees, following her presentation on how urban spaces can be used to cultivate food sources.

Albert Mondor on Tuesday, February 14, dodendrons and other cultivars. with a discussion on growing azaleas, rho-





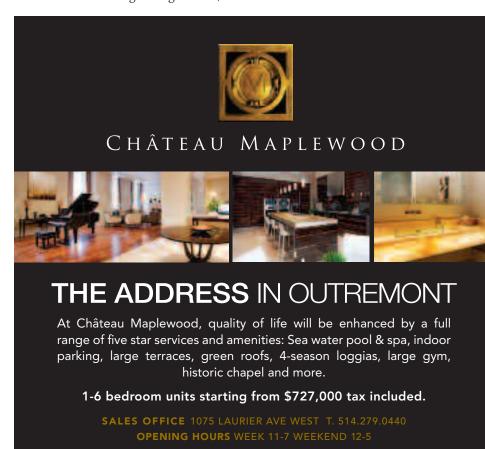
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Akiva's Toy Story plays at Segal



From left, Akiva school parent Eve Rochman Boretsky, student Noah Chazonoff and parent Vicky Kaspi Langleben play in the January 12 production of Toy Story, this year's annual theatre production by Akiva. The show was created and run by parents, and included two full casts featuring both students and parents. Every year, the school puts on a full-scale theatre production that includes set design, costumes and scripting.

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Snow removal: like puzzle

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much compared to many other places, such as the Town of Mount Royal and the West Island, is that the city's housing, hilly topography and environmental policies mean the city can't simply push the snow to one side or blow it onto private property, a process called casting.

The only locations where the city does cast are around Summit Circle – directly into Summit Woods – and on Devon, into wooded land owned by St. Joseph's Oratory. "It's clean snow without salt that we blow the first day of the clean-up," explained parks superintendent Mike Hunter

While the city's snow removal routes have remained little changed over the last 20 years, tailoring them to each storm is like a jigsaw puzzle, Monteiro and Hunter explain. It's fraught with variable factors that include accumulation, equipment breakdown, availability of trucks, slowdowns at the dump and traffic.

"Every storm starts with an empty map," Hunter said. "And we colour-code which streets have been done and what we plan to do so we can see at a glance if a street has been missed."

He said they keep a close eye on Environment Canada forecasts.

In general, a storm of 22 cm (8 inches), or back-to-back storms bringing that much, can require three days or more after the storm day to load and haul the snow to the dump site at a cost of some \$70,000 to \$80,000 a day, including labour, equip-

ment, salt and sand, and trucking and dumping charges.

Since 2004, the city has been dumping at Montreal's Butler snow chutes in Verdun, where the snow goes directly into the sewer collector.

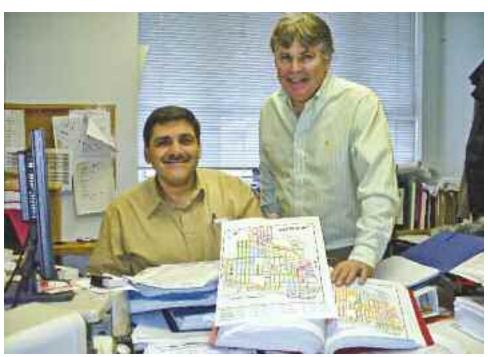
It was many years ago, at the direction of the Quebec Environment ministry, that the city stopped dumping snow at its own two land sites off Summit Circle.

One was on the northwestern slope facing Ridgewood; the other off Belvedere Rd. toward Côte des Neiges. This is an area the city still occasionally uses as a transfer or holding point for small amounts of snow later blown into trucks and carted away.

Statistics of snow-related operations dating back to 1989 have been recorded by Monteiro in voluminous binders that also contain Environment Canada weather statistics back to 1941.

While procedures may have changed little since Monteiro started on the job more than two decades ago, "My feeling is that there are more cars on the road now, which takes longer when the plow gets stuck behind them." There are also other challenges such as more parked cars (see separate story, p. 5).

In a typical snow storm, the city spends the day of the storm plowing snow to the side of the street, plowing sidewalks and pushing snow from corners, bus stops and, where possible, areas in front of daycares, and opening up all streets.



Colour-coding city streets helps Public Works officials John Monteiro (left) and Mike Hunter plot the progress of snow removal operations, they explained last week on the approach of back-to-back storms.

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mix of salt and liquid calcium (when temperatures plunge below -10°C) and uses mixes of sand, salt and stones on sidewalks (see January 10, p. 6 for the Public Works director's explanation of this process).

On the two or three days following the storm, loading begins in earnest according to a basic plan (see "Snow clearing" at right).

Priorities include school and bus zones, fire routes and opening up Sherbrooke and St. Catherine streets to move traffic as well as snow trucks. The bike route is not considered a priority and is cleaned as part of regular operations on de Maisonneuve. Those are usually on Days 2 and 3 after a

Snow statistics

Streets cleared: 51.8 km Sidewalks: 103.9 km

Lanes: 9.8 km of lanes, most under con-

Parking lots, also under contract, 12: Tupper, Atwater, Greene, two spots on Summit Circle, Victoria, Westmount arena, Victoria Hall, library, St. Catherine and Prince Albert, city hall and the Glen power house.

Public steps and pathways also cleared. City equipment used: four salt trucks, 7 sidewalk plows, 8 front-end loaders, 4 blowers plus 5 rented loaders on

call and many dump trucks on order as required and/or available.

Average snowfall per calendar year: 2.2 metres.

Source: Westmount Public Works

Woman freed from bathroom

A woman was trapped inside a bathroom in a Sherbrooke St. apartment building on January 5, Public Security officials said. She was freed and reportedly emerged "smiling" when public safety officers kicked in the door.

