

Library updates safety measures, directives

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

An update of safety measures is evolving at the Westmount Public Library to heighten the awareness of staff and educate users on how to act within the comforts of a public building they may regard as a second home.

Starting last May with the installation of security cameras at entrances and unsupervised areas, a series of reminders was prepared for rolling out to staff last week, said library director Julie-Anne Cardella.

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Plans are also under way to relocate the young adults' section from the second floor to behind the audio-visual section. Timed for September, this will improve supervision and provide teens with access to four new computer terminals.

"We're moving to update our security measures in keeping with changing times," Cardella explained, following a couple of incidents that left staff looking for clearer guidance.

"People feel safe here," she explained. "It's very heartwarming that they consider us to be an extension of the home. But this being said, it is a public place with some 1,000 people coming in and out every day."

The Public Security Unit has received a number of reports over the years concerning stolen items, suspicious persons and people creating disturbances leading to the installation of security cameras that are monitored by police.

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Selwyn defeats LCC in shootout



Selwyn House School's Juvenile Gryphons hockey team entered the quarter finals in its division on February 21 when it defeated LCC's Lions 2-1 during a dramatic match at the LCC rink. The game went into two overtime periods, followed by eight shootout rounds and a sudden death in which Selwyn House scored the winning goal. In this shot, the Gryphons had just evened the score during the second period.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Cllr. Lulham: City won't be muzzling dogs

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A Westmount dog owner called on the city last week to require that all aggressive dogs be muzzled – and one in particular.

Valerie Morin, who has complained her Leonberger called Bear needs protection against Tiger, a Doberman mix, met February 21 with Planning and Parks commissioner Cynthia Lulham asking for Tiger to be muzzled.

"I have no indication that this dog is dangerous, and there are no other com-

plaints against it," said Lulham after meeting with Bear's owner. "There are no rules that require a dog to be muzzled," she added.

In any event, she said, "I believe a solution is at hand." Both dog owners say they will try to schedule their visits to Summit Woods when the other is not there.

The two dogs are un-neutered males who "went after each other in play, once" in Summit Woods, Tiger's owner Mansur Zedeh told

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Library heightens security

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tored by the dispatch office.

Assistant Public Security director Greg McBain said that a report February 1 of someone asking a teen for her name and address appeared to be almost an isolated incident. The suspect was captured on the surveillance camera, so staff will be keeping an eye out for him (see “Police concerned over curious library visitor,” February 7, p. 10).

Public safety officers patrol through the library and regard it as a safe place, he said.

“The important thing is for the staff in any public building to be aware of the people who go in and out and to call 911 immediately if they are suspicious of someone,” said police commander Stéphane Plourde.

One of the new internal guidelines, Cardella said, is for the staff to call 911 immediately, followed by Public Security, in incidents involving minors and aggressive or unstable situations. Public Security is to be called first for someone causing a disturbance. “The staff wasn’t clear who to call when.”

There are also updated directives for

medical situations.

While library personnel are accustomed to look out for people who may seem to be out of place, Cardella explained, both she and McBain said it is important for users to realize they are in a public building. “Would you leave your laptop or coat unattended in a mall while you went to the washroom?” she asked.

Babies should not be left alone either. Not long ago, one was left asleep in a stroller under the staircase while a nanny went off to find a book. “That was a shocker to everyone when they suddenly noticed a bunched-up snowsuit start to move,” Cardella said. As a result, parents and nannies are to be alerted to this during children’s story time.

Neighbourly watch

A suspicious neighbour called Public Security February 15 when movers appeared next door and began carting away furniture, officials said. Officers responding to the home on Kensington checked it out and found the owner had hired a crew to remove furnishings so repairs could be undertaken following a major water leak.

Bear and Tiger not to meet

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the *Independent*. But “it’s in the nature of dogs.” No blood has been reported to have been drawn between them.

Bear’s owner says it happened three times.

Zadeh, a resident of Summit Circle, said his 8-year-old Tiger has been a family pet since he was a one-month-old puppy.

“We have been walking Tiger in Summit Woods and other parks two and three times a day since we moved to Westmount four to five years ago, and he is well known. He is not a monster as she [Morin] claims.” Zadeh sees no need to muzzle Tiger or to have him castrated.

Bear, who is 2, has been gaining muscle mass since undergoing major surgery as a puppy, explained Morin. She plans to have him neutered this spring, she says. In the meantime, “I’m a little upset at people telling me to have him castrated. My dog is not a problem.”

Morin went public with her concerns about aggressive dogs at the city council meeting February 6 asking for protection against Tiger (see February 14, p. 6).

She acknowledged to the *Independent* that Bear had also had confrontations with

a Boston terrier whose owner subsequently was ticketed by Public Security after the altercation.

Now that Bear and Tiger will presumably not meet at Summit Woods, “that solves my problem, but nobody else is safe,” Morin said. “I’m just trying to warn people.” But just in case they do meet up, she’s planning to carry a “steel-frame” umbrella with her.

And Tiger’s owner says the message is “spreading hatred around,” and he has written to Mayor Peter Trent deploring the situation and describing Tiger as “a beautiful, kind intelligent dog.”

Over the years, there have been very few incidents of dogs acting aggressively toward people in Summit Woods, according to Public Security director, Dave Sedgwick.

