

Lansdowne dog run to stay

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Now that security hoarding has been installed around the construction site for the Westmount recreation centre, it appears the Lansdowne dog run will not have to be moved up into Westmount Park, Councilor Cynthia Lulham announced May 7.

"The hoarding is going right down the middle of it," she told the city council meeting. "The good news is that it is not obliterating it."

As a result, the dog run *continued on p. 8*

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Peres speaks at the Shaar



Shimon Peres makes his way through the crowd at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim following his visit to the Côte St. Antoine Rd. synagogue on May 10. See story, p. 9.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Donors step forward Second rink expands to 200 feet

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's new recreation centre will indeed get its second underground ice rink extended to the 200-foot standard length.

The new development was announced at the city council meeting May 7 with the news that two donors had stepped up to the plate just before the start of excavation to help provide the additional \$1 million in funding needed to extend its 185 feet by 15.

Contractor Pierre Pomerleau, a Westmount resident, in conjunction with his firm, which is building the complex, came forward with \$225,000 toward the cost, Finance *continued on p. 3*

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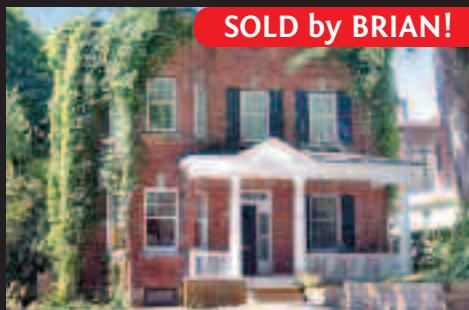
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City looks to make up remaining \$700k

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commissioner Tim Price said.

Another donor “who wishes to remain anonymous” has pledged \$100,000, he said.

Looking for another \$700,000

The city hopes to be able to make up the remaining \$700,000 through a variety of ways. These include other donations, the fundraising campaign and \$600,000 in new grants the city is applying for to offset the overall cost of the project. These are two provincial grants. One for \$400,000 is

for energy efficiency; another for \$200,000 to improve refrigeration in arenas.

“The intent is that taxpayers will not shoulder any additional burden,” Mayor Peter Trent later explained.

Based on the new funding, the city is now in a position to go ahead with the longer rink, Councillor Patrick Martin announced at the start of the meeting. This is something he always favoured, he added.

“We’re only building it once, and we have to do it properly,” added Councillor Cynthia Lulham, noting that 200 feet has become the “uniform and regulation size.”

While two 200-foot rinks had originally

been proposed, one was cut back in February to shave some \$2 million off construction costs. The shorter rink would not require digging into infrastructure at Academy Rd.

Since then, however, this cost has been re-estimated at \$1,025,000, an amount negotiated as an option in the Pomerleau design-build contract.

Council members had been holding out the possibility that funding could be obtained to build both rinks to 200 feet.

White poodle taken to SPCA

Public safety officers took a small white poodle to the SPCA May 4 after it was found “running all over” near the Summit lookout about 9:40 pm. The dog wore no collar and could not be identified. It was reported to have been kept at the Public Security station until 10:15 pm, but the owner never called looking for it. “It shows the importance of keeping a collar with the licence on a dog,” said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain.

Chain saw buzzes at the worksite



This big tree near the entrance to the arena at the corner of the pool was one of the first to be cut down, following city council's approval of a permit at the May 7 council meeting (see story May 8, p. 3). Also on May 9, a chain saw made quick work of the elm hedge around the pool.

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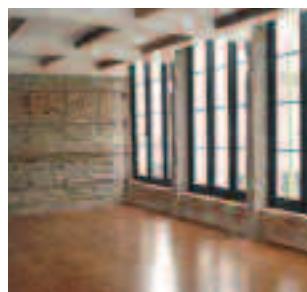
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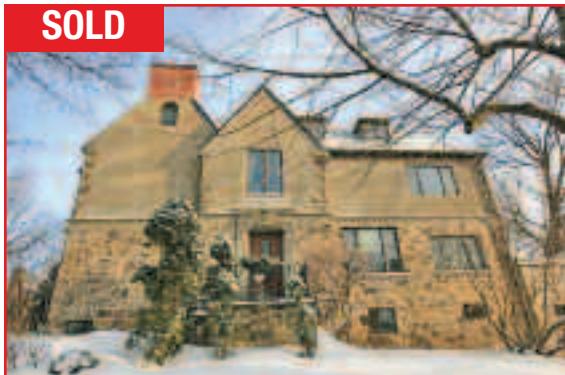


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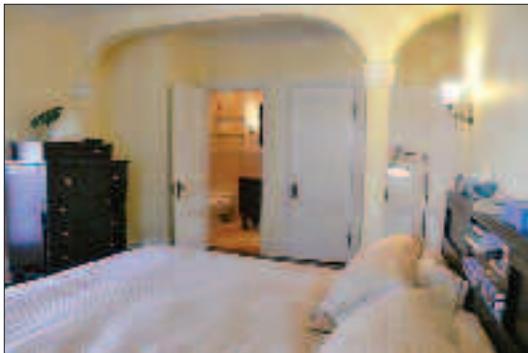




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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RATS AND NEIGHBOURS

Further to George Bowser's article about the "rat situation" in Westmount ("Rats," May 8, p. 24), I have a neighbour who believes all the rats in Westmount come from my home.

They have decided to systematically try and poison all of them including, sadly, any or all of the animals who happen to be nearby.

I have a problem with that since most of the neighbours have dogs and cats!

We certainly have a rat situation in Westmount but with people like my neighbour, we are going to have a major catastrophe one day and hopefully it will not be a child as well as any innocent animal.

I think after hearing their attitude towards all creatures I would prefer the rats.

LYNDA LUBER, REDFERN AVE.

WHEN WILL CANADA UPDATE MICROWAVE EXPOSURE LIMIT?

Microwaves, high frequency electromagnetic waves that can carry information, make wireless communication possible. Scientists have known for decades that microwaves can have "thermal" or heating effects (e.g. a microwave oven) so every country in the world has set safety standards to protect its citizens.

For instance, Health Canada's current exposure limit to microwaves, 1,000 mi-

crowatts/cm², effectively protects Canadians from burns. However, this safety standard does not adequately protect Canadians from biological (non-thermal) effects due to wireless communication.

In 2007, *The Bioinitiative Report*, a meta-analysis of 1,500 independently (not industry) funded scientific studies determined that chronic exposure to microwaves (at levels well below the thermal effect threshold) is associated with grave biological effects, such as DNA damage, heart arrhythmia and immune system disruption.

Many European countries have modified their safety standards to reflect the latest scientific evidence in order to protect their citizens from both thermal and non-thermal effects of microwaves. For instance, the current exposure limit in Switzerland is 9.5 microwatts/cm², in Belgium it is 2.4 microwatts/cm² and in the principality of Lichtenstein, it is 0.1 microwatts/cm².

When will Canada update its microwave exposure limit?

MEGAN DURNFORD, VICTORIA AVE.

BARKING NOT CONSIDERED NEIGHBOURLY

Resident Mike Finkelstein, in his letter "Embrace neighbourly behaviours," (May 8, p. 6), finds it "odd" that recent letters

were negative concerning "dog parks" (dog runs) and hockey arenas, as they enhance his life. I'd like to address his, and any other dog owner's, puzzlement about dogs.

Barking is perceived by many as an intrusive, disturbing noise, which doesn't enhance their lives. Typically, barking (and yapping) is not just one bark but is sustained or intermittent. It can shatter the peace, especially when it occurs early in the morning or late at night. Even a few seconds of barking can wake people up. Any time of day, whether it occurs from the sidewalk, backyard or park, barking is not confined to a small area, including one's property.

So, the prospect of there being, even temporarily, a dog run in Westmount Park was dispiriting. (Councillor Cynthia Lulham reported at the May 7 council meeting that the Lansdowne dog run would not have to be relocated during the arena construction.)

The presence of dogs in a residential area or in a park should not be framed as a tolerance issue, as Mr. Finkelstein sees it. It's about courtesy: not subjecting others to barking. The typical excuse: "The barking can't be helped" is baseless; a dog can be muzzled so the noise won't disturb others.

I acknowledge that many dog owners act responsibly. But there are a lot of dogs in Westmount, and more than a few owners are either not aware of their obligations or don't care. I hope this letter will help to

sensitize all dog owners about barking as a noise issue, and particularly any owner who puts his dog in the backyard (the dog barks to be let back inside).

The city recognizes that barking can be a disturbance. By-law 535, article 10 states: "If any dog shall bark or howl in such a manner as to disturb the peace or to constitute an annoyance to residents in the neighbourhood, such dog shall be deemed to be a nuisance and the keeper thereof shall be deemed to have infringed this by-law."

SUSAN KAZENEL, KENSINGTON AVE.

On the fence



A resident of Grosvenor Ave. observed this raccoon on her fence recently, where he stayed for some 20 minutes watching the family eat dinner on the outdoor porch. Possibly going through his mind: "Should I stay or should I go?"

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Injured red bird found

An injured bird was taken to the SPCA May 5 after it was found at 14 Ramezay Rd. Public safety officers described it as a red bird with yellow on the wings.

Watch found – yours?

A man's watch was found on the street outside 422 Lansdowne Ave. May 6, public safety officers report. It was taken to local police station 12.

FP reports

Sharing St. Monica's, buying energy efficient vehicles and rating a dog run

In NDG, the *Free Press* reported last week that French and English students may end up sharing the EMSB's St. Monica Elementary.

In Côte St. Luc, the paper reported that the city is replacing its Dodge Caravan fleet with energy efficient vehicles.

In Hampstead, the paper reported that

a new dog run in Hampstead is getting mixed reviews, but is generally "better" (in the words of one resident).

