

No Lansdowne car entrance, smaller second rink and LEED gold

City, contractor agree on new arena/pool plan

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city unveiled a final plan February 6, worked out with contractor Pomerleau Inc. to launch work by March on the new arena/pool project. The Westmount Recreation Centre (WRC), its official name, is to be completed in 2013 on a design-build contract of \$33.5 million.

Announced at a morning press conference, the total cost is projected at \$38.3 million, an increase of \$1 million over the initial \$37-million estimate two years ago, but inflation-equivalent even after an additional energy-saving investment of \$1.5 million, Mayor Peter Trent said.

Highlights include shifting the controversial parking lot and vehicle access from Lansdowne to Arena Drive, leaving the tennis courts in place and scaling back the length of one of the two underground ice rinks.

Plans show that after demolition of the



A rendering of what the new arena will look like when viewed from St. Catherine St. shows a new pool area, changing rooms (under a green roof) and an entry pavilion at the end of Arena Drive.

Image montage: Marosi + Troy

existing acre-sized arena, the entire southwest area will be covered with park land except for the outdoor pools and a small one-storey entry pavilion off Arena Drive. There will also be an emergency exit building onto de Maisonneuve.

"The projected cost of the WRC is now \$36.8 million, which is slightly below the original budget of \$37 million set in April 2010," Trent said.

However, he explained, the city decided to invest \$1.5 million in addition to the \$36.8 million to build to the gold level of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), an investment in energy

reduction to save the city at least \$100,000 a year.

The Pomerleau contract includes the new \$1.5 million cost.

Since \$1 million has already been spent on the project, he said, all costs moving forward are to be covered by the \$37-million loan by-law approved in August 2010.

Arena expenses to date released, see p. 8.

This is to be offset by a \$20-million government infrastructure grant, \$5 million in fundraising and \$12 million in financing.

Rink reduced 15 feet

Scaling back the size of one rink to 185 feet from the proposed 200 feet – the length of the other one – enables the rinks to be repositioned away from various underground city services, he said. This is to generate a saving of \$2 million.

Company president Pierre Pomerleau, a Westmount resident, confirmed at the press conference that he would deliver construction of the outdoor pool in time for summer 2013 and the rinks a few months later for the fall-winter season.

"We will mobilize on the site a week after the contract is signed, the end of this week, I believe," he told the *Independent*.

Demolition of the existing pool is scheduled to

continued on p. 8

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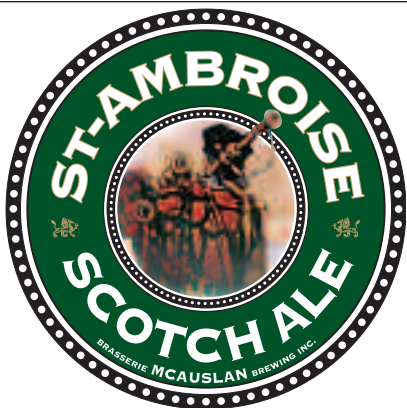
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December criminality in Westmount shows little change

'Quiet' trend continues in 2011 despite ups and downs

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

December crime statistics for Westmount released last week by police bring the year to a close with totals that are relatively similar to those reported in 2010.

Despite percentage ups-and-downs in various categories of crime samplings, most reflect a continuing trend in criminality here as being "very quiet," said station 12 commander Stéphane Plourde. "This is good news."

One anomaly for the year not shown in the crime samplings, however, was a murder – a rare occurrence in Westmount. While it occurred more than a year ago, on January 13 on Clarke Ave., the fatal shooting of Jason Peagram remains unsolved, Plourde confirmed, "but we're still working on it." While it's believed to be drug-related, he said, "as far as I know there are no suspects."

On the other hand, there were arrests for break-and-enter and bank hold-ups during the year, he said. As well, important information from a citizen enabled

police to tail – and force "out of town" a person suspected of breaking into cars.

Despite a reported island-wide rash of laptops, smart phones and other electronic devices being snatched from the hands of users on the street, he said, most are taking place downtown.

One is 'too much'

Because this type of theft usually involves pushing or other forms of violence, these crimes are typically reported statistically as "robbery." While all incidents of robbery in Westmount rose almost 11 percent last year, their total number of 82 averaged out to only 1.4 per month for all types, including bank hold-ups.

Nevertheless, Plourde said, "one is too much."

As large numbers of graffiti sightings made headlines during the year, a decline shown in police statistics is not comparable to the previous year since the reporting system changed mid-year in 2011. Many reports previously came from Public Security, which now refers to police only

those causing major damage or recognized as having known tags. The change was made to expedite graffiti removal.

Wayward motorists spotted

Station 12's infra-red licence-plate reader mounted on the traffic cruiser last year has been responsible for the recovery of stolen cars, as well as many expired licence plates and driver's licences, Plourde said.

This is very important because "it's usually the same people who run red lights who don't renew their permits. People who care about road safety pay up."

With the station's new efforts at "rap-prochement" – reaching out to citizens in 2012 as previously reported, Plourde said he hoped people will indeed feel comfortable about sharing their information on suspicious happenings by calling 911.

Westmount crime samplings

Year-end 2011

Type of crime reported	2011 Dec.	2010 Dec.	Total 2011	Total 2010	% change
Break and enter	6	7	82	74	+10.8
Robbery	3	0	17	20	-15.0
Theft from vehicles	11	14	213	209	+1.9
Theft of vehicles	3	2	30	29	+3.4
Graffiti	0	21	172	239	*
Hit-and-run	15	21	211	235	-10.2

* Not comparable due to change in reporting system.



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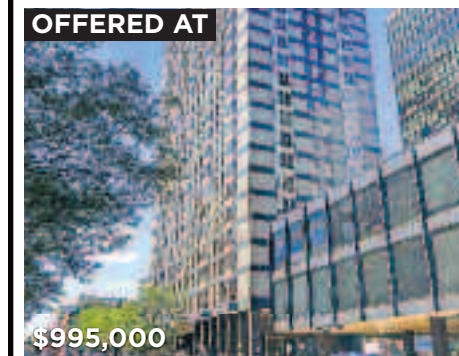
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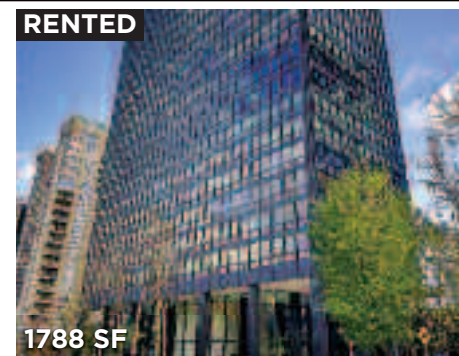


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Cromwell to begin major reno in fall

345 Victoria tenants asked to go

BY MARLENE EISNER

With only a handful of tenants remaining, Cromwell Management is hoping the building at 345 Victoria Ave. will be empty by summer so it can begin major renovations in the fall.

The company wants to completely gut the structure's interior and re-lease the newly designed spaces. The new rents will be at market value for the area.

"When we bought the building three years ago, it was in very bad physical condition," said Michael Doroshenko, a Cromwell leasing agent.

"It has the original furnace, the roof is leaking and it's not efficient in terms of the air conditioning. Rather than do patch work to fix it, we are trying to get it empty, re-build it completely and re-lease it. We would like to make it a LEED classification building, and we would like to attract a good quality of tenant."