No ghost in the walls

Mysterious banging and vibration in the walls of a house on Grosvenor Ave., February 18 was traced to noisy pipes, Public Security officials said. Officers were called to the home at 12:07 pm. After detecting the source, they advised the resident to call a plumber.

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Parking tickets pile up on BMW – again

A Westmount car owner is facing a hefty fee for parking on the street, it seems.

By February 22, this BMW had accumulated seven tickets while parked unmoved for several days on the west side of

Prince Albert north of Chesterfield. The car is the same one that had also been left in a snow bank on Victoria for an extended period (see February 1, p. 6).

At the time, Public Security had asked police to check out the car and its licensing

in California.

“Because we know who the owner is, and the car is not abandoned or left in a snow tow zone, all we can do is ticket it once a day for not having a valid parking permit,” explained assistant Public Security director Greg McBain.

During January, when the car had been left in the tow zone but could not be moved with the tow truck operator’s equipment, public safety officers finally

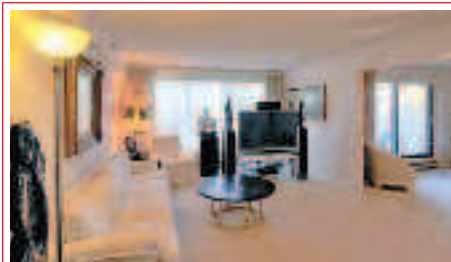
managed to contact a family member, who dug it out and moved the car while the owner was away.

Has the car owner paid the tickets placed on the windshield while the car was parked on Victoria in early February? It is unknown, as all tickets now go downtown to Montreal municipal court and are not followed up by Westmount Public Security.



A BMW parked on the west side of Prince Albert displays seven tickets on its windshield, the morning of February 22.

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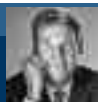
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Recently, I parked my car in front of Alexis Nihon and put about \$3 in the meter. When I returned to my vehicle less than an hour later, I found a ticket for \$52 notwithstanding the fact that I still had six minutes remaining.

The explanation read: “633+634 (photos taken)”. This ticket was for encroaching on an adjacent parking spot (by-law 685 S, art. 8). I had in fact encroached by the length of my front wheels.

I will not contest it since ignorance of the law is not a very good excuse and since contestations are resolved in a Montreal court and not in Westmount...so much for our demerged city nonsense!

Now I wonder what would happen if I half-parked on two units and put no money in either meter. Would I get two \$52 tickets? Is the city of Westmount so desperate for additional revenue that it must resort to overzealous interpretation (or should I say legal extraction) by means of arbitrary municipal articles.

Other Westmount residents will take note and beware!

PAUL JOHNSON, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

BIKE PATH IS SAFE

In a recent letter, the Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling association has advocated that the bike path be moved to St. Catherine St. or Sherbrooke St. because de

Maisonneuve is too narrow or has too many stop signs for the path to meet the ideal bike path design best practices (“Everything is political’ is a tired excuse,” January 17 issue, p. 6).

However, that association is ignoring the most important safety factor for cyclists. Since almost all serious cycling injuries and deaths result from collisions with motor vehicles, locating a bike path on a low-traffic street is far more important than the actual path design.

One need only consider the causes of fatal cycling incidents in Montreal over the past year: collision with a speeding vehicle, a bus, a truck and a door.

As experienced cyclists will attest, the Westmount segment of the de Maisonneuve bike path is one of the safest in Montreal because of the low traffic, no parking beside the path, etc.

The absence of serious cycling incidents along de Maisonneuve over the past several years is testament to its safety. What’s more, the low traffic volume means a healthier air quality.

So, as the city attempts to promote cycling by providing a network of safe bike paths, as part of the Traffic Master Plan, de Maisonneuve will, even in its current configuration, remain by far the safest and healthiest east-west cycling route.

DAN LAMBERT, LANSDOWNE AVE. AND MEMBER OF WESTMOUNT WALKING AND CYCLING ASSOCIATION

Lansdowne traffic challenges continue

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Traffic on Lansdowne continues to be a live issue even as some of the street’s residents say they are pleased the city has met one of their requests.

The city’s recent decision to remove all Lansdowne parking and car access from the final design of the arena/pool project is a good first step, according to Georgina Smith, who has been representing Lansdowners in their traffic concerns over the arena, superhospital and Turcot projects, but “it’s not the end of the story.”

“People are very pleased with this decision as a first step in the wider issue,” she explained last week. “We feel we’ve been heard in terms of this being an important step in the right direction in reducing the overall flow of traffic on Lansdowne.”

“We’re delighted with this outcome,” said Trudy Asch of 200 Lansdowne. She and her husband David are two outspoken residents on the traffic issue, who have been keeping abreast of the news from Florida. They now hope the city will reposition the bike path along the east side of the street, on parkland.

Lansdowner Georges Hébert, who ran as a candidate in the last municipal election, said that if the newly released arena/pool design “is the way it’s going to be, then I think it’s great for Lansdowne residents. I have no idea what precipitated the change, and we’re still holding our breath over what changes” could lie ahead concerning future increases in traffic.

Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent* that “to improve the project and address local concerns,” the city had “clearly suggested” that moving the proposed car-port parking was an option.

Noting increased popularity of the Glen bicycle path along Lansdowne, resident Richard Lock said any measures are a plus that reduce entrances cutting across the bike path because they reduce interactions

between cars and cyclists. He expressed his pleasure with the change in the arena/pool plan when it was presented at the February 6 meeting.