Officers were called to the building at 12:20 am by a friend, who said the woman had been locked inside for some 30 minutes after the lock had jammed. When the superintendent could not be reached, officers kicked in old wooden door, damaging only the door frame. The woman claimed to have previously reported the defective

Snowy roads Snow clearing schedule can take up to 4 days

By Laureen Sweeney

Here's what to expect as a typical guide to snow clearing during and after a storm, though Public Works officials note that amounts, wind and other variables can hasten or lengthen the time required. In general, most storms of up to 22 cm (8 inches) require three to four days of loading and dumping operations after the day of the storm.

During the storm

The city deploys four salt trucks to clear snow to the side and spread salt or a salt/calcium mix and seven sidewalk

Also, one front-end loader plows lanes; two or three loaders open up corners and bus stops; two or three more open main east-west arterials (Sherbrooke, St. Catherine, Dorchester, Côte St. Antoine, Westmount Ave., de Maisonneuve and The

Five hired loaders are called in to open all other streets.

Planning also begins for loading and dumping operations the next day.

How to speed up snow removal

The following are some suggestions from Public Works officials for speeding up snow removal:

- Notwithstanding the need to turn wheels to the curb while parking on hills, during a snowstorm, park cars further away from the curb than usual to allow sidewalk plows to pass easily without threat of damage. The 4.5 foot-wide plow blade is a tight fit for older sidewalks of the same measurement, though the standard sidewalk is now five feet.
- Remind private snow removal contractors to place driveway snow onto existing snow banks rather than on the road to reduce the need for city plows to keep redoing the streets and sidewalks, which adds time, salt and cost to the process.
- Move cars when no-parking signs go up for snow removal so crews and trucks do not have to wait for cars to be dug out, moved or towed.
- Park cars in driveways whenever possible. Despite the permit system, city workers notice some cars with parking access that seem to be left on the street by
- Keep blue boxes and recycling bins away from sidewalks and the path of plows.

After storm day

Day 1

Three or four blowers, along with hired trucks, begin loading and dumping according to the following priorities:

- Greene and Victoria commercial districts are usually the first because the city can start there at 4 am before being able to work in residential areas and to get ahead of traffic:
- Sherbrooke: north side from Roslyn to west city limits and entire south side;
- St. Catherine: south side from Lansdowne to Atwater: north side Atwater to
- Claremont: one side, either/or;
- School zones, as many as possible including St. Marcelline block: Upper Belmont, Lansdowne Ridge and Devon
- Usually Montrose and Cedar;
- · Summit Circle, casting;
- Fire route: Metcalfe, Forden, Sydenham, Edgehill and Lexington.

Day 2

- · Main north-south streets such as Grosvenor, Victoria, Lansdowne and Clarke:
- School zones missed on Day 1;

• de Maisonneuve with bike path, Atwater to Melville.

Day 3

- de Maisonneuve with bike path, Lansdowne to west city limits;
- The Boulevard (non-school zone sec-
- · Other streets or section of streets undone.

Day 4 (if required)

· Remaining streets.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'EVERYTHING IS POLITICAL' IS A TIRED EXCUSE

Since the spring of 2010, Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling (WCSC) has made numerous presentations to Westmount city council to promote inclusive safe cycling in our community.

In September 2011, WCSC presented a comprehensive brief to the Master Traffic Plan committee that, among others, proposed additional and alternative cycling routes to promote and enhance safe cycling in Westmount, while respecting the character and vocations of our residential and arterial streets, and Westmount Park. WCSC's presentations were grounded on evidence-based research and best practices in this domain.

At the December 5 city council meeting, Patricia Dumais (of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association) asked Mayor Trent if there was any possibility of implementing a bike path on Côte St. Antoine in spring 2012, one of the many recommendations in the WCSC brief to the Master Traffic Planning Committee.

The Mayor's response was clear: "I live on that street...I am for the project...I'm trying to figure out how to get people who live on the street behind the project...it will not be a slam dunk...you can't force people to accept something...you can't push a

rope...the neighbourhood is not for it...everything is political."

So much for best practices and evidence-based research.

The "everything is political" approach explains council's flip-flop (regardless of the cost to taxpayers) on keeping the de Maisonneuve bike path "open" this winter and its failure to address the many safety issues WCSC has raised over the last 20 months regarding this bike path.

"Different strokes for different folks," depending on your street, and more importantly, who lives on your street.

WCSC would like to remind Mayor Trent that as we head into the "Year of Traffic," the promotion of active transportation, inclusive safety and the continued shift toward sustainable development are key issues for our community. Among the requirements to effect these changes are education, flexibility and concern for the common good. Not to mention leadership – capital "P" political leadership.

Don Taddeo, de Maisonneuve Blvd. AND WCSC MEMBER

QUEBEC LACKS VISION OF **ACTIVE TRANSPORT**

The announcement that software designed by CityRyde has passed the first of two steps in becoming a "verified carbon standard" is good news. When certified, it can be used by the Bixi system to sell carbon credits to Montreal's upcoming Bourse de Carbon.

Thus Bixis will not only improve our atmosphere, health and urban settings but can be converted into dollars for Westmount, a multiple-win situation.

What is surprising is that with all Bixis' design awards and its contracts won in major cities, the Quebec government could not find a way of bringing Bixi under its aegis, like Hydro Quebec but on a much smaller scale. Instead it cut it out of worldwide marketing.

Incredible when one considers that the Union of Quebec Municipalities has taken a vigorous stand in favour of active trans-

Even though Quebec has shown its support for sustainability by continuing to endorse the Kyoto Protocol, it is a vision of urban liveability that it lacks. How else could it have been blind to the solid proposals brought forward at the Turcot BAPE hearings? These proposals would have valourized 21st century mass transit over increased vehicular carrying capacity of the Turcot and allowed for a revitalization of the southwest borough, as well as a new linear park, the St. Jacques escarpment. A golden opportunity missed.