Doroshenko said vacating the premises is more efficient than working around the occupants. As of mid-January, there was still tenants on the third, fourth and fifth



Tenants at 345 Victoria Ave. are being moved out so that the building owners can renovate.

floors.

"I would say two major tenants are left and one is leaving in June. We're trying to help them relocate. For the most part, we aren't having too many issues with people leaving."

The Café Restaurant Victoria, located at street level, will not have to move, he said, although an employee of the restaurant said they have been affected by the number of tenants that have moved out.

"We used to get a lot of business from the building, and now it's down," she said.

The *Independent* tried to contact a number of current and former tenants, but calls were not returned. However, an employee of one company still in the

building said they have been asked to move by summer.

"They [Cromwell] said, 'If you move out, we'll facilitate your move.'"

As to who will end up in the new offices?

"It's open to anyone who wants to rent," said Doroshenko.

In reference to rumours that the renovations are being done to make way for McGill University Hospital Centre (MUHC) medical offices, he had this to say: "It's a good thought, but we haven't really gone that route at all. We haven't formulated an idea for a medical plan; maybe that's who we will attract, but it's not our goal."

Baby unhurt in 3-car collision

A baby was among those reported to have escaped injury in a three-car accident January 24 at Sherbrooke and Mount Stephen, Public Security officials said.

The accident occurred just after 11 am, they said, when a Range Rover turned east off Mount Stephen colliding with the rear of a westbound Hyundai, which subsequently hit a Nissan parked in front of 4545 Sherbrooke at the northwest corner of the intersection. Firefighters asked public safety officers to block traffic while awaiting arrival of Urgences Santé to check out the baby's condition.

Wind blows door open, dog sounds alert

A loose and barking dog alerted authorities to a front door that had been blown open at its home early January 18. The dog, which lived on Victoria Ave. near The Boulevard, had initially been spotted down the street by residents, who called Public Security.

When public safety officers responded at 12:50 am, they located the dog barking on the porch where the door was wide open. Residents were home and were informed.

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Selwyn House helps out at seniors' Carnival luncheon



Around 90 members of the Contactivity Centre turned out on February 3 for one of the opening events of last weekend's Westmount Winter Carnival – the Seniors' Carnival Luncheon. On hand to help serve BBQ'd chicken meals ordered in were students from Selwyn House, as well as Councillors Cynthia Lulham and Nicole Forbes and staff from Westmount Sports and Recreation. From left, top row: students Jules Gagnon, Jeremy Chow, Matthew Millot, Antoine Henrichon-Goulet and Greg Segal. Bottom row: centre members Josephine Fedele, Diane Desjardins and Eleanor Armstrong.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Atwater Library eBooks now available

The lending of eBooks started January 31 at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre. Members are now able to download digital books from the library's website to their eReader for the loan period "usually 14 days but up to 21 days."

Besides offering free workshops on how to use the service, the library's reading room has a dedicated eBooks download computer and staff are on hand for coaching.

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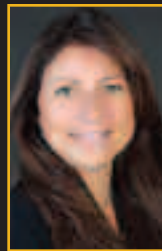
Atwater Library membership is open to residents of any municipal address for \$10 for three months, \$20 for six months or a maximum of \$35 for a full year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TIME FOR SNOW ROUTES TO CHANGE

In reference to “Low snowfall spared city...,” January 17, p. 1), snow clearing can take up to four days? Who are we kidding? We have been living on Sherbrooke St. across from Westmount Park for two years now.

The article suggests Sherbrooke St. is considered a “main east-west arterial.”

Last winter, I phoned Public Works and Public Security on several occasions. Ambulances and fire trucks with sirens blaring were stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic because Sherbrooke was reduced to one lane for at least eight days when we had snow.

Although Public Works does clear the south side of Sherbrooke St., the north side east of Roslyn is usually cleared within seven days, not four. This will be interesting with a reserved bus lane coming.

The article mentions the city snow removal routes have remained unchanged over the last 20 years. Don't you think it's time they should be changed?

By the way, there is some improvement. Last year on average it took eight days to clear the south side of Sherbrooke St. This year after our first snow storm, it only took seven.

MARY CALABRESE, SHERBROOKE ST.

NONSENSICAL TO HAVE WINTER BIKE PATH

The *Independent* reported that Westmount parking meter rates will jump from \$2 to \$3 per hour “...in the district immediately west of the border with downtown Montreal” (January 24, p. 7).

So add \$50,000 to the \$100,000 meter revenue lost last year (November 14, p. 6) to keep the bike path open during winter.

Commander Stéphane Plourde cancelled his winter bike patrol this year because “it proved to be too cold and snowy...it was not worth the amount of money it cost, considering the number of days it could operate and the decreased use of the bike path” (October 25, p. 1).

There are even fewer winter bikers this year on de Maisonneuve, given the obstruction caused by the condo project site at Greene and de Maisonneuve, and of course the weather!

On top of that, according to the city, the path is closed during snow removal and when weather conditions are deemed unsafe.

Keeping the bike path open during winter makes no sense, practically and financially.

IRWIN EDELSTEIN,
DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

A TWO-TIER COMMUNITY?

I was pleased to read about Parks Canada's designation of our city as a national historic site until I looked at the map on p. 3 of the January 24 issue.

Although I live in a [category] 2 building on St. Catherine St., it seems that I don't live within the official “historic site.” Yikes!

Will this affect my taxes (perhaps a reduction)? What about the resale value? Will I have to disclose that I live outside the site? Will this create a two-tier level of citizenship, those who live in the district and those who don't (snobbery alert)?

All kidding aside, is there an explanation for the carving up of Westmount in such an arbitrary way?

LAURA ROBERTSON, ST. CATHERINE ST.

Editor's note: As far as we know, taxes will not be impacted. As to your final point, Joanne Poirier, director of Urban Planning, was quoted in our January 24 edition as saying: “We wanted all of Westmount to be designated, but they chose this historic arrondissement as characteristic of the period between the city's rural and modern times.” (January 24, p. 2). A further call was made to Parks Canada to enquire into the finer points of why the exempted areas were not included. According to it, a historic designation need not capture an entire community but an “appropriate representative sample of buildings and resources that have integrity.”

HAPPY HUMANE CLIENT

Last November in the middle of the night, I heard heavy stomping and scratching in the ceiling above my bed. Then nothing. Last week, it happened again.

It was so loud, I knew it had to be raccoons. So I called a company from the Yellow Pages. (Westmount Public Security suggested that I “find an exterminator.”)

The first company I called came over and put out a large trap with a can of sardines. Sardines? Yes, because squirrels avoid them and raccoons, yup, love 'em. This firm said to call them, and they would pick up and release the caught raccoon. I paid \$250. Nothing happened.

Then, loud noises again. So, I called Humane Wildlife Control from the Yellow Pages. Boy, do they know what they are doing. Within a day, a very polite young man arrived, and went up on my roof. The roof? In this weather! He found the vent through which the raccoon(s) had squeezed and fixed it – then and there.

He installed a one-way door, so that if there are any still sleeping in my ceiling, they will come out to feed, but not be able to get back in. They will be encouraged to leave said ceiling warmth *chez moi* with a touch of peanut butter he placed on this door. He also reinforced all other vents with strong mesh.