Lock also questioned the designation of Lansdowne as a “collector” street in preliminary data from the city’s traffic study consultants. He was told by city director general Duncan Campbell that the data reflected the status quo, not necessarily future recommendations.

Hébert, who has taken traffic counts, said that the current configuration of traffic lights at St. Catherine and Lansdowne “is so well done that not a lot more cars can come through the intersection.” This might be a deterrent in itself.

Contactivity needs access

The arena/pool plan, which closes Academy Rd.’s access to de Maisonneuve, may also benefit the Contactivity seniors’ centre at de Maisonneuve. Mary Stark, the centre’s director, said less traffic is safer for those participating in Contactivity’s activities. Some can attract 100 people.

Her main concern both during construction of the new facility and afterward is that vehicle access be maintained close to the entrance. Many seniors depend on drivers, including taxis and adapted transport.

St. Léon’s checked out after alarm

A passing public safety officer spotted a side door open at St. Léon school at 6:42 am Saturday, February 18. An alarm was ringing and a police car was flagged down. Public Security officials said the door did not appear to have been forced open. Because of the size of the building, police in five squad cars converged on the school to check it out. All was found in order.

Free Press reports

Condos, smoking and dust

In Hampstead, the *Free Press* reported that the town had chosen a contractor to buy its Macdonald Ave. firehall site and build condos on it.

In Côte St. Luc, the paper reported that a by-law banning smoking near park playgrounds had passed.

In NDG, the paper reported that the St.

Raymond district (around St. Jacques and Girouard) was being affected by dust from the MUHC superhospital site and from Autoroute 20 ramp work.

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Upholds decisions on Al-Musawi house

Superior Court rules city not required to issue building permit

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Quebec Superior Court has rejected the latest attempts of a Westmount property owner to require the city to issue a building permit for construction of a large house at 3283 Cedar Ave.

Shatha Al-Musawi was also denied her request for acquired rights in zoning, which would essentially override zoning changes subsequently adopted by the city governing the building of so-called oversized homes in that area.

The ruling February 21 by judge Nicole-M. Gibeau is the latest setback for Al-Musawi in her decade-long efforts to build a new house, which has seen her in and out of court in cases involving neighbours and the city.

In the latest court ruling, the judge found that processes followed by the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), recommendations to the city council and listening to the project's architect, Bruce Anderson, had respected regulations. And the decision to refuse a building permit

“justified the circumstances.”

Along with legal arguments, the court had viewed a model of the proposed house and concluded that even with modifications to reduce its height, the building remains “imposing, monumental and massive, and dominates surrounding homes.”

Al-Musawi had petitioned the court following a city council meeting February 1, 2010, at which the council publicly reviewed the latest architectural plans for a 19,000 square foot-house and revisions to lower its height (see March 2, 2010, p. 1).

One of the plaintiff's arguments dismissed by the court was that the PAC's recommendation against a permit had been based primarily on protecting the views of neighbours.

But the judge noted that city Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier had, in fact, stated in her testimony that the city's by-laws did not protect views.

The plaintiff has 30 days to appeal the judgment.



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January samplings released for Westmount

Decline in break-ins points to shift in criminal activity

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A declining trend in break-and-enter incidents in Westmount was reinforced in January when only five were reported in crime statistics compiled by local police Station 12.

Long considered to be a barometer of crime in Westmount, the number of residential and commercial break-ins averaged 20 a month only a decade ago and 30 historically – or one a day, as police commander Stéphane Plourde positions it.

“There’s a general decrease of that type of crime,” he explained. “Maybe it’s because the people doing it are switching to other areas like fraud and cyber criminality.”

With the emphasis on community policing, he said, “We’re closer to people, and we’ve been very efficient in Westmount in catching many break-and-enter suspects. The courts are also helping by

granting us special conditions for certain offenders.”

More and more people are putting in alarm systems in Westmount, while public safety officers are patrolling and security cameras are being installed.

In January, 11 thefts from cars equalled the same number as December, which was well below those reported throughout much of 2011.

Spring break absences

Westmounters planning to leave town for the school spring break in early March should plan to leave a few lights on and generally make their homes look occupied during their absences, Plourde said.

Bike patrol being recruited

While police are usually kept busy this time of year with snow removal incidents, he noted, “there hasn’t been much snow this *continued on p. 13*

Westmount crime samplings

August 2011 to January 2012

Type of crime reported	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. '12	Jan. '11
Break and enter	6	10	9	5	6	5	10
Robbery	1	3	2	1	3	2	2
Theft from vehicles	23	14	29	15	11	11	18
Theft of vehicles	1	5	0	4	3	2	4
Graffiti	6	4	8	4	0	2	42*
Hit-and-run	14	8	17	18	15	24	21

* 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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James Perse aims to raise awareness of animal testing through beagle project

By MARLENE EISNER

The front window of the James Perse store has an unusual display that has little to do with the merchandise inside. A giant yellow number 41 painted on the window calls out to pedestrians to look inside and see a tower of cages piled high to the ceiling.



