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# NOSTALGIA NIGHT

Longtime employees gather for 59<sup>th</sup> annual Quarter Century Club banquet

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## Local News

### WESTMOUNTERS FIND MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Marilynn Vanderstay

**M**arilynn Gillies and Patrick Barnard were replacing the double-hang windows on their Melville Avenue home recently when they discovered a unique piece of local history lodged between the stones—a note sealed in a bottle more than a century ago.

“Patrick was cleaning out the wall beside the window, pulling out the stones in the wall when he felt the bottle and pulled it out,” said Gillies. “We

were very excited to find it and the note inside.”

Gillies’ niece and her husband, who happened to be visiting at the time, had heard about the safest way to get a note out of a bottle without damaging it. “She showed us how to put a rag down inside the bottle and then use it as a gentle guide to pull the note out while we pulled out the rag,” said Gillies.

The note, which had been preserved from the dampness by the bottle, was written by a construction worker in French on a rough piece of torn paper, apparently ripped out of a notebook. It simply reads: *Montreal, 1897 premier Janvier, Noel Bayard contraction, a construit cette propriete (or projecte).*

“We knew the house was about 100 years old, but didn’t know it is in fact 105 years old,” said Gillies.

The corked, clear glass bottle itself is noteworthy. It is a 10-ounce cream soda bottle, produced by

Wheeler & Co. The label is worn, perhaps by dampness, but is otherwise intact. The bottle has a rounded bottom and pieces of the cement are still stuck to the sides and the bottom. A design in relief, perhaps the company’s logo, is on the side.

“Everyone thinks the find is amazing,” Gillies said last week.

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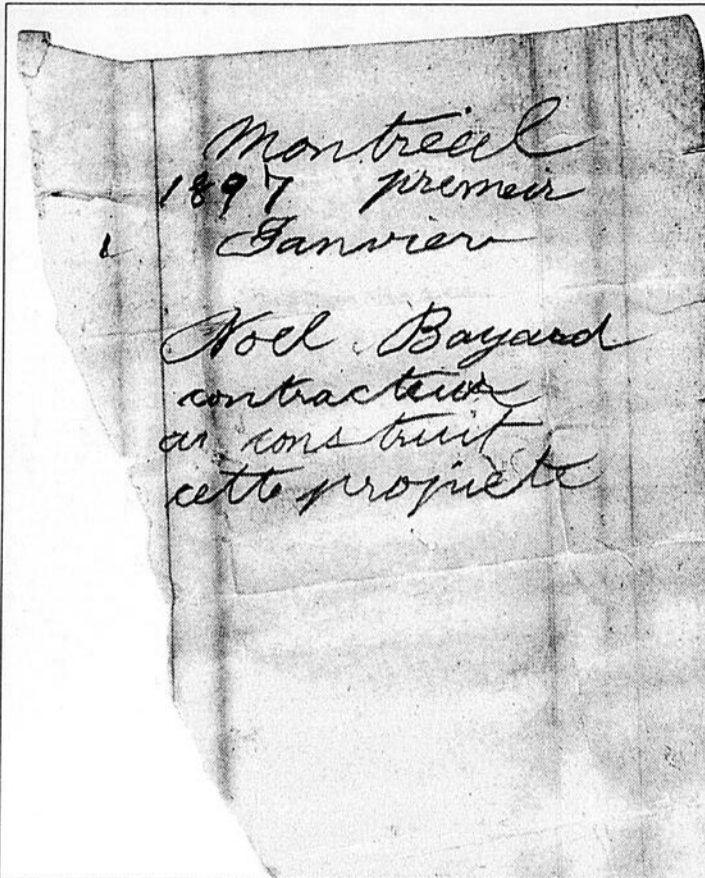
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Westmount couple finds 19th-century message in a bottle



The note sealed in a Melville Avenue wall for 105 years

Barnard and Gillies started replacing the windows after the first winter they spent in the house 10 years ago was cold and windy. Ironically, the window in the study, where the bottle was found, was deemed the least important and was the last to be replaced.

The house is the second floor of a triplex built across from Westmount Park. Although its history is not certain, Gillies thought perhaps the three-storey homes on the street were built to house railway workers and their families.

Barnard and Gillies realized that the bottle and the note are a valuable piece of Westmount's history and are giving them to the Westmount Historical Association to save in its archives.

"We were told that the note has to be kept in a dark bag so that the paper will not deteriorate," said Gillies.

WHA president Flora-Lee Wagner is grateful for the donation. "This find is absolutely wonderful," she said. "We are very excited they offered us the bottle and its note."

WHA archivist Barbara Covington will follow up with research about the contractor and the houses on the street.

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# Westmount Toastmasters mark their fifth anniversary

Martin C. Barry

**T**hey've been taking the fear out of public speaking at Victoria Hall each week, now the Westmount Toastmasters Club will be celebrating an especially momentous occasion this evening—the fifth anniversary of the group's creation.

Westmount Toastmasters held their charter dinner on Thursday, Oct. 17, 1997, so the anniversary is coming around five years to the day.

At La Caverne Grecque on Prince Arthur Street, where the group's 30 members will be gathering, five past presidents will be honoured with mementos.

The Westmount club is part of Toastmasters International, a non-profit educational organization that promotes the development of better speaking, presentation and leadership skills.

"Toastmasters is devoted to the improvement of individual communication and leadership skills," said Joan Hagerman, a founding member of the Westmount branch and its current president. The movement was started in Santa Ana, California in 1924 by Dr. Ralph C. Smedley. Today there are more than 9,000 Toastmaster Clubs and 185,000 members in more than 70 countries worldwide. At meetings, the members follow a structured method which teaches them to speak confidently in public situations.

"It really helped me because I can talk and reminisce forever in small groups, but ask me to stand up in front of 20 people or more and I don't know how to do it," said Hagerman.

Hagerman admitted that for some

people, proceedings at a Toastmasters meeting could seem a little artificial. "But if you do it enough times, it gives you the confidence that you can go outside and face other people," she said. The style of speakers can vary, from the those who are extremely enthusiastic to others who are more subdued in their approach.

Meetings follow an order, which includes an opening toast, a business session, instruction in method, and a table topics session in which speakers deliver short talks. Following a 15-minute break come the prepared speeches, and then evaluations.

Meeting officials include a chairman, a toastmaster, a table topics master, a general evaluator, a sergeant-at-arms, a secretary and a timer. Ribbons are awarded to the top speakers at the end of the evening. Speakers also earn long-term standings, including Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM), Toastmasters International's highest recognition for leadership and public speaking.

