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Could Westmount become the first in Quebec?

City studies criteria to launch diagonal crossings

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount could become the first municipality in Quebec to introduce diagonal pedestrian crossings at certain intersections, according to city director general Duncan Campbell. The suggestion follows receipt of qualifying criteria from Transport Quebec.

After three years of requests from citizens and "continuous queries" from the city, the Quebec ministry last month supplied Westmount with the appropriate signage and specifications required for the so-called "scrambled" crossings.

Campbell told the March 5 city council meeting he had asked the city's Administrative Traffic Committee to determine whether the city's intersections with fourway crossings would qualify.

"The timing looks good for 2012,"



Campbell states in a letter to Westmount resident Richard Lock, a persistent questioner on the subject.

"I would be pleased to see Westmount deliver another first in Quebec," Campbell states

Receipt of the criteria by the city was brought to light at the council meeting when Lock questioned the French usage of two words in the government specifications and noted the complexity of calculations contained on the nine pages. The criteria cover the gamut of traffic and pedestrian density, light cycles, timing and signage.

Intersections under study for possible conformity to the criteria include those on Sherbrooke at Claremont, Victoria, Lansdowne and Clarke, for example.

These are intersections where traffic lights are cy-

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Alouettes visit Akiva



Members of the Montreal Alouettes football team went to speak with Akiva School students on February 29, national Anti-bullying Day. Team members visited grades 4, 5 and 6 classes to speak with students about staying in school, good sportsmanship "on and off the field," and standing up against bullying. The visit was capped off with a friendly Alouettes vs Akiva basketball game. From left, front row: Akiva students Emma Wolfe, Jarred Boidman, Lewis Gelfand, Lucas Gold, Maggie Fayer and Noah Sochasczevski; back row, Alouette members Anthony Barrette and Chima Ihekwoaba; Nick Papanicolopoulos, Akiva School atheletics instructor; Alouette members Kristian Matte and John Bowman

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Marks portrait unveiled in council chamber

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Is it the look in the eyes, as many suggested? Or perhaps the expression and personality that seems to shine off the vibrantly coloured canvas?

But judging by comments heard from invited guests at the March 6 unveiling of "is to bring out their inner beauty."

And while only Marks, her husband Brian Puddington, and director general Duncan Campbell had viewed the finished work beforehand, her mother, 95-year-old Irene Marks, was overheard telling Goring: "I may have created her the first time, but you've done a pretty good job the sec-



At the unveiling of her portrait in the council chamber March 6, former mayor Karin Marks gathers with her family, from left: her mother Irene Marks, daughter Sue Ann Puddington and husband, Brian Puddington. Inset: the painter, Trevor Goring, at the event.

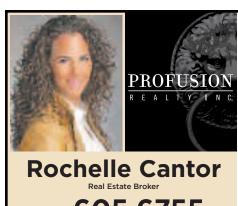
the latest mayoral painting in the council chamber, artist Trevor Goring had captured the essence of Westmount's former mayor, Karin Marks.

The challenge, he told the *Independent*, was to capture "her vitality." Then, he explained that the trick in painting women

And the former mayor's daughter, Sue Ann Puddington, was among those pointing to the realism: "He's even got your hair exactly the right colour," she exclaimed.

While recent portrait unveilings have taken continued on p. 24





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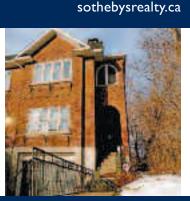
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NEWS FROM CITY

Blackout points to upgrade needs

The widespread effects of shutting down certain Hydro Westmount circuits during a gas line break February 8 points to the need to upgrade and modernize the electrical network, Mayor Peter Trent told the March 5 city council meeting.

He was replying to questions from Westmount resident Maureen Kiely concerning why some 6,000 customers had to be affected in a haphazard layout of the electrical grid. She also asked why folding stop signs had not been opened at intersections darkened by the lack of traffic lights. "Why did you give up that system?"

"We'll add it to our list," Trent said, regarding a post mortem to be held on the incident. "We fell down in some areas," he added, mentioning communication.



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Maureen Kiely questions council March 5 on the electrical outage related to the gas line rupture February 8.

More council coverage

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City hall's front doors to be re-swung

First it was the back door of city hall that was replaced several years ago. Now, it's the front doors that made it onto the city council's agenda March 5 among four requests for building permits.

The heavy doors, considered an integral component of the building, are required to open outward to enable quick evacuation in the event of fire or other emergency, said Councillor Cynthia Lulham.

The challenge is to make an old door open in a modern way, she explained. She later explained that a consultant had assisted in finding a way to ensure the building's architectural integrity would be maintained.

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Wireless antennae not part of telecom guide

City adopts policy to hide boxes from street view

The recent proliferation of grey telecommunications "cabinets" on city poles in Westmount - and a growing demand for more - has prompted the city to adopt a policy requiring future installations be hidden from the street.

"If you walk around, you see these great cabinets that have been installed over the last two years," explained Urban Planning commissioner Cynthia Lulham at the March 5 city council meeting.

"As much as we want these services, we do not want these cabinets out on our

These cabinets are junction boxes used by companies for the underground installation of fibre optic cable, according to city director general Duncan Campbell.

The policy does not extend to the installation of wireless antennae popping up on the roofs of apartment buildings, he explained.

These are under federal government jurisdiction, though some municipalities are known to have guidelines regarding the placement of such antennae.

The new policy calls for the telecommunications boxes to be installed underground, but when this is not technically possible, they should not be visible from the street or public domain.

In cases where the boxes cannot be put underground, Lulham said, locations that may be considered are public laneways, edges of private parking lots, back yards or property of religious institutions – as long as they are camouflaged by landscaping and not visible from the street.

Installation requests are to be submitted to the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) for recommendation.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

No turns off Côte Rd. weekdays 7:30 to 9 am

New Church Hill ban responds to pleas from residents

Council March 5 imposed a six-month caped injury (see October 4, p. 3). trial ban on turning north off Côte St. Antoine onto Church Hill to reduce congestion near Miss Vicky's pre-school.

The right-turn restriction applies to weekdays 7:30 to 9 am and follows on the heels of a no-stopping ban on the east side of the steep hill. It is expected to go into effect once signs are made and installed, according to Public Security officials.

The change will facilitate access to the school, explained Councillor Gary Ikeman in asking colleagues to approve the change. "Hopefully this will mitigate danger." The motion was unanimously ac-

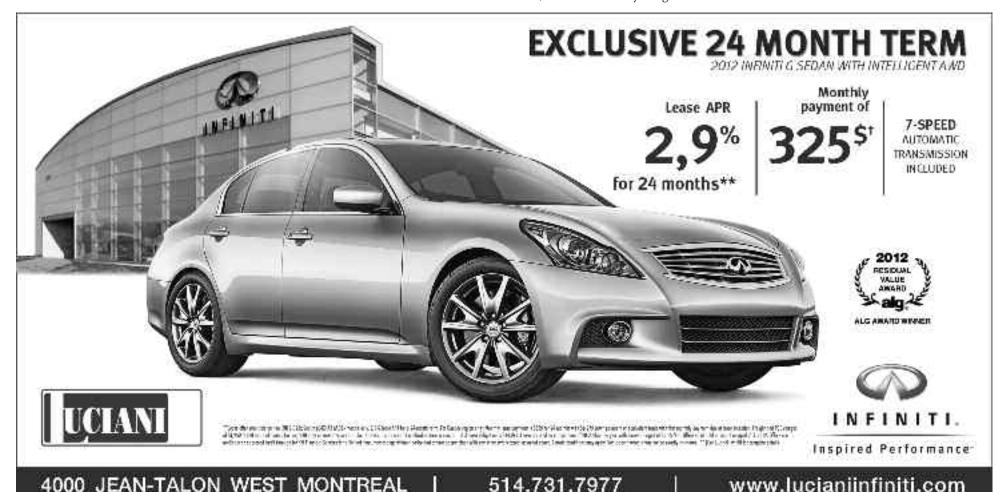
The latest safety move stems from a suggestion by resident Shelley Kerman, who has repeatedly appealed to council to reduce traffic congestion on the steep hill in the wake of an accident September 29, 2011, in which two young children es-

Neither Kerman nor fellow resident Bertha Dawang, who also has been questioning the street's safety, were at the council meeting to hear the decision in

"I'm really thrilled and appreciate how quickly this was expedited," Kerman said later. "I'll be interested to see what changes result. I've asked Public Security to put officers at the corner for the first few weeks to draw people's attention to the change."

At the council meeting January 16, the city imposed a no-stopping restriction on the east side of Church Hill.

Kerman pointed out that school buses and other traffic emanating mainly from other nearby schools use Church Hill to proceed north as pre-schoolers are dropped off at Miss Vicky's.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MAYOR DOES LIKE IDEA OF CÔTE BIKE PATH

Contrary to certain comments in Mr. Taddeo's letter last week, I have always been personally in favour of a bike path on Côte St. Antoine.

However, designing the path and getting local support is tricky – Mr. Taddeo himself kindly serving as an exemplar of the latter problem.

MAYOR PETER TRENT

THANK YOU FOR CONDOLENCES

On behalf of my family, in reference to the passing of my mother Barbara Warner, and following the obituary in the *Westmount Independent*, I wanted to say how overwhelmed we were at the outpouring of support we received from this wonderful community of Westmount we are privileged to call home.

To each and every one of you who took the time to express your heartfelt condolences, I wanted all of you to know how greatly appreciated your gestures were and that your thoughtfulness has been a consolation to our family during this difficult time

KATHLEEN DUNCAN, LANSDOWNE AVE.
RESIDENT AND CITY COUNCILLOR

WCSC SHOULD BE HONEST ABOUT ASPIRATIONS

I think that it's big time for the Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling (WCSC) to do its coming out. Their agenda isn't about the safety of the cyclists, but rather to move the inconvenient bike path off their street.

I think that it's no coincidence that the most vocal members of the association are located on de Maisonneuve. Obviously, "not in my backyard" isn't a great slogan, so better disguise it as advocating safety.

The letter from the WCSC published in these pages in the March 6 edition exemplifies its misrepresentation of facts. According to the letter, an average of four cyclists are hurt yearly on the Westmount de Maisonneuve bike path. Isn't that proving how unsafe it is?

The WCSC advocates the use of arterial streets as alternatives, citing Rachel St. path as a model of safety.

The Rachel bike path? An example of safety? You gotta' be kidding.

On the "safe" Rachel path, no less than 120 cyclists were injured from 1999 to 2008 – that's an average of 12 per year. There was one casualty last year. Interestingly, the safest path in Montreal isn't on an arterial street: it's on the residential Brébeuf St., where the accident rate is three times better than on Rachel.

It's safer to use a bike path than ride in the street. Paths located on arterial streets are the norm, but it's certainly not because those streets are safer than residential neighbourhoods. It's because the residents of quiet streets don't want any form of transit traffic in their peaceful neighborhood.

It's a fair aspiration, so why isn't the WCSC simply admitting it?

GUY SAUVÉ, ST. CATHERINE ST.

A VERSE FOR THE LATE MAY CUTLER

It has been just about a year since the death of my next door neighbour and friend, former mayor of Westmount May Cutler.

I would like to pay tribute to her by sending this verse that I penned a month or two before she died. She had invited 10 of us to dinner at a Chinese restaurant and the verse was by way of a thank-you note.

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noodles, Pea pod stems, egg rolls, and something

quite shrimpy Crunchy and spicy – abundant, not skimpy

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Clicking of chop sticks – convivial chatter An elegant evening – like having a butler How grateful we are to May Ebbitt Cutler.

Margie Golick, Westmount Square

CHERISH REMAINING WILDLIFE

While reading about the contentious issue of feeding animal wildlife, I would like to raise some questions and also make a few points.

Firstly, from a fiscal point of view, how much money was spent on the surveillance and apprehension of Mr. Klepper? Was this an appropriate use of funds given that increasing fines might have been a better and less costly deterrent?

Secondly, what constitutes "industrial quantities" as referred to by [director general] Duncan Campbell?