The store window at James Perse, 4869 Sherbrooke St., beckons to pedestrians to find out about saving beagles.

pany, which has 25 stores in the US and two in Canada (the other one is in Vancouver), has an 8-year-old beagle, a breed known for its friendly, eager-to-please personality. When Perse learned that BFP flew 40 lab beagles to LA and found homes for them, he decided to help the organization by creating t-shirts and giving half of the sale price (\$55) to the project.

the number 41, anyway.”

Stone said the money is to fund future projects, but also to create awareness.

Animal testing occurs in Canada as well. The Canadian Council on Animal Care, a government-funded organization that monitors animal research, recently released its figures for animal testing in 2010. Approximately 3.3 million animals were continued on p. 14

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James Perse, the founder of the com-

“We learned about that project and now we are doing a t-shirt campaign to raise money and the windows to raise awareness,” said Noah Stone, marketing and communications manager for James Perse in LA.

“They’re an ongoing project. When they first began the process of saving them, we were told there were 41 [beagles]. In the end, it turned out to be 40. We kept

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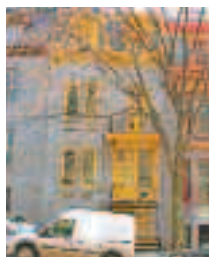


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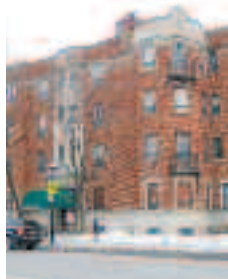


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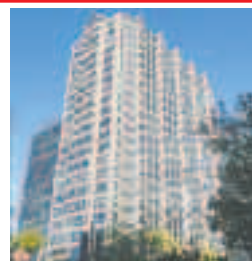


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It's March, get ready for St. Patrick's!



Westmounters Patrick Shea, president of St. Patrick's Society of Montreal, and Pamela McGovern, the honorary chairperson of the society's annual charity ball, are preparing to welcome guest of honour Jim Flaherty, the federal minister of Finance, and hundreds of Montrealers to the March 9 event at the Château Champlain.

Photo courtesy of St. Patrick's Society

Graffiti found in Wood Ave. park

Station 12 police received a complaint about graffiti in Queen Elizabeth Park, located at Wood and Barat.

"The tagging took place sometime between 3 pm on February 22 and 9 am on February 23," said Pimentel. "The graffiti was on a small temporary trailer in the park. It was a four-letter tag done in blue spray paint, measuring six by four feet."

Pimentel said the tag should be removed in due time by Public Works.

"The weather is going to be warming up soon, so we'll be keeping an eye on the district to see if there is a rise in graffiti," said Pimentel. "If residents see anyone doing graffiti anywhere in the district, we ask them to call 911 immediately. The faster we get the information, the better our chances of catching the perpetrators."

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Persico emcees lively Dancing with the Docs



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Westmount res, CTV and CJAD media personality **Mose Persico** was emcee at the inaugural Dancing with the Docs on February 4.

The fabulous sold-out event (tickets were \$125) held at the Metropolis, was inspired by the hit TV show *Dancing with the Stars*. Doctors paired with professional dance partners from Arthur Murray Dance Schools faced off in a fun dance competition.

Celebrity judges included **Jean-Marc Gagné**, the choreographer and judge

for an important cause can also make for an enjoyable evening!"

Winner of the contest was **Dr. Preetha Krishnamoorthy** with her Arthur Murray partner, **Cristopher Panasuk**. They performed a rollicking Bollywood-inspired cha-cha, which was applauded by all.

Guests also loved the dancing talents of Drs. **Nadine Korah** and **Rayan Kaedbey**, who placed second and third respectively.

Sponsors included Qatar Airways, the SAQ, Borden Ladner Gervais, Pharmaprix, Simard Transport, the Quebec ministry of Health and Social Services, Criso, Le Groupe Charbonneau, Montreal Medical International, Norton Rose, Paladin Labs, ProDanse, St. Laurent Coiffure, Jisèle Cosmétiques Studio and Supa Dance.

The 800-plus capacity crowd, along with sponsors, raised \$203,000 for the campaign.



Winner Dr. Preetha Krishnamoorthy with her Arthur Murray dance partner, Cristopher Panasuk.

from the TV show; CTV news anchor **Mutsumi Takahashi**; CJAD 800 morning host **Andrew Carter**; and international dance champ **Méryem Pearson**.

Doctors taking part included Westmounter **Dara Charney** along with **Fred-eric Dankoff**, **Sunil Garg**, **Nadia Giannetti**, **Rayan Kaedbey**, **Nadine Korah**, **Preetha Krishnamoorthy**, **Dick Menzies**, **Yoel Moyal**, and **Donatella Tampieri**.

The event was held to raise funds for the MUHC Best Care for Life Campaign, chaired by **John Rae**, executive vice president, office of the chairman of the executive committee of Power Corporation of Canada, who noted that "raising money



Jean-Marc Gagné, the choreographer and judge from the TV show *So You Think You Can Dance*; CTV news anchor **Mutsumi Takahashi**; **Normand Rinfret**, interim director general and CEO of the MUHC; **Mose Persico**, entertainment host on CTV and CJAD; international dance champion **Méryem Pearson**; and CJAD 800 morning host **Andrew Carter**.



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Trent sends out arena project letter

In a progress report on the arena/pool project mailed to all Westmount households this week, Mayor Peter Trent relates city council’s recent approval of the building proposal from Pomerleau Inc. and maintains that a \$1-million budget increase will not add to taxes.