This lack also caused Quebec to approve an MUHC Glen site designed around vehicular access. Only now at the last minute are their designers considering mass transit access from the Vendôme intermodal station as being of primary

Let us hope that Westmount's upcoming Master Traffic and Active Transport Plan will continue the liveability vision that Westmount had already shown this spring with Bixis, so that active transport and mass transit become equal partners to vehicular traffic in terms of infrastructure

ROGER JOCHYM, LEWIS AVE. AND MEMBER OF THE WESTMOUNT WALKING AND Cycling Association

STAY ALERT, SQUIRRELS

2011 brought many successes for Westmount squirrels! Squirrels found a voice in the Westmount Squirrel Anti-Defamation Taskforce through its training and educational outreach programs. People's appreciation of Westmount squirrels went online – social media websites began popping up (Facebook and blogger, thanks Caroline and Danny).

Westmounters and their squirrels are



Working on my Blackberry through lunch...again.

really getting along!

However, it is from 2011's failures from which we draw our cues to action in 2012. Squirrel relations with Westmount dogs continue to be dismal, and Westmount Public Security continues to ignore its institutional bias against squirrels. (It even ignores letters written by squirrels, like this one).

And now even chickens have begun piling on by impugning our productivity (Ms. Red). Chickens must not realize that squirrels are the ones who taught rats how to run in the rat race! That's right! The quintessential metaphor for humans working hard and productively was taught to rats by squirrels!

Fret not dogs, Public safety officers, and chickens. Your apologies will still be graciously accepted by all Westmount squirrels throughout 2012! Happy new year to all!

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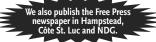
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Four suspects drive away in taxi

A group of four people aroused the suspicions of public safety officers at 3:11 am January 6 when they were observed trying the door handles of cars parked on Roslyn, Public Security officials said. No entry was gained and the four, dressed in dark clothing, got into a taxi on Westmount Ave. and headed north into Montreal.

Cars in the area were checked and no thefts were believed to have occurred. It was exactly 24 hours after a trio set off a car alarm on Victoria (see January 10, p. 3).

November criminality in Westmount shows little change

Station 12 in '12: new look, more visibility, almost paperless

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In common with its numerical designation, local police station 12 expects 2012 to be a big year.

"We're moving from a past era into a new one with a new computer reporting system, adopting higher visibility in the community and changing our uniform," said commander Stéphane Plourde.

His action plan for the year calls for a focus on pedestrian safety, the bike path and more foot patrol, he explained.

While November's criminal activity reflected little change in that side of the operation, he said, the "big news" was the coming changes "that will make 2012 a big year for us, for sure."

As he spoke, the station's responsibilities were being covered by others while all of station 12's police personnel were attending a four-day training session regarding the new paperless reporting system to be introduced on January 15. The system is being phased in at individual stations starting last year in the north and West Island regions.

The new technology brings to a close

the era of written police reports, with copies sent to headquarters every evening for entry in numerous databases from the provincial government to the court system, he explained.

From now on, every cruiser at station 12 will be equipped with a laptop, which police can take into a home on answering a call and enter information into it directly.

"Citizens won't notice any difference, but it's a big move for us," Plourde said. "We'll be not quite, but almost, paperless."

One aspect he hopes residents will notice, however, is heightened police visibility in Westmount because of the way personnel will be deployed. "Every station has certain flexibility and I want visibility to be one of ours.

"You're going to see more police presence on the street and on bikes. We're asking police to get out of their cars. Police like to work under cover but we're also going to ask more of them to wear the uniform. People want to see more police."

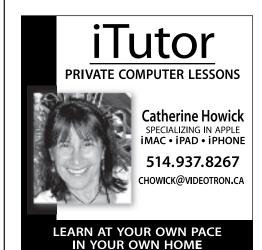
Westmount crime samplings

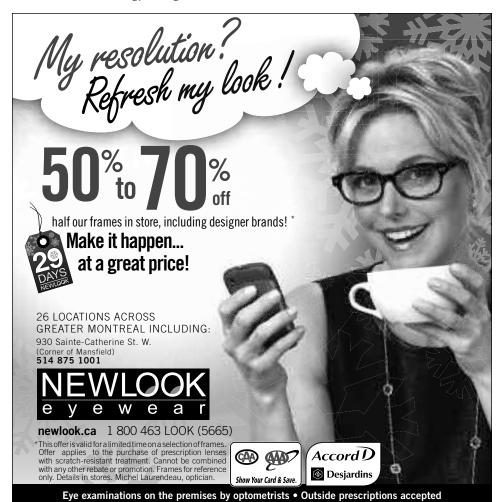
June to November 2011

Type of crime reported	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov. '10
Break and enter	8	6	6	10	9	5	10
Robbery	1	0	1	3	2	1	2
Theft from vehicles	11	7	23	14	29	15	13
Theft of vehicles	2	1	1	5	0	4	2
Graffiti	8	13	6	4	8	4	23*
Hit-and-run	23	14	14	8	17	18	16

* Graffiti reporting system from PSU to police changed in June 2011.

NB: Statistics released by local station 12 no longer include sexual assault, a broad category that may often be mistaken only for rape cases.





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MUHC Glen site research facility to receive record-breaking \$10-million donation

By Isaac Olson

Westmounter Dr. Vassilios Papadopoulos, director of the McGill University Health Centre's (MUHC) Research Institute, says a recent \$10-million donation by the Trottier Family Foundation will give the incoming super hospital's research facility, which eventually will be located on the Glen site, a notable boost.

"For us, it's fantastic because it gives us the opportunity to deliver what we want to deliver, in terms of a state-of-the-art facility in the heart of a hospital that allows the physicians and scientists to be at the forefront of new technologies and in the development of new medicines," said Papadopoulos. "It's with donations like this that we can move ahead."



A bird's eye view of the rising super hospital taken from the top of the former Air Canada building, January 13.

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Chico: Don't be mesmerized by his good looks



The Underdog Club

CYNTHIA LEE

When your good looks are a curse like Chico, life can be rough. When you're this easy on the eyes, let's face it, you get treated differently. Doors swing open at just the right time, lines part to make way for you at the grocery check-out and cabs collide in the street to pick you up.