A quick Google search of the phrase would imply tonnage. It would seem unlikely that a 70-year-old man could amass and distribute this amount without other parties being involved – in which case an injunction against him alone would be futile.

Finally, while briefly residing at 4700 St. Catherine Ave., my son had the opportunity to witness an incredible wildlife scene. One sunny day he screamed with excitement as six stories below us by the train tracks was a lone majestic fox out hunting.

The vermin for which we all live in mortal fear (rats) had once been kept under control by this natural predator whose numbers have diminished as a result of development.

All major cities must recognize that we must cherish and honour our remaining wildlife as we have displaced and developed without thought for them and continue to do so.

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Correction

In the story "Five districts to be realigned..." (March 6, p. 8), the caption for the map should have read: "A detail of the revised electoral map."

Free Press reports Bin size, electoral charges, extending Cavendish

In Hampstead, the *Free Press* reported that the council debated a notice of motion that would give residents the option of a 360-liter garbage bin, in addition to the usual 240-liter ones. Councillor Bonnie Feigenbaum opposed the change as a step backward.

In Côte St. Luc, the paper reported that Quebec's director general of elections laid charges against former city council candidate Charles Lugassy.

In NDG, the paper reported that the CDN-NDG borough supports the extension of Cavendish from Côte St. Luc to Ville St. Laurent.

The *Free Press* is a free, Westmountheadquartered, twice-monthly newspaper owned by the same parent company as the *Independent*.

Pomerleau contract now integrated into loan by-law

City council March 5 amended the \$37million loan by-law adopted for the arena/pool project to list the awarding of the design-build contract to Pomerleau Inc. at a maximum lump sum amount of \$33.5 million, taxes excluded.

Since the original by-law separated out construction costs (just under \$30 million) from professional fees, this had to be adjusted to reflect the design-build concept, which includes some professional fees.

An amendment July 4, 2011 to provide for a cap on Lemay architectural fees in the amount of \$2.3 million was also removed in the latest changes.

This was done, explains city clerk Mario Gerbeau, because whatever remains to be paid to the former architect will be covered by the city's appropriated surplus as was the \$1.3 million in the firm's original contract that had been set aside before adoption of loan By-law 1397 in August 2010.

The recent amendment was a matter of charging the money to the right account, according to Gerbeau.

Diagonal crossing

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cled to turn red simultaneously at all four corners while pedestrian lights enable pedestrians to cross from side to side while traffic in all directions is stopped.

According to the Highway Safety Code, however, pedestrians are generally prevented from crossing diagonally even under these circumstances except in certain conditions. The subject has been raised on and off at council meetings after police had ticketted pedestrians for jay walking as they crossed diagonally at Sherbrooke and Victoria.

Thereafter, Paul Marriott, vice president of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA), Lock and others began requesting the city investigate measures to legalize the diagonal practice.

Many residents at council meetings, including Mayor Peter Trent, have admitted publicly to crossing diagonally when the lights allow safe passage.



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Decisions could be a year away

Slow pedalling on possible Côte Rd. bike path

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A possible Westmount bike path on Côte St. Antoine Rd. appears to be at least a year away following news from the city council meeting March 5. Two local cycling groups have asked for such a route to be installed for this summer.

Despite the potential creation of a bike path along the portion of the street in NDG, as was suggested at the meeting by questioner Roger Jochym, Westmount will forego a decision until all recommendations are received and reviewed from the consultants preparing the city's traffic study, Mayor Peter Trent stated.

"Nothing has been done at this point," on the bike-path request, he told Jochym, who raised the issue on behalf of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA).

The consultants have finished the diagnostic stage of the study, he explained, and it's at the solution stage that "we'll look at the possibility of increasing bike paths."

Trent later told the Independent that solutions might be discussed during a public meeting on the study – possibly as soon as May – but "it could take an entire year" before recommendations are adopted and a new bike path added.

Until a city-wide approach can be taken, he reiterated, all traffic changes are on hold unless there is a "real and present danger," such as the changes being made to Church Hill (see story, p. 5).

The WWCA, along with the Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling (WCSC), has been asking for a bike path on Côte St. Antoine for some time.

The WCSC has 30 people on its newsletter list. It is open to all but most live along or near de Maisonneuve. The WWCA has about 130 members and is open to all.

Traffic info coming soon

Westmount residents may soon have a chance to comment on the initial findings of the city's traffic study.

A letter from Mayor Peter Trent that he expects to be sent out "in a week or two" will contain information from the data collection phase of the study along with a comment response card. This will provide residents with an opportunity to voice their opinions and make input, he told the *Independent*. It is expected to be followed by a public meeting, possibly as early as May, he suggested.

Telltale signs of spring

The first signs of spring made their way into the city council meeting March 5.

Among the many business items, a list of proposed expenditures requiring approval included the maintenance of all city tennis courts at a total cost of \$65,490, care of the two lawn bowling greens for \$38,816 and grass cutting at all parks and city green spaces costing \$26,370.

Despite the presence of some 25 Concordia journalism students - an annual event - only seven other members of the public were noted aside from city officials and others working at the meeting. The unusually low number was attributed in part to the spring school break. As a result, two short question periods and a long agenda of 26 items were completed in slightly over an hour.

Skunk holds parkers hostage

A spunky skunk managed to keep residents from entering the garage of the condo building at 4700 St. Catherine March 3. Public safety officers report that the skunk was blocking the garage entrance resulting in a call to the SPCA. Wildlife personnel managed to shoo the skunk away around 10 pm and cars were able to proceed inside - presumably odour-free.

Ward 7 arena/pool info meetings slated for five zones

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A series of neighbourhood meetings will take place to inform people in five different areas of District 7 about the city's plans to mitigate disruption during construction of the arena/pool project.

"I know that some residents in the immediate area are concerned about the impact this project may have on their daily lives," states Councillor Cynthia Lulham in a letter to those invited to the first session March 15.

This one is being held for residents of Academy Rd., Park Place and 4636 to 4664 St. Catherine starting at 7 pm at the lawn bowling clubhouse. Lulham said it was hoped that smaller meetings would provide an opportunity for residents to provide input.

Items on the agenda are: construction plans, parking, traffic management, noise and dust, hours of operation, safety, communication to residents and dog run relocation (see story p. 12).

The second meeting, for residents of 4700 St. Catherine (Westmount Park Towers), will take place at their own building on March 21 at 7 pm.

Two meetings are planned for March 22: for Contactivity Centre at its noon meeting followed by one at 7 pm at the lawn bowling clubhouse for residents of Irvine, Lewis, Blenheim Place and 4556-4634 St. Catherine. The last session – for people living on Melville (north to de Maisonneuve) and Abbott - will be held the following at week including 4500 to 4550 St. Catherine at a date, time and location to be announced.

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Good Samaritans scare off violent purse-snatchers

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

Two Good Samaritans from NDG scared off a pair of young purse-snatchers before they could take a Westmounter's handbag.

The incident occurred around 11:30 pm on March 2. The 22-year-old victim had left the Vendôme Metro station and was walking east on de Maisonneuve.

"Suddenly, two suspects approached her from behind and tried grabbing her purse," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. "The victim resisted, and she was grabbed and thrown to the ground by the suspects."

A tussle ensued as the victim tried to hold onto her purse while she was being manhandled by the suspects. The victim began screaming for help, and was heard by the two witnesses, aged 28 and 35.

"They came running over and began yelling at the suspects," said Pimentel. "That scared the suspects off, and they fled, heading west on de Maisonneuve without the purse."

The suspects are described as two males of North African descent, 15 to 18, 5'9" and slim. They each wore a black tuque, black jacket and grey pants. Both had their faces covered with scarves.

The victim suffered only minor injuries, including cuts and scrapes to her knees and elbows.

"In a case like this, it's always better to hand over your material possessions without putting up a fight. Your safety and well-being are always more important than your belongings," said Pimentel. "You should always try to walk on well-lit and busy streets to decrease your chances of being victimized."

Brief case, food baskets stolen

A 55-year-old Westmount woman, who was out of her car for only 20 minutes, became yet another victim of a suspect who broke into her vehicle.

Police say the woman parked her Honda CVR at the corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria at 6 pm on March 7. When she returned at 6:20, she noticed that her back passenger-side window had been shattered.

"Stolen from the car were a brief case containing work-related documents and two gift baskets containing food," said police Constable Adalbert Pimentel.

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'Slow food' chef drops by Appetite for Books



Miami-based chef Michael Schwartz (centre), who advocates for "slow food" using the freshest local ingredients, was at Appetite for Books on Victoria Ave. on March 1 to promote his book – Michael's Genuine Food: Down-to-Earth Cooking for People Who Love to Eat. Also seen in the photo, from left, are store owner Jonathan Cheung, Schwartz, Donna Colmenero, Bert and Laurie Dana and Ryan Schachter.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Public meeting March 28 to add landmark to restaurant zoning

The accidental exclusion of a Westmount landmark from restaurant rezoning on Greene Ave. last year is now slated to be among the buildings where eateries will be permitted, according to a zoning amendment introduced by city council March 5.

The Category I heritage building at 4192 St. Catherine commands the southeast corner of Greene. Built for the Royal Bank of Canada, it has housed the antique business of Henrietta Antony for many years and is now up for sale.

Building missed in re-zoning

"When we rezoned, we missed this building," explained Urban Planning commissioner Cynthia Lulham in introducing the proposed zoning change.

Believed at the time to be included in St. Catherine St. zoning that allowed for restaurants, the location was left out of the zoning change that enabled the addition of new small restaurants to be added on Greene.

Lulham later said that no size restric-

tion is being required for the latest inclusion. She said she believed the omission may have been discovered now that the building is for sale.

A public consultation meeting was set for March 28 at 7 pm at city hall.

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Deciding on leadership by June

Garneau: Liberals have record for economic

By David Price

Over the Christmas holiday, Westmount-Ville Marie MP Marc Garneau Tweeted about a possible run for the leadership of the federal Liberals. Is the twotime MP running? What's it like facing a majority Conservative government? Have the Liberals been eclipsed by the NDP? What should Canada be doing three or four years into the world financial crisis?

The Independent sat down with Garneau at his office on February 21. Here is a condensed presentation of that interview and subsequent follow-up emails.

Will you run for the Liberal leadership?

I am actively looking at that. And by that I mean I have to go and find out if I have support across the country, which is big. There is nothing worse than having support that is a mile wide and half an inch thick. All candidates must do this.

When did you start?

Over the fall. I knew the Liberal convention was going to be between March and June 2013 - at some point the national executive of the party will decide when ex-

When will you stop thinking about running and decide?

That is some ways off. I don't want the campaign to be too long, so I would say in the next few months. I should know by, let's say, June.

Is Bob Rae an interim leader or an eventual candidate for the actual leadership?

Bob is the interim leader, and the understanding is that he will step down when a new leader is chosen. If things are changed, that could change. He has stated that he will operate inside the rules, which will be decided by the Liberal party.

There is no question that he has done an outstanding job. Considering we have 35 MPs, he has given us visibility. This has also been partly due to the NDP being distracted by its leadership race and the untimely death of Jack Layton.

[It's not just Liberals who've noticed.] Bob was voted parliamentarian of the year, which isn't easy as the whole house of commons decides and we only have 35

Who decides on the Liberal leadership rules? Twelve guys in a room?

Kind of like that. The national executive of the Liberal party. They make the decision, but they will test the waters as well. They don't have to, but they will consult. I think they will want to represent the concerns of the country.

Do you expect Justin Trudeau to be a candidate?

No I don't. Justin Trudeau has said that he is not going to run.

What do you think of Trudeau's recent remarks about becoming a separatist if Canada endorses "Harper's Canada"?

I make a point of not commenting on a colleague's remarks. I wouldn't want to misinterpret what he said.

Canada's demographics are shifting westward as we've seen with the recent census and with the re-distribution of house of commons' seats. How does this affect the Liberals' election chances moving forward in the next decade or two?