Certain elements of a meeting can seem almost ritualistic to an outsider without a full understanding. At last week's session, the words 'magic' and 'magical' were posted prominently at the front of the room. Each time a speaker used them in his or her speech, the other members rapped loudly on their tables just as would



Westmount Toastmasters' board of directors are, from left to right, Olga Hanchuk, Hélène Houde, Brian Cale, Guy Perron and Joan Hagerman.

MPs in parliament.

Some topics are regarded as taboo during Toastmasters speeches. Politics, religion and sex are strictly out of the question. A new member who breached the code by referring to homosexuality during a talk was reminded gently during an evaluation afterward.

Membership in Westmount Toastmasters costs \$125 the first year

and \$100 annually thereafter. On Oct. 24 at the Sanctuaire Sporting Club, club members will be attending a seminar on effective communication featuring CBC Radio host Nancy Wood, former Alcan CEO David Culver and professional speechwriter Michael Hinton. Profits from the event will go to the Westmount Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program.

For information, call Joan Hagerman at 846-3785.

# Longtime employees make the Quarter Century Club

Martin C. Barry

**M**ore than 200 current and retired City of Westmount employees met at Victoria Hall last Thursday evening, reminiscing and renewing friendships at the 59th Westmount Quarter Century Club Banquet.

The event is held annually in honour of employees, especially those who have attained 25 years service with Westmount. This year, Richard Herton, Arthur Thomas and Barry Brown of the Public Works Department, as well Grajina Lunas of the Public Security Department, were inducted into the select group of members with a quarter-century of service.

More than 180 of those in the club are retired, 36 others are current Westmount employees. Janette Bruce, now employed at the library, and Pompei DiMambro formerly with Public Works, were honoured for 30 years service.

Eight other current and former employees were cited for 20 years service, 15 more for 15 years each with Westmount.

During the evening, which included a lavish dinner and an open bar, the word 'family' seemed to come up time and again in conversations. "I sort of look at it as a sort of family reunion," said borough president Karin Marks, who has previously attended more than 10 of the banquets.

"These are people who consider

Westmount a part of their family. That's one of the things that's so wonderful about this community. It's not just the residents who love living here but the people who work here love working here. It says a lot that we have so many people who have been here for such a long time and the people who used to be here come back over and over for this event."

Russ Delo, an officer in the Westmount Police Dept. before its integration into the MUC force, drove in from Cornwall, Ontario. "I am so glad to see all these people who are just like family to me," said Delo, who was born in Westmount and joined its police force in 1962.

Delo was a detective from 1969 until his retirement in 1993. "Westmount is

a place where all the employees are like family," said Delo. "I'm telling you, you see people here every year and they hug you and they're so glad to see you."

Ena Puni, a secretary at the Sports & Recreation Department but now retired, was inducted into the Quarter Century Club last year. During her time working at their offices at the arena, Puni served four different directors of the recreation department. "I met a lot of wonderful people," she said. "We formed friendships. It was a pleasure to serve... Generally speaking I really enjoyed my stay there. It was like a little family. I would say it was one of the best places I worked—one of the best departments."

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## Événements communautaires

### La galerie du Victoria Hall

La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres des artistes M. N. Evette, Helen Olesker Kogan and Susan Lazar Hart. L'exposition : *L'estampe : une vue contemporaine* se tiendra du 10 octobre au 6 novembre prochain. Info : 989-5226.

### Contra Danse

Contra danse est une danse sociale folklorique issue des traditions des immigrants irlandais, écossais, britanniques et français. La prochaine soirée Contra Danse aura lieu le samedi 26 octobre à 19 h 30 au Victoria Hall. Il n'est pas nécessaire de se présenter avec un partenaire. Les premières 30 minutes de la soirée sont consacrées à l'enseignement des pas de danse. Info : 344-1958.



## Bibliothèque

### Collectionner les timbres

Venez assister à une projection de diapositives sur le plaisir de collectionner les timbres et les divers aspects de cette intéressante activité présentée par Thomas Burpee. Cette activité aura lieu le dimanche 20 octobre à 15 h à la bibliothèque. 9 ans et plus. Info : 989-5386.

### Conférences automnales

Joignez-vous à nous le jeudi 24 octobre de 19 h 30 à 21 h pour une soirée en compagnie de l'auteur canadien Trevor Ferguson (alias. John Farrow), auteur de *City of Ice* et *Ice Lake*. Info : 989-5386.

### Gala de la citrouille

Enfilez votre costume d'Halloween et venez assister à la remise des prix de notre cinquième concours annuel de décorations des citrouilles d'Halloween le samedi 26 octobre de 14 h à 16 h. Info : 989-5386.

### Vente de livres de qualité

Les Amis de la Bibliothèque tiendront une vente de livres le samedi 16 novembre à la bibliothèque. Si vous avez des romans contemporains, des livres d'art ou des livres d'enfants en excellent état, que vous aimeriez donner aux fins de cette vente, veuillez les apporter à la Bibliothèque dès maintenant. Tous les profits tirés de cette vente serviront à acheter de nouveaux livres pour la bibliothèque. Info : au 933-0223.



## Services de protection

### Concours de décorations de l'Halloween

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## Dates à retenir

### Le 17 octobre, midi à 14 h

*Rencontre avec les artistes*  
La galerie du Victoria Hall

### Le 20 octobre, 15 h

*Le plaisir de collectionner les timbres*  
Thomas Burpee, Bibliothèque

### Le 24 octobre, 19 h 30

Conférences automnales  
Trevor Ferguson, Bibliothèque

### Le 26 octobre, 14 h

*Gala des citrouilles*, Bibliothèque

### Le 26 octobre, 9 h à 17 h

*Collecte des déchets domestiques dangereux*  
Stationnement de la bibliothèque

### Le 26 octobre, 19 h 30

*Contra Danse*, Victoria Hall

### Le 31 octobre

Concours de décorations d'Halloween

publiques des Services de protection encourage tous les citoyens intéressés à inscrire leur maison avant le 31 octobre 2001. Vous pourriez vous mériter un prix de l'un des marchands participants. Alors, inscrivez-vous sans tarder ! Vous pouvez vous inscrire en communiquant avec James Novak au (514) 989-5468 ou par courriel à jnovak@westmount.org.



## Travaux publics

### Collecte des déchets domestiques dangereux

Inscrivez dans vos agendas le samedi 26 octobre, journée de la collecte des déchets domestiques dangereux à Westmount. Disposez en toute sécurité de vos restes de peinture et de solvants, de vos piles usagées, de vos pesticides, etc. en les déposant dans le stationnement de la Bibliothèque de Westmount entre 9 h et 17 h. On ramassera aussi les vêtements usagés à cette occasion. Info : 989-5390.