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

Was a gate left open?

Westmount dog drowns in nearby Montreal pool

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The sad story of how a Westmount dog drowned in the pool of a Montreal neighbour has left behind a message for all pool owners: that no matter how much security fencing and latching gates may conform to regulations, an open gate is an accident waiting to happen.

It all began when Surrey, a five-year-old fox terrier with a love of water, bolted suddenly out of the garage door of her home on Lansdowne Ridge April 11.

Before Barbara Stein, the dog's owner, could stop the high-energy family pet, Surrey was on her way, racing down the public stairs toward Cedar Crescent below the hill in the Côte des Neiges district.

And all the calling and searching around the neighbourhood as well as alerts to Public Security, the SPCA and Berger Blanc proved in vain until the SPCA called Stein some four hours later to relay the news she did not want to hear.

Searching for answers

And ever since then, Stein's search for answers as to what really happened has consumed her thoughts. It's left her with the suspicion that a series of incidents along the way had contributed to Surrey's ill-fated adventure.

She told the *Independent* May 10, that as far as her investigation indicates to date, the gate to the in-ground pool was apparently open enough to let Surrey into the yard. And that the pool owner called the



Surrey, held by Barbara Stein's daughter, Kim Stein. Photo: courtesy of Alan Stein.

SPCA while Surrey, Stein was told, was trying to grab the edge of the pool but unable to climb out.

She also discovered that by the time the SPCA arrived at the house, efforts to resuscitate her were in vain. She was found

near the steps of the pool.

Stein also believes that along the line, Surrey fell through cracks in the system. Somehow, no one had linked the report of a runaway dog in the general area with the reports of a dog in a pool.

And why couldn't the small dog have been pulled out sooner? "She was only a 17-pound terrier," Stein said.

The story continues. Stein said she and her husband walked past the property after the incident "every day for a week" and found a gate open. She called 911. "Police came to the house and told me to call 311, the Access Montreal number.

"It was not until after my third call to 311 when I spoke to a supervisor, that the gate was closed," she said. She did not know for sure whether or not there was a relationship.

Stein said she was telling her story in the hopes that Surrey's death would not be in vain and that another person would not lose a child or a pet to an "unnecessary" pool drowning.

'Civil responsibility'

Westmount Urban Planning director Joan Poirier told the *Independent* that while, in Westmount's case, the city had incorporated Quebec's new pool fencing laws into its own by-law last summer, "it's

the civil responsibility" of owners once approved fencing is in place to ensure that gates are kept closed.

Municipal inspectors do not monitor gates, she explained – or trespass on private property to do so.

It's the same as with smoke detectors, for example. The city mandates their installation and the requirement that they remain operational, but it's up to residents to ensure that they contain functioning batteries at all times.

New Quebec regulations adopted last year for application throughout the province required all new pool installations to be fully enclosed by a fence of at least four feet in height that could not be accessed from the house and with a gate having a self-closing latch.

These were incorporated into Westmount's zoning by-law 1303 after public consultation June 22 (see June 14, p. 7).

Now in Westmount, the safety changes require all new pools, but not grandfathered ones, to have both the new enclosure around the pool as well the previous 6-foot fence at the perimeter of the lot to block off the pool from the neighbourhood.

There are no similar requirements covering access to ponds regardless of their size or depth.

Dog run 'guaranteed safe'

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will be extended toward the southwest and a five-foot high fence is to be installed around the sides not secured by hoarding, Lulham said.

The run's fate had see-sawed back and forth while the exact location of the hoarding was determined.

Initially, it was thought there would be enough space to keep the run at the current location during construction. Then, a controversial plan was announced two months ago to move it into the site of Shakespeare in the Park in Westmount Park north of the bike path (see March 13, p. 12).

But when it was found recently that the run could remain in place, the contractor "guaranteed me the site would be completely safe," Lulham explained.

While no work will take place close to the hoarding, she said, the fencing had to be positioned a certain distance away to conform to requirements of the CSST, the

workplace health and safety board.

Tickets given for three off-leash dogs

Three Westmount dog owners were ticketed \$75 each for allowing their dogs to play unleashed in Westmount Park near the Melville pond May 5, Public Security officials said. There is now no advance warning given before the ticket.

The dogs – a retriever, West Highland terrier and shepherd/collie mix – were noticed frolicking together at 9 am. Only one had a valid licence. The owners of the other two were given 14 days to obtain one.

The issue of many dogs running freely in the both Murray Park and Summit Woods was raised at the May 7 council meeting by a citizen who was told the city was cracking down on the by-law violation.

Penny wars at St. George's



St. George's high school held its annual "penny war" between May 1 and May 4 and raised over \$3,000, which will be used to help fund the tuition of the girls at the Sheila Bal Bhavan home in Jaipur, India. Students bring in change in an effort to raise the most money for their grade, with the winning grade earning an early dismissal. Grade 9 won and received an early dismissal on Friday.

Photo courtesy of St. George's

Peres shared views, humour during Westmount stopover

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Although he dealt mostly with serious issues, Israeli president Shimon Peres proved that he also has a sense of humour.

“Being in Montreal, I think the thing to do is to speak English,” the Israeli president said during a stop at Westmount’s Congregation Shaar Hashomayim on May 10, after delivering some opening remarks in French.

On the last day of a five-day visit to Canada, the former Israeli prime minister, Nobel peace prize winner and ninth president of Israel was welcomed at the synagogue by more than 1,000 people.

Wept with joy

Some wept with joy, while others wanted only to shake the hand of Peres, whose long career as a soldier and a politician dates back to Israel’s beginning as a nation.

After arriving at the Shaar around 11 am, heavily guarded by Israeli security staff and RCMP plain-clothed officers, Peres spoke about the past, the present and the future of Israel.

His sense of humour emerged again when he drew a comparison between

Canada’s substantial water resources and those in Israel, which are few. “We in Israel have one river, which has more fame than water,” he said, adding that the country also has two lakes, although “one is dead.”

Contemplating the contributions of Jewish people to civilization, Peres suggested their greatest was “dissatisfaction,” because it drove them to strive for greater achievements. Peres recalled the adversity that the country’s first citizens faced.

“Israel began as a clear doubt,” he said. “When you looked around, all the facts and numbers were against us. In 1948, there were only 650,000 Jewish people against 40 million Arabs ... Statistically we didn’t stand a chance. Outnumbered, outgunned, unsupported, not accepted, and maybe this was the most important discovery.”

Spoke about conciliation

Peres, who was at one time regarded as a “hawk” but who more recently supported the idea of peace in the Middle East through economic cooperation, spoke optimistically about conciliation, while suggesting that compromise must be part of the solution.

Barry Caplan, a Westmounter who attended Peres’s talk, said “I though he gave a message that represented all the great qualities of Israel,” he told the *Independent*.

Caplan said he was especially im-

pressed with Peres’s comments on a lasting peace in the Middle East. “It showed humility, wisdom and hope,” he said. “He talked about strength and the wisdom of making peace with your neighbours.”

Cat tempts its nine lives



A cat tempts fate while sitting in the middle of Côte St. Antoine Rd. near Metcalfe, just before a motorcade carrying Israeli president Shimon Peres left Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, where Peres was giving a talk May 10. The cat lazily sauntered off as the police motorcade left the area. Life was back to normal.

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NEWS FROM CITY COUNCIL, MAY 7

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

More pleas for bike path on Côte Rd.

Marilynn Gillies of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA) appealed to city council May 7 to start planning for a bike path on Côte St. Antoine so it will be ready in time for implementation of the city's master traffic plan.

With the introduction of four new Bixi stands on Monkland Ave. in NDG, she said, more cyclists can be expected to use this street as a commuting route even though it is not protected. Similar requests have been made by Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling (WCSC).

Mayor Peter Trent said the challenge was finding a way to meet the needs of both residents and cyclists. The de Maisonneuve path was a prime example of the difficulty residents experience trying to get out of their driveways along the bike path.

Roger Jochym, also of the WWCA, asked Trent to write a letter in support of needed changes to this route at Decarie, just west of Westmount.



Marilynn Gillies addresses city council May 7.

More council meeting news, p. 1, 7.

Province must share transit costs, Trent tells regional hearings

Regional matters are so important for local taxpayers, Mayor Peter Trent told the city council meeting May 7, that he devoted his opening report to the subject of public transit funding in the Montreal area.

He gave a preview of the brief he would be presenting May 9 on behalf of the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM) to hearings of the Montreal Metropolitan Community (MMC) into identifying potential new sources of funding revenue for ever-increasing costs of regional transportation services.

"Our position is that taxpayers have paid enough," Trent said.

Montreal, he explained, was probably the only metropolis in North America where the higher level of government doesn't substantially subsidize the operating costs of public transportation.

While Quebec funding applies to capital costs, "we have to operate that rolling stock."

In fact, he states in the ASM brief, the MMC's hearing on finding new sources of transit funding is premature and "puts the cart before the horse."

Larger issues to be dealt with first include governance, investment priority setting and an equitable formula for sharing the costs, especially given that 14 new projects totaling some \$23 billion have been proposed by various regional transit providers. "Given the reality of the current funding limitations, who will decide how these projects will be identified?" the brief asks.

Trent presented the brief to the MMC's Transportation Commission as president of the ASM.

Fines doubling for double parking and more

Draft legislation was tabled at the city council meeting May 7 to double the fines from \$45 to \$90 for vehicles double parked, parked in front of private driveways or illegally in zones reserved for handicapped persons.

When administrative fees are added to the new fine, the cost of a ticket for these infractions will jump from \$57 to \$115, Public Security officials said.

The amendment to traffic By-law 726 is expected to be adopted at a subsequent meeting.