I thought our readers might appreciate knowing this, in case they have a similar challenge. (Disclaimer. This is not an ad. Just a very relieved Westmounter!)

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Study evacuated



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Staff and students at the The Study were forced to evacuate school premises on February 2 at around 1:30 pm after a cotton candy machine being used during the annual Spirit Week festivities started to smoke, setting off the school fire alarm system. Some of the kindergarten-aged students spent the 20 minutes it took to go back into the school in a neighbour's home. According to Sweer, there was no real threat to the students. There were no injuries reported from smoke or the evacuation.

Carnival Classic



Goalie Clara Letourneau blocks the puck during the Winter Classic. The Bantam house league hockey games took place in Prince Albert Park the evening of February 2. Participants enjoyed the log fire and hot chocolate. St. John Ambulance volunteers were on hand. Some 100 people came and went over several hours.

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From left Mayor Peter Trent and Pierre Pomerleau at the February 6 press conference.

Summary released of project expenses from 2008

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Replying to citizen requests for expenses already incurred over the arena/project covering several different proposals and studies, city director general Duncan Campbell released a breakdown for presentation at the February 6 city council meeting after press time.

Total amounts (including applicable Quebec sales tax) reached almost \$1 million for payments in 2008-2009 for the above-ground project and \$1.07 million in 2010-2011 for the below-ground project.

All are expenses paid from operating or reserve funds. No money has yet been spent from the \$37-million loan by-law.

“Some of the work done under the above-ground project is still relevant to the below-ground option, such as soil reports,” Campbell explained, “but for simplicity’s sake, we have kept it in chronological order.”

Of the combined \$2 million for both projects, the lion’s share of \$1.46 million was paid to Lemay architects.

This was followed by \$108,203 to Genivar for project management, \$101,293 to Inspec-sol for geotechnical studies plus various amounts for other feasibility, engineering, traffic and environmental studies, as well as \$92,771 for construction cost estimates related to both projects.

Miscellaneous payments ranged from a

low of \$50 for supervision during a public forum to much higher amounts.

On the other hand, printing, mailing and tabulation of the survey to all residents in April 2010 for the below-ground project totalled \$26,288, half of which went to Canada Post.

The expenses are summaries of “all the invoices that have been previously approved by councils since 2008,” Campbell added. “This information has been publicly available but never presented in a single summary.”

For the below-ground project, amounts spent to date and forecasted professional fees for the entire project fall within the 5- to 7-percent acceptable range for a project of this size, he stated.

The information was to be posted on the city’s website following the council meeting.

Hockey season outside?

During construction of the new ice rink, the 2012-2013 hockey season may take place outside on artificial ice, Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan told the February 6 press conference. The city was exploring the possible installation at a cost of \$50,000 to \$75,000. – LS

Arena

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take place from March to June.

It was expected that Trent would be authorized to sign the contract with Pomerleau when the item was discussed at February 6’s nighttime council meeting, after press time.

Trent said the agreement was reached with Pomerleau February 2 after 45 days of work and modifications to the bid. It was the only one submitted by the contractor-led consortium.

By adopting the design-build approach in September 2011, he said, “We’ve managed to recover a lot of lost time and achieve an inventive design.” The design comes from Pomerleau’s architectural partners, Marosi + Troy, located in Westmount.

The cost of its work and preparation of working drawings is included in the contract price.

A number of architectural renderings are slated to be posted on the city website at www.westmount.org.

According to Pomerleau, the four ice rinks at the Canadiens’ hockey facility are all 185 feet long.

Underground project costs

The following breakdown of known or estimated costs related to the underground arena/pool project was released as follows, covering April 2010 when the projected cost was \$37 million* to February 2, 2012. They exclude costs related to the above-ground project. (See story at left.)

Pomerleau contract	\$33.5 million**
Tennis courts, rebuilding	\$0.3 million
Project management, other future fees	\$0.8 million
Treatment of contaminated soil	\$1.0 million
Quebec sales tax (after 50 percent rebate)	\$1.7 million
Sub-total moving forward	\$37.3 million
Expenses already paid outside of \$37M loan by-law	\$1.0 million***
Total	\$38.3 million

* Inflation of 3.4 percent from April 2010 to February 2012 = \$1 million.

** Includes added cost of LEED gold = \$1.5 million.

*** Mostly fees to Lemay architects and Genivar project management.

Source: Mayor Peter Trent



Looking north across the arena/pool site from St. Catherine. At the end of Arena Drive is the proposed one-storey main entry pavilion to the new underground recreation complex.

Image: Marosi+Troy

Features of design outlined in presentation

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A few small changes in the following features shown in the new arena/pool plans could still take place as the work evolves, as long as they remain within the building envelope, improve efficiency or don't add costs, according to Councillor Patrick Martin, chair of the project steering committee.

Parking lot and car access moved off Lansdowne

Lansdowne residents need no longer worry about the parking lot and driveway formerly proposed off Lansdowne just south of de Maisonneuve. The access from this side will be a pedestrian entry only.

Instead, new parking spaces are to be opened up on city-owned land adjacent to the RMR armoury on Arena Drive, for a total of 67, an increase of 21.

With the north arm of Academy Rd. eliminated, traffic will no longer be able to drive north to de Maisonneuve. This is expected to reduce current arena traffic on Lansdowne.

By keeping the tennis courts in place and moving the pools, the southeast corner will be converted to green space.

As the terrain drops off down Lansdowne, a row of windows covered by the arena's green roof will be exposed allowing natural light into the facility.

Status quo for tennis courts

The existing tennis courts will be rebuilt on a budget of \$300,000.

Clubhouse-type pavilion, main entry

This one-storey above-ground pavilion at the end of Arena Drive will be positioned north-south. It's designed with a sloping roof and large overhangs. It will serve as the main entrance with a foyer, café and terrace, as well as stairs and an elevator.

These lead down a level to the pedestrian entrance off Lansdowne, administration offices, the agora, food concession, multi-purpose room, two exercise rooms for fitness and other "sweat" activities now held at Victoria Hall, showers and pool changing rooms. The teen centre is also on this level, as well as a view down to the ice rinks.

Stairs and the elevator continue down to ice level with changing rooms, showers, a pro shop and other rink-related facilities.

Secondary emergency exit

A small second emergency exit structure will open onto de Maisonneuve near the bike path's entry into Westmount Park. It will also provide covered bike racks.

Reduced size of "second" ice rink, seating

In order to fit two large north-south rinks side by side and save \$2 million, both rinks will be shifted further south of de Maisonneuve than depicted on previous designs to reduce their impact on underground city services. This will reduce the length of the east rink from 200 feet to 185 because of city services on Academy: water, sewer, gas and electrical lines.

At ice level, these two rinks will be separated by changing rooms. Above the rooms will be fixed seating for 200, half sloping toward each rink. This is a reduction from 300 originally proposed.

Dog run

The dog run is slated to stay more or less in the current location though it may have to move during construction, although this yet to be determined.

Pool and changing rooms

Taking advantage of the slope in terrain, plans show the pool area opening off the changing rooms at the south end of the underground structure, which is exposed at this level. The pool concept re-

mains in flux, though the current design shows an L-shaped pool 25 metres long, with 8 lanes and a separate diving portion. There is also a toddler pool.

LEED gold certification

By spending an extra \$1.5 million, the city announced it will build to the gold level of LEED rating (see story p. 1). This decision is described as generating annual energy reduction costs of at least \$100,000 a year for the life of the building.