“Owing to our determination to get a contract close to the original budget and also to the innovative nature of the project, it has admittedly taken more time to get to this point than we planned,” he writes. It would, however, be ready in 2013.

Trent also takes aim at “a few local residents,” who mounted a campaign to change the plan.

According to Trent, the opponents’ campaign to change the plans went without agreement on “what to replace it with.”

The project has been modified (see story February 7, p. 1) “thanks to many citizens’ comments, he wrote. This proposal was outlined in Trent’s first letter to residents in April 2010 describing the plan for an underground arena.

Work is slated to begin in the coming weeks to demolish the existing pool and start excavation. A contract with Pomerleau Inc. is still to be signed. — LS

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CEOs win Exec A regular season

By JONATHAN GOLDBLOOM

Led by the scoring prowess of Michael Denham and the stellar goaltending of Doug Buchanan, the CEOs squeaked out a 3-2 victory over the PhDs to win the Executive A regular season for the sixth year in a row. The game was played the night of February 21 at the Westmount arena.

Denham scored his first goal on a blistering shot from just inside the blue line and marked his second on a power move to the net. Thane Calder then netted what proved to be the game winner as his shot ricocheted off a sprawling Brian Baxter and twinkled the twine. “Our early success was largely due to the work of our grinders – Derek Galbraith and Geoff Moore – who did a great job at both ends of the ice,” noted Bruce Campbell, the anchor of the CEO’s defence.

PhDs rallied in third

Entering the third period with a 3-0 lead, the CEOs quickly got into penalty trouble, and the PhDs rallied with goals by Eric Fafard on a nice set up by coach Larry Dionne and Greg Boyd. “The last time we played this team we had a two-goal lead going into the final period and ended up losing,” explained CEO coach Jim West. “This time, however, we were able to hang on and clinch the championship by one point.”

“We are of course disappointed,” stated PhD defenseman Murray Horner and former CEO stalwart, “but the playoffs are a brand new season. We will be ready.”

Members of the championship team include John Antoniou, Perry Catellier, Greg Dunning, Laurent Ferreira, Chris Kuflik, David Marshaal and Joel Segal.

Jonathan Goldbloom is a member of the CEOs Executive A-league team.

Stein-Andersen wins hockey silver in Norway

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A former Westmounter has won a silver medal in the national hockey championships in Norway, where she now lives.

Liv Stein-Andersen, 13, whose father Jim Stein moves back and forth between his homes in Norway and Sydenham Ave., played hockey on Westmount teams as did her two brothers Eirik and Tor, said Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan.

Liv – who normally plays on a boys’ team as does her 10-year-old sister Tea – was the youngest member of a regional team competing in the Norwegian girls championships the first weekend of February.

Her father drove Stein-Andersen and three other team-members four and a half hours from just north of Oslo to a ferry to

meet up with the rest of the team headed to the tournament, he explained last week. The team then travelled another six hours to Stavanger, site of the championships.

“I’ve driven many teams to tournaments,” he said, “but never part of the team so far to pick up the rest of them.”

Hockey in Norway is very grassroots and different from the way it is here, he explained. In fact most of the girls play on boys’ teams. “It’s all volunteer driven and a huge collaborative effort. I’ve even driven the Zamboni.”

Jim Stein not only plays hockey in Westmount’s executive league for the MBAs but is a longtime coach and volunteer in the department, and “is a great ambassador and supporter,” Deegan said. “It’s a fantastic family. They’re all athletic.”



Newspaper clipping after the team’s silver win shows Liv Stein-Andersen second from right.

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BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Cummings Centre Sports Celebrity Breakfast, honouring businessman **Alan Maislin**. **Cookie Lazarus** is honorary chair. Players from the Alouettes and Canadiens will be present. Emcees **Mike Cohen** and **André Marchand**, CKAC radio. 9:30 am to noon. Gelber Conference Centre, 5151 Côte St. Catherine. Tickets: VIP \$100; general \$30. Susan Rozansky 514.342.1234, ext. 7234 or michael@cummingscentre.org or susan@cummingscentre.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Bulles et Tapis Rouge. Westmounter **Yves Jean Lacasse** is showing his Spring Fashion Collection along with fashion designers **Martin Lim**, **Mélicca Nepton**, **Michel Desjardins**, **MUSE par Christian Chenail**, **Rudsak, Tavān & Mitto** and **Hélène Barbeau**. Cocktail dinatoire raises funds for the Fondation l'air d'aller and the Quebec Pulmonary Association. President of honour is **Jean-Claude Poitras**. Doors open at 6 pm. Fashion show 7:30 pm. Espace Wave, 5524 St. Patrick St., suite 110. Tickets: \$250; table of ten \$2,000. Information: olivier.leger-leduc@pq.poumon.ca or 514.287.7400, ext. 223.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Voices: From Silence to Song. Inaugural concert and cocktail benefitting Westmount's Montreal Oral School for the Deaf. Honorary co-chairs are Westmounter **Linda Birks** and **John Rae**. Honoree is former Westmounter **Hugh Hallward**. Co-chairs are Westmounters **Christine Stamegna** and **Jeniene Birks**. Performances by **Gregory Charles**, Westmounter **Kristen Bussandri** and the McGill Conservatory Children's Choir.