Public Security officials told the *Independent* that sometimes they give toleration to delivery trucks or other vehicles that are double parked briefly under certain circumstances. But essentially tickets are given out for vehicles stopped alongside parked ones and that obstruct the flow of traffic.

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'Arena' and 'Redfern' worksite neighbours get help

Blue 'A' and 'R' stickers created for reserved parking

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A new class of reserved parking sticker was approved at the May 7 city council meeting to help residents with on-street permits find spots around construction sites near the arena and the 215 Redfern condo development.

Labelled "A" and "R" accordingly, the colour-coded blue stickers will give eligible holders exclusive rights to designated zones around the two sites.

"A" permits will allow residents of Lansdowne (St. Catherine to Sherbrooke),

Blenheim Place, Lewis, Irvine, Park Place and Academy Rd. to park in zones on those streets.

"R" permits apply to residents of Redfern between St. Catherine and Sherbrooke. Special zones are being established for them on other parts of Redfern, Hillside Lane and St. Catherine.

The changes were moved by Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who represents all but the Lansdowne residents, and announced the city's intention to create the reserved zones at a series of recent neighbourhood meetings.

No clues in Metcalfe break-in

Police say they have no clues in the case of a Metcalfe apartment break-in.

The incident happened sometime between 10 am and 7:45 pm on May 8. The unit's tenants, a 44-year-old man and a 28-year-old woman, came home to see their front door open.

"There were no signs of forced entry and no fingerprints left behind," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. "There were objects displaced in the apartment."

Stolen were a MacBook laptop computer, three \$50 Future Shop gift cards and some computer hardware.

Anyone having any information about this crime is asked to call Station 12 at 514.280.0412. – DG

Girls hockey struggling to find its place

BY MICHAEL MOORE

For Westmount parents Ed Harvey and Josée Parent, the Canadian tradition of precariously balancing a trio of hockey schedules became more difficult this year as they struggled to accommodate the non-existent schedule for their 14-year-old daughter Caroline, who plays for the Lac St. Louis' Bantam AA girls team. And this at three weeks into the season.

"It is a completely different organization or lack of organization for the girls," said Parent. "By itself it's a small issue, but together with everything else, they're little details that make you feel like she's treated as second class."

The schedule issues were just the beginning of the all-too-familiar trend that has plagued girls' hockey across Quebec, where girls are often left to scarp for equality and ice time in a boy-centric system.

Even at the highest level in her age group, Caroline's team was frequently left with the least desirable practice hours while playing their home games in Châteauguay and having a pair of away games cancelled because the referee failed to appear.

"I think a lot of the girls are being disadvantaged because of this," said Harvey, who coached his son's intercity team and youngest daughter's Termite squad. "A lot of these girls could go on to scholarships at an Ivy League school in the United States if they were treated even half as well the boys."

Though it does have an agreement to send its girls to TMR, Westmount currently lacks its own recreational girls program, forcing parents to opt between sending their daughters to play farther away or with boys.

"It's supply/demand, and unfortunately we don't have the numbers to support [a girls program]," said Westmount Sports and Recreation coordinator Andrew Maislin. "Coming from someone who has a daughter, I would love to have one."

Those staying in Westmount are often

alone in a locker room with a team full of boys coached predominantly by men, which Pearle Nerenberg, the new director of development and promotion for girls' hockey in Lac St. Louis, believes can cause tension as they approach puberty.

"Girls really have to be outstanding characters to survive in that situation," she said. "It's uncomfortable for both boys and girls to be in the same room. That creates tension and makes it difficult for the girl to be included."

To reinvigorate the program, Nerenberg thinks Hockey Quebec needs to fundamentally shift how it approaches the sport.

"Girls' hockey in Quebec is trying to grow up within the boys' program. In reality, it's better to think of each as their own sport," she said. "That's what Ontario did in the '70s and their program is flourishing while Quebec's is not."

Both Harvey and Nerenberg believe that the best way to keep girls from becoming disheartened is a return to the grassroots level, allowing girls to grow up playing the sport together.

The two may soon see that goal become a reality in Westmount, as according to Maislin, a recent increase in interest coupled with the added ice time of the new arena means the city's own girls' program is likely not too far away.

Westmount's nuclear past

BY GEORGIA TAKACSY

My great-grandfather J. C. Cushing was the mayor of Westmount between 1959 and 1963. Recently, I was at my country house and found a letter that he wrote to the citizens of Westmount on May 15, 1962.

The letter came with two booklets: "11 Steps to Survival" and "Your Basement Fallout Shelter," both prepared by the Privy Council, along with an introduction written by the prime minister of Canada at the time, John Diefenbaker.

I read through these written materials and was surprised to learn that the booklet was a step-by-step guide on how Canadian families should prepare in the event

of a nuclear war. J. C. Cushing's letter explained to the citizens of Westmount the importance and the urgency of reading and following the guidelines provided in the booklet.

The year 1962 was right in the middle of the Cold War between Russia and the United States, so it was unpredictable as to whether something as dangerous as a nuclear war could start, causing hundreds of thousands of Canadians to be killed or severely injured. Following the guide and being prepared for a nuclear war could prevent such a catastrophic tragedy.

The booklet has 11 sections. Each section gives detailed instructions on each of the 11 steps to surviving a nuclear war:

1. Know the effects of nuclear explosions.
2. Know the facts about radioactive fallout.
3. Know the warning signals and have a battery-powered radio.
4. Have some shelter to go to.
5. Have 14 days of emergency supplies.
6. Know how to prevent and fight fires.
7. Know first aid and home nursing.
8. Know emergency cleanliness.
9. Know how to get rid of radioactive dust.
10. Know your municipal emergency plans.
11. Have a plan for your family (and if you are alone, have your own plan).

One has to wonder how serious a threat a nuclear attack really was in those days, and whether the risk of one in today's world is even greater.

Georgia Takacsy is a Westmounter and the great-granddaughter of J. C. Cushing, mayor of Westmount from 1959 to 1963.



A the letter written in 1962 by former mayor of Westmount J. C. Cushing.

Uphill, down hill, liquor and curfew laws enforced

Along with the arrival of summer-like weather has come the inevitable late night partying, beer drinking, illegal late-night parking at the Summit lookout and violations of the parks curfew.

Reports of various offences made their way into a number of Public Security reports starting May 7 when six warnings were issued at 10:16 pm to a group of six persons seated on the cement stairs leading down into Sunnyside Park. They were warned against consuming alcohol in public places, as well as parking in the area after 10 pm. Each was identified and names entered into the Public Security database for future reference.

Another group of 15 consuming beer outside 3035 St. Antoine St. was also dispersed.

And soon after, at 1:50 am, tickets for \$217 were issued to four people at the lookout for being in the park after curfew. All were from Montreal or Laval.

Household garbage found in city can

Household garbage found in the public garage can at Prince Albert Park May 2 was traced to the offender whose name was on discarded papers, according to Public Security officials. He was warned not to use the city cans for household waste.

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Hydro Westmount tests electric car for sustainability

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Are electric cars a sustainable option for Westmount's municipal use?

That's what Hydro Westmount has spent two weeks trying to determine as meter reader Roy Meiselbach test-drove a Nissan Leaf around the city from April 30 to May 11 while carrying out his regular duties.

The silver car was quite visible on the street sporting the "100-percent electric" lettering in green on the rear fender and the green door logo of Communauto, the car-sharing service that has a partnership with Westmount and that supplied the car.

And so far, so good as far as the test goes, said Meiselbach during a ride-along May 9.

"The car gives me all the power I need on the hills," he said as it climbed



Hydro Westmount meter reader Roy Meiselbach, foreground, shows off the electric car he has been testing on loan from Communauto to Sergiu Guzo, Hydro Westmount's team leader, operation and maintenance.

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Grosvenor silently except for the sound of the tires. On the descent of Victoria, it recovered energy, according to the indicator display.

The car's single 24-kilowatt battery provides from 153 to 168 kilometers on a single charge depending on the mode in which it's driven, he said. "I could go my whole route without charging it." The two meter readers each cover slightly more than 1,900 km a year.

For Hydro Westmount as a supplier of clean renewable energy, using an electric car is a natural, explained Beatrice Simone, the utility's customer service representative.

In the vanguard?

And in terms of electric vehicles, "I was hoping Hydro Westmount would be in the vanguard," said Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Utilities and Public

Twice thwarted, vehicle theft suspect arrested

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

Station 12 police arrested a suspect after he failed twice to steal vehicles that were about 100 feet apart.

The police received a call at 4:10 pm on May 5 for a man trying to steal a 2005 Chrono Atlan motor scooter on St. Catherine near Wood. When they arrived on the scene, the scooter's owner, a 36-year-old east end Montrealer, told them the suspect had fled after trying to take his bike.

"He said he saw the suspect trying to take the scooter, so he ran up and wrestled the bike away from the suspect," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. "The suspect had put a key in the scooter's ignition, but

he couldn't get it started. There was some damage to the ignition."

The victim gave the police a description of the suspect, and a few moments later, the police got a call for a man trying to steal a car on St. Catherine near Atwater.

"When the officers arrived there, they found the same suspect trying to break into a Honda Odyssey. He had put a key in one of the doors, but he wasn't able to open it," said Pimentel. "He was very violent and under the influence of alcohol. The officers had to place him in handcuffs and ankle cuffs in order to arrest him."

Arrested was a 26-year-old man with no fixed address. He was charged with two counts of attempted theft of a vehicle.

Works, who has brought up the matter at city council meetings on several occasions.

"If the car will work anywhere in North America, it's here," he said. "It makes perfect sense considering the city operates its own power company and in a province where electricity is relatively cheap," he said.

The acquisition a few years ago by Public Security of Toyota Highlanders, a hybrid vehicle, did not work out well, acknowledged city director general Duncan Campbell.