That is a very broad question. We are seeing the beginning of two Canadas: one west of the Ontario border and one east of there. If you look at employment and growth, the region from Manitoba and westward – especially the Prairie provinces – is booming.

Of course, we are very happy for the West. At the same time, what do we need to do in Eastern Canada, where we have a more traditional, less resource-based, more manufacturing-based economy? Emerging countries can produce the same quality goods for less. Our dollar is up due to the strength of resources, which is making things more challenging for exports.

Recently, commentators have pointed out that productivity has suffered over decades in the manufacturing sector. In the past, machinery has been expensive due to a low dollar so we've been content to keep exporting, even with older machinery. This problem is now helped by a stronger dollar, but we are playing catch-

Couldn't a Westerner hear your remarks and say, "Eek. Here is another Easterner after our stuff, like the National Energy

We've paid a price for the National Energy Program, an expensive price for Canada. That was a mistake. It created a sense in the West of being taken for granted, which I understand. We have to solve the challenge, but not at the expense

We need a long-term view. Commodities like oil and potash are cyclical. That can change [and, in the case of the economy in the East, you can climb out of a hole in manufacturing. All parts of the country have strengths, and we have to exploit those strengths. Look at Newfoundland. Today, with oil at \$100 a barrel, the picture there has changed. Alberta has it good now and potash [is doing well for] Saskatchewan.

We need to treat the West with respect, and consider the environment and energy, The Conservatives decided against that takeover.

Yes, but we had that position before the Conservatives. [...]

We must also pay attention to the West's manufacturing potential. In the East, as I've already said, the challenge is productivity. Government has a role. It



Marc Garneau at his St. Catherine's office, February 21.

that's the Liberal view. We need a sustainable approach to energy. It's not an either/or.

So what's the Liberal recipe?

We support the Keystone pipeline as long as the environmental aspects are satisfied, which is mainly a US matter, because it is mostly in the US. With respect to diversifying [end markets], China and Asia would like access [to our resources]. The Northern Gateway pipeline is having a full hearing. All have a chance to be heard. The National Energy Board has a panel listening to over 4,000 witnesses. There is a way to accommodate us having these markets for bitumen as well as the US market. We have a role in terms of developing wealth, but respectfully.

But not the NDP. They say, "No. Don't exploit [those fields]. They're bad."

But we have more of an [environmental] conscience than the Conservatives.

For example, Potash Corp. was going to be sold to an Australian company, BHP Billiton. At the Liberal party, we are not protectionists, but it would not have been good for Potash to be foreign owned.

can, through policy, get companies to improve their products. There are tax credits, such as accelerated depreciation and capital cost allowance. If a company improves a lathe, for instance, it can make more things and faster, but also a greater variety of products.

Training of employees is another one. Continuous upgrading makes for greater productivity and creativity – and a happier work crew. The federal government can help with that. But we can't do everything, [because] there is a cultural element as well. Other countries are quicker off the mark in improving training. [...] We don't plough back as much into the "D" - design and development – of "R&D."

But what can government do? Tax profits differently depending on how they are used?

SREDs (Scientific Research and Experimental Development tax incentives) do it selectively, and they are under review by the current government. They are potentially going to modify the existing ones [...] but I don't think they'll eliminate them en-

All things have to be looked at.

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And certainly we have to be fiscally responsible. The pie is only a certain size. Liberals want to have a balanced budget and reduce the debt.

We are just coming out of a recession, and the recovery of jobs is fragile. Unemployment keeps going up as young people enter the workforce. In the first half of 2011, jobs started to pick up, but the second half and first part of 2012 were disappointing. Employment is always the last thing to improve.

Liberals criticize the Conservatives for increasing EI premiums. This is a job killer, a payroll tax. And while we're in favour of lowering corporate taxes (we reduced them from 29 percent to 21 percent in good times), we think that money could be employed in better ways.

The Conservatives have had easy budgets to date. Years 1 to 3 were balanced, but then the recession hit. They stimulated the economy, after opposition pressure, even though that was against the grain for them. So we've had two high-stimulus budgets. This is the first tough one. [...] How and where will they cut? If the effect is negative, they will have failed.

It sounds like the difference between the Liberals and the Conservatives is a question of tuning, unlike the larger, ideological difference between the Democrats and Republicans in the US.

Yes, it is a tuning question. But it is not trivial to say that EI premiums should not be raised and corporate taxes should not be lowered. [...]

We have a track record. The Conservatives do not. The onus is on them to prove it. Only time will tell. It is all very well to criticize the Chrétien-Martin approach. How will they do it?

What do you think of Harper's trial balloon regarding raising the Old Age Security (OAS) retirement age to 67?

He had his moment in the Swiss Alps in a speech that he felt compelled to deliver outside the country. He surprised his cabinet and caucus members, who started getting calls saying: "What is going on

He said that OAS was not sustainable, but experts have now said it is sustainable. Now he is not talking about that too much. He is talking about the blend of retirees to workers, but that's a different issue. Now he is talking about changes that will kick in in 2020, which could be three elections away. [Budget changes] are usually rolled out during the [term of the government].

What are we supposed to make of that? Mr. Harper isn't going to admit that he didn't do a good job. In Switzerland, he couldn't resist showing that he had "vision" and lecturing other governments on their management at the same time. [...]

Under a majority government (after three minority governments in a row in Canada), how do Liberals behave when in opposition and, even worse from their point of view, as the #2 opposition party? What difference can the Liberals make? What difference can you as an MP make?

It is not the first majority government in Canada.

No. But the first one for you.

Yes, and I'm house leader, so it's my job to coordinate the question period. We only get nine questions. The NDP has 26. [And ours come after the NDP's.] The order is important. How do we scoop anyone?

So you're in the news game too.

Yes. Can we ask things differently? With more punch? It is at least three years

until the next election. We've had a good nine months, but it is a long three years ahead of us. Every day we try to win question majority. But it also wants to period. It's marathon, not a race.

attacking this majority Conservative government on a lack of

democracy, for instance on time allocation, which limits the time to debate bills. [...]

We looked at the statistics. The last majority Liberal government used time allocation 10 times in four years on about 150 bills. The Conservatives have used it 16 times in less than nine months.

Thirdly is the issue of secrecy. In our opinion, the 24 standing committees, which cover the whole "waterfront" [of government], should be open to the public and the media.

But Liberals sit in these committees, right?

Yes, in proportion to our numbers in the house. But the government doesn't want to make them public. They want secrecy more of the time than we think is acceptable.

In general, we have to learn to adjust and learn to live with the reality of opposition. We can never defeat the government. There is also a learning curve on my side.

[On their side, they have to ask:] how do you behave in a reasonably democratic manner? This government has not learned

to live comfortably with its majority.

We [opposition parties] still represent the 61 percent of Canadians who did not vote for Conservatives. The government has a majority due to our first-past-thepost system. That's fair. The public wants the government to have its majority. But it also wants to hear from the opposition and hear how we would govern if we were the government. They are not allowing us to be heard. People are beginning to realize that these [governance] issues are important.

Apart from OAS and the economy, what is the most important issue facing the country today? Bilingualism, with the appointment of a unilingual auditor general and two Supreme Court judges? Something else?

Criminal justice. The Conservatives have said that it is time to get tough on crime. And the public is beginning to question this policy. The crime rate has been going down for decades. Secondly, the US is backing away from [a heavy handed policy], especially in California and Texas. Prisons are not places of rehabilita-

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tion. Indeed, they increase the chances of having a criminal

Social programs can decrease crime a hear from the opposition and and are better than A second thing is hear how we would govern if they eye-for-eye approach of this government.

Conservatives appeal to powerful emo-

tions by mentioning [Paul] Bernardo, Clifford Olson and [Karla] Homolka. These are really awful cases and inflame passions. But not everybody is like that. People see the government building prisons, which cost money. And there will be transfer cost issues too, because the provinces have to pay for prisoners who are sentenced to less than two years, and they get no compensation for that.

They have brought up the spectre of "unreported crime." Stockwell Day said that, but ended up looking silly. While there is undoubtedly some unreported crime, how do you know how much there is? You cannot infer that the crime rate is increasing by saying that there is a bunch of unreported crime that got left out by those responsible for compiling statistics.

[Also,] the government is forcing judges to have minimum mandatory sen-

And they haven't finished. More bills are on the way.

Will the Liberals merge with the NDP?

Not in the cards. Not in my reading. But that doesn't mean we won't make common cause. Merging is a totally different thing. Both parties still see themselves as independently viable. I shouldn't say that. Both feel they have a position that appeals to a large number of Canadians, which I suppose is the same thing.

For the centrist or moderately left-of-centre Canadian, what's the Liberals' pitch vs. voting for the NDP?

Liberals are in the centre. We are fiscally responsible and on more solid ground. We also have an agenda to have social programs that recognize people who need help. I would say that the Liberals and NDP have much in common with respect to federal social programs and the need for a social safety net to assist the less fortunate. Where we differ, however, is with respect to the importance of sound and responsible fiscal management, including balanced budgets and paying down the debt. The Liberals have a track record on this. The federal NDP, however, promises more than the country can afford. They have not demonstrated fiscal responsibility. If you costed out their promises in the last election, you could clearly see they were [fiscally] irresponsible. That's the difference.

[Also,] they are generally against free

So were the Liberals in the 1988 election.

Intially, yes, but we have been pro-free trade since then.

The NDP are organically joined to the unions. Whereas we are partners – not partners – we listen to unions just as we would to business. We listen to them, but they were essential to the creation of the

Their choice of leader will be very important in policy and personal terms.] Will they maintain their social democratic tradition or move to the centre? It is important to see who is going to lead. [Interim leader] Madame Turmel is not up to the task, and it wasn't fair to put her there. Whom they choose is where they are going in the next few years.

The "Robogate" scrutiny has intensified in the media after we spoke. What is your take on it?

We need to get to the bottom of this since the right to vote is a fundamental right and obstructing it is a criminal offence. I hope all parties will cooperate with Elections Canada to ensure that any fraud that occurred is unmasked.

Westmount Lives

Mother, grandmother, activist, Grace Keenan Prince was a funny lady

By Susannah Prince

Born in Windsor, Grace (Gracie) Keenan Prince (1929 – 2011), known for her great wit and rubber flip-flops, raised seven children in a de Maisonneuve greystone. Our house was always full of people, welcomed with a pot of tea, spending hours chatting, teasing and laughing around the kitchen table.

Growing up was so much fun. Friends wished they had our mum and our house full of cats, dogs and birds. With the SPCA, we raised (and released) orphaned baby wild animals. Oh, we loved Sweetheart Squirrel and Rackety Coon Child

ant neighbours.

During the summers, Gracie ran a lemonade stand with the neighbourhood kids, raising hundreds of dollars for Oxfam.

She opened our doors to homeless refugees, including a Laotian family and two Vietnamese boys, who lived with us for years.

We had some fabulous parties, featuring Gracie as bartender with punks, skinheads and hippies dancing under the discoball. Inevitably the doorbell rang with Westmount Public Security requesting we lower the volume of the music.

Gracie, a librarian at Marianopolis Col-



Photographed in 1984, Grace Keenan Prince with Rackety Coon Child, the raccoon.

(but were not as thrilled with Mathew, Mark, Luke and John, our skunks).

One evening we got a frantic call from our neighbour begging us to come and rescue their guest, trapped in the bathroom with our racoon!

Another morning, we were summoned to a neighbour's garage sale to retrieve our bargain-seeking raccoon baby, who simply refused to leave! Thank heavens for toler-

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lege, freelanced for newspapers and CBC Radio. An activist, she worked tirelessly on many campaigns, including former Westmount mayor May Cutler's.

An ardent NDPer and former president of the NDP Westmount riding association, my 81-year-old mother hobbled with her walker, amidst cheers, into a Westmount polling station last year to vote. We almost won!

She will be remembered at a memorial on Friday, March 23, at 3:30 pm at the Ascension of Our Lord church, 375 Kitchener Ave.

Gracie's daughter, Susannah Prince, lives on Kensington Ave., right near where she grew up.