6:30 pm. Bourgie Hall, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Tickets: \$250. Info: 514.927.5740 or www.voicesbenefit.ca.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

ICRF 35th Annual Gala with the Beach Boys. Westmounters **Robert and Leah Bard**, **Heather Paperman**, **Bruce Isenberg**, **Shari Gordon Black**, **Gilda Lewis**, **Walter and Ariella Gotlieb**, **Fred and Harriet Muroff** and **Stephen Segal** are among the committee members, including director general **Arlene Silver**. Cocktail reception 6:30 pm before the show at 8 pm. Tickets: sponsor \$500; benefactor \$250; patron \$180. Reservations: 514.481.2723 or www.icrfmontreal.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Batshaw Centres Foundation Cocktail Challenge. Westmounter **Karma Hallward** is president of the foundation. Committee members from Westmount include **Barbara Molson**, **Elizabeth Cundill**, **Christine Harkness** and former Westmounter **Tina Khan**. 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Parisian Laundry. 3550 St. Antoine St. W. Tickets \$150. Info: 514.989.1885, ext. 1118. www.batshaw-foundation.ca.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Canadian Red Cross Benefit Dinner. Westmounter **Michèle Dionne** is president of the Quebec division. Theme: Japan. Salle des Pas Perdus, Windsor Station. Tickets: Table of 8 \$10,000; individual tickets \$1,250. Diane Harnois 514.362.2930, ext. 2950 or dianeharnois@croixrouge.ca.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Soirée Stradivarius – Montreal Chamber Music Festival Gala and Silent Auction. Westmounter **Anthony Layton** is honorary president. Special guest **Stéphane Tétréault** and his \$6-million Stradivarius

cello. 6:30 pm. Hôtel Marriott Château Champlain. Cocktails and dinner. Tickets \$400. Info: 514.489.7444 or info@festival-montreal.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Daffodil Ball. Westmounter **Calin Rovinescu** (president, Air Canada) co-chairs with **Jacynthe Côté** (CEO, Rio-Tinto Alcan) and **Paul Pathy** (president/co-CEO Fednav Ltd.). Westmounters on the committee **Claudia Cytrynbaum**, **Laurence Duhamel**, **Belle and Maria Grivakis** and **Pota Nanji**. Tickets \$750 available only to those sponsoring \$2,000 or more. Tables: \$25,000, \$35,000 or \$50,000. Info: 514.932.7517 or alison@alisonsilcoff.com.

Expelled from comfort station

A public safety officer expelled a man and two women from the comfort station at Stayner Park at 5:37 pm February 15. They had a bottle of beer in their possession. Public Security officials said the man was known to them and this was "a recurring problem."

Crime stats

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year." As a result, it's not a representative one for information related to winter use of the bike path.

Based on last winter's experience, the station's bike patrol had been abandoned for safety reasons, Plourde pointed out. This had been a pilot project. Station personnel are now being recruited for the bike patrol starting up again in April.

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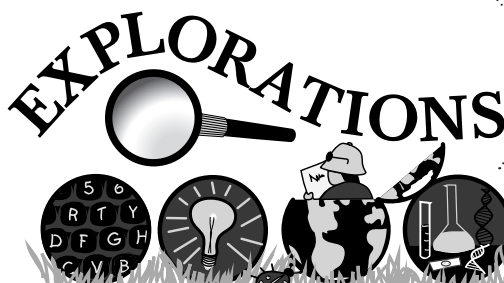
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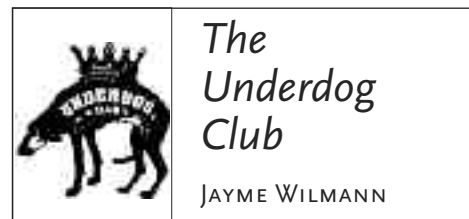
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When the 60-pound, 2-year-old arrived at the pound she passed her evaluations with flying colours and was immediately put up for adoption. Yet the misfortune of being an unpopular breed and an undesirable colour – a black pit – outweighed the fact that Delta had many amazing traits.

She spent the next six long months living in a cage.

Delta was a friendly, happy, well-behaved dog when she was first abandoned, but after spending 23 or more hours a day confined, she eventually began to go “cage crazy.” What sentient being wouldn’t after spending half a year cooped-up in the high

stress environment of a shelter?

Thankfully, Delta was placed in foster care last December, where she has received the exercise, attention and structure that she needs. She is now waiting ever so patiently for someone to recognize how much she has to offer to a potential new family.

She is very people-oriented and as such is extremely eager to please. All Delta really needs is the one thing that she has

never received – a chance.

A medium- to high-energy dog, Delta would thrive in a home where she could get an hour or more exercise a day. As with most rescue dogs, Delta needs structure and stability so that she can build good habits and gain confidence, which leads to better behaviour. She currently lives with a cat, but probably should not be placed with the feline species in the future. She could co-habitate with another dog as long as their personalities are a good fit.

Delta loves all people, children included! Her foster is no longer able to take care of her due to a change in circumstance, so she is looking for a different foster or an adoptive home.

If you are interested in Delta, please contact Irina Daminoiu at 514.884.1586.