Vehicle maintenance cost far more than expected, battery disposal was complicated and the vehicles, in the end, proved not very sustainable for patrol use.

As for the Leaf, its initial cost when out-fitted is believed to run around \$45,000 before an \$8,000 Quebec environmental rebate.

And for city purchasing agent John Camia, who arranged for the test car, the real test of sustainability will be in appraising the entire gamut of maintenance and payback.

Meanwhile, the car will also be on the road in coming days when tested by Public Works personnel.

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Lt. Col. Shone underscores identity-building of Canada's regimental system at Rotary

By JOANNE PENHALE

Lessons on how an institution can endure from generation to generation can be drawn from the Royal Montreal Regiment in Westmount, Lieutenant Colonel John Shone told Westmount Rotarians.

In his May 9 speech at Victoria Hall, Shone said the Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR), like other regiments in Canada, has its own distinct customs, traditions and behavioural expectations.

"The regiment gives the individual soldier a sense of belonging," Shone said. A soldier feels linked with his regiment's past, and a stakeholder in its future, he added. "With a sense of belonging comes a sense of identity."

Shone contrasted the regimental systems of Canadian and British armies with continental systems such as in the United States. Currently an exchange instructor for the US Army Reserve, Shone said he's observed American units often lack a strong sense of identity, and when they

have one, it's often the identity of a particular state. "In the Canadian army, units have identities. And it very much does matter what unit one deploys with."

"You do not let down the regiment," Shone said. He noted that cohesion – even in the face of diversity – was the funda-

mental goal of the British secretary of state for war, Edward Cardwell, in the late 19th century, when he envisioned the regimental system in response to the Franco-Prussian War.

Enduring regiments also need a home station – actual real estate – and a central organizing purpose, Shone said. The St. Catherine St. armoury, he said, was an initiative of RMR members following World War I. Westmount citizens fundraised for the effort. Shone simplified the RMR's central purpose as: "When the nation calls, we need to be ready to go."

Shone concluded by suggesting to the roughly two dozen Rotary Club members they might learn from underpinnings of the regimental system.

Shone began his military career in 1984 as an ordinary seaman at HMCS *York* in Toronto.

He is a former commanding officer of the Royal Montreal Regiment and of the Canadian Grenadier Guards, known for its changing of the guard ceremony on Parliament Hill.



Lieutenant Colonel John Shone likened a soldier's sense of belonging in a regiment to a Jewish person's sense of belonging to "a people." Shone said members of a regiment feel connected to its past and might say, "When we attacked Vimy Ridge," just as Jews would say "When we crossed the Red Sea."

Bridges over temporary water



A temporary pipe, pictured here on May 8, has been set up on the northeast corner of Grosvenor and Sherbrooke to maintain water during a water main rehabilitation. The work is scheduled for completion in mid-June, with road repairs targeted for a week later. The work is being done for the city by Sanexen.

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Business Hours and Municipal Services *Victoria Day*

Please note that the City of Westmount's administrative offices at City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Sports & Recreation, Public Security and Public Works, will be closed **Monday, May 21, 2012** for the Victoria Day holiday.

Westmount Public Library will be closed **Sunday and Monday, May 20 and 21**. The kitchen waste collection will take place according to the regular schedule.

Health

Seasons in the sun – special care

BY KATHERINE O'NEIL

As a registered nurse specializing in the field of medical aesthetics, it has been my job and passion to help restore and rejuvenate my patients' looks. A question I am often asked is a variation of "Can you fix this?" Whether it relates to restoration or rejuvenation, my first answer is that the best approach to skin care is to be proactive instead of reactive.

The biggest enemy of your skin is the sun. With summer approaching and days getting longer, you need to be particularly cautious regarding exposure to sun. The sun tan became fashionable in the 1920s when Coco Chanel was photographed with a sunburn while lounging around the French Riviera. Chanel's many fans liked the look of her bronzed skin, found her particularly radiant and beautiful, and a trend was born. This trend, as all tans inevitably do, is fading away.

A healthier movement is emerging. Untanned and even-toned skin is not only healthy and wise, but also very much in vogue. Some credit for this should be given to Prada's ad campaign, which fea-

tures model Karen Elson, as well as porcelain skinned-beauties Nicole Kidman, Gwyneth Paltrow and Natalie Portman. They have chosen to protect their skin from the ravages of the sun. For those of you who think that a tanned look is a fashion must, there are cosmetic options such as bronzers and blush that can add colour to your face.

From wrinkles and brown spots to cancer, the sun's rays can inflict terrible damage to your skin. Knowledge of this has spread over the past several years to the point that we now have the UV index included in our local daily weather reports. If that is not enough of an indication that there is a need for protection from the sun, then what will it take to see the light?

If the forecast called for rain showers, you would think of taking an umbrella with you as you leave the house. The UV index should cause just as much reflection in the preparation for your day outside.

We need to get outdoors, stay active, and manufacture some vitamin D, but we also need to be proactive about combating the sun's harmful potential. Last year, I traveled to China and was amazed by the beautiful women as they fashionably shaded their flawless skin with parasols. Parasols are not a practical option, so how can we best protect our skin?

1. Shade: The simplistic approach to avoid the damage of harmful sunlight is to stay out of it. It sounds easy and smart but you know that sooner or later, you will be exposed to it. You might be hitting the ski slopes, going to the beach or to a day at the Grand Prix, where there is no shade to be found. If this is the case, the next two points are extremely important in protecting yourself.

2. Sunscreen: Despite recent controversy about the safety of some of the active ingredients in sunscreens, the FDA and Health Canada deem sunscreens safe and effective. A minimum SPF (sun protection factor) of 15 is recommended for daily use if you are expecting brief exposure to the sun. A minimum SPF 30 is recommended if you're outdoors, even when enjoying a cloudy day. It is recommended to reapply your sunscreen every two hours, especially if you're swimming or perspiring. Barrier sunscreens, unlike chemical sunscreens, are not absorbed through the skin; do not break down as quickly as chemical sunscreens; and protect against UVA and UVB rays. They include zinc and titanium dioxide and are no longer blobs of white goo like you used to see on the noses of lifeguards. Studies show that you are prob-

ably not applying enough of it. Researchers have found that we typically apply one quarter to one half of what we should. We should be applying about 2 tablespoons to our body, and 1/3 to a 1/2 teaspoon to our faces, 30 minutes before exposing ourselves to the sun.

3. Clothing: The less skin you have exposed to the sun, the better off you are. The clothing industry has developed weather-specific technology that may

amaze you. Items such as hats, shirts and pants have been designed to protect you while keeping your body as cool as possible.

We crave and adore the sun. Do we not get depressed in January when it's dark at 4 pm? Are we not extremely happy to see the first terrace open in early spring? The old adage of "Be careful what you wish for" certainly applies to the sun. Don't avoid our sea- *continued on p. 15*

St. Matthias' Church celebrates building's 100th year



Members and friends of St. Matthias' Church attended a special service on April 28 to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of construction of the church at the corner of Côte St. Antoine Rd. and Church Hill. In June of 1910, the cornerstone for the then new church building was laid (see "St. Matthias' Church to celebrate 100 years," June 8, 2010, p. 2). Pictured above, Rt. Rev. Barry Clarke (centre), the Anglican Church of Canada's bishop for Montreal, performed several rituals, including the blessing of water poured into St. Matthias' baptismal font. Along with the altar and the pulpit, the font is one of three centres of liturgical action in the Anglican faith. Also seen in the photo (from left) are lay assistant Edward Bradley, rector Rev. Kenneth Near, church member Jumaane Johnson and lay assistant Jane Needles.

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CIQ, MUHC share common objectives



McGill University Health Centre staff and interim director general, Normand Rinfret (second from left), stand with members of the Concertation Inter-Quartier (CIQ) from Westmount, including Maureen Kiely, NDG and the Southwest borough. On May 3 at the former Air Canada building on de Maisonneuve at Grey, those stakeholders celebrated a new phase in their longstanding partnership, which includes the recent adoption of a new document outlining common objectives and shared actions. The aim is to create a harmonious integration of the hospital complex into the surrounding communities. The document “paves the way for discussions and initiatives related to job creation for local residents, transport planning for the site, the urban integration of the hospital and local economic development,” according to a press release.

Photo: Isaac Olson

Skin care

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sons in the sun, but be aware of the potential damage exposure to the sun can cause. An ounce of protection, or in this case 2 tablespoons of sunscreen, is worth a pound of cure.

Sunlight is like an argument between yourself and your mother-in-law. The smartest thing to do is to stay completely out of it. However, it is inevitable that you will be dragged into it. When that happens, be smart and try to make the right decisions while being aware of the consequences.

Katherine O’Neil is a registered nurse.

Queen receives jubilee greetings from Westmount

Greetings from Westmount to Queen Elizabeth on the 60th anniversary of her accession to the throne received quick acknowledgment from Buckingham Palace.

“I send my grateful thanks to the citizens of the City of Westmount for their kind message of congratulations,” the queen states in part in the letter dated April 16.

“In return, please accept my good wishes for a most memorable and enjoyable Diamond Jubilee year.”

Mayor Peter Trent wrote the queen March 29 at the suggestion of a citizen, commending her on her “steadfast service to your country and to the Commonwealth,” and saying: “You are truly an inspiration to us all.”

Westmount’s annual shipment of maple syrup to the queen has not yet been sent.

Indecent act caught

Two youths were caught on a city security camera in “an indecent act” behind the comfort station in Westmount Park, Public Security officials report. The incident occurred May 3 at 5:52 pm. The boy and girl, 14 and 15, were students at a local school.

Spring awards banquet, Part 2

The semi-annual sports banquet to recognize youth athletic achievements took place April 18 at Victoria Hall.

The following is the second and last

segment of award-winning athletes and teams recognized at the ceremony.