Lansdowne dog run moving to Shakespeare site

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Lansdowne dog run is to be relocated within Westmount Park to the site known to many residents as the venue for Shakespeare in the Park performances, Councillor Cynthia Lulham disclosed March 9.

The run is expected to move by May 1 in time for the start of construction of the new arena/pool project, she told the *Independent*.

The area is immediately left of the pedestrian path as one walks east parallel to the bike path. It was originally created as a putting green.

The relocation will be one of the items Lulham plans to discuss March 15 at the first of five neighbourhood meetings for ward 7 scheduled to mitigate the impact of the construction (see story, p. 8).

Lulham, who is Planning and Parks commissioner, said the new dog run site was decided by city council at its general committee meeting March 5 prior to the public session pending finalization of outstanding details.

While she had been questioned about it at the public session by Paul Marriott (vice-president of the Westmount Municipal Association), Lulham had replied only that options were being considered.

While it had been reported previously that during construction of the new recreation facility the dog run would remain generally at the same location but move slightly down the hill toward St. Catherine and Lansdowne, Lulham said this was reconsidered in terms of safety and noise concerns for neighbours from "playful barking."

The new location has an existing semicircular hedge which will be augmented by new bushes. A fence "higher than four feet" will also surround the area, she said. It will be of similar style to the fence around the soccer fields.

The move will take place "as soon as possible once the ground is thawed enough to install the fence."

A new site is still pending for Shakespeare in the Park.

Protesters target military

Ten anti-military protesters moved from Westmount Park to the Royal Montreal Regiment March 3, where soldiers were holding an exercise outside the armoury on St. Catherine at Arena Drive, Public Security officials said.

The "small" demonstration, they stated, was originally believed to be targeting the Regiment of 34th Engineers on Hillside, but it was thought the protesters had become confused between the two military units. They were described as a cell of the Occupy Montreal movement but it was not known if they were related to a demonstration by 60 protesters with an economic and political agenda on February 15 (see February 21, p. 1).

The 34th held a weekend-long scenario on earthquake preparedness in Westmount and the Morgan Arboretum in St. Anne de Bellevue.

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Nipped on leg while girl plays in dog run

A 10-year-old was nipped on the leg February 22 as she and two friends played in the dog run at Murray Park around 8 pm, Public Security officials said. The dog was described as a black poodle. It was not known whether or not the girls were exercising a dog of their own or had simply ventured into the run to play with the dogs or each other

When the girl's mother called officers to the home to take a report the next day, a red mark could be seen on the leg but no mention was made of puncture marks. It was recommended that the girl be checked out medically as a precaution.

Gold on gold

The owner of a golden retriever called public safety officers to the Lansdowne dog run on March 5 to show them a bite on the dog's ear allegedly inflicted by another of the same breed.

Public Security officials said the owner of the other dog had left the run with it and a Bernese mountain dog. The bite, which showed puncture marks, occurred just before 5:56 pm when the call was logged.

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Dog days – canines behaving badly

BY MARLENE EISNER

Marcy Beigleman has always loved owning a dog – or two. Her most recent canine companions are 11-month-old Rex, a large, gangly Labrador/standard-poodle mix and Sam, a compact six-year-old English cocker spaniel. The Hampstead resident exercises her pets at a number of locations, alternating between the back field of a nearby school, the area near the Hampstead dog run and Summit Park in Westmount. Beigleman said her dogs are sociable and she rarely has behaviour problems with other people's pets, but that's because she's careful.

"I never let them play in the dog run because I feel the dogs don't run; they sniff and cluster around and often it leads to aggression."

Horacio Leal, a dog trainer by profession, is also not a fan of dog parks. It's a place where animals can learn bad habits, he said.

"I stopped going to dog parks for that reason. My boxer had bad experiences with aggression, and he was learning aggressive ways."

Dogs are pack animals by nature, but that doesn't mean they all get along. And while good training helps keep natural urges in check, a dog's breed has a lot to do with its behaviour, said Leal.

"Border collies want to herd. Terriers were bred to kill and hunt. Yorkies were bred for certain functions. And a beagle? He is going to bark and follow his nose."

Leal recommends that people learn about the pets they choose, become familiar with its innate behaviours and temperament, and prevent problems before they start.

"You have to be aware. A lot of accidents could be avoided if people would know what to look for," he said.

"We're the owners. We should decide where the dog should and shouldn't be. It's our responsibility."

As the owner of three pit bulls, Leal said he is very careful which dogs his pets run with, making sure he only mixes females and males. continued on p. 16

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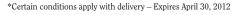
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Maya, the adorable



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Lysanne Fowler



Maya

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For more information on Maya or to visit her, please contact Sarah Lesage or Iosée Nadeau at 450.588.1198.

Make my bunny chocolate, please!

Now that Easter is approaching, my Montreal SPCA volunteer contacts have reminded me that even though our greenhouse display has rabbits, it shouldn't be an incentive to go out and buy one as a family pet. The SPCA has a number of rabbits at their shelter, all from people who thought they were adorable when they were tiny but were not able to care for them when they grew up. To educate the public and raise funds for the Exotic Animal Department of the SPCA, they are hosting a bake, chocolate and accessories and toys sale on March 31 and April 1. Please help spread the word that rabbits are not disposable pets. For more information: spcarabbits@gmail.com www.makeminechocolate.org.

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He doesn't believe certain breeds should be banned just because they are perceived as aggressive.

"I think it's more about being able to say a certain breed should have to follow a training program. Someone should come from the city to evaluate the dog and then go after the behaviour, not the breed."

Beigleman said until recently, she has never encountered a problem with another dog. A few months ago, however, there was an incident at the school field.

"There was an Australian shepherd who was very aggressive with Rex. We ended up leaving, and I didn't go back for a couple of weeks."

The situation was rectified, she said, be-

cause the other dog owners told the shepherd's owner to control her pet or leave.

"She worked very hard [with her dog] and it's better," said Beigleman, "but it is known that herder type dogs have trouble with other dogs."



Marcy Beigleman with her dogs Sam and Rex. Above them is a photo of Beigleman's last dog, Todd.



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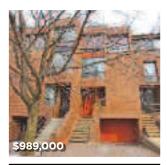
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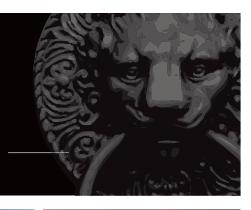


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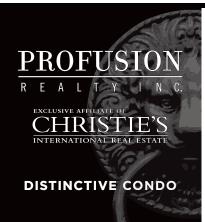


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Guests enjoy Tiffany event



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

Veronica Redgrave

The Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA) was the site of a swank soirée that launched Tiffany to an invitation-only crowd on February 21.

Veuve Clicquot was passed along with itsy-bitsy hors d'oeuvres so tantalizingly tiny one hardly needed a napkin.

Basic black was more than the colour of the night – it was almost the *only* colour of the night, worn by arriving fashionistas. Beautiful in black were *Gazette* Style editor **Eva Friede**, whose LBD (Little Black Dress) was edged in bling; **Corinne Poracchia** and **Dany Rousseleau** – in chic sleeveless shifts; **Carlos Ferreira**'s date **Vicky Boudreau** in a wrapped strapless sheath; über-stylist **Andrew McNally** with his Broadway Black scarf tucked inside his shirt; fashion designer **Denis Gagnon** with black hat and his iconic black glasses; and **Hélène Couture** in a fabulously barebacked cocktail frock.

The official presentation of Tiffany was very discreet – so discreet, in fact, that few jewels were on display – only inconspicuously shown on gracious models in Ralph Lauren gowns – yes, in black.

The classically elegant rooms of the CCA were graced with a white theme: big, baroque comfy furniture and white flowers

Westmounters noted included Karen Beaulieu and Clarence Epstein, Marcy and Jeffrey Katz, and Alexander Eberts.

Media celebs included Marie-Anne Withenshaw and Herby Moreau. No one expected to find a Cracker Jack box and diamond ring in their gift bag, as Audrey Hepburn did in the film *Breakfast at Tiffany*'s. But one can always dream.



Claude Choquet, Hélène Couture, Karen Beaulieu and Clarence Epstein.



Jamie Gogarty, Alexander Eberts and Bernard Martin.

Spring social calendar

Westmounters full swing into fundraisers

SATURDAY, MAY 5

BJM - Les Ballets Jazz de Montréal Benefit Gala Bal XL. 40th anniversary celebration. Honorary co-presidents: Westmounter Andrew Molson and André Charron. Dinner-dance. Black tie. Cocktails and performance 6:30 pm. Dinner dance 10 pm. Arsenal, 2020 William St. Tickets \$400. Info: Véronique Thibault 514.982.6771, ext. 7 or veronique@bjmdance.ca.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

- Vintage Recall: Sale of gently-used designer vintage clothing and accessories. Organized by Westmounters Claire Webster, Keli Kott and Nathalie Andrade. To benefit Alzheimer Groupe Inc. 10 am to noon. 5500 Ferrier. Free parking. Refreshments. No entrance fee. Info: 514.485.7233 or admin@agiteam.org.
- International High Tea in an English Garden; Chai at the Taj Mahal; and tea in a Chinese Tea House. Fundraiser for Miriam Foundation. Chairs: Westmounter Valeria Rosenbloom and Diane Proulx Guerrera. Loft Hotel. 314 Sherbrooke St. E. 3 to 6 pm. Tickets: \$100. Info: 514.345.1300 or nancys@miriamfoundation.ca.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

C'est Magifique. A dînatoire carnival of comedy, magic and pole dancing. Westmounters Alan Pinchuk and Philip Silverberg are co-chairing this benefit for the Donald Berman UP House. Telus Theatre. Tickets: \$180. Info: 514.572.7371 or philip.silverberg@urbanpardes.org.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

McCord Museum Annual Ball. Celebrate past and present Montreal with all proceeds helping to protect, preserve and promote Canadian history. Honorary president: Roland Lescure (executive vice president and chief investment officer, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec). Black tie. Valet parking. Arsenal, 2020 William St. Cocktails 6:30 pm. Dinner, live music and dancing 8 pm. Tickets \$500. Patrons \$750. Info: Samuel Daigle 514.398.7100, ext. 259 or bal@mccord.mcgill.ca.

Wednesday, May 16

Roaring 20's Dinner Auction celebrating Tyndale St. Georges Community Centre's 85th anniversary. Cocktail dinner 6:30 pm. Live and silent auction. Chairs: Betty Infilise and Westmounter Brian Dunn. Rialto Theatre, 5723 Parc Ave. Tickets: \$150. Contact: Westmounter Susan McKinnon Bell 514.931.6265, ext. 25 or susanbell@tyndalestgeorges.com.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

- Table of Hope, annual fundraiser for Share the Warmth. Chairs: Westmounter Mila Mulroney and Daniel Fournier, executive vice president, real estate, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec. Food lovers evening. Top chefs and restaurants, media celebs and entertainment. Patrons Cocktail \$200. 5 pm. Main event \$125. 6:30 pm. Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth Hotel. 900 René Lévesque Blvd. Info: www.tableofhope.ca or 514.933.5599.
- A Vision to Remember Gala benefit for Alzheimer Groupe Inc. Tribute to Marilyn and Harvey Rosenbloom. Cocktails and tour of exhibit by American pop artist Tom Weselmann. Jean-Noël Desmarais Pavilion, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. 1380 Sherbrooke St. W. 6:30 pm. Valet parking. Tickets \$190. \$375 per couple. 514.485.7233 or admin@agiteam.org.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Queen Elizabeth Health Complex "Under

the Tuscan Sun" fundraiser. Co-chairs Cynthia Price and Gerry Shadeed. Tickets \$150, available at Tony's Shoes, Westmount Florist and the Queen E. 6 to 8 pm. Parisian Laundry, 3550 St. Antoine St. Info: Sarah Malka 514.485.5023. Ruth Pelletier 514.485.5018 or rpelletier@qehc.org.