### Collecte de feuilles

Procurez-vous des sacs de plastique pour la collecte automnale des feuilles aux endroits suivants : Bureau d'arrondissement, Victoria Hall, Travaux publics et à la bibliothèque. Les sacs se vendent 3 \$ le paquet de 10 sacs. Veuillez placer les sacs derrière le trottoir avant 7 h tous les lundis jusqu'à la fin de novembre. Les sacs de feuilles ne doivent pas être déposés avec les déchets car ils ne seront pas ramassés. Info : 989-5390.



## Community Events

### The Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present the works of Westmount artists M. N. Evette, Helen Kogan and Susan Lazar Hart. This exhibition, *The Printed Image: a contemporary view*, will run until November 6. Info: 989-5226.

### Contra Dance

Contra Dance is a mixture of social folk dances of the British, Scottish, Irish and French settlers. A partner is not necessary and beginners are always welcome. The next Contra Dance will take place on Saturday, October 26 at Victoria Hall. It begins at 7:30 pm, with the first half-hour devoted to teaching the dance steps. Info: 344-1958.



## Library

### The Joy of Stamp Collecting

Come and discover the many interesting aspects of stamp collecting in this informative slide presentation by Thomas Burpee on Sunday, October 20 at 3:00 p.m. Ages 9+. Info: 989-5386.

### Fall Author Series

Join us on Thursday, October 24 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. for an evening with Canadian mystery writer Trevor Ferguson (a.k.a. John Farrow) author of *Ice Lake* and *City of Ice*. Everyone is welcome to attend. Info: 989-5386.

### Pumpkin Gala

Dress up in your Halloween costume and join in on the fun on Saturday, October 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. as we reveal the award-winning pumpkins in our fifth annual family Halloween Pumpkin Contest! Info: 989-5386.

### Quality Book Sale

The Friends of Westmount Public Library will be holding a book sale on Saturday, November 16 in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library. If you have any contemporary novels, art books or children's books in excellent condition that you would like to donate to this sale, please bring them to the Library now. All proceeds from this sale go towards purchasing new books for the Library. Info: at 933-0223.



## Protective Services

### Halloween House Decorating Contest

In order to ensure that all participating houses are judged the Protective Services Community Relations Office is

## Datebook

### October 17, noon to 2 p.m.

*Artists' talk*  
Gallery at Victoria Hall

### October 20, 3 p.m.

*The Joy of Stamp Collecting*  
Thomas Burpee, Library

### October 24, 7:30 p.m.

Fall Author Series  
Trevor Ferguson, Library

### October 26, 2 p.m.

*Pumpkin Gala*, Library

### October 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Household Hazardous Waste Collection*  
Westmount Library Parking Lot

### October 26, 7:30 p.m.

*Contra Dance*, Victoria Hall

### October 31

Halloween House Decorating Contest

encouraging interested residents to register their house before the October 31 deadline. Only those houses that are registered will be guaranteed a visit, which in turn may qualify you to win a prize from a Westmount merchant. Please register by contacting James Novak at 989-5468 or jnovak@westmount.org.



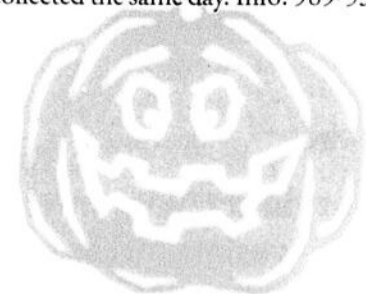
## Public Works

### Leaf Collection

Clear plastic bags are available for leaf collection at the Borough Office, Victoria Hall, Public Works and Westmount Library for \$3.00 per bundle of 10 bags. Bagged leaves must be left behind the sidewalk by 7:00 am on Mondays until the end of November. Please ensure that bags of leaves are not placed next to the refuse. Info: 989-5390.

### Household Hazardous Waste

Mark your calendar - Saturday, October 26 is Household Hazardous Waste Collection day in Westmount. Safely dispose of your leftover paints, solvents, used batteries, pesticides, etc. in the parking lot of Westmount Library between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Used clothing will be collected the same day. Info: 989-5390.



# Asbestos to be removed from municipal buildings

Martin C. Barry

**Westmount Public Works is hiring a contractor to repair and remove asbestos insulation from six of the borough's buildings.**

According to Frank Frenza, superintendent of building operations, the municipal arena and swimming pool, Westmount city hall, the Public Works Department's offices in the municipal yard, two other Public Works buildings, some garages, and the old incinerator building all contain asbestos.

Among other buildings that were checked for asbestos but were found to be clean were the library and the greenhouse. Frenza said Fire Station No. 2 on The Boulevard, vacant for years, wasn't checked. Asbestos was removed from Protective Services' offices on Stanton Street in 1997 when renovations were carried out there. The Lawn Bowling Club is also clean of asbestos because its recon-

struction a few years back was done without using the material.

Asbestos causes asbestosis, a lung disease first diagnosed in miners exposed to asbestos fibers over periods of time. Frenza said the asbestos used as an insulation in some utility rooms of the borough's buildings was damaged.

"There was found to be some damage in the insulation, so it should be repaired because there's the possibility that there could be airborne particles," said Frenza. "It's got to be repaired."

"Seventy-five per cent of what we're doing is repairing what's there," said Frenza. "There's nothing wrong with asbestos if there's no airborne particles. For example, a lot of the elbows around heating pipes are damaged, so what we're doing is we're repairing them. We're not physically removing (asbestos)."

In three locations, however, asbestos is being physically removed. "In the boiler room at the arena, we are physically removing the asbestos around the boiler

room," Frenza said. "We will be replacing it with a fibre glass-type insulation."

Frenza said that when a consultant hired by the borough went around taking asbestos samples in the various locations, the boiler room in the arena "was found to be really high risk. It was badly damaged, so he said it's not worth repairing, just replace it." The degree of risk was based on the type of asbestos used in that room, which Frenza said consisted of 20 per cent emosit and 30 per cent chrysotile, two especially hazardous varieties of asbestos.

Public Works Director Fred Caluori said the borough decided to remove the asbestos because "it's a well known hazard that we've been made aware of lately. You've read and I've read

articles in the media. That's what prompted us really to look at what we have in our buildings."

The asbestos was used in the construction of the arena which was built around 1957, said Caluori. "The majority of the cases that we're taking care of are basically mechanical rooms containing heating and ventilation equipment," said Frenza. The work, which will start in the next few weeks and is expected to be completed by mid-November, will cost the borough \$49,573 including taxes.