The first part was published in the May 8 issue, p. 25.

Bantam house league champions:

Flames – Coaches: Alex Danko, Eric Leblanc. Players: Louis-Francois Charpentier, Luke Emblem, Justin Goldberg, Samuel Goldberg, Christopher Jones, Henry Jones, Benjamin Lalonde, Spencer Leahey, Alexis Leblanc, Jacob Lee-Howes, Cedrik Moore, Andre-Walter Panzini, James Pascal, Julian Ritchie, Zachary Shine. *Sportsmanship awards:* Benjamin Lalonde, Vincent Guan, Jules Gagnon, Daniel Bell. *Most improved player award:* Eric Marcil.

Pee wee house league champions:

Scouts – Coaches: Andres Pedroza, Brian Baxter, Erik Moisan. Players: Geoffrey Baxter, Ryan Cohen, Adrien Colas, Anne Sophie Colas, Julien Dupre, Samuel Goneau, David Kalichman, Sigrid Kristjansson, Grace Manning, Emmanuel Mavridakis, Aidan Moisan, Marcelo Pedroza, Simone Saputo, Zachary Sone, Ethan Wong, Shawn Yousefi. *Sportsmanship awards:* Clare Aitken, David Kalichman, Jeffrey Smith. *Most improved player award:* Dylan Kalaydjian

Atom house league champions:

Canadians – Coaches: Phil Papich, Stefan Papich, Anita Trudel. Players: Aidan Banister, Cameron Blatt, Joseph Chalhoub, Dmitry Cherepanov, Adiban Chowdhury, Maximillian Fong, Laurent Klein-Charland, Toni Menear, Marius Miller, Carson Price-Gallagher, Aidan Price-Gallagher, Jarrett Richman, Cooper Konz. *Sportsmanship awards:* Cameron Blatt, Jade Boucetta, Joey Saputo, Alexa Zadeh. *Most improved player award:* Zachary Hannon.

Novice house league champions:

Bears – Coaches: David Joanisse, Carlos Masnaghetti, John Essaris. Players: Ryan Adam, Victor Chen, Andrew Cutler, Demetrius Essaris, Michael Feldman, Thomas Fournier, James Lustig, Terence Mac, Lew Manning, Daniel Masnaghetti, Conor O’Byrne, Mika Olivieri, Yan Ved, Jack Elliott Walter. *Sportsmanship awards:* Ewan MacIver, Ryan Cheema, Andrew Cutler, Henri Chalhoub. *Most improved player award:* Conor O’Byrne.

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\$146 ticket for dumping gravel

A large mound of gravel on the sidewalk generated a \$146 ticket May 8 for Reliance Construction, Public Security officials said. The gravel had been dumped on Greene Ave. south of de Maisonneuve at the condo development at 1250 Greene. The infraction was logged at 11:15 am.

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Selwyn auditorium packed as Chrétien takes to the stage



Jean Chrétien sends the audience into laughter during his one-hour presentation. Seen looking back into an amused and attentive crowd is headmaster Hal Hannaford.

BY JOANNE PENHALE

Jean Chrétien encouraged Selwyn House students to become active citizens when he addressed the school body on May 3. "It's very satisfying, and it's fun... you get involved, you make friends," said Canada's former prime minister. "You're involved in building a better society."

Chrétien's presentation was occasionally comedic. He proceeded to answer a cell phone call in the midst of his time on-stage, though apparently no one replied when he said "Allo?"

And when asked by a student how he felt upon being elected with his first majority in 1993, he began his response, after a brief pause, with "J'étais content."

Asked about the qualities required of a good leader, Chrétien said, "You have to be honest in your talk, honest in your actions, your logic. And you have to be comfortable with yourself."

Chrétien shared a little about his childhood, including that he was undisciplined and had been kicked out of three schools, and was also – because of his father – active with the Liberal Party from a young age. He encouraged students to join the party themselves.

Asked about the Liberal Party's prospects, Chrétien said the political landscape in Canada can change quickly and he estimated Canadians will once again opt for the party's centrism.

He received a standing ovation upon entering the school's auditorium and

again at the end.

Chrétien has three grandsons who graduated from Selwyn House.

Calling all gardeners!

The NDG Food Depot is inviting local gardeners to re-distribute a portion of their harvest through the depot's food bank, which provides food assistance to some 300 households every week. According to the organization, fresh fruit and vegetables are among the most important items in its emergency food baskets, which is why the depot wants to expand the number of gardeners making a contribution.

The most commonly requested vegetables are simple, child-friendly choices like potatoes, carrots, lettuce, and tomatoes, but donations of any vegetable or fruit are appreciated.

For more information or to join the effort as a gardener donor this year and add your name to the depot's "gardening wall," contact Emily Carpenter, distribution and volunteer coordinator at 514.483.4680, ext. 205 or benevole@depotndg.org.

The NDG Food Depot is located at 2121 Oxford Ave., corner de Maison-neuve.

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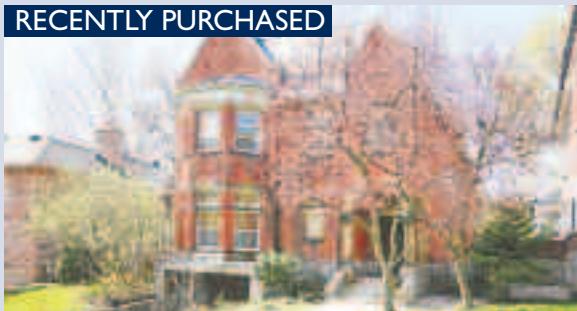


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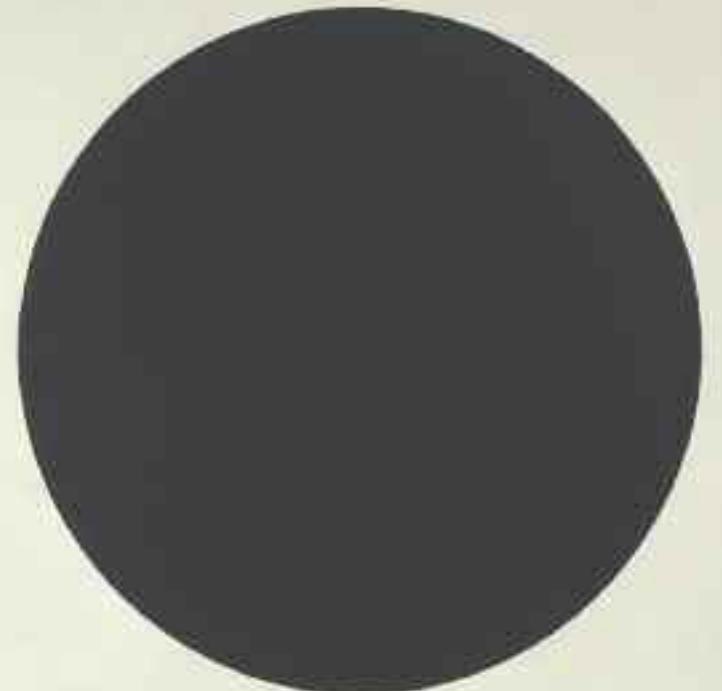
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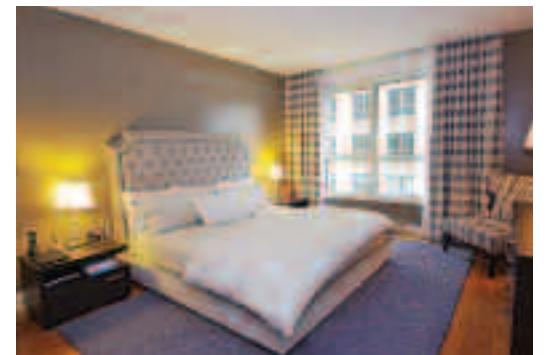
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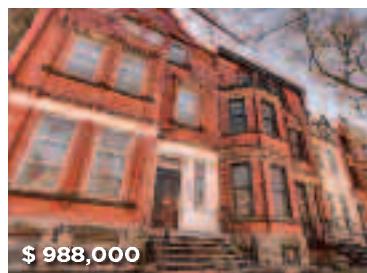
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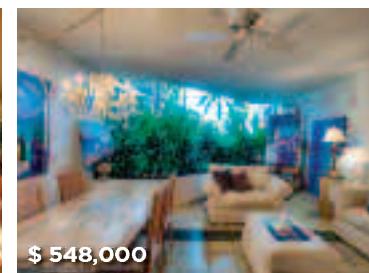
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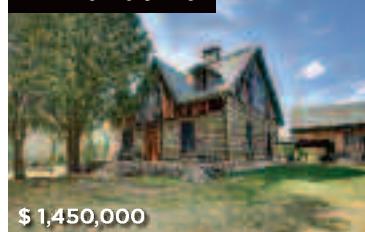
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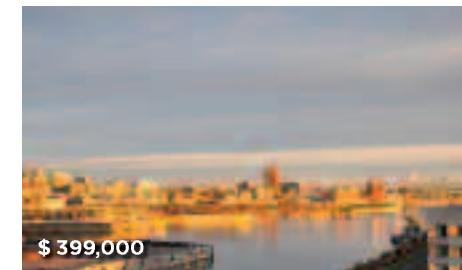
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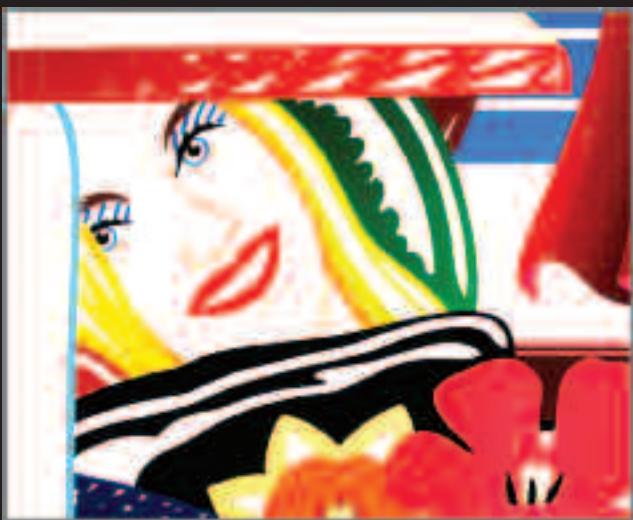
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Westmounters Alyssa Yuffe performed in *Hair* and I Don't Need Anything From You and Andy Nulman performed in *Hair*. Below: Westmounter Jenn Silver performs "Show Off" from *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

Photos courtesy of Segal Centre



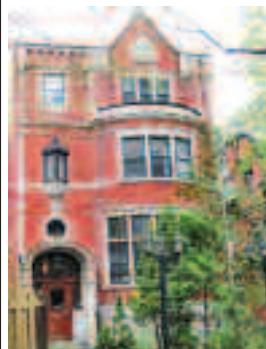
A Segal Centre musical community fundraiser took place over two sold-out nights on April 23 and 25.