Thursday, May 31

Miriam Foundation Art Auction. Cochairs: Westmounters Judy Wolfe, Franki Yanofsky, Jeannette Hoffman-Zaffir, Carol Tryansky, with Miriam Foundation's Nancy Smith. Sofitel, 1155 Sherbrooke St. W. 7 pm. Tickets: \$180. Contact: 514.345.1300 or nancys@miriamfoundation.ca. Info: www.miriamfoundation.ca.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

2nd Goodman Cancer Research Gala benefitting the Goodman Cancer Research Centre of McGill University. Dinner and dancing. Dinner chair: Bernard Shapiro. Co-chairs: Westmounters Joanne and Douglas Cohen. Vice chair: Sandy Martz. Fundraising chair: Westmounter Rod Budd. 6 pm. Convocation tent, lower cam-

pus, McGill University. Tickets: \$500. Table sponsors: Silver \$10,000. Gold \$15,000. Platinum \$25,000. Annette Novak 514.398.4970 or annette.novak@mcgill.ca. Info: www.cancercentre.cgill.ca.

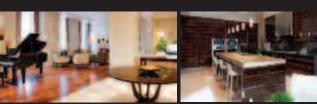
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Spring/summer social calendar

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Wednesday, June 13

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom's Tribute Evening honouring Rabbi Leigh Lerner, who will be retiring as senior rabbi and assuming the position of rabbi emeritus. Patrons' Cocktail Dînatoire (\$118) 6:30 pm, followed by a tribute ceremony (7:45 pm.) and dessert reception, which are open to all. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St. Info: 514.937.3575, ext. 215 or tebstribute@gmail.com.

Tuesday, August 21

Hope & Cope's Soirée Fantastique honor-

ing founder/chair **Sheila Kussner**. Proceeds support Hope & Cope's programs for cancer survivors and their families. Dinner and gala entertainment. Tickets: \$600. 6 pm. Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave. Info: 514.340.8255 or www.hopeandcope.ca.

Ticketted parker gets a hold on city inspector

Public safety officers were called to assist a city parking inspector March 2 when the driver of a vehicle he had just ticketted March 2 refused to let go of him, Public Security officials said.

The irate driver was reported to have kept pulling at the inspector's jacket at Wood and de Maisonneuve. Police were called and the driver, described as "aggressive" eventually calmed down. "We have zero tolerance for abuse of our inspectors," said assistant director Greg McBain.





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Espiard exhibits with LOVE



At the vernissage of the LOVE exhibition at the MAA Sports Club on Thursday March 1, from left Jordana Sereno, 16, who was featured in some of the photos; Chloé Espiard, 17, the organizer of the event; and Sarah Morgan, 17, a member of The Study's photography club.

By Lauren O'Loughlen

Chloé Espiard, 17, of Church Hill Ave. and a student at The Study, had a vernissage of her exhibit "Glimpses: Youth and Their Realities" of photographs, depicting the theme of bullying at the Club sportif MAA on March 1.

The exhibition, containing photographs taken by The Study's photography club, was held in conjunction with the community-based organization, LOVE, which aims to reduce violence in the lives of youths and communities.

The exhibit was part of Espiard's final year "integrated" project, which involves keeping a journal of what she learned from a mentor, who was Kiki Dranias, director for marketing and communications for LOVE. Espiard's project was to raise money for the organization by creating awareness of bullying and also giving back to her community. Two other students from the school exhibited their work at the

event: Sarah Morgan, grade 11 and Amanda Nichol, grade 10.

Other images were supplied through LOVE's media arts program.

Espiard was motivated to create this project when she became involved with LOVE and realized how fortunate she was to have a secure family and social network. "It's important to offer support systems to children who live without support at home or at school," she said.

Espiard felt the experience has been a very positive thing for her. "I feel I gave back to my community because I've been so fortunate to work with people in the real world."

Six photographs produced by the students were on sale for \$50 each on the night of the exhibit. All six sold.

The exhibit will run at the MAA until March 30.

Proceeds gathered were donated to LOVE's violence prevention programs for schools.





Ville de Westmount

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AVIS PUBLIC ASSEMBLÉE PUBLIQUE DE CONSULTATION PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT 1427 LE MERCREDI, 28 MARS 2012 – 19h

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR LE PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT N° 1427 INTITULÉ « Règlement visant à modifier de nouveau le règlement 1303 concernant le zonage – zone C5-24-11 (restaurant) »

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

- Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le lundi 5 mars 2012, le conseil a adopté par résolution le premier projet de règlement n° 1427, intitulé « Règlement visant à modifier de nouveau le règlement 1303 concernant le zonage – zone C5-24-11 (restaurant) ».
- Conformément à la Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme (L.R.Q., chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le mercredi 28 mars 2012 à 19 h, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d'expliquer le premier projet de règlement n° 1427 dont l'objet vise notamment à permettre l'usage restaurant dans la zone C5-24-11;

- 3. Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le premier projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s'exprimer.
- 4. Le premier projet de règlement comporte des dispositions propres à un règlement susceptible d'approbation référendaire.
- Le premier projet de règlement s'applique à la zone concernée C5-24-11.
- 6. LE CROQUIS DE LA ZONE CONCERNÉE :

Le croquis de la zone concernée est reproduit cicontre.

7. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le premier projet de règlement n° 1427 et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 13 mars 2012.

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1427 ENTITLED "By-law to further amend Zoning By-law 1303 – zone C5-24-11 (restaurant)"

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, of the following:

- 1. At its regular meeting held on Monday, March 5, 2012, Council adopted by resolution, the first draft By-law no. 1427 entitled "By-law to further amend Zoning By-law 1303 zone C5-24-11 (restaurant) ".
- In accordance with An Act respecting land use planning and development (R.S.Q., chapter A-19.1), a public consultation meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.

The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the first draft By-law no. 1427, the object of which is, among other things to allow the use "restaurant" in zone C5-24-11.

- 3. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the first draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.
- 4. The first draft by-law contains provisions making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum.
 - 5. The first draft by-law concerns zone C5-24-11.
 - 6. SKETCH OF THE CONCERNED ZONE:

The sketch of the concerned zone is reproduced herewith.

7. Any interested person may consult the first draft By-law no. 1427 and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, March 13, 2012.

Mario Gerbeau City Clerk

Real estate, on average

Number of transactions in parentheses. All dollar amounts are averages.

	March 13	February 7	January 10	December 13	November 8	October 11	September 16	August 9
Semidetached on the flat	none	none	\$535,000 (2)	none	\$1,750,000 (1)	none	\$972,000 (5)	\$1,011,300 (5)
Semidetached, Mid-Westmount	\$1,260,000 (1)	\$1,234,333 (3)	\$1,030,000 (3)	\$1,163,333 (3)	none	\$1,323,000 (3)	\$1,203,050 (10)	\$1,357,143 (7)
By type Detached Semidetached Townhouse Duplex/triplex (1 unit) Condo Commercial	\$2,778,750 (4) \$1,428,750 (4) none \$369,500 (10) \$1,022,500 (2) none	\$1,444,438 (4) \$1,169,500 (4) \$850,167 (3) none \$847,500 (2) none	\$2,375,000 (1) \$832,000 (5) \$420,000 (1) \$576,667 (6) \$815,000 (1)	\$1,455,000 (3) \$1,307,660 (5) \$989,000 (5) \$450,000 (2) \$1,197,500 (2)	\$1,695,000 (2) \$1,750,000 (1) \$1,247,500 (2) \$183,571 (7) none \$920,000 (1)	\$2,783,333 (3) \$1,502,750 (4) \$827,000 (5) \$425,000 (8) \$738,500 (2) none	\$1,823,000 (7) \$1,122,088 (17) \$994,909 (11) \$643,250 (3) \$630,600 (5) none	\$2,087,500 (6) \$1,146,267 (15) \$843,750 (4) \$521,500 (2) \$617,500 (6) none
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Percentage paid over valuation (arithmetic avg.) Percentage paid over valuation	24% 22%	20% 18%	17% 15%	24%	27% 31%	20% 16%	20% 18%	17% 21%

Karin Marks' portrait

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(\$-weighted avg.

place during public council meetings, the Marks event began with a cocktail reception at the lawn bowling clubhouse before guests walked over to city hall.

Special connection

Among those attending were many of her supporters and those with whom she had a special connection throughout her 18 years on council, including eight as mayor.

Along with friends and community volunteers, there were many councillors past and present and suburban mayors Bill McMurchie of Pointe Claire and Maria Tutino of Baie d'Urfé, as well as former Town of Mount Royal mayor Suzanne Caron, former Westmount director general Bruce St. Louis and the former head of the demerger transition committee Pierre Lortie, a Quebec appointee who had on occasion attended the Westmount borough council meetings.

In leading off the unveiling, Mayor Peter Trent introduced Goring, who had been chosen by Marks based initially on seeing his work on his website.

Marks, who had sat for the painting over the last year, is depicted in a style that is more contemporary than that of the pre-May Cutler group of all-male mayors hanging in the council chamber, yet in a more traditional style than the broadstroked somewhat abstract portrayal of the late Cutler.

Like Cutler, however, Marks chose to be portrayed without the chain of office but in front of the council chamber's stained glass window that depicts the city crest. The aim was to reflect a balance between the importance of the office and the "lessformal" way that she chose to work, she explains.

In the painting, she wears a Westmount-purple suit with the same white blouse she chose for the unveiling and large gold earrings – her jewelry being characteristic of her normal attire.

The idea of having her portrait painted was "quite intimidating," she said. "You think about how you want to be remembered." For Marks, it was "what I was able to bring to the community."

And after those present had congratulated Goring and had their share of upclose viewing of his work, the discussion centred on where "Karin's hanging" should be – an expression introduced by Trent at the start of the unveiling.

The consensus among many was that Cutler's portrait should move to the viewing left over the committee room door leaving space for Marks, and eventually Trent, at the right-hand entrance to the council chamber.

Frame has to be changed

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restoration around the doorway of the Category I heritage building.

The way the door is arched means that the frame will have to be pushed out about a foot, which requires an entirely new frame, added city director general Duncan Campbell. The doors of oak are in good shape and do not need replacing.

The project is expected to take place during warmer weather and at a quieter time of year, once quotes for the work have been obtained

It has been known since Westmount had its own fire department before the merger with Montreal that the doors' swing needed reversal and prominent "pull" notices were affixed to the inside. More recently, the city has been ordered to make the change by Montreal fire prevention officials and the Régie du bâtiment du Québec.

Masonry falls

Public safety officers received a call from 911 February 29 to assist firefighters regarding a call for crumbling brick or cement falling from a building at 4030 St. Catherine, formerly occupied by the Subaru dealership. Repair work was already in progress at the front of the building and officers cordoned off a larger area with danger tape and the city Urban Planning department was called to check it out.



From the exterior, the front doors of city hall now push inward to enter. In order to reverse their swing to push open from the inside in compliance with fire regulations, the entire door frame assembly must be moved forward because of the arched top.

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WMA looks for volunteer citizen award nominations

The Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) is inviting the public to submit names of volunteers for nominations for the association's 15th annual Volunteer Citizen of the Year Award.

The award honours "a Westmount resident, who has over many years given outstanding volunteer service to our community through any of its diverse groups, such as Contactivity, Rotary, Sports and Recreation, churches, synagogues, local schools, libraries and nursing homes, to name a few."

Nominations may be submitted via email to Rosalind Davis and Marilynn Gillies at volunteer.award@wma-amw.org by Wednesday, April 11. The individual's name and a brief summary of his or her volunteer work should be included. For more information, call Davis at 514.489.1308 or Gillies at 514.932.2026.

Public Security nabs suspect in mailbox fire

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An alert resident of Park Place is credited with helping public safety officers catch a 14-year-old NDG boy alleged to have set fire to a mailbox March 1 outside 4333 St. Catherine near Redfern.

The same box had been set afire November 7 in a series of mailbox fires, but it was not known whether or not the latest was related (see November 15, p. 1).

The incident was spotted by the resident just before 8 pm when three youths were seen tossing what was described as a match into the post box.