# Woman assaulted during attempted robbery

Martin C. Barry

**A Metcalfe Avenue woman was left badly shaken up last week after being attacked by thieves who attempted but failed to steal a valuable ring she was wearing.**

Walking back home around 10 p.m. from a bridge game at Victoria Hall on Oct. 7, the woman and her husband, both in their 80s, were nearing their home at the corner of Springfield Avenue when a car pulled up.

"These two guys jumped out and knocked me over," said the woman's husband, who asked not to be identified.

"I must have been stunned," he said, noting

that he sustained minor bruises on his back from the fall. Although she wasn't carrying a purse, the two attackers took hold of the woman when they realized she was wearing a large diamond ring.

"They were trying to get hold of it, and she started screaming for help," the husband said. "One guy put his hand on her mouth trying to shut her up and started dragging her. They were trying to get the ring off, but it's quite tight. They tried to get it off for quite a while."

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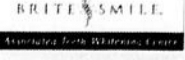
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# Nostalgia and camaraderie

Last Thursday evening, Victoria Hall was once again turned over to a celebration of local accomplishment, both past and present.

Most of the familiar faces were in place, platters were heaped with food, beverages flowed and laughter filled the main ballroom as the longest of Westmount's longtime employees were fêted at the 59th annual Quarter Century Club banquet.

The three previous meetings of these old friends and colleagues were held under the dark clouds of impending municipal amalgamation. At those events, some guests may have been turned off by Mayor Peter Trent's welcoming addresses—which were pointedly laced with warnings that such opulent evenings could quickly become a thing of the past in a magacity—but the vast majority understood that the threat was real. So real, in fact, that Mr. Trent's fears have since been realized and Westmount, the borough, no longer has complete control over how its money is spent.

With so many changes in policy and fiscal matters over the past nine months, one would expect that a seemingly gratuitous gesture like honouring longtime City employees would be one of the first expenses to be cut from the fledgling budget. But no, those who worked so many years in Westmount are still held in high enough regard to be thanked by a grateful community with an annual banquet and awards ceremony.

While the general atmosphere in many other former island municipalities seems to be that of sweeping the past under the rug in favour of a new future as part of Montreal, it is a great tribute to the Westmount community that it remains anchored in tradition and places such value on those who helped to build it.

With such solid *esprit de corps*, a 60th annual Quarter Century Club banquet is not the unlikely prospect it was two years ago.

Commentary

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## Letters to the editor

### How 'démocratique' is Mario Dumont's ADQ?

To the editor:

It seems Mario Dumont must have read the issue of the *Westmount Examiner* where I mentioned that nurses should be given greater responsibilities and act as assistant doctors; he seems to have accepted that—together with other medical ideas.

I hope now that the Action Démocratique du Québec is really 'démocratique' and lets the citizens decide if they want to stay in a forced union with Montreal or regain their independence (which Westmount and other towns of Quebec had up until December 2001). We in Westmount would pay for our referendum—there would not be a charge to the

public treasury.

Perhaps we may hear from Mario Dumont before next year's provincial election. The citizens of Westmount want their independence—will you, Mario Dumont, grant us our wish?

Gerald Glass  
Metcalf Avenue

### Westmount is no different

To the editor:

Kathleen Duncan's latest column is not what I would have expected from someone in her position. Joan Fraser did not live on The Boulevard, she lived

across the street from the slum in which I live. Anyway, what does it matter where she lives?! I live where I live for very valid reasons.

As far as I am concerned, Westmount is the same as any other borough on the island of Montreal, with all the same concerns. So don't be upset, Ms. Duncan, when people don't do what they ought, and don't make Westmount out to be some kind of Utopia. It most certainly is not.

Let us all put our money where our mouths are, especially the people who take our money and give nothing back in return. It's high time that people do what has to be done, not for personal gain but for the good of all mankind.

P.M. Hunte  
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# Nepotism all in a day's work for feds

**Uncensored**

Tommy Schnurmacher



**I am not related to Lawrence MacAulay. This unfortunate accident of birth may explain why I have not received any grants from the solicitor general. This lack of largesse will not stop me from leaping to the defence of the beleaguered MacAulay, who is responsible for the RCMP and CSIS well as federal prisons.**

Despite such a heavy workload, MacAulay made time less than a month ago to participate in the opening of the Mount Stewart Wildlife Management Trail in his native Prince Edward Island. Not only did he unveil a plaque, but also, according to the info duly posted on his Web site, "he participated in a walking tour with interpretation by Ducks Unlimited."

The minister was pleased to see how young people were "enhancing their life and employability skills by participating in a 22-week project to enhance the Mount Stewart Wildlife Management area."

To pay for this entire enhancement, taxpayers shelled out \$52,655 so that these young people, aided by a coordinator, could help clean up debris along the river, construct some bird feeding stations and write a newsletter.

How many young people?

Six.

No age discrimination for MacAulay. Two weeks later, he was back at it again to announce a pilot project to help older workers in the construction industry in PEI "build on their skills to remain in the work force."

How many workers?

Thirty.

An older PEI native with no need for pilot projects is MacAulay's older brother Alex, gainfully employed running a community college. Apparently a hotbed of expertise in "justice training," this institute of higher learning

has received a token grant to develop online training for cops and prison guards.

The exact amount?

\$6.5 million.

MacAulay's capable nephew probably hasn't cleaned up much debris, but he appears to have done considerable work in a riding office over a five-year period for which he has been on the receiving end of a couple of hundred grand.

While this may smack of nepotism to some, I am convinced that there are countless friends and relatives of MacAulay who have yet to receive a single grant or contract.

The Oct. 9 edition of the Globe and Mail had a candid photo of our solicitor general enjoying a good laugh. The man can well afford such mirth. Let's face it — his boss is hardly going to fire him.

To quote the prime minister on the subject of nepotism, "a nephew is a nephew."

Our prime minister, of course, would not stoop to hiring his nephew to work in a riding office. He arranged

for his nephew to accept a somewhat more senior position — Canada's ambassador to the United States.

The PM is not likely to turf a loyal cabinet colleague merely for helping a friend to readily available government largesse. After all, the prime minister has been known to come to the aid of someone who might need, say, a \$600,000 loan from the federal Business Development Bank.

If the PM fired MacAulay, he might have to fire himself. Jean Chrétien has ruled out that option since there are still billions and billions of unspent dollars to spend as he cheerfully sails through the most eagerly-awaited, if drawn-out, departure in Canadian political history.