Initial reaction

Reaction to the new arena/pool design came quickly from Westmounters at the press conference February 6.

Howard Hoppenheim, hockey player, on the plan to reduce one ice rink to 185 feet:

"Council is acting very responsibly after telling taxpayers they would bring in the project on budget – which they are – and when complications arose, this was the responsible thing to do." He added that "other avenues" might be explored for raising the additional amount but they would have to be done quickly.

Patrick Barnard of the Save the Park group: "My guess is that the council is digging itself a hole physically and financially."

'Daring to be different'

Westmount has a long history as a trailblazer, Mayor Peter Trent told the February 6 press conference.

"We have always dared to be different, yet respect our traditions," he said, noting that "we are probably the first in North America, if not the world, to build an arena underground."

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Shifts to overlap in the evening

More police on road in Westmount as of Jan. 29

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

If you think you are seeing more police on the road in the evening hours, you probably are.

That's because a new one-year pilot project in Westmount – and across the island – calls for shifts to overlap during the

later evening hours, local station 12 commander Stéphane Plourde announced last week.

The new scheduling went into force January 29, almost doubling the number of personnel on patrol.

"This is a good thing for us to have more presence on the street when we get most of our calls," he told the *Independent*.

While Plourde declined to provide numbers and times, citing security reasons, he said the experiment was made possible by a recent change in the collective labour agreement signed last fall. This extends working times by more than an hour to 9 hours and 45 minutes, allowing for the evening and overnight shifts to overlap.

As well, all officers working the overnight shift will stay on the so-called "graveyard" shift rather than some working on a rotating basis. The 24-hour day is divided into three shifts: day, evening and overnight.

Police concerned over curious library visitor

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

While they're not sure if a crime would have been committed, Station 12 police are still seeking the public's help after a young teen fled from an inquisitive man at the Westmount Public Library.

The incident took place at 3 pm on February 1 at the library, located at 4574 Sherbrooke St. Police say the man approached a girl, aged between 12 and 14, and asked her for her name, phone number, address and if she was alone.

"The girl didn't speak to the suspect, and went directly to the librarian," said Constable Guylaine Julien. "Unfortunately, the librarian, feeling the danger was over, didn't call Public Security until later that afternoon. Had he called right away, we might have been able to find the man."

The man is described as a white male, 60, with white hair tied into a ponytail. He wore a long black coat, jeans and brown boots.

"We are concerned because this man approached a young girl, which isn't normal," said Julien. "Now, we want the public's help. If you have been approached by anyone matching this description, we'd like you to call station 12 and report it. We would like to know if this is a pattern and if he's doing it to other youngsters in the area."

Julien pointed out that the girl in this case did the exact right thing.

"She didn't speak to him and went to get help," she said. "If you find yourself in

this type of situation, get away, get help if you can and call 911 immediately."

School bus campaign soon to wrap up

Station 12 officers are about to wrap up their school bus safety campaign, called "Did You See Me?"

The campaign ends on February 10. Officers have been visiting local elementary schools to talk with students, and were patrolling around six area schools to ensure motorists are respecting school bus lights.

"We have been paying special attention to schools where bus drivers have complained about motorists," said Julien, who added those who pass by school buses when their stop lights are flashing face a \$200 fine and a loss of nine points.

"We've also explained to the students to behave themselves on the buses and not to run for buses if they're late," said Julien. "Also, when getting off the bus, students should make sure the drivers see them if they're passing in the front of the bus. If they're passing behind the bus, students should wait until the bus has driven off."

Four tickets for circulars

A distributor of circulars was issued four \$75 tickets January 20 when the unsolicited material was left at street level or hanging on railings at four houses on Holton, according to Public Security officials. City by-laws prohibit circulars being left in plain view.

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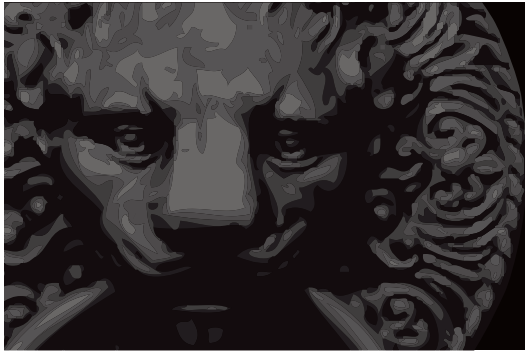
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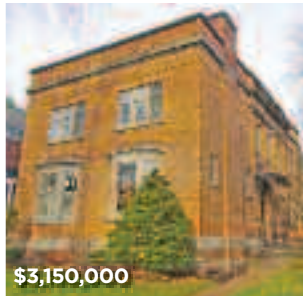
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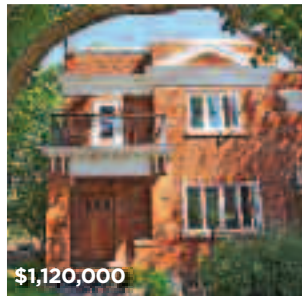
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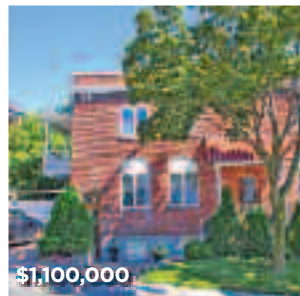
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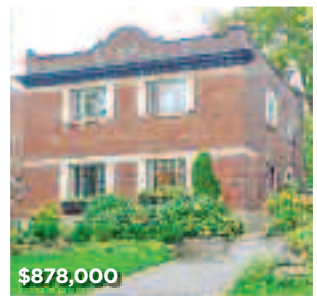
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Real estate by Dodge



Andy Dodge spoke at the Rotary Club of Westmount meeting February 1, held at Victoria Hall. The former Westmounter and former Rotarian talked about Westmount real estate, which he knows from his work as an evaluator and newspaper columnist. He began his talk with a reproduction of an early 1960s real estate listing sold by in-the-audience Rotarian Gene Zinay for \$23,500. The Prince Albert house would likely go for just under \$1 million today – and that was the theme of Dodge's talk: buyers appreciate Westmount and bid up prices. He does not see a slowdown anytime soon, barring change in interest rates.

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Church properties have new secular owners

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Two properties in Westmount that for many years were owned by religious authorities have come under new ownership in 2011.

In a property transfer last November, a one-storey meeting hall at 386 Lansdowne Ave., known for decades as the West End Bible Chapel, was sold to Margaret McGrath.

Owned by Côte St. Luc Bible Chapel, it had a municipal valuation of \$862,200 and the purchase price was \$955,000. A sign on the door January 15 said the organization had relocated to 6277 St. Jacques St. in NDG at the corner of Madison Ave.

A condominium at 18 Weredale Park, previously owned by Christ Church Cathedral, was sold in March 2011 to Mohamed Jamali and Tatiana Demtchenko. With a municipal valuation of \$550,100, the selling price for the unit was \$487,069.

A spokesperson for Christ Church Cathedral told the *Independent* that the property had been the official deanery – the official residence of a clerical dean – for the downtown cathedral.

She said the corporation, which manages the cathedral, decided to sell the condo when it had been vacant for a year following the dean's retirement and a new dean hadn't been appointed.



The former West End Bible Chapel at 386 Lansdowne Ave. was sold for \$955,000

Ready, set, go-kart!