Answering the call, a public safety officer found smoke coming from the box and called firefighters "to ensure the fire was properly extinguished," said assistant director Greg McBain in relating the event.

He said the three youths were then pursued as they headed west and stopped as

they headed north on Academy Rd. Two fled on de Maisonneuve, but one agreed to remain on the scene to await arrival of police, who arrested him on the spot.

"It was thanks to the resident that we were able to track down the three," McBain said.

Ticketted parker gets a hold on city inspector

Public safety officers were called to assist a city parking inspector March 2 when the driver of a vehicle he had just ticketted March 2 refused to let go of him, Public Security officials said.

The irate driver was reported to have kept pulling at the inspector's jacket at Wood and de Maisonneuve. Police were called and the driver, described as "aggressive" eventually calmed down. "We have zero tolerance for abuse of our inspectors," said assistant director Greg McBain.

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BUILDING PERMITS # What's permitted

The following permits for exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the February 6 meeting of city council.

- **480 Mt. Pleasant**: to remove some trees in the construction area of a new single-family dwelling;
- **158 Côte St. Antoine**: to build a two-car garage at the rear;
- **416 Wood**: to replace some basement windows;
- **4960-4966 Sherbrooke**: to replace two groups of doors at the rear;
- **4800 de Maisonneuve**: to replace all apartment windows and doors at Westmount Estates;
- **6 Braeside Place**: at a Category I house, to relandscape around the house including new retaining walls.

The following permits for exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the February 20 meeting of city council.

- **446 Mount Stephen**: to install a new back fence;
- **15 Lansdowne Ridge**: to replace the brick, the garage door and front entrance doorway;
- **4846 Sherbrooke**: to install a sign for Shri Yoga:
- 4152 St. Catherine: to modify the store-

front including a fully glazed garage door;

- **432 Lansdowne**: to create new openings on the side of the house;
- **18 Weredale Park**: at a Category I building, to replace some windows;
- **39 Prospect**: at a Category I house, to modify front entrance railing with certain conditions:
- **348 Wood**: at a Category I house, to modify a rear door opening and reopen a condemned rear window;
- **29-31 Chesterfield:** at a Category I building, to replace some windows and doors and enlarge some openings at the rear.

The following permits for exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the March 5 meeting of city council.

- **36 Anwoth**: to modify some openings, build a canopy at the rear and replace a window;
- **4028A St. Catherine**: at a Category I building, to erect a sign for Bergamo;
- **4333 Sherbrooke**: at city hall, a Category I building, to reverse the swing of the front doors;
- **322 Elm**: at a Category I house, to build a new basement entrance.

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AVIS PUBLIC PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT CONCERNANT LA DIVISION DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT EN HUIT DISTRICTS ÉLECTORAUX À TOUS LES ÉLECTEURS DE LA VILLE

AVIS PUBLIC est par la présente donné par le soussigné, greffier de la ville que :

- 1° lors de sa séance du 5 mars 2012, le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount a adopté par résolution le projet de règlement intitulé « RÈGLEMENT CONCERNANT LA DIVISION DU TERRITOIRE DE LA VILLE EN DISTRICTS ÉLECTORAUX »;
- 2° ledit projet de règlement vise à modifier la carte électorale afin de se conformer aux exigences de la Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités (L.R.Q., chapitre E-2.2) voulant que chaque district électoral soit délimité de façon à ce que (...) le nombre d'électeurs dans le district ne soit pas supérieur ou inférieur à 15 % du coefficient obtenu en divisant le total du nombre d'électeurs de la municipalité par le nombre de districts.
- 3° les districts électoraux proposés se délimitent comme suit :

District électoral nº 1 : 1 592 électeurs

En partant d'un point situé à l'intersection de la ligne arrière des emplacements ayant front sur The Boulevard (côté sud-est) et de la limite municipale ouest, cette limite municipale vers le nord et vers l'est, la ligne arrière des emplacements ayant front sur l'avenue Cedar (côté sud-est) et la ligne arrière des emplacements ayant front sur The Boulevard (côté sud-est) jusqu'au point de départ.

District électoral nº 2 : 1 561 électeurs

En partant d'un point situé à l'intersection de la limite municipale ouest et de la ligne arrière des emplacements ayant front sur The Boulevard (côté sud-est), cette ligne arrière, l'avenue Aberdeen, l'avenue Montrose, l'avenue Church Hill, le chemin de la Côte-Saint-Antoine et la limite municipale jusqu'au point de départ.

District électoral nº 3 : 1 795 électeurs

En partant d'un point situé à l'intersection de l'avenue Aberdeen et de la ligne arrière des emplacements ayant front sur The Boulevard (côté sud-est), cette ligne arrière, la ligne arrière des emplacements ayant front sur l'avenue Cedar (côté sud-est), la limite municipale, la rue Sherbrooke Ouest, l'avenue Mount-Stephen, le chemin de la Côte-Saint-Antoine, l'avenue Church Hill, l'avenue Montrose et l'avenue Aberdeen jusqu'au point de départ.

District électoral nº 4 : 1 868 électeurs

En partant d'un point situé à l'intersection de la limite municipale ouest et du chemin de la Côte-Saint-Antoine, ce chemin, l'avenue Mount-Stephen, la rue Sherbrooke Ouest et la limite municipale jusqu'au point de départ.

District électoral nº 5 : 1 869 électeurs

En partant d'un point situé à l'intersection de la limite municipale ouest et de la rue Sherbrooke Ouest, cette rue, l'avenue Melville, le prolongement du boulevard De Maisonneuve Ouest, ce boulevard, l'avenue Lansdowne, le chenim Glen et la limite municipale jusqu'au point de départ.

District électoral nº 6 : 1 840 électeurs

En partant d'un point situé à l'intersection de l'avenue Melville et de la rue Sherbrooke Ouest, cette rue, la limite municipale Est, le boulevard De Maisonneuve Ouest, la ligne arrière de l'immeuble situé au 1, avenue Wood, le prolongement de cette ligne, la rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest, l'avenue Wood, le boulevard De Maisonneuve Ouest, l'avenue Clarke, la rue Sainte-Catherine

PUBLIC NOTICE DRAFT BY-LAW CONCERNING THE DIVISION OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT INTO EIGHT ELECTORAL DISTRICTS TO ALL ELECTORS OF THE CITY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk, that:

- at its regular sitting of March 5, 2012, the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount, has adopted by resolution the draft by-law entitled "BY-LAW TO DIVIDE THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY INTO ELECTORAL DISTRICTS":
- 2. the object of the said draft by-law is to amend the current electoral map in order to respect the requirements provided for in An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., chapter E-2.2) to the effect that each electoral district be delimited in such a manner that (...) the number of electors in the district is not more than 15% above or below the quotient obtained by dividing the total number of electors of the municipality by the number of districts;
- 3. the proposed electoral districts are delimited as follows:

Electoral District No. 1: 1.592 electors

Starting at the intersection of the rear line of the sites facing The Boulevard (southeast side) and the western limits of the city, such limit to the north and to the east, the rear line of the sites facing Cedar Avenue (southeast side), and the rear line of the sites facing The Boulevard (southeast side) to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 2: 1,561 electors

Starting at the intersection of the western municipal limits and the rear line of the sites facing The Boulevard (southeast side), this rear line, Aberdeen Avenue, Montrose Avenue, Church Hill Avenue, Côte-Saint-Antoine Road, and the municipal limits to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 3: 1,795 electors

Starting at the intersection of Aberdeen Avenue and the rear line of the sites facing The Boulevard (southeast side), this rear line, the rear line of the sites facing Cedar Avenue (southeast side), the municipal limits, Sherbrooke Street West, Mount-Stephen Avenue, Côte-Saint-Antoine Road, Church Hill Avenue, Montrose Avenue, and Aberdeen Avenue to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 4: 1,868 electors

Starting at the intersection of the western municipal limits and Côte-Saint-Antoine Road, this road, Mount-Stephen Avenue, Sherbrooke Street West, and the municipal limits to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 5: 1,869 electors

Starting at the intersection of the western municipal limits and Sherbrooke Street West, this street, Melville Avenue, the extension of De Maisonneuve Boulevard West, this boulevard, Lansdowne Avenue, Glen Road, and the municipal limits to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 6: 1,840 electors

Starting at the intersection of Melville Avenue and Sherbrooke Street West, this street, the eastern municipal limits, De Maisonneuve Boulevard West, the rear line of the property located at 1 Wood Avenue, the extension of this line, Sainte-Catherine Street West, Wood Avenue, De Maisonneuve Boulevard West, Clarke Avenue, Sainte-Catherine Street West, Redfern Avenue, De Maisonneuve

Postal worker takes break in post box

A passerby driving into Westmount from the north, around 10:30 am on February 22, saw a pair of feet sticking out of a green Canada Post collection box. A postal worker was seen squeezed inside, with his head down – taking a nap, writing a text or otherwise getting out of the wind and into a shelter that just fit.

Noisy video game costs \$146

A tenant at Château Maisonneuve apartments, 4998 de Maisonneuve, was to be issued a ticket \$146 March 4 after refusing to open the door following a noise complaint, Public Security officials said. When officers responded to the call at 2:19 am, they could hear a video game in progress, but no one would answer their requests to lower the volume. A previous ticket for noise had been given at the same apartment in February last year.

Graffiti suspects followed, watched in wee hours

Public safety officers kept a group of three possible graffiti suspects under surveillance from 3 am to 4 am February 24 as they walked from Victoria to Atwater, Public Security officials said. While no one was actually seen inflicting damage, a freshly painted tag was spotted after the trio left Westmount and two other similar ones were discovered.

spotted emerging from a lane between 221 and 245 Victoria. They were shadowed as they headed east along de Maisonneuve and then St. Catherine St. After they departed from view down Atwater, officers discovered wet graffiti at an entrance to the Metro station and other similar tags at 4163 de Maisoneuve and at the construction site at 1250 Greene.

Wearing backpacks

The three, wearing backpacks, were



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Ouest, l'avenue Redfern, le boulevard De Maisonneuve Ouest et l'avenue Melville jusqu'au point de départ.

District électoral nº 7 : 1 823 électeurs

En partant d'un point situé à l'intersection de l'avenue Lansdowne et du boulevard De Maisonneuve Ouest, ce boulevard, son prolongement et de nouveau ce boulevard, l'avenue Redfern, la rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest, le boulevard Dorchester Ouest, la rue Hallowell et son prolongement, la limite municipale sud, le chemin Glen et l'avenue Lansdowne jusqu'au point de départ.

District électoral nº 8 : 1 682 électeurs

En partant d'un point situé à l'intersection de l'avenue Clarke et du boulevard De Maisonneuve Ouest, ce boulevard, l'avenue Wood, la rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest, le prolongement de la ligne arrière de l'immeuble situé au 1, avenue Wood et cette ligne arrière, le boulevard De Maisonneuve Ouest, la limite municipale Est et Sud, le prolongement de la rue Hallowell et cette rue, le boulevard Dorchester Ouest et l'avenue Clarke jusqu'au point de départ.

Les districts électoraux proposés sont illustrés sur la carte reproduite à la page 28;

- 4° le projet de règlement est disponible, pour fins de consultation, au Bureau du greffier, à l'hôtel de Ville, au 4333 Sherbrooke Ouest, durant les heures d'ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi inclusivement, de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30;
- 5° tout électeur, conformément à l'article 17 de la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités* (L.R.Q., chapitre E-2.2) peut, dans les quinze (15) jours de la publication du présent avis, faire connaître, par écrit, son opposition au projet de règlement. Cette opposition doit être adressée comme suit:

Mario Gerbeau, greffier de la ville Hôtel de ville de Westmount 4333, Sherbrooke Ouest Westmount (Québec) H3Z 1E2

Conformément à l'article 18 de la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités* (L.R.Q., chapitre E-2.2) le conseil tiendra une assemblée publique aux fins d'entendre les personnes présentes sur le projet de règlement si le nombre d'oppositions reçues dans le délai fixé est égal ou supérieur à 105.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 13e jour de mars 2012.