It's true that the money doled out to PEI could have been better spent.

Surely, by now, Shawinigan needs another water fountain.

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**Old News**

(from the examiner archives)



**One Year Ago**

October 18, 2001

**DE CASTELL ACCLAIMED:** "City councillor John de Castell has become the first person elected to Westmount's new borough council, winning by acclamation last Friday when no one else came forward to challenge him for the post. "This is a big victory for the anti-merger fight," said de Castell, the only candidate acclaimed in the 27 boroughs that will be part of the new island-wide City of Montreal. De Castell, a lifelong Westmount resident who was first elected to city council in 1999, was one of three independent candidates—all current Westmount city councillors—who have been running on a platform whose main focus is to undo Westmount's forced merger with the City of Montreal. Councillor Karin Marks will be running for a seat on Montreal's main city council in the Nov. 4 election, while Councillor Cynthia Lulham is a contender for the second seat on the borough council."

**Ten Years Ago**

October 22, 1992

**STATIONS IN JEOPARDY:** "Mayor Peter Trent was expecting to cast one of the few votes against a plan to recast the police map when it came to a vote last night at the MUC council meeting. Westmount is among 10 communities destined to lose their full-service police stations in the next eight years under the plan which Westmount citizens strongly opposed at a public meeting Sept. 24 at Victoria Hall. 'I'm going to make a last-ditch attempt to get a few more converts from among the suburban mayors,' Trent said. But he did not sound hopeful."

**Twenty Years Ago**

October 14, 1982

**BEST OF BILL 101:** "The City of Westmount will seek interpretation of Bill 101 that will give the city 'the best deal' in maintaining its basically English character. The city also wants its officials to be able to continue to write to the officials of other municipalities in the language of their choice as well as carry out its own language testing of employees. These are some of the items which Westmount city officials presented to the Office de la Langue Française at a meeting earlier this month."

**Forty Years Ago**

October 12, 1962

**A CLEAN SWEEP:** "Westmount's chimney sweep, despite taking off the entire month of August, so far has made more visits and swept more flues this year than last, reports this week show. He visited 4,403 buildings this year, compared with 4,196 last year, and swept 5,095 chimneys against 4,721 last year."

**Fifty Years Ago**

October 17, 1952

**MONEY NOT AN ISSUE:** "'Hospital problems are like the devils in the Bible who said 'my name is legion for we are many' and I assure you they are troublesome as any devils could be,' Col. Wilfrid Bovey, president of Reddy Memorial Hospital told members of the Lions Club. Col. Bovey said money is not the first of hospital problems, it is the last. 'Since the Montreal General Hospital began its long and wonderful work, Quebec has an outstanding history of selfless kindness and private charity,' he said."

**Sixty Years Ago**

October 22, 1942

**WAR BOND SALES:** "The Westmount Third Victory Loan Committee on Greene avenue sold its first war bond on Monday morning to Flight Lieutenant Ian Campbell Ormston, DFC, one of Canada's outstanding airmen now on a brief furlough to his home."

## What the Liberals will bring to the table

**MNA**



Jacques Chagnon

**Although parliamentary committees have been hard at work since mid-August, the National Assembly didn't actually begin sitting until Oct. 15.**

With less than a year to go until general elections must be called, we will without doubt witness several bursts of adrenaline from the government.

The political deck of cards has been shuffled considerably since the last series of by-elections held on June 17. In fact, the Parti Québécois has been cannibalized by the ADQ. This one-man party of Mario Dumont has skyrocketed in public opinion, something rarely seen in politics, which also means that we too have lost a few feathers.

During the final caucus meeting before the summer recess, held just after the by-elections, our reaction was to clearly identify the changes that we want to bring about in Quebec society beginning the day after we would take power.

Due to the political situation, we needed to make public our governmental action plan earlier than we had first intended. Of course, our leader, Jean Charest, had already made certain commitments, for example giving the population the right to hold local referendums in order to determine the future of their local institutions such as cities, or autoroute projects such as the 30 or the 185. We also committed ourselves to applying a much stricter policy for the integration of the private sector in public investments.

What was missing from our commitments, however, was the core of an action plan setting out priorities in areas such as health, taxation and edu-

cation. A group of us, assisted by several specialists, worked throughout the summer to draw up the framework for the actions that we would prioritize in these three areas.

Our action plan states that we need to put more doctors and nurses in the health care system and that we need to better adapt the private sector to the public sector. However, we feel that the salaries of health care professionals must come from the same public purse. This is why we have committed ourselves to increasing the health budget by 5.2 per cent over the next five years. Currently, we are the province that invests the least per capita in health in Canada. Access to long-term care and home care must be widened, for these two areas together constitute the main cause of the chronic backlogs seen today in emergency rooms.

In the education sector, we propose a slightly greater than two per cent annual increase in the budget over the next five years. This injection of new funds would cover increases of one and a half hours per week in the number of hours of instruction for elementary students. It would also cover the teaching of English beginning in Grade 1, assistance for schools in economically depressed areas, funding for cégeps and universities outside urban centres so as to support them when they confront decreases in their clientele and, finally, funding for universities that would put them on par with the average funding level for universities outside Quebec.

Regarding fiscal matters, we feel that Quebecers are over-taxed. This is why we are proposing a 27 per cent, or \$1 billion reduction in taxes per year over five years.

How would be fund all of this? Our growth projections are considered conservative by most observers who estimate that our economy will see real growth of about two per cent annually over the next five years.

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## Two operating budgets presented to megacity

**W**estmount has presented not one but two operating budgets for the year 2003, it was revealed at the Borough Council meeting Oct. 7.

Both budgets had been requested by the megacity of all boroughs, said Borough President Karin Marks.

With directives changing daily, "if not hourly," she explained, the budget preparation amounted to an exercise in gymnastics and somersaults, which she likened to the Cirque du Soleil.

The first of the two budgets reflected the widely publicized one per cent cut over last year's borough budget. But the second one—the subject of a special presentation—represented the amount of money the borough would require, on top of its 2002 budget, to maintain quality services.

"I think our submission was quite well received," she said of the presentation to Montreal Executive Committee Chairman Frank Zampino.

Although Councillor Marks did not divulge how much money this second budget would require of the megacity, the extra amount requested by all boroughs totalled \$143 million, she said. Because this almost equals the megacity's own budget deficit of \$146 million, she wondered where the megacity would be able to find any additional money to help fund any of these extras.

However, "ours were reasonable and made sense," Marks said. The borough was commended for its careful preparation.