Being beautiful has its upsides, to be sure, and makes like easier in a plethora of ways, but like most things, beauty can have an ugly downside too.

Take Chico for example, our 5-year-old shih-tzu. This is one cute little guy – fluffy and furry, like a Justin Bieber for the dog crowd. And just like the teenaged pop stars of today, Chico has the attitude to match.

Part nature, part nurture, we don't know how it originated, but Chico is an alpha dog who needs to know up front who is boss. If not, he has been known to growl, show teeth and even deliver the odd bite.

He will not tolerate being rushed at first introductions, preferring to sniff out any new people or dogs before they do it to him first. His doesn't like it when people, or "admirers," as some really are, get right up into his perfectly chiseled face.

Chico, like many a rescue dog, has a spotty history, but we do know this: he was a petshop

puppy adopted on a whim by parents for kids who at first adored him and treated him like His Majesty, then cast him aside like yesterday's news. Too often is the case for these puppies who grow into bad-mannered adults.

But all this baggage aside, Chico has considerable upsides. He can stay home



Chico

alone and co-exist with easy-going dogs and cats. He loves to walk or do the runway sashay. Like Suzanne Somers, the more exercise he gets, the better.

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Donation for research centre

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Glen site.

The donation and development of the new centre come at an exciting time, explained Papadopoulos, as medical science continues its path to a future that will likely include cures or less-invasive treatments that target illnesses like cancer, diabetes and Alzheimer's. The new facility, he added, will also have a unique paediatric research department that will develop and test new treatments for children.

"My family and I are very pleased to support the building of a new medical centre in Montreal," Lorne Trottier, the cofounder of the business group Matrox, is quoted as saying in the press release. "We have a particular interest in science and research and therefore the concept of bringing together top-rated research with clinical trials for patient care at the bedside through the Centre for Innovative Medicine is very appealing to us."

Currently, researchers are spread out in 65 separate labs located in aging buildings but, despite those constraints, the team of scientists has made many notable scientific achievements. Now looking ahead, Papadopoulos predicts an entirely new level of interdisciplinary collaboration and discoveries that await in a modernized facility that brings all the teams together.

He and the rest of the MUHC community are "very grateful" for the donation but, Papadopoulos noted, the \$300-million Best Care for Life Campaign still has a ways to go. So, he concluded, "we hope more people will follow the Trottier family's lead."





Malloch retires from CBC, dreams of doing voice work with kids

By Joanne Penhale

Following a 40-year career in radio at the CBC, Katie Malloch now wants to volunteer with Westmount elementary students to help them read aloud and teach them how to use their voices with confidence.

"Kids have to learn what it means to stand up and express themselves," Malloch told the *Independent* the day following her announcement January 9 she would retire in March. "I think that no matter what they go on to do in life... [they] have to be able to talk to people."

Malloch's curiosity for radio was fuelled by her mother, who shared stories of fun times working at Queen's University's closed-circuit radio station. As an anthropology student at McGill University, Malloch began experimenting with sound at Radio McGill. And meanwhile, alternative radio was on the rise in Montreal.

"It began to occur to me that there were all kinds of radio that could be done."

Malloch built audio pictures where listeners could use their imaginations. She once collected raw sounds as she rode with a driver in a sulky behind a horse at the Blue Bonnets raceway, and wove those ambient sounds into her report.

She landed a freelance gig on CBC's *Our Native Land* in 1972 – qualified, in part, since her maternal grandfather was Mohawk from Six Nations. Her next stint at CBC was on the local afternoon show, sharing news from Montreal's university campuses.

To prepare pieces for broadcast, Malloch would slice quarter-inch acetate tape with a razor blade and piece it back together with scotch tape. "None of that physicality exists anymore," Malloch said, then describing waveform editing on computers.

In 1975, Malloch was hired as a staff announcer for the afternoon show, and later hosted *Jazz Beat* for 23 years. Since 2007, she's hosted the jazz program *Tonic*.

Part of her retirement plan is to get technologically up-to-date. "I don't own a cell phone. I don't own an iPod. I have a crappy old computer."

She says she'd like to hire an agent and do voice work for extra income. And, she plans to get another dog, which will be trained for search and rescue.

Most enthusiastically, Malloch announced she's looking forward to having the time to clean her house. "I mean really cleaning it in the way you can't when you



Westmount's Katie Malloch began her career at CBC in 1972, freelancing on a national program called Our Native Land. Here, Malloch is pictured in the control room for Radio Two's jazz program Tonic, which she's hosted since 2007. Farewell concerts will be held in her honour across Canada later this month.

have a job and you have kids."

Malloch's childhood home was on Lansdowne. She graduated from Westmount High in 1968 and remembers Stockwell Day teasing her in Latin class.

She now lives on Clarke with her husband, filmmaker Paul Cowan. There, she listens to belly dancing music – a dance she been learning for the past six years.

She imagines listening to jazz again at home after retirement. "Right now I listen to it all day. The last thing I want to listen to when I come home is jazz!"

Malloch has two daughters in their early 20s, who like her, attended Roslyn school.



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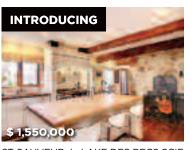
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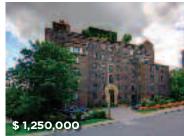
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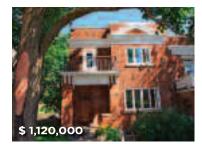
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MUHC: No specific plans to build in Westmount

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

While the McGill University Health Centre's (MUHC) main campus on the NDG side of the former Glen Yards is scheduled for completion in 2014, MUHC officials say they have no immediate plans to develop an unused portion of their land that is within Westmount.

"We're obviously focused on a very important project that we're designing and building right now," Robert Hamilton, senior director for the development of the

Sleeping son gets surprise awakening

The sleeping son of a homeowner on The Boulevard received a surprise awakening from police just before noon January 7, Public Security officials said. He had apparently failed to hear the doorbell at 11:10 am when public safety officers rang to warn him the garage door was wide open leading to the home's interior. Police were called instead and checked out the inside on arrival.