Someone was driving a go-kart around Dawson College's parking lot at around 5 pm on February 2. Getting ready for summer riding season?

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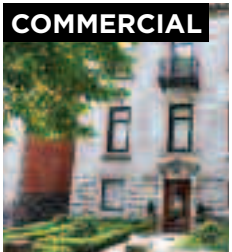
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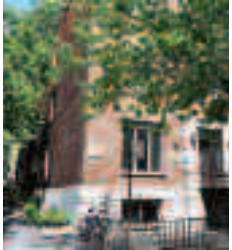
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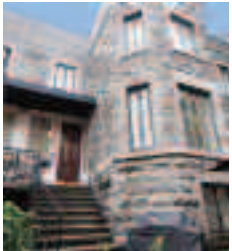
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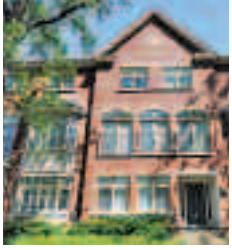
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Westmount Art Scene

New artists present at Galerie V. Trimont and Galerie D'Este

BY HEATHER BLACK

If novelty is the spice of life, the new year is the time to discover new artists. At Galerie D'Este, the works of two young Quebec artists, Mirana Zuger and Michelle Furlong, strike a chord. Works by two established artists, Dutch painter Frans Schuurisma and Quebec painter René Derouin, enliven Galerie V Trimont.

Schuursma and Derouin at Galerie V. Trimont

In Schuurisma's "Les Amoureux 2," a young couple seated at a café dominate the yellow composition. Painted on linen, diffused forms and loose brush strokes create a visual *joie de vivre*. And romance is in the air in "La Terrasse," a whimsical



"Les Amoureux 2" by Frans Schuurisma.

blue street scene.

The landmarks of Paris are frequent subjects for Schuurisma. From his houseboat studio moored facing the Eiffel Tower, the artist captures a front-row view of Parisian life. His style – a mix of Dufy and Chagall – is colourful, joyful and passionate. Born in Amsterdam in 1938, his first major exhibit was held in Paris in

1969.

A respected and well-known Quebec artist, Derouin uses a woodcut technique for the Val David scene "Mon Jardin #3." Here, singing birds are outlined in pale yellow and painted in a mosaic of inviting greens and orange. For "June 2011/64," the artist reworked an earlier black and white composition. Created from cut paper, the paper relief resembles elaborate lacework.

In these selections, the influence of Mexico is apparent. Born in Montreal in 1936, Derouin's travels there at the age of 18 had a profound influence on his work. Inspired by other cultures, his work projects a unique freshness at Galerie V. Trimont, located at 4259 St. Catherine St.

Zuger and Furlong at Galerie D'Este

In Zuger's work, colour and movement dominate. In "I Do FNA!", a hot pink balloon-like shape dances across a lime canvas, creating a vibrant and vibrating work. The word to describe "Breskva" is movement. Here, colour shapes and loose lines suggest a whirling dancer.

The work of this young Concordia graduate is playful and lively. Sophisticated colour harmony creates enjoyable art. An exhibit of her work will be held at the gallery, located at 1329 Greene Ave. on



"Breskva" by Mirana Zuger.

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Furlong's work, on the other hand, is contemplative. and sophisticated. Drawings painted in acrylic allow imaginative subjects and unusual poses. In "Dual," two entwined figures engage in sword play. A beautiful composition, the mix of textured graphite line and flat colour is tantalizing.

In another "Sequence Series; Recurrence 6," the subject is less defined but

more mysterious.

Creating evocative compositions, Furlong's art is recalled long after leaving the gallery. A graduate of both Concordia and the Nova Scotia College of Art & Design, an exhibit of her work takes place on Thursday, March 29.

These artists offer a mix of originality and experience. Their work provides enjoyment and insight and a unique perspectives on culture – ours and others.



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Kids can experience camp right in the 'hood

BY MARLENE EISNER

When school lets out in June, what will your children be doing all day? Summer is the perfect time to step back, slow down, and enjoy the outdoors – even in the city.

Day camp is a good place for kids to find that perfect mix of a laid-back atmosphere with daily activities to keep them physically and intellectually stimulated. And since no two children are alike, there are a number of different camp options in Westmount, which means you won't have

to travel too far find the right one for your child.

Centre Greene summer camp

Centre Greene, located on Greene Ave. south of Dorchester Blvd., is a cozy camp that offers eight, one-week sessions in three age groups for children five to 14 years old. Parents can choose to place their child for one, two or all eight weeks.

"What's really fun about our camp is that we really mix up the activities," said Wesley McCoy, executive director of the

centre. While some camps specialize in art or sports, Wesley said the Centre Greene serves up variety.

"In every given week, a child will experience sports, crafts, special events, arts, dress-up and theme-based days," he explained. There are also weekly outings and activities in Stayner Park across the street.

Centre Greene is located at 1090 Greene and can be reached at 514.931.6202. Its website is www.centre-greene.org.

The Visual Arts Centre

For kids aged six to 12, the school of art at the Visual Arts Centre, located at 350 Victoria Ave., has a summer day camp devoted to mixed media.

"They have art workshops in the morning and in the afternoon, they have a more specific art workshop that deals with one technique," said youth department program director, Jennifer Wicks.

Some of the media include mosaics with stone and ceramic, sculpture workshops, kite-making and fibre-based workshops like batik. The campers also spend part of the day outdoors.

"In the afternoon they go to Westmount Park, *continued on p. 19*



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Comin' Up

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Westmount Municipal Association monthly meeting, 7 pm in Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

• **Elizabeth Hay**, author of *Late Nights on Air* and *Alone in the Classroom*, speaks at 2 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Register: 514.989.5299.

• **Sebastien Betermier** of McGill University talks about what people should know about financial advisors, 6 pm at the Atwater Club. Cost: \$30.76 for dinner and lecture. Reserve: University Women's Club of Montreal, 514.932.3922.

• **Marianopolis College's Winter Concert** in the auditorium, 7:30 pm. 4873 Westmount Ave.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

The **Westmount Historic Association** presents "CPR and the Glen," with Michael Leduc, author of *The Glen*, who will share

his research on the Glen stone arch and the yards, which were opened in 1906. 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Admission free for members; \$5 at door for non-members. Info: 514.989.5510.

• Artist **Mika Goodfriend's** exhibit "Fraternité Sacerdotale" is on until March 10 at the Gallery at Victoria Hall (4626 Sherbrooke St.). Info: 514.989.5521.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

• Westmount Y is having a **women's clothing drive** until March 4. Donations go to Fringues & Cie thrift shop for young women looking for work. Info: 514.866.9941, ext. 507.

• **Women's Canadian Club of Montreal** presents Westmounter Dominique Anglade, whose topic is "KANPE – A Different Outlook on Haiti," 12:30 pm at The Unitarian Church (5035 de Maisonneuve Blvd.). Free for members; visitors' fee (men and women) \$10. Lunch is available for \$5 at 11:30 am. Info: capers@total.net.

Local summer camps

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and they have swimming at Westmount pool once a week."

Wicks said kids don't have to have any special talent or experience in art; they just have to be interested in it. The camp is bilingual, and a peanut-free environment.

More information can be found at www.visualartscentre.ca/school-of-art, or call 514.488.9558.