This year, more than 50 performers, designers and community members volunteered under the leadership of director Lisa Rubin to present "Curtains Up, Hit the Lights!", a tribute to Jewish Broadway artists and composers.

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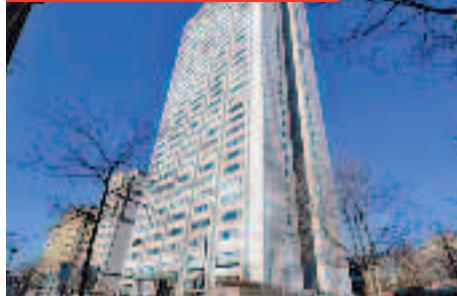
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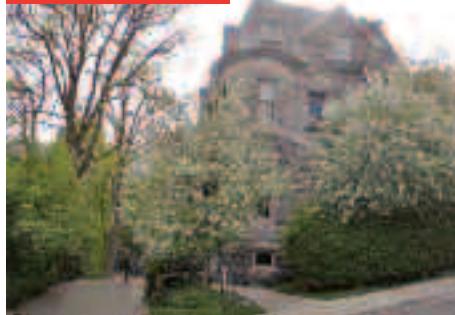
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Marketing feature



Late Richard Stevenson remembered

No debate at WMA AGM

By JOANNE PENHALE

Business at the annual general meeting of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) was finished in about 20 minutes. Highlights of the May 9 meeting included a wine and cheese pre-gathering, a speech from the WMA volunteer of the year Tom Thompson, and a presentation from architect Owen Rose about ecology and urbanity.

Outgoing president Jean-Pierre Picard chaired the meeting and thanked directors who had liaised with city councillors over the year. He also thanked the city councillors who had come to speak at WMA meetings, adding, "It's a practice we want to continue."

Picard also thanked the two departing board members, Rosalind Davis and Kathleen Cousens.

Treasurer Mavis Young reported that the WMA's 2011 income exceeded expenses. That income, according to her report, came mostly from membership dues and donations, and totalled about \$3,700. Her report also said WMA has assets totalling nearly \$22,000.

The slate of directors was composed entirely of returning members and was approved without controversy. In fact, no items raised during the meeting elicited debate.

Vice president Paul Marriott thanked Picard for reviving the WMA over his term as president, which lasted more than two years.

A new president will be elected at the WMA's first meeting following the AGM,

Picard told the *Independent*.

Following the formal business of the meeting, former Westmount councillor Thompson was honoured with the Derek Walker Award for Volunteer Citizen of the Year. Former mayor Karin Marks introduced Thompson, and amongst a long list of volunteer endeavours she noted Thompson was president of the WMA more than two decades ago. (See May 1, p. 1.)

Held at Victoria Hall, the evening concluded with a presentation from architect Owen Rose, who is on the board of the Montreal Urban Ecology Centre. Rose encouraged Westmounters to adopt strategies outlined in the centre's multi-themed urban planning strategy called "Green, Active, Healthy Neighbourhoods." Amongst ideas like improved active transport, local agriculture, and ecological management of buildings using technology like solar walls, Rose drew attention to the importance of trees in urban landscapes of the future, as opposed to popular culture projections of a treeless future, such as in *Bladerunner* and *The Jetsons*.

During the meeting, Picard announced former WMA president Richard Stevenson had died the day before, and expressed condolences to Stevenson's family.

Mayor Peter Trent, and councillors Theodora Samiotis and Nicole Forbes attended. The meeting was primarily in English, with some French. About 70 people attended. The association has 172 members, said WMA director Philip Cutler.



Outgoing WMA president Jean-Pierre Picard heartily shakes the hand of Tom Thompson, who received the 2012 WMA volunteer recognition award.

WMA website = Russian porn?

Anyone looking for online details of the Westmount Municipal Association's (WMA) general meeting might have stumbled upon some unexpected sights.

"All requests to the WMA website were being redirected to a Russian porn site," WMA vice president and webmaster, Paul Marriott, explained to the *Independent*. "This was very annoying for the annual general meeting as we couldn't post any information about the meeting."

"Hackers automatically scan sites for vulnerable installations of such things as WordPress ... and attack them," Marriott explained, although he hadn't been able to confirm this is what happened. When the *Independent* asked if the WMA could

have been targeted, he said, "I'm sure this was random."

Marriott noticed a week earlier the site appeared online as a blank page, he said, and reported it to hosting company, DreamHost. It seemed to be back to normal, he said, but then he got a Google warning the site could be harmful and when he visited, he saw the Russian connection.

No member information would have been compromised, Marriott said. WMA membership coordinator Philip Cutler is managing a separate website with member information.

DreamHost is aware of the hacking, Marriott said. – JP

Federal Liberals honour Westmouter for volunteerism



During the Westmount-Ville Marie Liberal riding association's annual family brunch held on April 29 at the Holiday Inn downtown, MP Marc Garneau recognized the contributions of two volunteers of the riding association: Westmouters Francie Montgomery and Louise Girouard. They are co-recipients of the 2012 Gilles Daigneault Award, named after another long-time volunteer. Seen from left: Garneau, Montgomery, Girouard, riding association president Anna Gainey and Gilles Daigneault.

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Patches' kittens



Patches (right)

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Analyzing April sales: Staying on top



Mood of the Market

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings, which were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in April 2012. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices cannot be made public but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph offers a picture of these trends over time.

Westmount real estate prices stayed above the \$1.5 million average price in April, representing the third straight month that they have cleared that level.

With 15 sales in the month, only two were over \$2 million, the highest price at \$3,150,000, while four sales were for less than \$1 million, the lowest at \$825,000. Only one of the sales went for less than valuation, and that one involved property which, according to the listing, probably will be demolished.

The average mark-up was only 17 percent, with only three higher than 30 percent, but the effect has been to keep the value of the “typical” Westmount house, with a valuation of \$1,201,709, above the \$1.5-million mark.

Six of the 15 properties were on the market for more than 200 days, boosting the average days-on-market to 127 days compared with 117 days in March. We would suggest that in many of these cases the market finally rose to meet the expectations of the sellers, rather than having the sellers reduce their prices to find hesitant buyers. Volume is slightly below average, thanks mainly to the million-dollar prices, but in fact it has been at about the same level for the past four years.

Only one condominium sale was reported in April after 15 sales were posted in the first quarter of the year, with prices ranging from \$305,000 to \$1,550,000 and the average mark-up at 17 percent, about the same as for one- and two-family dwellings. This does not include the new condos at 1250 Greene, which have yet to be evaluated, nor the 10 co-op apartments, seven of which were at Westmount Square and another two at 300 Lansdowne Ave. There were no co-op sales in April, how-

ever.

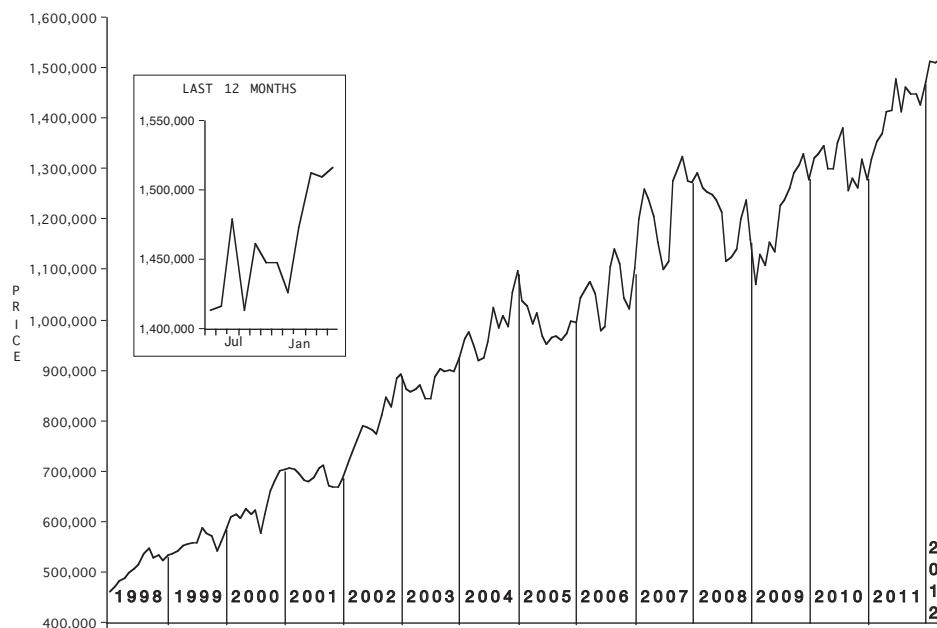
Westmount adjacent

Interest lagged, too, in adjacent-Westmount districts, with only two new sales just west of the city limits and one to the east, with a slight rise in prices. There was more interest in purchasing condominiums in these districts, mostly made-over duplexes, and mark-ups were generally lower than they had been earlier in the year. Five of the 10 sales this year in east-

ern NDG have been on Marlowe Ave. and more houses there have come on the market in recent weeks. Prices in that district range from \$746,000 to \$935,000 with one over \$1 million; as Westmount prices move above the \$1.5 million mark we may see more sales in this district moving over the \$1-million threshold.