\$2.25-billion super hospital, told the *Independent* following a January 12 presentation at the Atwater Library.

While he noted that the site was chosen to meet present as well as future health needs, Hamilton said the MUHC doesn't have "specific plans for development in this area [Westmount] right at this minute."

He said the Westmount portion will be maintained as a green space, although it won't necessarily be accessible by the public.

During the same presentation, Jonathan Goldbloom, executive director of the MUHC Foundation's Best Care for Life Campaign, said the foundation is nearing a goal of raising \$300 million from private donors, with \$260 million gathered so far.

Regarding the MUHC's land in Westmount, Goldbloom, who is a Westmount resident, said, "I think if there is a need to move in that area that there will be discussion with the mayor and discussion with the city about how best to do that."

But Goldbloom emphasized that there won't be serious discussion of the issue



Robert Hamilton, left, senior director for development of the MUHC's Glen Campus super hospital, and Jonathan Goldbloom, executive director of the MUHC's Best Care for Life Campaign, spoke about the project at the Atwater Library on January 12.

before 2014. "There are no immediate plans for the use of that land," he said. "We've to get built what needs to be built."

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Semidetached, Mid-Westmount	\$1,030,000 (3)	\$1,163,333 (3)	none	\$1,323,000 (3)	\$1,203,050 (10)	\$1,357,143 (7)	\$1,143,800 (10)	\$1,338,000 (3)*
By type Detached Semidetached Townhouse	\$2,375,000 (1) \$832,000 (5) \$420,000 (1)	\$1,455,000 (3) \$1,307,660 (5) \$989,000 (5)	\$1,695,000 (2) \$1,750,000 (1) \$1,247,500 (2)	\$2,783,333 (3) \$1,502,750 (4) \$827,000 (5)	\$1,823,000 (7) \$1,122,088 (17) \$994,909 (11)	\$2,087,500 (6) \$1,146,267 (15) \$843,750 (4)	\$1,610,000 (3) \$1,238,583 (12) \$872,000 (1)	\$1,328,333 (3) \$1,273,800 (5)* none
Duplex/triplex (1 unit) Condo Commercial Land	\$576,667 (6) \$815,000 (1) none none	\$450,000 (2) \$1,197,500 (2) none none	\$183,571 (7) none \$920,000 (1) none	\$425,000 (8) \$738,500 (2) none none	\$643,250 (3) \$630,600 (5) none none	\$521,500 (2) \$617,500 (6) none \$920,000 (2)	\$561,500 (2) \$930,571 (7) \$1,650,000 (1) none	\$459,167 (8) \$1,125,000 (3) none none
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Percentage paid over valuation	17%	24%	27%	20%	20%	17%	21%	25%
(arithmetic avg.) Percentage paid over valuation (\$-weighted avg.)	15%	20%	31%	16%	18%	21%	23%	20%

Data is by newspaper reporting date, not notarial registration or sale agreement date. The dividing lines between the three geographic areas are the middles of The Boulevard and Sherbrooke St. All data excludes parking lot, storage space and nominal-value transactions. All evaluation data is from the 2011 roll.

Real estate round-up

Some softness, but no trend yet

By David Price

A semi-detached house in mid-level Westmount costs between \$1 and \$1.2 million – on that point the data is pretty clear.

With two exceptions (at the \$1.3 million level, in June and October), this range has been the case for the last eight months.

As regards to the rest, more data is required before a trend is clear.

Yes, premiums over valuation have been declining recently (from 27 percent, arithmetically, in November to 17 percent in January), but they've declined before (from 25 percent in June to 17 percent in August), so let's wait before writing the headline.

Other residence types continue to exhibit all-over-the-road data, as you'd expect from categories like "condos," which includes virtual mansions in the sky and more modest apartment-style units. Ditto for "detached," which includes *bona fide* mansions and more modest houses that could just as easily be semi-detached houses or townhouses (and sell that way).

Only duplex units showed some stabil-

ity, with the low outlier month (at about \$183,000) easily explained by six units being purchased in a business-heavy block of St. Antoine St., not to mention their proximity to possible Turcot reconstruction shenanigans. The other months saw a fairly narrow range of \$425,000 to \$643,250.

Interestingly, almost no land or commercial buildings have been reported as changing hands in the last eight months.

What's up?

Dog takes itself for a walk, obeys leash law

A contractor brought a dog to the Public Security station January 6 after finding it loose on Westmount Ave. near Murray Park at about 10:33 am. The licensed German shepherd/aquita mix was attached to its leash. About the same time, the dog's anxious owner flagged down a patrol car in his search for the dog. The two were soon reunited. It was not reported how the dog had come to be alone on the street.



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Holden's new comedy showcases the drama of a literary magazine



Arthur Holden

Howard Rosenstein

Westmounter Arthur Holden's newest comedy *Ars Poetica* is playing at Bain St. Michel from Tuesday, January 17 to Sunday, February 12. The play, written by

Holden and directed by Guy Sprung, features former Westmounter Howard Rosenstein. story The centres around "a Montreal literary magazine where chaos reigns and disaster is never more than an errant BlackBerry click away." It's "a comedy about poetry, wireless communications and the wayward impulses of love."

Holden and Rosenstein also played together in the The Daily Miracle, which was performed in February of 2010. (See "Westmounters take the stage," January 26, p. 6).

Rinks suffer

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plained. The boards were all up but the rinks didn't open until just before the new year at Murray, Prince Albert and Devon parks, as well as at Queen Elizabeth Gardens, known also as Wood Ave. park.

The two unopened rinks were in Stayner and Westmount parks.

At Stayner, until recently, the city was unable to build up enough ice to cover the low cement divider between the clay and paved tennis courts over which the rink is flooded.

At Westmount Park, a dearth of snow has so far made it impossible to bank up enough snow to contain the board-less winding rink near the comfort stations.