Westmount YMCA day camp

The Westmount Y has spots in its summer day camp for children with special needs.

"We have shadows that help to integrate the children, who are relatively high functioning," said Megan Ropeleski, the camp co-ordinator.

"It's an integration camp so they have to be able to participate in the activities and interact with the other children to help promote healthy development."

Each shadow accompanies a maximum of two children per age group, helping them throughout the camp day. Parents don't have to pay extra for the shadows; Ropeleski said funding comes from grants and monies raised through the Y's Strong Kids Campaign.

Activities for all campers include swimming lessons, weekly outings, sports, cultural and environmental workshops and a

weekly BBQ.

The Y is located at 4585 Sherbrooke St. For more information, call 514.931.8046.

City of Westmount summer camp

This all-around day camp has a host of activities for children from six to 13 years old. Sports, arts and crafts, science and nature, music and theatre are among some of the activities offered, as well as a weekly outing. Five-year-olds are welcome if they are entering grade 1 in September. For teens between 14 and 17 years of age, there is a counsellor-in-training program, a good stepping stone to a future job as a counsellor, or other areas working with children. Information can be obtained by phoning 514.989.5353.

f/start photo camp

Dawson College's Centre for Training & Development offers a photography camp for kids between the ages of 12 and 17 to spend their days feeding their creative muse through the art of digital photography. The one-week sessions are given at beginner and advanced levels, where campers spend their days engaged in hands-on activities, time in computer labs, on-site photography opportunities and outings at museums and parks in Montreal. For more information, visit <http://dc37.dawsoncollege.qc.ca/photo-camp> or call 514. 933.0047.

Mondor returns as Feb. 14 speaker at Hort. Society

The February 14 program of the Westmount Horticultural Society will feature a return speaking engagement by Albert Mondor to talk about azaleas, rhododendrons and related plants.

"He is a dynamic speaker and drew a full house last year," said president Sally Cooke.



Albert Mondor

Photo: Josée Lambert

Mondor, who teaches at the Montreal Botanical Garden and lectures across the country, has worked as a horticulturist and garden designer for 28 years. He co-hosts a TV gardening program, writes a Saturday garden column in the *Journal de Montréal* and last year pub-

The presentation takes place at 7 pm at Westmount Public Library, preceded by coffee, tea and homemade cookies at 6:30. Cost is \$5 for guests or a \$20 annual membership fee.

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lished his eighth book *Le Jardinage pour les nuls*.

Among his many creations are the pond garden at the Old Port, the interior yard of the Biological Sciences Wing of UQAM and the garden of the ecological house at the Biosphere.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, Interim Treasurer of the City of Westmount:

THAT the general collection roll of taxes for fiscal year 2012 was filed at my office located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount on January 23, 2012; and

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Annette Dupré
Trésorière par intérim / Interim Treasurer

Beauty is a beauty



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

These two adorable little sister kittens



Beauty (right)

needed a home. The one on the left of the photograph now has a family.

Petite Beauty, on the right, is still in need of a family and I am sure she would fit in perfectly in our neighborhood. She is a gorgeous long-haired grey and white angora, with a white blouse marking around her neck and along her chest. Her large dark blue eyes are striking!

Beauty is impishly pretty and you just find yourself staring at her and laughing as she surprises you with playful antics.

Beauty was born on October 2, 2011, a young healthy kitten ready for her forever home now. She is used to other cats and dogs as well, a well socialized and playful girlie.

If you would like more information on Beauty, please contact Nancy-Josée Lévesque at 514.708.5621.

Your neighbour, Lysanne

Injured pigeon taken to SPCA

Public safety officers report taking an injured pigeon to the SPCA January 27. It was found at 515 Roslyn unable to fly.

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Renovators ticketed \$267 for late night work

Workers who were told to stop noisy renovation work at 4918 Sherbrooke at 1:17 am January 25, were at it again the next night, according to Public Security officials. When a resident of Winchester called at 11:37 pm to complain about the noise resuming, the workers were issued a ticket for \$267. A circular saw and other tools were found at the scene. The matter was also referred to Urban Planning in the event a permit was required.

Montreal meter head found on Olivier

Meter head number E552 from the city of Montreal was found January 28 outside 220 Olivier Ave., Public Security officials said. It was taken to local police station 12 to be returned. It was not known how it came to be there.

A taxing year



Ruminations

GEORGE BOWSER

Happy New Year. The government of Quebecduquebecdequebec.qc.quebec has raised the QST rate to 9.5 percent, effective January 1.

Because Quebec loves taxes so much that it even taxes taxes, it means that Quebec takes almost twice as much out of your pocket as Canada does every time you buy something taxable. It doesn't seem like much when it's a restaurant meal, a candy bar or a pair of snow tires, but the combined hit is huge if you're buying a new home.

Some relief is offered to those who buy cheaper homes – up to \$200,000. (Please pardon my use of the word “cheap” here.) Here is an extract taken from the brochure *QST and GST/HST Rebates. New or Substantially Renovated Housing. New or Substantially Renovated Residential Rental Property*, which is available from the Quebec government web site at www.revenu.gouv.qc.ca.*:

“Rebate for new or substantially renovated housing – Individuals may be entitled, under certain conditions, to a rebate of the GST and the QST paid on the purchase of a new or substantially renovated residential unit, and of the GST and the QST paid on the construction or substantial renovation of a residential unit.

“The rebate is equal to 36 percent of the taxes paid, and may not exceed \$6,300 in GST and \$5,573 in QST. The amount of the rebate is progressively reduced where the purchase price or fair market value (FMV) of the land and the new or renovated residential unit is more than \$350,000 for GST purposes and \$200,000 for QST purposes; no rebate is payable where the purchase price or FMV exceeds \$450,000 for GST purposes and \$225,000 for QST purposes.”

So, if you buy a home for \$200,000, you'll pay \$10,000 GST and \$19,950 QST, for a total of \$29,950 (that doesn't include the so-called welcome tax, which is a more complex calculation, and a smaller amount).

Now you're entitled to a rebate of \$10,782, so your total GST and QST tax bill will be \$19,168. A body blow for people starting out, but perhaps survive-able with help from Ma and Pa.

But what about Ma and Pa and their

plans to downsize, now that our governments have super-sized the tax bite? Even thinking about this is taxing.

If you find a new condo that sells for \$650,000, you'll pay \$32,500 GST and \$64,837.50 QST for a total of \$97,337.50 (not including welcome tax), and friends, that's not deductible. That's after-tax money. Real money. You may as well take a hundred grand out of your pocket and throw it in the fireplace (check local by-laws first, of course.)

It isn't hard to figure out how this will affect people who make a living building new homes. Their profit margin will be hammered – or nail-gunned since builders don't use hammers anymore.

Meanwhile, previously-owned home values will look that much more attractive. After all, if you had a hundred large to spare, wouldn't you rather spend it on a new kitchen or bathroom reno, a granny flat, or a man-cave, than hand it over to the government weasels?

For the buyer, it means that whatever you have to spend, you'd better figure out how much of it is actually available for the nominal pre-tax purchase price of a new home, because your new partners – Canada and Quebec Inc. – will be expecting their share. Nothing personal, you understand. A little taste. Just to wet the beak, so to speak.

*My source: [http://www.revenuquebec.ca/documents/fr/publications/in/in-205\(2008-07\).pdf](http://www.revenuquebec.ca/documents/fr/publications/in/in-205(2008-07).pdf).