Delta

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Comin' Up

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

- **A Paul Robeson tribute**, told and sung by Tom Fox and Andrew Cowan, 7:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Admission by voluntary donation to Black Theatre Workshop. \$8 suggested, \$10 includes door prizes draw. Refreshments. Reserve: btre-serve@gmail.com.
- Leave out Violence (LOVE) in collaboration with The Study student **Chloe Espiard** present “Glimpses: Youth and Their Realities,” vernissage at the MAA (2070 Peel

St.), 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Donation at door optional. Proceeds go to LOVE. Exhibit runs until Friday, March 30.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

A **film for children** will be screened in the Storytime Room of the Westmount Public Library, 10:30 am. Other kids’ films will be screened Monday, March 5 and Tuesday, March 6 at 2 pm in the Westmount Room. Free. Register at the circulation desk or call 514.989.5357.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

- **City council meeting** at city hall, 8 pm.
- Centre Greene’s **March break camp**, 8 am to 6 pm. Runs until Friday, March 9. Cost: \$25 per day; \$100 per week. Register: www.centregreene.org.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

ArtNow speakers for March are **Stephanie Reynolds**, who teaches at the Visual Arts and former Westmounter **Daniela Zekina**, 7 pm to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Coffee. Free.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

- **Play Me a Story** introductory workshop on musical storytelling for 3- to 6-year-olds, and 7- to 12-year-olds, 9 am at Victoria Hall. Workshop is bilingual. Cost: \$5. Register at Victoria Hall. Info: 514.989.5226.
- “Annabelle suit sa voix” **youth concert**, 10 am at Victoria Hall. Passes available at Victoria Hall. Info: 514.989.5226.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Dawson theatre students perform *Seven Stories*, 8 pm at Dawson Theatre, 2000 Atwater. Info: 514.931.5000.

Drunken suspect wanted on a warrant

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

An inebriated female suspect who was being a menace to traffic was found to be wanted by local police on an outstanding warrant.

The police assisted the Public Security force shortly before 8 pm on February 21 when the suspect was seen trying to stop vehicles on Sherbrooke near Clarke. Police detained the suspect, but she didn’t go quietly.

“The officers on the scene said that she smelled of alcohol and she was being verbally abusive,” said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. “She refused to co-operate or comply with the officers orders.”

The police discovered the suspect was wanted on an outstanding warrant for mischief. The warrant was issued in Station 12 territory on June 16, 2010.

Arrested was a 42-year-old female with no fixed address. She was cited with a municipal fine for disturbing the peace that carries a \$217 fine.

According to Public Security officials, she had been let out of a taxi earlier in the evening at local police Station 12 on Stanton St. when the driver had encountered problems with her. She then made her way down to Sherbrooke.

– With files from Laureen Sweeney

Beagles

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used in “research, teaching, testing and production of biological products for scientific purposes,” a slight decrease from the previous year.

“It’s an issue people need to know about; people will be more inclined to buy products not tested on animals.”

The mission of BFP is not to save dogs from experimentation, but to work with labs to take the animals after four or five years when they are not useful anymore, and then find them homes. These dogs have never seen sunlight, left their cages, or walked on grass.

Stone acknowledged that for the time being, the BFP operates out of LA, so dogs that are saved will go to homes in the US But he is optimistic.

“The bigger the project gets, the farther their reach. I’m sure they can place dogs with Canadian families now but in the future, let’s hope there’s a Montreal BFP chapter.”

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Série de conférences ville en santé

Le Projet ville en santé de Westmount présente Peter G. Brown, auteur et professeur, le mercredi 14 mars à 19 h à la Bibliothèque de Westmount. Il présentera « *Economics without Ecocide: The Folly of Canada's Economic Policy and the Challenge to Higher Education*. » Entrée gratuite; bienvenue à tous. Info: 514 989-5284 🌿

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Club d'échecs et de Scrabble

Aimez-vous jouer au Scrabble et aux échecs? Nous sommes toujours à la recherche de nouveaux joueurs. Prochaine rencontre: le vendredi 9 mars de 14 h à 17 h. Info : 514 989-5386.

Cercle de lecture

Aucune liste de lecture imposée et aucune date limite, seulement des discussions au sujet des livres que vous avez lus! Notre prochaine date de rencontre est le mardi 13 mars à 10 h 15. Info : 514 989-5386.

Conférences à 14 h

« *Armchair traveler - discover China* » : Hassan El Shafei a passé un mois à voyager en train à travers la Chine. Joignez-vous à Hassan qui racontera son voyage extraordinaire le mercredi 14 mars à 14 h. Info : 514 989-5386 🌿



ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Galerie : appel de dossiers

La galerie du Victoria Hall lance un appel de dossiers pour sa programmation de la saison 2012-2013. Ce concours s'adresse aux artistes émergents ou professionnels qui habitent Westmount. Les propositions doivent inclure 10 images d'œuvres récentes, une liste des œuvres présentées et les renseignements s'y rattachant (titre, grandeur, année, etc.), un court curriculum vitae ainsi qu'un exposé portant sur la démarche artistique du candidat. Les artistes sont également invités à proposer jusqu'à cinq œuvres pour une exposition de groupe.

DATES À RETENIR

Jusqu'au 10 mars

Œuvres de Mika Goodfriend
Galerie du Victoria Hall

Le 5 mars à 20 h

Séance du conseil
Hôtel de ville

Le 19 mars à 8 h 30

Inscription pour les activités printemps et été
Aréna de Westmount

Le 31 mars à 20 h 30

Une heure pour la terre
Westmount

Période d'inscription : du 15 février au 15 avril. Les dossiers doivent être envoyés au soin du Comité de sélection de la galerie, 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, H3Z 1E2 ou déposés au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. Info : 514 989-5521.