Open garage leads into house

Public safety officers called police to a house on Victoria just north of The Boulevard at 1:20 am January 6 when unable to alert residents to an open garage door. Public Security officials said the garage gave access to the house, which police found to be in order. The door was closed and a card left for residents.



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- Blù Bambù, a double reed ensemble, with musicians Cynthia Viel, Caroline Plamondon and Christian Navratil, perform classical and jazz works, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Free.

Tuesday, January 24

Public information session on the MUHC Glen site, 7 pm to 9 pm at Crowley Arts Center, 5325 Crowley Ave.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Benefit concert by The Yellow Door Choir for The Auxiliary of the Montreal General Hospital, 8 pm at Mountainside Church, organized by Westmounters Michael Cooper and Yvonne Mass. Tickets: \$20. Purchas at the Montreal General's book nook, the 6th floor hospitality corner or by phoning 514.934.1934, ext 1934.

Monday, January 30

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Police changes in 2012

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is a team that often works under cover and also provides the bike patrol.

Merchants visited over new \$100 bill

In the late fall, he said, officers visited merchants in the Victoria village and Greene-St. Catherine district, to introduce them to the new plasticized \$100 bill and provide crime prevention tips. A prototype enabled them to feel the bill. Merchants were left with a government pamphlet explaining the security factors, which include a transparent window.

While the traffic accident rate rose last year throughout Quebec, pedestrian safety has also become an island-wide priority for Montreal police with many pedestrian accidents taking place over the past month, he said. "And it's usually the pedestrian at fault, crossing on red lights and between blocks,"

"In Westmount, I will be there to help work with the Traffic Master Plan if they ask me." Station traffic officer Steven Goldberg attends meetings of the city's Administrative Traffic Committee, he pointed out.

New uniform coming

Police will also get a new look in 2012

with the introduction of a dark blue (blueblack) uniform shirt replacing the current pale blue one. There will also be a new

Renovation uncertain

Plourde said he's also crossing his fingers that long-requested renovations at station 12 will come through later this year despite budget cuts. The station needs a conference room, in particular, he said.

The previous one had to be converted into office space to accommodate personnel transferred back to the station from regional headquarters. These include the detective, youth officer and traffic officer, as well as space needed for the MAP team and community relations officers.

"Until then, we'll have to keep using the Public Security's conference room upstairs," he said.

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Please note that Cassi-Anne Brunner in the capacity of Cassi-Anne Brunner whose home address is 5352 Bessborough Ave, Montreal, QC H4V 2S6 will be submitting to the Registrar of Civil Status an application to change the name of Xander Cohen Brunner to Xander David Cohen Covone.

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A personal adventure

Polar bear dream becomes reality

By Pascale Delhaye, guest columnist

Dreams, we all have them. Mine was to see the polar bear.

This past November, I flew out of Montreal to Winnipeg, then on to Churchill, Manitoba, in a small plane for a six-day excursion.

aware of the ominous presence of polar bears, who roam into town on occasion. You are constantly on the alert and looking over your shoulder, and must only walk in lit areas. Residents keep their doors unlocked in case you have to run in.

Our first morning, we travelled in a Tundra Buggy, which is an all-terrain ve-



Westmounter Pascale Delhaye stands ready to board a Tundra Buggy during her recent polar bearviewing adventure in Churchill, Manitoba.

Flying north to the tiny community of Churchill, which borders Hudson Bay, gave me a profound perspective of the journey I was about to embark on. The vast tundra and its palpable frigid temperatures offer a deep appreciation of what polar bears are equipped for. Stepping onto the tarmac of Churchill airport as the wind slaps you in the face for the very first time, I asked myself "did I pack enough warm clothes?"

Fortunately I had, and had also included three cameras. Being an avid amateur photographer, I was ready to capture it all.

Simply walking in Churchill makes you

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hicle with six-foot wheels to protect it from curious polar bears who frequently stand up next to it. The anticipation of the proximity of the polar bear was exhilarating.

Within 10 minutes out on the tundra, a polar bear was spotted. Honestly, none of us was prepared for what we saw. After months of research for this great adventure, half of us had not yet finished putting on our tuques or removed our camera lens caps. Nowhere in the tour brochures was there mention of the emotions that would be unleashed at our first polar bear sighting.

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One of more than 1,000 photos Pascale Delhaye took during her recent trip to Churchill, Manitoba.

before us. We were frozen, not from the cold, but from emotion. This is what I had come to see.

For the next seven hours, we had the privilege of polar bear entertainment. These are not only vicious and dangerous mammals, but also playful and humorous characters. Often, the only sound heard was the cold, piercing wind and the clicking of cameras at this red-carpet-like event.

The crunching of massive paws on the tundra snow, and low guttural grunts could also be heard. At one point, standing on the open-deck of the buggy, I put my camera down to stare directly into the eyes of *nanuk* (Inuktitut for polar bear) four feet away. I remember thinking that I had never felt more Canadian.

We were lucky to have seen more than 30 bears that first day, with six of these majestic 8- to 12-foot, 700- to 1,500-pound

wonders of Mother Nature having come right up to us, only feet away. There was much more to come in the days ahead.

My experience in Churchill surpassed my expectations – in the polar bears I saw, and in the people I met, now life-long friends.

Polar bears have recently become a "species of concern." Please, let us all be

Dreams are only the beginning, and often life-changing. The reality? I will return to Churchill.

To view some photos, please visit "Funny Bears of Churchill" at http://tmrn.us/e1dw and "Polar Bears of Churchill" at http://tmrn.us/e1bB.

Pascale Delhaye is a Westmount resident, an avid amateur photographer and lover of polar bears.





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Westmount Winter classic in Prince Albert Park

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- de 17 h 30 à 21 h 30

Westmount à Rio au Victoria Hall

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Westmount in Rio at Victoria Hall

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Atelier de dessin avec Bruce Roberts au Victoria Hall

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- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Art Studio with Bruce Roberts at Victoria Hall

Registration before February 1st: \$10

- à partir de 19 h

Bowser & Blue au Victoria Hall

Billets : pré-vente 20 \$ / à la porte 25 \$. Bar payant.