Loose dog retrieved from SPCA

A lost border collie was noticed wandering around the Westmount Athletic Grounds January 24 by users of the dog run who waved down a Public Security patrol car at 3:22 pm. Since the dog appeared frightened, officials said, residents of Hal-lowell offered to take it home in hopes the owner could be tracked down in the absence of identification.

At 4:15 pm, Public Security informed the SPCA about the dog, whose owner subsequently called the animal shelter in search of it. The two were reunited at 6:15 pm. The woman, a resident of Wilson Ave. in NDG, was advised to obtain a municipal dog licence. It was not known how long the dog had been on the loose.



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CYNTHIA LEE

human companion up until serious illness (her human, not her) robbed them of each other. With her human in a hospice that leaves Zena looking for a place to hang her hat, and she could use a helping hand.

But you know how some people get grumpy with age? Well, this has happened to Zena. Her brand of grumpy translates into excessive barking and nipping. Both are related to grumpiness but can also be pinned on her anxiety.

The cure for these aren't easy. Zena needs to feel secure upon first meeting, but she responds well to the Cesar Milla method of "no talk, no touch, no eye contact" upon introductions. That's just the way it is with Zena now.

If someone can look beyond the layers of anxiety, skittishness and occasional noisy behaviour, the princess part of Zena emerges.

Once comfy in her skin, Zena enjoys walks and interacting with kind folks like herself. Do people call you an old codger? Do you tend to agree? Why not keep company with one of your own? Interested parties can contact Jacque at Reach for the Stars Rescue at reach-for-the-stars-rescue@gmail.com.

Visit www.underdogclub.org to see other dogs who are having a tough time finding a home – due to age, looks or behaviour.

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It wasn't always this way for Zena. Though life never was a bed of roses for this old girl, there was a time when things were better.



Zena

Named for a warrior princess, this Zena is more warrior than princess. For starters, she's old – almost 13 – and has not been spayed or vaccinated of late. Her looks have held up, though. She's as cute as ever, a mutt who resembles a shiba-inu cross.

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Artists emerge at YES Art Expo



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

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YES, a non-profit organization, provides English-language support services to help Quebecers find employment and start businesses. Its artists' program



Westmounter Bill Brownstein and Andy Nulman.

Photos courtesy of YES

YES (Youth Employment Services) Montreal held its annual Art Expo at Marché Bonsecours December 1 and 2.

The free public event celebrated the "art of business, and the business of art." Exhibiting emerging artists were thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase their work to the almost 700 people who attended.

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Simon Restall, Iris Unger, Jordan LeBel and Westmounter John Aylen.

days. Westmounter Bill Brownstein (*The Gazette*) and former Westmount res Andy Nulman were special guests at the VIP cocktail reception kicking off the event. They expressed their belief in the importance of supporting Montreal's talented artistic community.

The event was generously supported by the Forum jeunesse de l'île de Montréal (FJIM) and Canadian Heritage.

Attending guests included **Iris Unger**, executive director, YES; **Simon Restall**,

Roof flashing falls

Heavy wind blew large pieces of metal roof flashing off the apartment building at 235 Metcalfe January 29, according to Public Security officials. The flashing landed in the lane between the building and the one at 201 Metcalfe on the corner of St. Catherine. The latter's superintendent called officers at 12:29 am.



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Teeter-totter parenting



Parenthood Uncensored

SOPHIE TARNOWSKA

A few weeks ago, my 8-year-old daughter became upset with herself. “Mama, I’m a bad, stupid girl!” she cried. Wow. For all my self-admitted parenting struggles, I

don’t speak to her that way, and it was the first (and last) time I’d heard her do so. For those of you who don’t have kids, this is the equivalent of watching someone slap your grandma. With a newborn kitten. It bruised my heart.

I always assumed that it’s a rite of passage for human beings to go through a period of spiritual disgust with themselves, especially girls, who often feel the clash between themselves and society’s expectations painfully quickly, and find themselves lacking. But not at eight years old.

What can I do? What have I not done? What should I stop doing?

I suffered through my own self-loathing as a child and as a teenager, but those days are gone, partly because I’ve seen enough suffering to realize my angst was the equivalent of a pimple on my soul – gross and entirely avoidable – and partly because I realized I’m much more good than bad. Usually. One thing is certain: I blamed my mother for it all.

Patron goddess of parenting

My patron goddess of Parenting Despair must have been listening because a

few weeks later, ECS offered a free lecture by Dr. JoAnn Deak, an educator and psychologist. The subject was girls and self-esteem, which would usually give me serious eye rolls, given that we live in one of the wealthiest neighbourhoods in the country, thus making our daughters the one percent who have more than most people on the planet.

But that’s the point. Self-esteem isn’t achieved by comparing ourselves to others. It’s what we nurture in our children so that they stop comparing themselves to others, so that their sense of self remains steady and strong, like a CAA tow truck in a snowstorm.

She explained that girls’ brains have a larger anterior cingulate cortex compared to boys, a mistake filter that acts like a brake on risky behaviour. This makes sense on an evolutionary level, but limits risk-taking, and risk-taking is linked to confidence and competence. Our job is to counter its effects in a measured and thoughtful way.

The way to achieve this is counter-intuitive. According to Dr. Deak, we parents are to “teeter when they totter.” To encourage our girls to take meaningful risks, to stretch past their comfort zone rather than settle into it, to make peace with discomfort. She also calls this “hugging the monster.” Do the things that bother you;

they’ll make you stronger.

This doesn’t mean you should buy your 10-year-old a set of ginsu knives, but you should encourage her to stick with ski lessons even if she’s afraid. Protect her from the world by letting her take on the world (albeit in manageable doses). Teach her how to stand up to the class bully, rather than stepping in to save her, for example.

But sometimes you must step in because, according to Dr. Deak, girls not only tend to internalize emotion (unlike boys who will get upset, shout or fight it out and move on), but their brains hold negative memories longer in their hippocampus than boys do. So add a good dose of vigilance to the above, and step in before her discomfort turns to anguish (take note, bullies). Easy peasy, right?

Despite waves of guilt washing over me – as Dr. Deak repeated over and over that studies show that girls who attend mixed schools rather than expensive all-girl private schools will likely end up with shaky self-esteem and a part-time job serving poutine at Lafleurs – the talk was excellent.

She also said that dads have more impact on self-esteem than mothers do, so if it all goes horribly wrong, we’ll just blame her dad.

For more info and books by Dr. Deak, visit www.deakgroup.com.

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5 bikes cut off poles

Five bicycles were cut off poles January 27 by Public Works crews, Public Security officials said. The bikes were protruding onto the sidewalk, posing an obstruction to snow removal. Three were on de Maisonneuve outside Dawson College and two at 221 Clarke. All were taken to local police station 12 where they could be claimed by owners or subsequently sold at the city’s auction often held during Family Day in May.

Snowboarders warned

Three snowboarders were warned January 28 not to use the public stairs or private property on Edgehill for jumping, Public Security officials said. The Summit stairs lead down to The Boulevard near Renfrew Ave. Officers had been called to the scene by a resident at 1:52 pm, but the trio proved to be uncooperative until officers called police, who repeated the warning.