Mario Gerbeau Greffier de la Ville



Boulevard West and Melville Avenue to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 7: 1.823 electors

Starting at the intersection of Lansdowne Avenue and De Maisonneuve Boulevard West, this boulevard, its extension and this boulevard again, Redfern Avenue, Sainte-Catherine Street West, Dorchester Boulevard West, Hallowell Street and its extension, the southern municipal limits, Glen Road, and Lansdowne Avenue to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 8: 1,682 electors

Starting at the intersection of Clarke Avenue and De Maisonneuve Boulevard West, this boulevard, Wood Avenue, Sainte-Catherine Street West, the extension of the rear line of the property located at 1 Wood Avenue and this rear line, De Maisonneuve Boulevard West, the eastern and southern municipal limits, the extension of Hallowell Street and this street, Dorchester Boulevard West, and Clarke Avenue to the starting point.

The proposed electoral districts are illustrated on the map shown on page 28;

- 4. the draft by-law is available for public reference at the Office of the City Clerk, at City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke West, during regular office hours, namely, from Monday to Friday inclusively, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m;
- every elector, according to section 17 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., chapter E-2.2) may, within fifteen (15) days of the publication of this notice, inform, in writing of his objection to the draft bylaw. This objection must be addressed as follows:

Mario Gerbeau, City Clerk City Hall - City of Westmount 4333 Sherbrooke West Westmount, Quebec, H3Z 1E2

According to section 18 of the *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities* (R.S.Q., Chapter E-2.2), the council shall hold a public meeting to hear the persons present in respect of the draft by-law if the number of objections received within the prescribed time is equal to or exceeds 105.

GIVEN at Westmount, this 13th day of March 2012.

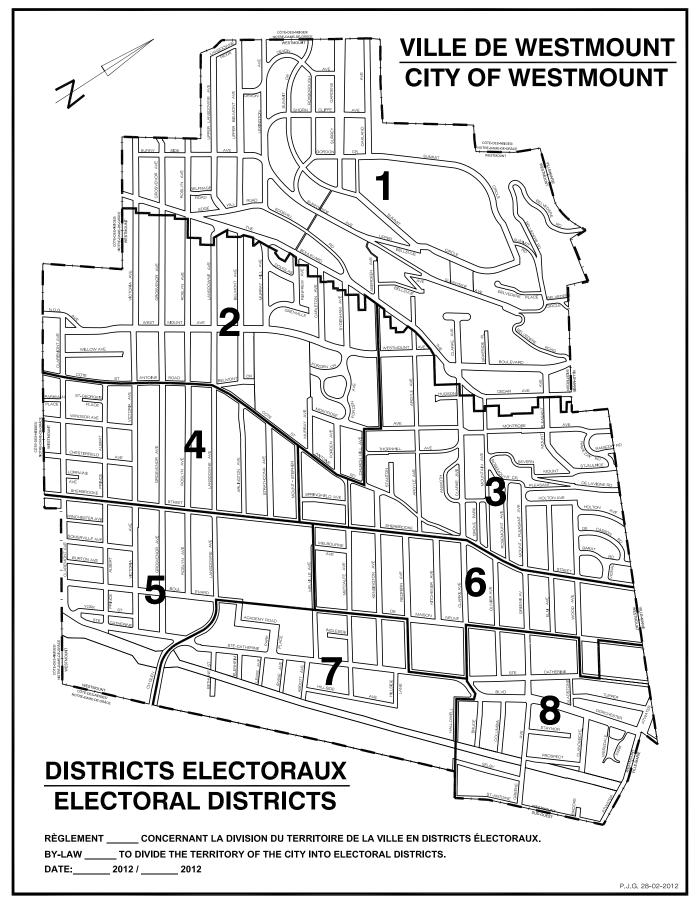
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Anti-bullying program debuts in Quebec at Westmount Park School

By Joanne Penhale

As Quebec's National Assembly considers anti-bullying legislation, Westmount Park School is the first school in the province to launch a UNICEF anti-bullying program.

"We're happy to see that we're ahead of the game," said principal Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette. The Rights Respecting Schools program will be rolled out at Westmount Park elementary this fall.

"Children need to feel like they matter to us, like they belong to the school, to have a safe environment for learning," Lacroix-Maillette said. She noted the wide implementation of the program in the United Kingdom, with results of decreased bullying and increased learning outcomes.

The program will bring a common language to the school, Lacroix-Maillette said, and is based on creating a culture of respect. Children will learn they have rights, such as the right to learn, she said, but also that they have responsibilities toward classmates who also have a right to learn.

UNICEF approached Westmount Park last year and an agreement was made in May to introduce the UNICEF-funded program. Teachers have since received four workshops on the program. Now, the school is making plans for school-wide implementation, and new programming will be integrated with measures and curricula

already in place at the school. Parents will be asked for their comments.

"Parents also have a responsibility," Lacroix-Maillette said, adding there will be parent workshops in the fall on raising children in a culture of respect.

Bullying has not been a major problem at Westmount Park, Lacroix-Maillette said.

The Rights Respecting Schools program is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and is modelled on UNICEF International's child-friendly schools. Variations on child-friendly school programming exist in most countries in the world, said Hélène Moîse, global classroom manager for UNICEF in Quebec.

The program began in 2004 in the UK and now runs in 1,600 schools there. Schools in BC, Alberta, and Ontario have also implemented pilot versions of the program. Moîse said research partners in Canada are working with the Canadian schools that introduce the program to study the results.

The English Montreal School Board, Moîse said, has expressed interest in having it in all their schools, as have many other schools in greater Montreal.

Westmount Park School is also partnered with McGill professor Frances Aboud, who is researching bullying. She interviewed Westmount Park students in the fall and will do so again this spring.



Principal Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette explains schools have a responsibility to ensure a safe environment for children.

The great gender divide



Hockey Beginnings

Ingrid Kovitch-Dannenbaum

"Oops. I really messed up that last play."

The words were choked out breathlessly by one of the ladies, as she struggled back onto the bench.

Instantly, a chorus of protests arose.

"Are you kidding? That was a great play!"

"Unparalleled!"

"Yeah, that was amazing! You're amazing!"

"Probably the most sensational play of the year! What a Hockey Goddess."

It was possible that we were laying it on a little thick. Still, I could appreciate the underlying sentiment. Topping the many glorious features of women's hockey was our steadfast commitment to remaining upbeat and supportive, irrespective of circumstance.

Super fun?

I considered a similar conversation one week prior, when I stopped in at the Sports and Rec. department after our practice.

"So?" asked B.

"Great, as always. Super fun. Too bad I played so lousy."

B. nodded, uncharacteristically agreeable.

"I mean, I totally sucked out there."

"Mmmmm." He shrugged – almost sympathetically.

"Really. Could I have been any worse? That was absolutely horrific."

"Well," B. conceded, "You're obviously trying very hard."

I was dumbfounded. And somewhat vexed. Was it possible that he truly did not understand the rules of the exchange? Could he have failed to recognize the exaggerated humility/overstated self-deprecation for what it was? The free pizza of pleas for reassurance, offered up like a beach ball lob just waiting to be put away. No self-respecting female on the planet would miss an opportunity like that!

I suppose this was just yet another example of the gender divide. I thought back to earlier in the season when we were scrounging to find a goalie for the West Island women's league. I asked my husband if his goalie might be interested.

"Is he ever available during the day? What does he do for a living?"

"I don't know," was David's reply.

"Is he married? Any kids? How tied up is he?"

"I really have no idea," he said.

"How could you have no idea?" I was baffled. "How long have you been playing with him?"

"Uh... probably around 20 years... maybe 25." He had the courtesy to look sheepish.

"Okay," I said slowly, "Let me see if I understand this correctly. You have been playing with the same goalie for somewhere around half your lifetime, and you don't know the first thing about him?"

David was instantly indignant. "That's absolutely false."

He went on with what I felt to be inappropriate smugness. "I know that if you want to score, shoot high on the stick side."

Aha! The important stuff! All along I had believed that the fundamental difference between men's and women's sports related more to discrepancies of style rather than substance. The horking and spitting, groin-scratching, and grunting and reeking – all mercifully absent from my sporting experiences. But clearly the scope of the chasm reached far beyond the box of Kleenex at the bench.

The West Island gang was referred to by the arena staff – affectionately, I hope – as the NHL: the Noisiest Hockey League. Spares were directed to our locker room with a sweep of the arm, and the semi-ironic counsel to "just follow the din."

But of course! After all, there was much ground to cover from the week since we had last seen each other. There were endless comical stories to be recounted, scads of salacious gossip to review, children's exploits to be applauded and husbands to be mocked. There was a smattering of political rhetoric and a variety of hot issues to be debated: hockey bags – wheels or not, nutmeg – fresh or powdered.

Minutia of each other's lives

After a mere handful of years playing together, we knew the minutia of each other's lives. We reveled in our respective glories and sympathized through our trials. We listened and laughed, shared and commiserated, vented and railed. And then we took it all onto the bench, and onto the ice, and kept right on going.

Long live women's hockey! Game on!

Westmounter and (less now) beginner hockey player Ingrid Kovitch-Dannenbaum helped start "Beginner hockey for women," a new program being offered by the Sports and Recreation department.

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An afternoon of music



Principal trumpet player for the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, Paul Merkelo, left, and pianist Alexandre Vovan look over sheet music prior to playing a fundraising recital for La Scena musicale, a non-profit magazine in support of the arts and everything classical. The afternoon and evening ticketted event was attended by some 30 supporters and included a recital and hors d'oeuvres. It took place in the home of the magazine supporter and Westmounter Margaret Lefebvre, a former city councillor, on February 26.

Online auction to benefit MOSD

A group of mothers, including some Westmounters, are organizing an online auction to benefit the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf.

Among the items for auction are a pearl necklace from Birks, a designer dress worn by Céline Dion and four nights at the Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman.

The web-based fundraiser is central to the "Voices: From Silence to Song" campaign, co-chaired by Westmounters Christine Stamegna and Jeniene Birks. The pair are joined by a group of 26 Montreal-based volunteers who share a desire to help hard of hearing children learn to listen and talk. Several Westmount retailers like Oink Oink, Gallerie de Bellefeuille and Simply Wonderful will be making donations.

The launch of the online fundraising auction was set to take place on March 12 and will run through March 22 at www.voicesbenefit.ca.

The Montreal Oral School, located on St. Catherine St., is a non-profit organization serving 200 children at differing levels of intervention from infancy through 18 years old.

Electronic Independents available

Enjoy the *Indie* at supper time on Tuesdays! Sign up by writing us: office@westmountindependent.com.

Cooking veggy style turns out to be fun and delish



Living in Westmount

Jo Simonetti

I used to think of vegetarian cuisine as a cruel joke. A die-hard meat 'n' potatoes kind of gal, I couldn't imagine sitting down to a frustrating dinner of steakless side dishes.

So when I visited Appetite for Books on Victoria to register for one of its popular cookbook demonstration classes, I reluctantly signed up for River Cottage Vegetarian. (It was the soonest available spot, and impatience trumps carnivorousness.)

With my typical panache and savoir faire, I was early and the first to arrive. But there was no time for me to indulge in social awkwardness as I was immediately welcomed by an exuberant chef Lorne Hellyer and the most inviting aroma that ever graced a kitchen.

"Who knew vegetables could smell like this?" I thought, harbouring a slight suspicion that Chef Hellyer had stashed some roast beef between recipe books.

Classes accommodate 10, and as each of the other nine guests trickled in and placed a bottle of wine in front of their chosen seats at the counter, I had a hunch that we were in for a swell time.

We all introduced ourselves and named our favourite vegetarian dish. ("Chicken," was what I wanted to say, but I opted for my mom's delicious lentil soup instead.)

It was a diverse group: some couples, BFFs, a mother/daughter-in-law team and singles.

Chef Hellyer quickly launched into an entertaining demonstration of our menu: beet soup with horseradish cream, new potato salad tartare, mushroom ragu with polenta and parsnip chips and an apple Swiss chard pie for dessert.