- starting at 7 p.m.

Bowser & Blue at Victoria Hall

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Info: 514 989-5226 www.westmount.org/carnaval Le carnaval d'hiver de Westmount / Westmount Winter Carnival

ON THE SHELVES

Among recent reading and audio-visual material at the Westmount Public Library singled out by staff are:

Magazines

"The Gingrich Gestalt: you take a dubious record, you take some wacky ideas, you take a narcissistic personality...." by Mark Steyn in *The National Review*, December 31, 2011, p. 26.

"Romney's Business: the Republican contender touts his business experience – but does it really matter?" by Megan McArdle in *The Atlantic*, December 2011, p. 38.

"Les Nouveaux habits du PLC: L'une des formations politiques les plus importantes d'Occident depuis un siècle est en panne sèche. Notre journaliste est allé voir comment le Parti libéral du Canada cherche à rebondir" by Alec Castonguay in L'Actualité, Fevrier 2012, p. 40.

Adult English - empires

Empire: What Ruling the World Did to the British by Jeremy Paxman – The author brings brilliantly to life the tragedy and comedy of the influence of the British empire, and reveals its profound and lasting effect on its people and nation.

The Golden Empire: Spain, Charles V, and the Creation of America by Hugh Thomas – From a master chronicler of Spanish history comes a magnificent work about the pivotal years from 1522 to 1566, when Spain was the greatest European power.

Adult French – What does Quebec want?

De quoi le Québec a-t-il besoin? : fragments d'un dialogue essentiel by Marie-France Bazzo et al – TV and radio animator Bazzo and her collaborators have penned this essay, which expands on a question that she typically asks in her talk shows: what does Quebec need? They have interviewed a number of personalities, who present their diagnostic of Que-

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bec's situation and talk about their hopes for the future.

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DVDs

Cave of Forgotten Dreams – Overcoming considerable challenges, Herzog captures the majesty of the Chauvet Cave in southern France, where the world's oldest cave paintings have been discovered. With humorous and engaging narration, Herzog reflects on the primal desire to communicate with the world around us, evolution and what it means to be human.

Page Eight – Johnny Worricker is a longserving MI5 officer. When his boss and best friend dies suddenly, leaving behind him an inexplicable file that threatens the organization, Johnny is forced to walk out of his job, and then out of his identity to find the truth.

Non-fiction for children

Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg – At the turn of the 19th century, Annie Edson Taylor, a 62-year-old retired charm school instructor, decided that she would be the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a wooden barrel. Van Allsburg brings this incredible story to life with his signature illustrations.

Mes 10 premiers tableaux by Marie Sellier – Children (and parents) are invited to look through die-cuts to figure out which famous painting is hidden on the following page. A fun and interactive way for children to learn about art.

Reference

Campbell biology

Salem health: infectious diseases & conditions Le consommateur averti Montréal by Sandra Phillips.

Keys left in door

A public safety officer spotted keys in a back door leading to two addresses on St. Catherine at Blenheim Place January 7. Public Security officials said a tenant was contacted and warned about the need to be vigilant about home security. No signs of forced entry were found at either of the residences.



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ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES La galerie du Victoria Hall

La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres des peintres Donato Damiano et Margaret White jusqu'au 4 février. Info: 514 989-5521.

Projection de film

Le Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée et la ville de Westmount présentent Grace, Milly, Lucy ... fillettes soldates le lundi 6 février à 12 h 30 au Victoria Hall. Ce documentaire de l'ONF explore une réalité méconnue des fillettes soldates ougandaises engagées sur le long chemin de la réconciliation. Le film est présenté en anglais et en acholi avec soustitres français. Une période de discussion en français suivra en présence de la réalisatrice Raymonde Provencher. Entrée gratuite; prière de réserver votre place au 514 989-5226.



BIBLIOTHÈQUE Club de film

Avez-vous une passion pour le cinéma? Alors notre club de film est tout à fait pour vous! Vous êtes invités à assister à une projection du film Midnight in Paris suivi d'une discussion le vendredi 20 janvier à 18 h 30. 13 ans et +. Info: 514 989-5386.

Club de lecture française

Le club de lecture française se rencontrera le lundi 23 janvier de 13 h à 15 h pour une discussion sur les œuvres de l'auteur Laurent Gaudé. Info: 514 989-5386.

DATES À RETENIR

Le 6 février - 20 h

Séance du conseil Hôtel de ville



Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

Cet atelier (en anglais) vous permettra de vous exprimer en vers et de libérer votre créativité dans une ambiance décontractée. Notre prochaine date de rencontre est le mardi 24 janvier à 14 h. Info: 514 989-5386.



TRAVAUX PUBLICS

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Gallery at Victoria Hall The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present the

works of painters Donato Damiano and Margaret White until February 4. Info: 514 989-5521.

Film screening

The Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée and the City of Westmount present Grace, Milly, Lucy ... Child Soldiers on Monday, February 6 at 12:30 p.m. at Victoria Hall. This NFB documentary explores the little-known reality of the reintegration of Ugandan child soldiers into society. The film, in English and Acholi with French sub-titles, will be followed by a discussion (in French) with director Raymonde Provencher. Admission is free, but please reserve by phoning 514 989-5226. 🖤



LIBRARY Film Club

Do you have a passion for film? If so, our Film Club is for you! Join us on Friday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m. for a screening of Midnight in Paris followed by a discussion. Age 13+. Info: 514 989-5386.

French Book Club

Join the French Book Club on Monday, January 23 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a discussion about the works of Laurent Gaudé. Info: 514 989-5386.

DATEBOOK

February 6 - 8 p.m.