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ON THE SHELVES

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

Magazines

“Killing the competition: How the new monopolies are destroying open markets,” by Barry Lynn in *Harper's Magazine*, February 2012, p. 27.

“The last Kodak moment? Kodak is at death's door; Fujifilm, its old rival, is thriving. Why?” in *The Economist*, January 14, 2012, p. 63.

“Jusqu'où parler de soi à son patron : Les entretiens de fin d'année approchent. L'occasion de faire un bilan de notre travail et, pourquoi pas, de glisser un mot sur notre vie personnelle, nos désirs et nos projets. Risqué ou pas? La relation hiérarchique est-elle compatible avec la confiance? Enquête” by Laurence Lemoine in *Psychologies Magazine*, December 2011, p. 150.

Adult Books – Brain power...

Losing It: In which an Aging Professor Laments his Shrinking Brain ... by William Ian Miller – A thoughtful and humorous look at the horrors of old age en-

lists the wisdom of the ancients to explore the myriad ways to be in decline, the fear of losing mental faculties, and the inevitable advent of sags, aches, pains, and failing joints and organs.

Thinking, Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman – A psychologist draws on years of research to introduce his “machinery of the mind” model on human decision-making to reveal the faults and capabilities of intuitive versus logical thinking.

Adult French – Scandinavian mystery writers

Betty by Arnaldur Indridason – A foray into the *roman noir* genre by the best-selling Icelandic author of police procedurals. A man accused of murder recounts how he has been framed by Betty, his Machiavellian mistress. As he tells his tale from an interrogation cell, the reader is plunged into the heart of a police inquiry.

L'honneur d'Edward Finnigan by Anders Roslund et Börge Hellström – *La Presse* gave this novel a five-star review. Edward Finnigan is obsessed with the imminent execution of his daughter's murderer. However, the convict dies of a heart

attack before his execution. Is he really dead though? Troubling facts will emerge years later as police investigate a savage beating aboard a ferry linking Sweden and Norway.

Books on CD

The Litigators by John Grisham – Law firm partners Oscar Finley and Wally Figg see a chance for huge financial gain when they learn of a pending class action lawsuit against the makers of Krayoxx, a popular cholesterol-reducing drug suspected of causing heart attacks.

The Tiger's Wife by Téa Obreht – Remembering childhood stories her grandfather once told her, young physician Natalia becomes convinced that he spent his last days searching for “the deathless man,” a vagabond who claimed to be immortal. As Natalia struggles to understand why her grandfather, a deeply rational man would go on such a farfetched journey, she stumbles across a clue that leads her to an extraordinary story.

Picture books for children

Homer the Library Cat by Reeve Lindbergh – Homer is a very quiet cat, who

lives in a very quiet house with a quiet lady until one day a loud crash sends him scurrying into the busy streets. Homer searches high and low for a place to curl up and be quiet, but will he ever find such a perfect place in such a noisy city?

Danse, Prosper, Danse! by Laure Monloubou – Prosper is born to dance. When his parents sign him up for dance classes, he is over the moon with joy until the girls in the class begin to make fun of every move he makes.

Reference

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised L'État du monde: annuaire économique et géopolitique mondial, édition 2012.

'Suspicious' person

A man reported to be lurking around the arena on St. Catherine at 3:40 am January 30 was tracked down at Victoria and York, Public Security officials said. He claimed to have taken a taxi to Lansdowne in search of an address on Walnut St. in St. Henri. He was directed south down Glen Rd.

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Over 25 fellow Selwyn House old boys and current and former staff competed in the 8th Annual Colin No Basketball Classic at the school January 26. Participants help raise funds for the Memorial Fund for student scholarships. Colin No, who graduated in 1997, died in 2002. According to James McMillan, director of Advancement, the fund contained \$13,000 in December 2009 and by December 2011, it had grown to \$46,000. After the tournament last week, it was almost \$50,000. "The Colin No Endowment Fund is one of many endowed funds we have that will allow us to provide about \$375,000 in needs-based bursaries for the 2012-13 school year." Donations to the fund can be made anytime during the year and will "be able to provide a needs-based bursary of about \$2,000 to a deserving student." Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

In Other Words

Roslyn teacher vindicated

The *Gazette* writer Brenda Branswell reported in its January 18 issue that the Quebec Court of Appeal upheld a defamation judgment that awarded Roslyn School teacher Mary Kanavaros \$234,011. The parents of a son they claim was "humiliated and intimidated" in front of the class by Kanavaros originally launched a law suit in 2005 against her.

A deal was made with the English Montreal School Board to financially compensate the parents, Hagop Artinian and Kathryn Rosenstein, and keep the case confidential. The couple spoke to the media right after and used wording considered defamatory by Kanavaros, who in turn sued them for defamation and breach of the confidentiality decision, which they were ordered to pay in 2010. The couple appealed the trial decision, arguing their statements weren't defamatory.

Naturopath accused

Naturopathic doctor Mitra Javanmardi was in court recently for the start of the preliminary inquiry following the death of one of her patients. CTV news and CBC Radio reported on the story through the week of January 23. She is accused of manslaughter and criminal negligence in the death of Roger Matern. In 2008, Javanmardi treated the 84-year-old for breathing problems. He was given an intravenous injection containing magnesium. He later died. His wife Denise Matern said they were aware that Javanmardi gave intravenous injections and that she was a not an MD. They assumed it was okay to receive injections. Javanmadri practised in an office at 4920 de Maisonneuve in Westmount.

Marianopolis student launches law suit

The *Gazette* reported on January 7 that a former student at Marianopolis College has launched a \$750,000 lawsuit against the CEGEP and an English teacher for sexual exploitation starting in 2001. At the time, the student was 17, and the teacher 57.

The article explained the college issued a statement in January and that the college was "first informed of the allegations last spring, examined the situation carefully, requesting full details from the student, and interviewing the teacher and other members of the college community, and concluded that the relationship was consensual."

The *Gazette* did not name the former student, who is named in the lawsuit, because "he was a minor when the alleged exploitation began," nor did it name the teacher "though he was named in the school's letter."

Global news does streeter on potential new recycling by-law

Global Montreal reporter Anne Leclair aired a story on January 18 about Westmount's proposed new waste management by-law. The station reported the new by-law was "not sitting well with Westmount small business owners." (The proposed by-law, which aims to crack down on the recycling habits of merchants and residents, has yet to be presented for adoption. It was tabled October 3, 2011. See the *Independent's* coverage in November 1, p. 1 and December 6, p. 5). Leclair conducted interviews with Councillor Theodora Samiotis, an employee of Cavallaro and several passers-by. The story explained the maximum fine was \$2,000 for repeat residential offenders and \$4,000 for repeat commercial offenders.

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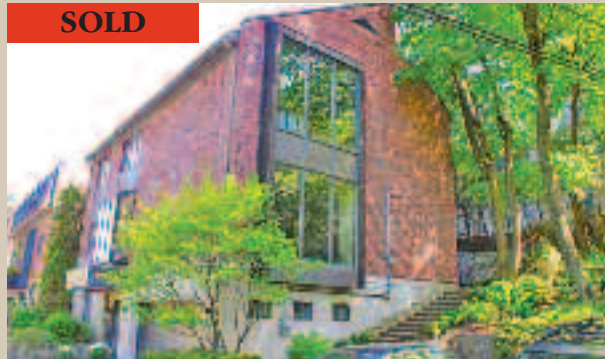
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