Guidelines for both budgets, she noted, excluded salary increases. The harmonization of labour contracts is underway. The borough is now working on the Capital Works budget.

### Loss of court is 'offensive'

While the recently-announced closure of Westmount Municipal Court, effective Jan. 1, 2003, comes as no surprise, Marks described the megacity's actions and methods as "most offensive."

She decried the insensitive manner in which the megacity had announced the court closure without first allowing the borough to inform its staff, "our employees," who will be relocated and "their lives disrupted."

The only good news, she said, was that Westmount's court services would be transferred to a regional court in Montreal West rather than to St. Laurent as the megacity Transition Committee had initially recommended last year.

The negative impact of the reduction in court services was explored in detail in an *Examiner* column by the WMA a year ago. It outlined findings of a survey commissioned by Quebec in which Westmount Municipal Court was found to be among the most efficient on Montreal Island and the second busiest after Montreal's. Under the guise of streamlining, the entire municipal court system has been reduced to seven regional courts anchored by Montreal Municipal Court downtown.

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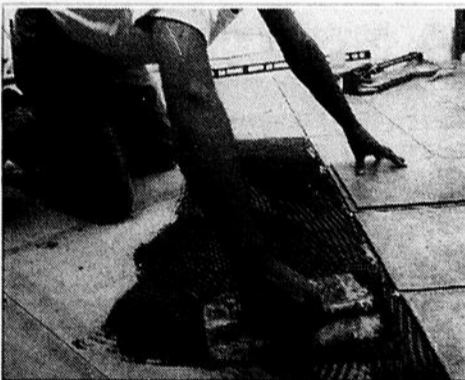
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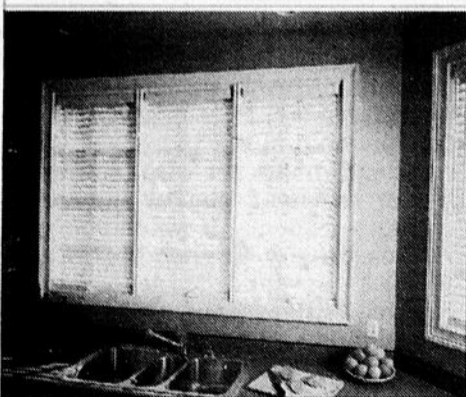
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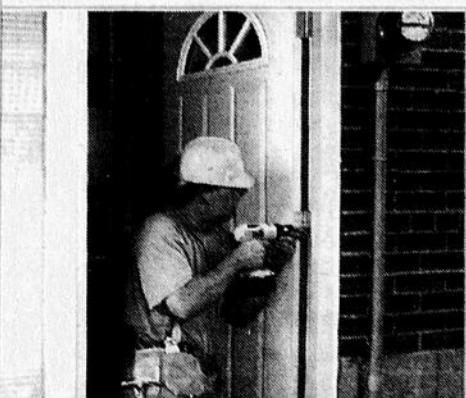
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**Holding Liberals to demerger**

Councillor Marks said she spoke to a number of key Liberal MNAs at a recent convention of the Quebec Liberal Party concerning leader Jean Charest's promise to hold demerger referendums when and if he became premier.

"We'll hold them to it," she said, and to "the right (they promised us) to declare ourselves on the mergers and, as quickly as possible when they come to power." One advantage to being an independent councillor for the megacity, she said, is that she is not required to follow municipal party policies in affiliating with a provincial political party such as the Liberals.

**Super hospital concerns on the rise**

The design of the proposed super hospital in the Glen Yards should be rethought, Marks said. This includes the height of the buildings (three highrises) as well as pedestrian and vehicle access. The borough's stance was made public at the Sept. 10 information meeting at Victoria held by the McGill University Health Centre, she pointed out.

"No one's arguing the need for better facilities," she said. "But it's not reasonable that people that people in that area should sacrifice their quality of life." The adjacent NDG community had similar concerns.

Westmount borough councillor Cynthia Lulham would represent Westmount at a meeting Oct. 8 in NDG regarding the rezoning of the site to accommodate buildings up to a height of 22 standard storeys.

**Train maintenance moving**

To make way for decontamination of the hospital site, CP will be moving its maintenance site from the Glen Yards (behind York Avenue) to an industrial area in Lachine. That's the good news, Marks said. Residents have long been complaining of the noise caused by idling trains at that location.

**Security, power, leaves, and hazardous waste**

Borough councillor John de Castell presented a commendation to Public Safety Officer Gregory

McBain, saying the officer's diligence was typical of the borough's security force. The borough was grateful for the officer's actions over the past six months in leading police to the discovery of hydroponic gardening at a home on Grosvenor Avenue, and for tracking down suspects in an armed robbery in Westmount Park as well as for the arrest of suspects in connection with damage to municipal property.

Two recent power outages were caused by high winds and a fault in an underground supply cable.

Reconstruction work on Roslyn Avenue was completed a week ahead of schedule and resurfacing work in underway on Lansdowne, Summit Road, Blenheim Place and Melbourne. Water mains are to be replaced on Hudson.

The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection takes place Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the library parking lot.

Sturdy clear leaf bags are now on sale in packs of 10 for \$3 at Westmount borough buildings. Leaf collections take place on Mondays.

In this summer's Communities in Bloom competition, Westmount again received the highest award of five blooms, borough councillor Cynthia Lulham announced. It also received special mention for urban forestry. The city participated in the international section of the competition and was paired with Dungannon, Northern Ireland.

In library news: Since introduction of the megacity Jan. 1, Westmount Public Library has almost doubled its membership, she said. A total of 6,517 new members swells the total to 13,811.

The borough's annual Halloween Home Decorating Competition takes place the evening of Oct. 31. Homes may be registered through Public Safety Officer James Novak.

The borough council has agreed to suspend the issuing of new recreation passes until January, Councillor Lulham said. It is studying policies followed by other boroughs in this respect and has found that no one procedure "fits all". It is important, she said, for the borough to provide services for its citizens.

Councillor Lulham also relayed thanks in

connection with recent events including Share the Warmth Foundation's sorting of food at Victoria Hall, the Westmount Historical Association's heritage walks Oct. 6, and the Terry Fox Run.

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*Around Westmount*

Marilynn Vanderstay



**The Westmount Public Library is celebrating Library Week with a variety of interesting events. 'Books for Baby' starts Friday, October 20. The innovative program is meant to encourage in babies one year or less an early passion for books and reading! Register your baby in the program in the Children's Library and receive a free gift package.**

From Oct. 20 to 26, rediscover the classics and see the display of 150 new classics in the adult library purchased with a generous donation from the Friends of the Library.