Council Meeting City Hall



Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

Get creative in these monthly light-hearted workshops that will get you to express yourself in verse. Our next session will be on Tuesday, January 24 at 2 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386. **W**



PUBLIC WORKS

Christmas Tree Collection

Collection of Christmas trees will continue through the end of the month. Make sure your tree gets composted by placing it right behind the sidewalk at the front of your property at any time. Please remove ALL decorations and wrapping. We also ask you to be patient, as collection is sometimes delayed by snow removal operations. Info: 514 989-5311.

Outdoor skating rinks open

Outdoor skating rinks are now open for the season in Devon Park, King George Park, Prince Albert Park and Oueen Elizabeth Gardens. Rinks at Westmount Park and Stayner Park will will open soon, weather permitting. Consult the City's website for up-to-date information. Info: 514 989-5311.

Westmount, à votre portée. Pour toute question ou commentaire, veuillez nous contacter : **Westmount at your fingertips.** Contact us with any comment or question: www.westmount.org assistance@westmount.org



Le 29 carnaval d'hiver Les 2, 3 et 4 février 2012

L'hiver annonce la tenue de la 29° édition annuelle du Carnaval d'hiver ponctuée d'événements ayant lieu aux quatre coins de la ville, notamment :

Goûter citoyens du 3° âge (Église Westmount Park) Le jeudi 2 février :

« Classique d'hiver» de Westmount (parc Pr. Albert)

Le vendredi 3 février : Soirée Westmount à Rio* (Victoria Hall) *Billets disponibles au Victoria Hall

Le samedi 4 février : Plaisirs givrés au parc Westmount et à l'Aréna Atelier de dessin, Bowser & Blue* (Victoria Hall)

*Billets disponibles au Victoria Hall et à l'aréna

Veuillez consulter le site Web pour l'horaire complet.

29th Annual Winter Carnival February 2, 3 and 4, 2012

Winter is here, and with it, Westmount's 29th annual Winter Carnival, with events across the city, including:

Thursday, February 2: Seniors' Lunch (Westmount Park Church)

Friday, February 3:

Westmount Winter Classic (Prince Albert Park) Westmount in Rio Night* (Victoria Hall) *Tickets available at Victoria Hall

Saturday, February 4: Frosty Fun at Westmount Park and the Arena

Art Studio, Bowser and Blue* (Victoria Hall) *Tickets available at Victoria Hall and at the Arena

Consult the website for the complete schedule.

Renewable energy focus of Canadian Technion event



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

Veronica Redgrave

Westmount's Shaar Hashomayim synagogue hosted the 26th gala of the Canadian Technion Society (CTS) on November

Event co-chairs were Eric Levy, there with his wife **Heather**, and **Marvin Ostin**, attending with his wife Lynda.

The focus of the evening was support

of renewable energy research at Technion's Grand Energy Program. Renewable energy is also an important area at CTS, so the gala honoured Westmounter Stephan Ouaknine, CEO of Inerjys Ventures, a clean energy fund focused on wind, solar, and marine energy.

Westmount resident Premier Jean Charest was honorary speaker at the soldout event.

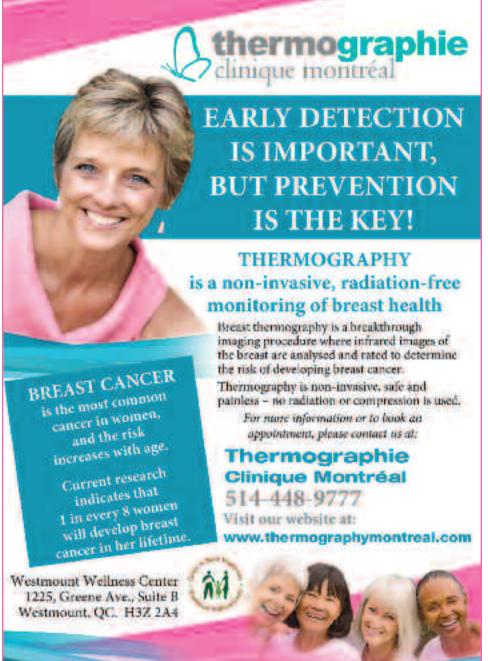
Guests of note included Israeli consul general Joel Lion and his wife Rivka; Lawrence Bergman, MNA of D'Arcy-McGee: and CTS national chair **Doreen** Green with her husband Gerald. Also attending were Westmounters Eric Maldoff, Nancy and Harry Bloomfield, and the



Westmounters Morton Brownstein (left) and his wife Bernice (right), with granddaughter Julia Brownstein and her husband Eric Ouaknine.

Gameroff family: Pearl Sperber Gameroff, David Gameroff and his wife Brenda Rosenzwieg, and Simon Gameroff and his

wife Iordana Wax, as well as Evelyn and Raphael Schachter, Sara and Eugene Riesman, Na- continued on p. 23





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talie and Philippe Telio, Susan Alper and Charles Jacob, Bernice and Morty Brownstein, and Julia Brownstein and Eric Ouaknine (partner at Inerjys), one of the hardworking organizers, as were Edie Ouaknine and Anne Kalles, eastern regional director, CTS.

Elegant party-goers of the \$225 event enjoyed cocktails and dinner, and were later entertained by Liel, a 22-year old Israeli singer and peace activist.

Kindly let us know about events for the Indie's spring social calendar by February 22. Please send event information, date, place and ticket to indiesocialnotes@-gmail.com.



Westmounter and honoree Stephan Ouaknine, Doreen Green (CTS national chair), Westmounter Premier Jean Charest and Lawrence Bergman, MNA of D'Arcy-McGee.



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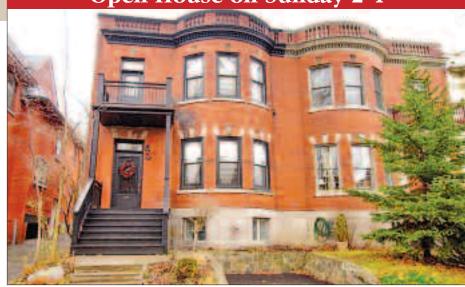
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