His energy and effortless banter put everyone at ease – the fast flow of wine didn't hurt either – and his knowledge of local market ingredients was both educational and interesting. Takeaway #1: blue foot and king mushrooms are his favourites and are available pre-cleaned at Atwater market.

Each course was a surprise. I never imagined vegetarian dishes could be so complex, flavourful and utterly satisfying. Takeaway #2: slow-roasted parsnips taste like plantains!

It was an evening of discovery. I discovered you could show up alone to a dinner party and still have a blast, that cooking anything can turn strangers into friends, and that substituting portobellos for porterhouse mushrooms won't necessarily leave you feeling cold and empty inside

Takeaway #3: Always use cold butter to make pastry dough.

Takeaway #4: Use *everything* when making vegetable stock, including peelings, onion skins, even bell pepper seeds.



Roasted parsnip chips prepared by Jo Simonetti.

A few days later, my belly still full of polenta, I decided to look into another class. The next available spot was for David Rocco's *Made in Italy*. Harumph. Why bother? As if anything could ever compete with my ma's cooking. I signed up immediately.

Send comments and questions to simonettijo@gmail.com.

Cabbie helped with drunk passengers

A passing public safety officer went to the assistance of a taxi driver March 3 when he was spotted trying to move passengers from cab into a home on Clarke just south of Sherbrooke at 12:35 am. Public Security officials said one was vomiting while the other was sprawled out in the back seat. He was checked to ensure he was still alive and found to have passed out.

Comin' Up

Wednesday, March 14

- Healthy City speaker series presents Peter Brown on "Economics without Ecocide: The Folly of Canada's Economic Policy and the Challenge to Higher Education," 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free.
- "Armchair Traveller: China with Hassan El Shafei," 2 pm at the Westmount Public Library in the Westmount Room Register at circulation desk or call 514.989.5299.
- Arena demolition meeting, 5:30 pm, city hall.
- The University Women's Club of Montreal invites *Gazette* journalist **Henry Aubin** to speak on "Cityscapes & Politics at the Atwater Club, 3505 Atwater Ave. Dinner at 6 pm. Cost: \$30.76. Reserve: 514.932.3922 by Monday, March 12.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

- New District 7 arena/pool info meeting for residents of Academy Rd., Park Place and 4636 to 4664 St. Catherine, 7 pm at the lawn bowling clubhouse.
- Gearóid Ó hAllmhuráin, musician and holder of the Johnson Chair in Quebec and Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia University, gives an illustrated talk on Irish music in Canada and plays the concertina, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library.
- "East Atwater Library," Westmount Historical Society lecture by **Susan McGuire**, historian and past executive director of the Atwater Library of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal, 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Admission free for members; non-members \$5 at door. Info: 514.989.5510.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Centre Greene **Parents and Tots Playtime**, 1 to 3 pm. An indoor playgroup for parents and children aged 5 and under. Cost: \$3.50 drop-in. Info: 514.931.6202.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Westmount's contingent in **St. Patrick's Parade**, 12 pm, downtown Montreal. To sign-up or for information on where and when to meet, contact Community Events Division at Victoria Hall, 514.989.5226.

• "Honour and the Law," presented by **Roy Heenan** from 9:10 to 10:20 am at St. Matthias' Church (10 Church Hill) in the lower hall. Q&As. Info: 514.933.4295 or st.matthias@qc-.aira.com.

Monday, March 19

- The Canadian National Organization for the Widowed offers a bereavment group gathering, 10 am at 4141 Sherbrooke St. suite 650. Cost: \$80 for 8 sessions, however no one is turned away. Info: 514.934.0280.
- Women's Canadian Club of Montreal present "Music at McGill," with speaker Professor Sean Ferguson, dean of McGill's Schulich School of Music, 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, 11:30 am. Info: capers@total.net.

Monday, March 20

- In the City presents "The Ongoing Crisis in the Middle East" with Professor Henry Habib, 7 to 9 pm at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom. Cost: \$10 for members; \$15 for non-members. Register: Stefani Novick 514.342.1234, ext. 7201.
- Westmount Public Library book club discusses *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese, 7 pm. Open to all. Coffee and discussion. Info: Donna Lach, 514.989.5386 or dlach@westmount.org
- "Poetry and Prose Reading" evening at McClure Gallery (350 Victoria Ave.), 7 pm, with host Ilona Martonfi and featuring recently published Montreal poets, prose writers, spoken word artists and solo musical performers. Cost: \$5 at door. Info: 514.488.9558.

A long way from home to play hockey



Westmount's PeeWee A Wings played a friendly game against a PeeWee A team from Orange County, California on February 19 at the Westmount arena. The Californian hockey team was in town for a tournament and, through the efforts of Mike Deegan, director of Westmount's Sports and Recreation department, "made time for a game," before flying home. Said Wings team manager Oliver Sugden, "The score unfortunately was not in our favour." "Those blond, tanned, surfer-looking guys certainly know how to play hockey – and well!" The score was Orange County 6, Westmount o.

Photo courtesy of Oliver Sugde

Gryphons grapple their way to GMAA victory



The Selwyn House wrestling team ended its undefeated season with a victory against Loyola High School at the GMAA championships to take the 2012 title on February 16 at Kahnawake Survival School. This was the second time in the past six years that the Gryphons have won the banner. Kahnawake has lost only four dual meets in the past 22 years, three of those to Selwyn House, but in the championships, only Selwyn has defeated KSS.

Photo courtesy of Selwyn House

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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.



SPORTS ET LOISIRS

Activités printemps et été 2012

Surveillez bien votre courrier cette semaine ; l'édition printemps/été 2012 du Guide des activités communautaires et culturelles, sportives et de loisirs de Westmount vous parviendra sous peu! Les inscriptions débuteront le lundi 19 mars. Info: 514 989-5353.



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 émergeants 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.

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.

Défilé de la Saint-Patrick

Les résidents de Westmount sont invités à arborer les couleurs de l'Irlande en compagnie des participants de la Ville lors du 188e défilé de la Saint-Patrick organisé par la Société unie des irlandais de Montréal. Le contingent de Westmount se réunira à midi sur le boulevard René-Lévesque entre les rues du Fort et Crescent. Info : 514 989-5226.

DATES À RETENIR

Le 19 mars à 8 h 30

Inscriptions : activités printanières et estivales Aréna de Westmount

Le 2 avril à 20 h

Séance du conseil Hôtel de ville



Concert gratuit : Platero et moi

Le 28 mars à 19 h au Victoria Hall. Les Voyageurs immobiles nous offre des regards sur la beauté des choses, sur l'amitié et le deuil. Un magnifique spectacle à mi-chemin entre théâtre, conte et musique. D'après l'œuvre de Juan Ramon Jiménez. Présenté par le Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée et la ville de Westmount. Info: 514 989-5226.

La galerie du Victoria Hall

La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter une série d'œuvres récentes de l'artiste Elisabeth Galante du 22 mars au 14 avril. Info: 514 989-5521.

Une heure pour la terre 2012

Éteignez vos lumières entre 20 h 30 et 21 h 30 le samedi 31 mars et participez aux activités au Victoria Hall: films, kiosques d'information, musique, invités et observation d'étoiles et de planètes de 18 h à 22 h. Participez au concours de l'AMW « J'éteins, j'y vois ». Info: 514 989-5226 ou www.westmount.org.



BIBLIOTHÈOUE

Club de lecture anglaise

Prochaine rencontre : le mardi $\overline{20}$ mars de 19 h à 21 h pour discuter du livre *Cutting for Stone* d'Abraham Verghese. Info : 514 989-5386.

Around the World in 80 minutes: A Celebration of World Storytelling Day

Explorez des lieux étranges et lointains avec les histoires captivantes des membres du Cercle des Conteurs de Montréal le mercredi 21 mars à 19 h. 13 ans et plus. Info: 514 989-5386.

Club de lecture française

Joignez-vous au club de lecture française le lundi 26 mars de 13 h à 15 h pour discuter des œuvres de Laurent Gaudé. Info: 514 989-5386.

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

Cet atelier vous permettra de vous exprimer en vers et de libérer votre créativité dans une ambiance décontractée. Notre prochaine date de rencontre est le mercerdi 28 mars à 14 h. Info: 514 989-5386.

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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.



SPORTS & RECREATION

Spring and summer 2012 activities

Watch your mailbox this week for the spring/summer 2012 edition of the Westmount Community and Cultural Events, Sports and Recreation Activities Guide. Registration begins on Monday, March 19. Info: 514 989-5353.



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).

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.

St. Patrick's Parade

Westmounters are invited to be Irish for a day as part of the city's 'Green' entry in the 188th St. Patrick's Day Parade, organized by the United Irish Societies in downtown Montreal. The Westmount contingent will meet at noon on René-Lévesque Boulevard between Fort & Crescent Streets. Community groups are welcome to join in and carry banners of their respective group. Greenery and accessories will be available to participants. Info: 514 989-5226.

DATEBOOK

March 19 at 8:30 a.m.

Registration: spring and summer activities Westmount Arena

April 2 at 8 p.m.

Council Meeting City Hall



Free concert: Platero et moi

March 28 at 7 p.m. at Victoria Hall. *Les Voyageurs immobiles* offers a unique perspective on beauty, friendship and mourning through this magnificient presentation that is part theatre, part storytelling and part music. Based on the story by Juan Ramon Jiménez. Presented by the *Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée* and the City of Westmount. Info: 514 989-5226.

The Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to feature a recent series of works by artist Elisabeth Galante from March 22 to April 14. Info: 514 989-5521.

Earth Hour 2012

Turn off the lights between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. and join the activities at Victoria Hall - music, information exhibits, movie, special guests, stargazing and more. Enter the WMA's "Proud to be Dim" contest. Info: 514 989-5226 or www.westmount.org.



LIBRARY

English Book Club

Join the English Book Club from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20 as they discuss Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. Info: 514 989-5386.

Around the World in 80 minutes: A Celebration of World Storytelling Day

Take a free trip to the most intriguing and farthest corners of the earth with captivating stories from members of the Montreal Storytellers' Guild on Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. Ages 13+ Info: 514 989-5386.

French Book Club

Join the French Book Club on Monday, March 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. as they discuss the works of William Faulkner. Info: 514 989-5386.

Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

Get creative in these monthly light-hearted workshops that will get you to express yourself in verse. Our next session will take place Wednesday, March 28 at 2 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386.

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www.westmount.org assistance@westmount.org

Weintraub screens his documentary at Place K



Westmount author and filmmaker William Weintraub gave a screening, March 1, of his 1993 NFB documentary The Rise and Fall of English Montreal to a full-house at Place Kensington, where Weintraub lives with his wife Magda. The film raises questions about the departure from Quebec of hundreds of thousands of anglophones starting in the early 1970s. Although Weintraub said "many things have changed since then," he added that he was pleased the film angered the CBC, which had demanded changes then refused to air it. Questions and answers followed the film.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

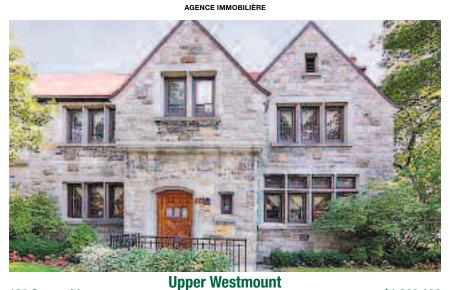
Tobagganing at night



Andréa Poupart, right, and her son Drew Clarke, 5, a Roslyn School student, enjoy some after-dark tobogganing at Murray Hill Park on February 14.

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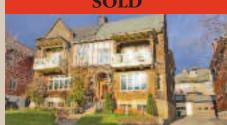
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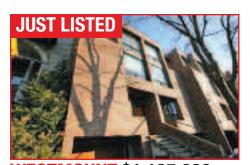
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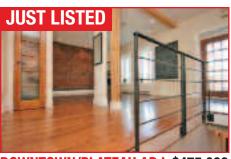
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