"Some people will get caught up in 'what is a classic,' but you might say that we defined it as titles which have a long shelf life," said Ann Moffat, director of Culture, Sports, Recreation and Social Development

for the Borough of Westmount. "Some of these volumes were getting very tired-looking; lots of readers had used them. Everyone would agree to books by Dumas, Stendhal, Flaubert etc., but we went way back to Chaucer (a new translation), beautiful editions of Tolkien's 'Lord of the Rings' and Jules Verne's 'Vingt Mille Lieues sous les mers'. We have Americans such as Walt Whitman's 'Leaves of Grass', Tony Morrison's 'Beloved', Faulkner's 'The Sound and the Fury'; Canadians W.O. Mitchell 'Who has Seen the Wind', Gabrielle Roy's 'The Tin Flute' and Margaret Laurence's 'The Stone Angel', Europeans including the Russians we all loved, a new translation of 'Anna Karenina' and one of my favourites 'The Master and Margarita'.

And maybe some titles readers have never heard of such Fernando Pessoa's 'The Book of Disquiet'. There are children's titles too. C.S. Lewis's 'Narnia' books, 'Charlotte's Web', 'Le Petit Prince', and a new illustrated edition of 'Oliver Twist'. And there are some classic movies too. 'Treasure Island', 'Frankenstein', Hitchcock's 'Marnie', and The Marx Brothers' 'Duck Soup'. Even if our patrons know these works, we're sure they will be encouraged to go back to them, these copies are so new and inviting."

**Questions? Ask the library guides**

Library staff regularly produce brochures and bibliographies on all sorts of topics and information aides to help patrons use the library. They staff have put out copies of some of the recent pamphlets at the display table during Library Week.

**Fall Author series**

Plan now to attend next Thursday's 'Evening with Mystery Writer Trevor Ferguson (a.k.a. John Farrow)' at the Westmount Library on October 24 at 7:30 p.m.

**WHS Book Sale**

It is time to go through your book shelves and purge all those paperbacks you have already read, those cook books and other reference books you no longer use, and those CD's and records you no longer listen to, and donate them to the Westmount High School book fair which will be held at the school on November 13. The fund raiser which brings in between \$900 and \$1,800 annually has raised funds to purchase everything from books to computers for the school library. The book fair was started 12 years ago by then school parent Francisco Uribe who continues to organize the event. Books can be dropped off at Westmount High School at 4350 Ste. Catherine Street West. Parent volun-

teers are also available to pick up books. Call school librarian Wendy Hays at 933-2701 for details.

**The joy of stamp collecting**

Come and discover how to collect stamps as well as the many interesting aspects of this traditional hobby at an interesting slide presentation given by Thomas Burpee on Sunday, October 20 at 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Library.

**Advice for consumers**

The not-for-profit Westmount Legal Clinic offers outside services other than tenant-landlord counselling. Consultant Ted Wright also provides affordable solid advice on the intricacies of buying a computer, signing a contract and selling a home. "Many people do not know how to buy a computer so that they can get what they want and not what the salesman thinks they need," he says. "It is hard to understand what is a bargain and what is not. For information contact Wright at or fax 277-8403 and he will get back to you. Or e-mail westmountlegalclinic@hotmail.com The Westmount Legal Clinic offers advice in landlord tenant disputes at its weekly clinic at the Westmount YMCA on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. A nominal donation is requested.

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**Woman assaulted in mugging attempt**

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By then, another woman, in her 30s, who lives a few blocks away and who was out jogging, noticed the commotion and quickly intervened. "She ran over, and, by golly, she took these two guys on," the husband said. The assailants decided at that point to jump back in their car and leave.

Although his wife wasn't seriously injured beyond some bruises and abrasions on her knees and legs,

according to her husband she was so traumatized that she was shaking almost uncontrollably for a day afterwards.

Although she went to a doctor the next day who gave her a tetanus shot, Urgences Santé was not summoned at the time of the incident. The doctor suggested she go to the CLSC and have her knee bandaged.

Police at Station 12 on Stanton Street a few blocks away were contacted on the evening of the incident, but according to the woman's husband, they were slow to arrive.

"One of our neighbours across the street from us here, a couple of houses

over, phoned the police who took their time," said the husband. "I guess they're not the fastest operators these days... In fact, I think he phoned them two or three times to hurry them up, and by that time my wife really wanted to go home."

Four police officers finally showed up, eventually leaving one officer behind to take down the details. A detective visited the couple the following day with police mug shots of suspects for them to identify.

The Examiner contacted Station 12 to obtain the police account of the incident, but there was no response by yesterday's press deadline.



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# Westmouter parodies life in whimsical trilogy

Marilynn Vanderstay

**W**estmount architect-turned-author David Reich's trilogy of tales and irreverent satires, fractured fairy tales and great bedtime reading is penned in the spirit of greats like Rocky & Bullwinkle and Robert Fulghum.



David Reich

Those who enjoyed the cult series about the moose and the squirrel's madcap escapades in international intrigue and Mr. Peabody's forays into history will be delighted with Reich's contemporary and often local satire, which he has woven into tales he ostensibly wrote for his grandchildren (wink, wink).

'Short Tall Tales' features conversations with God about issues that affect a town called Mount West. This parody is not only timely, taken from the headlines of the *Westmount Examiner*, but is written with a wit from the perspective of a 32-year Westmount resident only a fellow resident could understand.

Reich pokes fun at everything from Mount West's architectural planning board to its gardens. Taking full advantage of his career as an architect, Reich has especially a lot of fun with the ins and outs of building and planning and its rules in Mount West:

"Twenty-three revisions later, the plans reached the Architectural Commission. Chairman Hoity Toity, Alderperson for City Planning and Permit Obstruction, explained their refection. 'You must understand, Mr. Almighty, that homes in Mount West must all have matching doors, windows, and weather vanes to suit my democratically determined taste. We can't have a crass Solomon's Temple next to a pure gothic-renaissance-baroque-Victorian mansion. As Chairperson of the Committee of Beauty, I wouldn't like it. Also Crabtree MacPherson, just across the road from you, wants a referendum because you are blocking his view of your back yard.'

A very funny read, this story gives Westmouters an opportunity to laugh at themselves and appreciate who they are and what is important to them.

Reich learned his storytelling skills listening to his Russian mother's bedtime stories about czars, czardines, and czardinas. "I loved the stories and soon started talking the stories myself," he said.

He developed the bedtime stories he told his grandchildren into his second book, 'Once Upon a Long Time Ago: Tales for Children From 3 to 90,' written with the proviso "If you don't like the stories, you can at least colour the pictures."