Semaine de relâche !

Joignez-vous à nous le mercredi 7 mars au Victoria Hall pour les activités suivantes :

9 h : Atelier Jeunesses musicales : Joue-moi un conte (3 à 6 ans et 7 à 12 ans); tout en s'amusant, les enfants découvrent les notions musicales qui leur sont utiles lors de la création de leur conte musical. L'atelier est bilingue. Inscription 5 \$; billets disponibles au Victoria Hall. Places limitées.

10 h : Concert Jeunesses musicales : Annabelle suit sa voix. Une jeune chanteuse et son pianiste se préparent pour une audition...plusieurs aventures les attendent. Laissez-passer disponibles au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke O. Info: 514 989-5226.

Défilé de la Saint-Patrick

Faites partie du groupe qui représentera Westmount lors du 188^e défilé de la Saint-Patrick le 18 mars à midi au centre-ville de Montréal. Inscrivez-vous au Victoria Hall. Info : 514 989-5226. 🌿



TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Récupération de piles sèches

Apportez vos piles usagées à l'un des dépôts installés dans les édifices municipaux suivants : Hôtel de ville, Bibliothèque, Victoria Hall, bureaux d'Hydro Westmount et bureaux du Service des travaux publics. Toutes les piles sèches sont acceptées, qu'elles soient rechargeables ou jetables. Info : 514 989-5390. 🌿



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Healthy City Speaker Series

The Westmount Healthy City Project presents author and Professor Peter G. Brown speaking on "Economics without Ecocide: The Folly of Canada's Economic Policy and the Challenge to Higher Education" on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Public Library. Free admission. Everyone welcome. Info: 514 989-5284. 🌿



LIBRARY

Chess and Scrabble Club

Do you enjoy playing chess or Scrabble? Drop by for a friendly game as we look forward to meeting new players. Our club will meet on Friday, March 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386.

Readers to Readers Book Club

Join our morning book club with a twist. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13 at 10:15 a.m. to talk about great books recently read. Info: 514 989-5386.

2 O'Clock Series

Armchair traveler - discover China: Hassan El Shafei spent one month discovering China by train. Join Hassan as he shares his amazing journey with us on Wednesday, March 14 at 2 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386 🌿



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gallery: Call for projects

The Gallery at Victoria Hall announces a Call for Projects for its 2012-2013 exhibition season. Emerging or professional artists who are residents of Westmount are invited to apply. Submissions should include 10 images of recent works, a list of the photographs submitted, including title, size, year completed, etc., a short résumé and an artist's statement. Artists may also apply to participate in a group exhibition (maximum 5 images).

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DATEBOOK

Until March 10

Works by Mika Goodfriend
Gallery at Victoria Hall

March 5 at 8 p.m.

Council Meeting
City Hall

March 19 at 8:30 a.m.

Registration: spring and summer activities
Westmount Arena

March 31 at 8:30 p.m.

Earth Hour
Westmount

Application period: February 15 to April 15. Please forward your project to: Gallery Selection Committee, 4333 Sherbrooke St. West, Westmount, H3Z 1E2 or deliver it to Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street West. Info: 514 989-5521.

March Break!

Come and join us March 7 at Victoria Hall for the following activities:

9 a.m.: Jeunesses Musicales Workshop: Play Me a Story (3-6 years and 7-12 years) While having fun, the children discover musical concepts that are of use to them in creating their musical tale. The workshop is bilingual. Registration is \$5. Tickets are available at Victoria Hall. Places are limited.

10 a.m.: Jeunesses musicales Concert: Annabelle suit sa voix. A young singer prepares for an audition with her accompanist, but intrigue awaits them. Passes available at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street W. Info: 514 989-5226. 🌿

St. Patrick's Parade

Join the Westmount contingent in the 188th annual St. Patrick's Parade on Sunday, March 18 at noon in downtown Montreal. Sign up at Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5226.



PUBLIC WORKS

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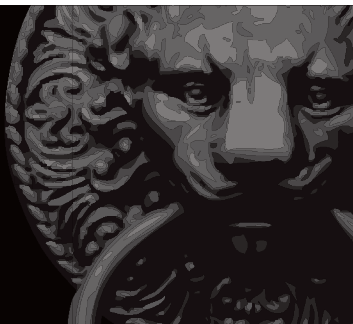
Bring your used batteries to any of the containers located in the following municipal buildings: City Hall, Library, Victoria Hall, the Hydro Westmount office and the Public Works office. All dry-cell batteries are accepted, including rechargeable and single-use. Info: 514 989-5390. 🌿

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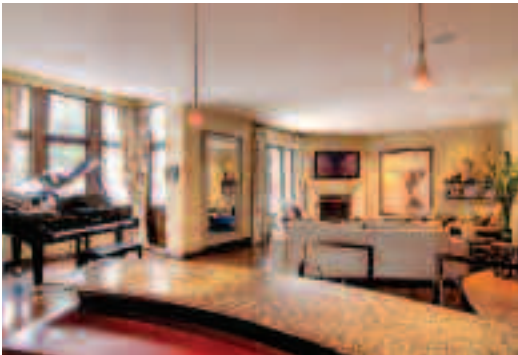
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