Andy Dodge is a residential real estate appraiser. His email address is andy@andydodgeassociates.com.

Average adjusted price of ‘typical’ Westmount home, by month, January 1998 to April 2012 – based on accepted offer dates



Source: Andy Dodge and Associated Inc.

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Store co-owner Shelley Kerman expects to move back to the shop's permanent 4919a Sherbrooke location in mid-June.

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Top scorers, Westmount bridge club

Westmount tally bridge winners with top accumulative bridge scores for the three best sessions in April were:

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Kaufman summits Kilimanjaro, raises \$20k for Children's

BY JOANNE PENHALE

Westmounter Jimmy Kaufman admits his decision to trek up Mount Kilimanjaro was impulsive. He was drawn to the adventure.

But the team he joined had bigger sights than the highest peak in Africa: raising \$150,000 for the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation. Kaufman, along with the other trekkers, also asked the foundation to pair each of them up with a hospital patient.

In the fall, Kaufman was paired with 11-year-old Jeffrey, who was born with a heart malformation and likes playing hockey.

"He gave me a puck, representing his

first goal, to take to the top," said Kaufman.

Kaufman met Jeffrey's family – including his 14-year-old brother Jeremy, who has Down's Syndrome – and wanted to buddy up with him too. The kids' mother when asked if it was okay, quickly agreed and Jeremy gave Kaufman a Buzz Lightyear toy to take to the summit.

"It wasn't about climbing that mountain anymore," Kaufman said. "It was about these two kids, and metaphorically, all kids."

Kaufman wrote an email explaining his goal, and sent it to about 2,600 email addresses. He raised just over \$21,000 from some 90 donors. The trek was in March, but funds are still rolling in for



Filmmaker Jimmy Kaufman made the eight-day ascent with 11 other trekkers to raise money for the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation. The trip began in a warm rainforest and finished in glacial conditions at 19,340 feet above sea level.

Photo courtesy of Jimmy Kaufman



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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1427

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement n° 1427 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – ZONE C5-24-11 (RESTAURANT)** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 7 mai 2012.

L'objet de ce règlement vise notamment à permettre l'usage restaurant dans la zone C5-24-11, laquelle englobe un seul bâtiment, à savoir le 4192, rue Sainte-Catherine, situé à l'angle sud-est de l'intersection de l'avenue Greene.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur en date d'aujourd'hui.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : www.westmount.org et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 15 mai 2012.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1427

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1427 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – ZONE C5-24-11 (RESTAURANT)**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on May 7, 2012.

The object of this by-law is to allow 'restaurant use' in Zone C5-24-11, which encompasses only one building, namely 4192 Ste. Catherine Street, located on the south-east corner of the intersection of Greene Avenue.

This by-law comes into force today.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: www.westmount.org and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this May 15, 2012.

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"Kilimanjaro for the Children's" through www.1millionkm.com. To date, more than \$120,000 has been raised for the new hospital's Family Resource Centre – an educational resource and support centre for parents of sick kids.

The trek was led by Tusker Trail, and included four guides and 50 local porters.

"At around 15,000 feet," Kaufman recalled, "It was like living on the wing of an airplane."

Kaufman said to brothers Jeffrey and Jeremy, "I'm your mate for a long time to come." The filmmaker said he plans to take the brothers cruising in his sports car this summer.

The Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation is organizing a similar trip for January 2013.

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- “Orpheus in the Underworld,” a bilingual musical comedy presented by the **Montreal West Operatic Society**, 7:30 pm at Victoria Hall. Also, Friday, May 18. Tickets range from \$15 to \$25. Info: 514.990.8813 or tickets@mwos.org.
- Author and Westmounter **Terry Rigelhof** speaks to the Rotary Club of Westmount on his book *Hooked on Canadian Books: The Good, the Better, and the Best Canadian Novels Since 1984*, 1 pm at Victoria Hall. 12 noon preamble, 12:30 pm lunch. Cost: \$20 lunch and presentation. RSVP: 514.935.3344 by the Friday before.

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Ce règlement a pour objet d'autoriser la réduction des tarifs d'électricité afin de refléter les nouveaux tarifs autorisés par la Régie de l'énergie, à compter du 1^{er} avril 2012.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur en date d'aujourd'hui.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le règlement sur le site web de la ville : www.westmount.org et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount ce 15 mai 2012.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1430

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1430 entitled “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 742 TO ESTABLISH RATES AND CERTAIN CONDITIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on May 7, 2012.

The object of this by-law is to authorize the reduction of the electricity tariffs to reflect the new rates authorized by the Régie de l'énergie, effective April 1, 2012.

This by-law comes into force today.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: www.westmount.org and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount this May 15, 2012.

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Epstein gives tour of Montreal's churches

BY RALPH THOMPSON

Westmounter Clarence Epstein hosted a walking tour of Montreal's religious architecture on May 2. Epstein, a scholar of art and architecture, as well as Concordia's director of special projects and cultural affairs has recently completed a book titled *Montreal, City of Spires: Church Architecture during the British Colonial Period, 1760-1860*.

The tour started at 11 am outside St. Patrick's Basilica on René Lévesque, where it was noted that another West-



Clarence Epstein starts his walking tour of religious architecture on May 2.

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mount, Edward Doran, had been involved in the interior design of the basilica between 1893 and 1900.

Epstein described some of the politics surrounding the construction of the basilica, built for Montreal's Irish immigrants. It opened in 1847.

The tower was built surreptitiously inside the walls of the main structure to avoid making its construction public and to avoid upsetting the French Catholic Church, which did not want a structure in Montreal to upstage its own Notre Dame

Basilica.

Epstein's walking tour plan included Mary Queen of the World on de la Cathédrale St., Christ Church Cathedral on Union, Claire and Marc Bourgie Pavilion (formerly the Erskine and American Church and now part of Montreal Museum of Fine Arts) on Sherbrooke St., the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul on Redpath, St. James the Apostle on St. Catherine and the Grey Nuns' Mother House on St. Mathieu.

Cleaning out closets for MADA



Westmounter Renee Baltuch, event coordinator for "Clean out your closets for MADA," stands among the items collected April 24 at the Foundation School, which teamed up for the fourth time with MADA, the kosher soup kitchen and food bank, to distribute clothing and kids' items to Montreal Jewish families in need.

Photo courtesy of Renee Baltuch

Westmounter opens new bike shop on Glen Rd.



Local cycling enthusiasts have likely noticed a new sight as they cycle down Glen Rd. towards St. Henri. Bike store Cycle Néron en Route, located on the western side of Glen Rd., just outside Westmount, opened about a month ago in a two-storey building across from Home Depot. David Bryson, a Westmounter who used to run the Trading Post ski and sports equipment store on Queen Mary Rd., is the franchise's owner.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Fixin' to launch



From left, Jeremy Oldland, Amanda Dawson, Corey Velan, Marty Algire, Christian Matossian, Christina Smith, Anthea Dawson and Adrian Dunn were among the well-wishers and well-wishees at the Tavern on the Square May 12 to celebrate the launch of Fix Me Stick, a USB plug-in that removes viruses from PCs. It was developed by Velan and Algire, and has been launched in partnership with Kaspersky Lab, Sophos and GFI.

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L'objet de ce règlement vise à abroger et à remplacer le règlement n° 1295 de la Ville de Westmount intitulé « *Règlement sur la prévention des incendies* », suite à une demande du Service de sécurité incendie de Montréal (SIM) de revoir toute la réglementation sur la prévention des incendies de l'Île de Montréal. Il modifie également les amendes minimales imposées en cas de défaut de se conformer aux exigences réglementaires.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur en date d'aujourd'hui.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : www.westmount.org et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1428

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1428 entitled "**BY-LAW CONCERNING FIRE SAFETY**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on May 7, 2012.

The object of this by-law is to repeal and replace Westmount By-law No. 1295 entitled "*By-law concerning Fire Prevention*" following the request from the *Service de sécurité incendie de Montréal* (SIM) to review all fire prevention regulations on the Island of Montreal. It also modifies the minimum fines for failure to comply with the regulatory requirements.

This by-law comes into force today.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: www.westmount.org and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this May 15, 2012.

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Placing Old Age Security on a Sustainable Path

Canadians are living longer and costs for the Old Age Security (OAS) are rising. On April 1, 2023 the Government of Canada plans to start raising the age of eligibility for OAS and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) from 65 to 67.*

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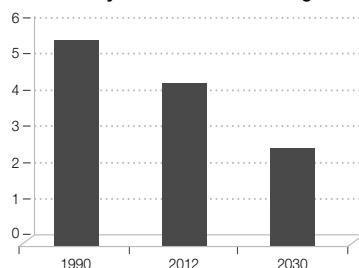
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Launched, but not Forgotten



Westmounter Catherine McKenzie at the launch of her third novel, *Forgotten*, May 3 at Indigo downtown. The book debuted at #8 on The Globe and Mail bestsellers' list on May 11, the best showing yet for any of her books. She is the wife of the Independent's publisher.

Photo courtesy of Catherine McKenzie

The Peter Brojde Lung Cancer Centre opens in memory of Westmounter Peter Brojde

The Peter Brojde Lung Cancer Centre opened at Jewish General Hospital on April 18.

The late Peter Brojde, who died in 2005 of lung cancer, was a long-time Westmounter.

It is in his memory that his family established the Brojde Centre, whose mission is to "provide exceptional care based on innovative vision of blending Western and traditional Chinese medicine" and provides a permanent home for the pulmonary oncology program.

It is located on the 10th floor of the Segal Cancer Centre and will incorporate the care of oncologists, surgeons, pathologists, respirologists, and a specialized nursing team, who will work alongside complementary practitioners, such as a holistic nurse, nutritionist, traditional Chinese medicine practitioner and massage therapist.

Funny smell?

A strange odour in the area of Kensington and Sherbrooke April 19 was traced to the smell of a water-pipe being lined on Church Hill, public safety officers said. The initial search for a possible gas leak brought firefighters to the scene shortly before 5:30 pm.

On the Market

Thick stone exterior envelops generations of family history

BY JOANNE PENHALE

Long-time Westmounter Janet Hendery was three years old when her family moved into the custom-built stone mansion at 54 Forden Crescent in 1928. She remembers having bread and milk delivered to the door, taking the streetcar along The Boulevard, and a “sort of ugly” Victorian house in Murray Park, where Mrs. Murray herself used to live – in the same area where the dog run is now.

Hendery’s maternal grandfather, George Hogg of the Hogg Hardware family, was Westmount’s mayor when his daughter Jean, and her husband A. D.

Campbell, an obstetrician/gynecologist, moved their family into the just-built home.

The family weathered the Depression; Hendery said she remembers the needy coming to the door. “We’d always give them food,” she said.

There was a large playroom in the attic where Hendery once played with dolls. This space, now with creaky floors, was converted into three small bedrooms while Hendery was still young – bringing the number of bedrooms to eight.

The master bedroom on the second floor overlooks Murray Park. Its ensuite bathroom was enlarged decades ago for a

bathtub. A nearby bedroom has a captain’s bed built into the wall.

The slate-roofed home at the end of Forden Crescent has been vacant for three years. Hendery’s eldest brother George Campbell inherited it, and with his wife Margaret raised four children here, including Duncan Campbell, the city of Westmount’s director general.

The alley kitchen on the main floor was last updated decades ago, and has a sit-in eating area. An adjacent formal dining room has wiring coming through the middle of the wooden floor – a servants’ bell, said broker Christina Miller of Profusion Realty.

In the library, also on the main floor, Miller pointed out a wall hand-painted to look like wood panelling.

“Anybody who’s going to come in and restore this home is likely going to change all the plumbing and electricity,” said Miller. The gas fireplace in the basement “pub” – a room Hendery said her father renovated to look like a ship – would not meet today’s standards, said Miller.

The house is designated as Category I in Westmount, thus modifications to defining characteristics would not be permitted. The lot size is approximately 18 by 30 metres, and the asking price is \$3,975,000.



Black locust trees in the foreground – part of Murray Park – predate the 85-year-old house at 54 Forden Crescent. The cul-de-sac was briefly known as Bowman Crescent during the home’s early years.



The living room adjoins a sunroom that was originally a veranda. It was enclosed in the 1930s and had a terrace added above, which is accessible from a sitting room on the second floor. In this photo, the 1927 architectural plans are spread atop a grand piano that has been in the family for at least four generations.

They seem to make 'em like they used to



After at least five months of being secured to this grey pole opposite the YMCA on Sherbrooke St., this bicycle remains unclaimed. It was originally photographed in the same place in December 2011 (right). Despite weathering the elements, its only damage seems to be a little bit of rust.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

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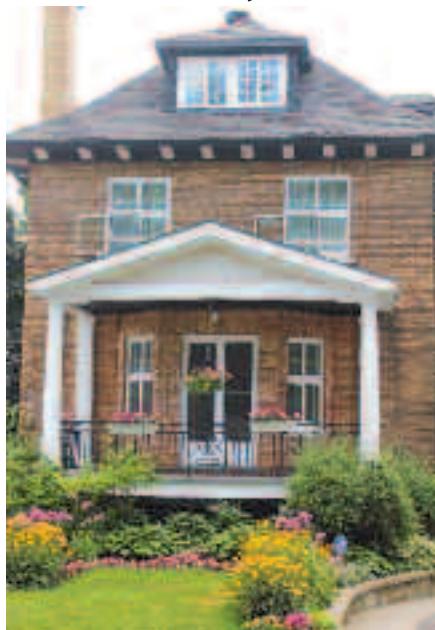


Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

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Westmounter **Anthony Layton** of PWL Capital Inc., attending with wife **Pam**, was president of honour at the Montreal Chamber Music Festival's annual gala on April 19. Tickets were \$400.

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The Soirée Stradivarius evening was particularly special due to the \$15 million worth of Stradivarius instruments, one loaned for the occasion by **Jacqueline Desmarais** and two by the Canada Council for the Arts Musical Instrument Bank, represented by guests **Joanne Larocque Poirier** and **Tammy Scott**.

It was the "first time ever that the three instruments were together since leaving Stradivarius' workshop 300 years ago," commented festival artistic director **Denis Brott**, attending with his wife **Julie**, project manager of the festival.

The many Westmounters present included **Raymond Chrétien**, former ambassador to the US and France, and his wife **Kay**; **Javier San Juan**, president and CEO, l'Oréal Canada, and his wife **Constanza**; **Fran and Reuben Croll**, Individual Investment Corporation; **Stephanie and David Azrieli** (Azrieli Foundation), **Morris Jacobsen** (Spiegel Sohmer); **Paula and Peter Gillett** with daughter **Alwynn** and son-in-law **Bill Tretiak**; **Karen Beaulieu** and **Clarence Epstein**, and **Jewel and Paul Lowenstein**.

Also seen in the cocktail crowd were



Michael Boer, Lilian Elvir, Denis Brott and Nigel Maund.



Hélène Gagné, Anthony Layton and Jacques Chagnon.

Jacques Chagnon, provincial legislator for Westmount-St. Louis and president of the National Assembly; **Marissa Nuss**, **Monette Malewski**, **John Parisella**, **Jacques Robert**, **Davis Joachim** (the festival's administrator) and **Michael Boer**, president of the festival's board of directors.

Sponsors were PWL Capital, SAQ, Pazazz, Pianos Bolduc, Aveda, Power Corporation of Canada and Planterra. The evening raised \$120,000, which goes to support the festival (May 10 to June 2, 2012) www.festivalmontreal.org.

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Going Dutch



A large crowd of well-wishers was on hand at Dawson College on April 30 to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the Dutch queen's accession to the throne. A toast was raised to Queen Beatrix and her son Friso, who is in a coma after being caught in an avalanche while skiing in February. Among the group of Dutch citizens, Canadians of Dutch descent and diplomats was the Netherlands' honorary consul in Montreal, Westmounter Michael Polak (right), and Westmounter Willem Westerberg, here with organizer Ylva Struus.

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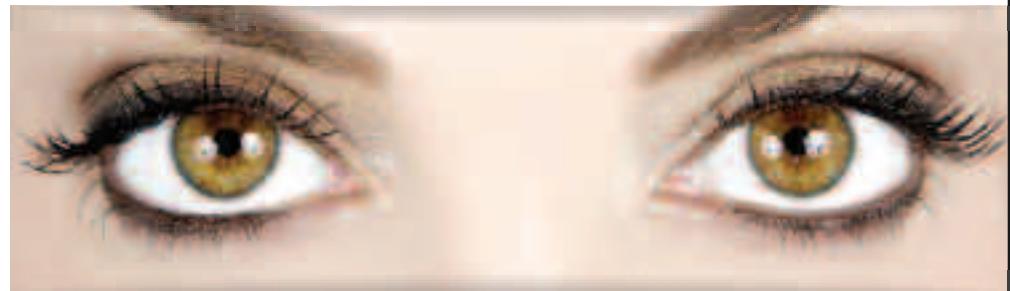
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Proliferation of garage sale signs removed

Signs publicizing a garage sale on Prince Albert were removed from many locations on city property and various poles May 2, Public Security officials said. They were described as “all over the place,” some the size of election posters.

Welcome to boxing



A series of activities for youth hosted by Camille Estephan, president of Eye of The Tiger Management, took place May 3 at Welcome Hall Mission's youth services. Three boxers were present to speak to the young attendees, give a boxing class, present new donated boxing equipment, sign autographs and present an achievement award to the student who had demonstrated the most perseverance and discipline. The gift was a two-month boot camp program. The goal of the event was to help street youth build self-esteem, encourage physical activity and offer a healthy way of channelling emotions. Welcome Hall Mission is located at 606 de Courcelle, just south of Westmount. Its youth service division is located in Montreal East.

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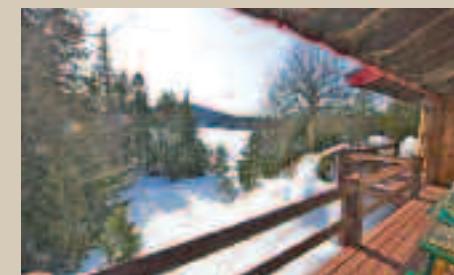
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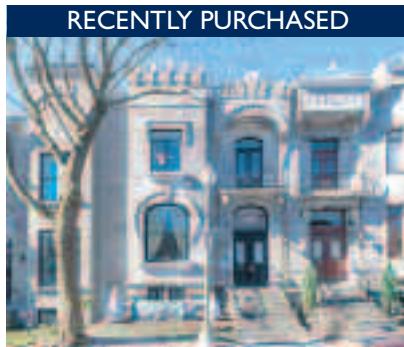
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