'The Prince and the Blintz' and 'The Shlepper and the Donkey' are stories he developed over the years telling them to

his grandchildren. The book is filled with a collection of contemporary fables written with humour and ending with a moral both adults and children can appreciate.

Reich's third book, 'Joshua and the One-of-a-Kind Genuine Magic Key to Happiness', is "written, illustrated and

even typed by David Reich." The story is the journey of "a little boy who was exactly the same age as you" and his search for happiness that we can all relate to.

Other than his grandchildren, Reich tested his books in his dentist's waiting room. "He wanted to put teeth into my

marketing campaign," said Reich. The fact that the first print of the affordably-priced books sold out quickly at the Double Hook Book Shop, Reich's primary retailer, is testimony to their readability. The books are once again available at the store, located at 1235A Greene Avenue.



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## October is Celiac awareness month

Recent medical research has determined that celiac disease (CD), a debilitating digestive disorder that can result in severe malnutrition and death if left untreated, may affect one in 250 Canadians compared with the previously estimated one in 2,000.

The disease occurs in people who can't tolerate gluten, a protein contained in wheat, oats, barley and rye, which destroys the part of the small intestine that absorbs the nutrients the body needs to survive.

Symptoms can include intestinal pain or bleeding, nausea, weight loss, diarrhea, vomiting, anemia, chronic fatigue, joint and bone pain and depression. They may vary from violent attacks similar to those from food poisoning, to mild stomach discomfort.

The only treatment for CD, which is often inherited and tends to "run in families", is a gluten-free diet, which alleviates the symptoms and must be strictly adhered to for life. Many processed foods contain gluten under other names, such as H.V.P.H.P.P., hydrolyzed vegetable or plant protein, malt flavouring or modified starch. Several

Montreal health food stores carry gluten-free products. Many physicians have failed to identify CD because of its low medical profile compared with other digestive disorders. Because of its similar symptoms, CD is often misdiagnosed as Crohn's disease, irritable bowel syndrome or diverticulitis. Correct diagnosis is made after an endoscopy and biopsies of the affected area.

Dr. Cynthia Rudert, an American gastroenterologist and celiac specialist, has called CD the "world's common chronic intestinal disease" and "the most commonly misdiagnosed disease in medicine." Speaking at the CCA's recent annual meeting in Ottawa, Dr. Rudert said she calls the disorder "the mystery disease because it is a mystery to most physicians".

During the last few years, researchers in the U.S. and in Europe have found that CD is sometimes associated with miscarriages and infertility, attention deficit disorder, insulin dependent diabetes, epilepsy and liver disease.

People with celiac disease, referred to in medical parlance as "celiacs," may also develop osteoporosis, thyroid disease, lymphoma and a skin condition called dermatitis herpetiformis.

Members of the Quebec chapter, Canadian Celiac Association and the Fondation Quebecoise de la maladie Coelique will join forces for the first time to celebrate Celiac Awareness month with a five km "mini walk/run" Saturday, October 19 on Mount Royal. Participants hope to raise funds and public awareness of CD. Members of the Vermont Celiac Association and CCA members from other provinces have also been invited. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Beaver Lake chalet, where lockers are available for participants (bring your own padlock).

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(NC)—Women who start doing a moderate amount of daily physical activity can reduce their risk of breast cancer by almost half, a recent cancer research study reports.

The groundbreaking study, spearheaded by Alberta Cancer Board epidemiologist Dr. Christine Friedenreich, examined the activity levels in pre- and post-menopausal women. Dr. Friedenreich's findings, which are reported in a series of three papers, conclude that post-menopausal women who have been active throughout their lives have a 42 per cent reduction in breast-cancer risk. In addition, inactive women who became active after menopause, reduced their breast-cancer risk by 40 per cent.

The Canadian Cancer Society contributes to the funding of this important research through its annual \$2.5 million contribution to the Canadian Breast Cancer Research Initiative.

"Do not let age or a past history of inactivity discourage you," says Dr. Friedenreich. "Here is clear evidence on the amount, type and time periods in life when being physically active will reduce a woman's breast-cancer risk."

The overall findings from Dr. Friedenreich's papers indicate that women require six hours a day of total physical activity of various intensity levels to have a notable reduction in breast cancer risk. The good news is that all types of activity, including occupational and household work, such as doing laundry and dishes, count towards this goal. At present, most Canadian women still need to be more active to benefit from a 30 to 40 per cent breast-cancer risk reduction.

• For a moderately active woman who already exercises two to three times a week, this means including a daily

30-minute brisk walk to her daily routine;

• Inactive women need to increase activity daily to include a one-hour brisk walk, two hours of other moderate activities such as gardening, climbing stairs and carrying groceries, as well as three hours of light activity such as washing dishes, vacuuming and walking.

While sustained physical activity throughout a woman's lifetime offers the greatest risk reduction against cancer, physical activity done after menopause appears to provide almost as much benefit.

Dr. Friedenreich's study also reveals that not all activity has the same impact. Moderate physical activity performed consistently over a long period of time is more effective than short bouts of high-intensity activity.

Since 1993, the Canadian Cancer Society has contributed more than \$50 million to fund a broad range of research projects that are both directly and indirectly related to breast cancer. The society makes its contribution to breast-cancer research through its research partner the National Cancer Institute of Canada, and through its partnership in the Canadian Breast Cancer Research Initiative.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For more information about breast cancer and the Canadian Cancer Society's support services, please call 1-888-939-3333 or visit [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca).

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## Sokolov teaches three workshops in theatre and film

Marilynn Vanderstey

**W**estmount filmmaker and theatre director Constantin Sokolov is sharing his expertise in both film and theatre with Westmount residents from nine to 90 through three programs offered this season at Victoria Hall.

For the second year, Sokolov is teaching 'Acting on Film' in which adults learn acting techniques specific to film. Participants generally have a desire to act in films and Sokolov offers instruction in "the kitchen of the cinema".

During the weekly program, participants are encouraged to develop their acting skills by participating as actors themselves. The end goal is not only to develop those skills, but also to produce a film that could be viewed by the public.

"The students work hard" says Sokolov. "But they have fun and get results. When they start the course they think acting in films will come naturally, but they soon learn that is not true."

For kids nine to 16, Sokolov offers the popular program 'Let's Make a Film.' Presently two groups of 13 students are learning the basic techniques of acting in film. Both classes are filled and there is a waiting list. If enough participants register to fill a class of 13, however, a third course can still be offered this season.

Sokolov's personal passion, however,

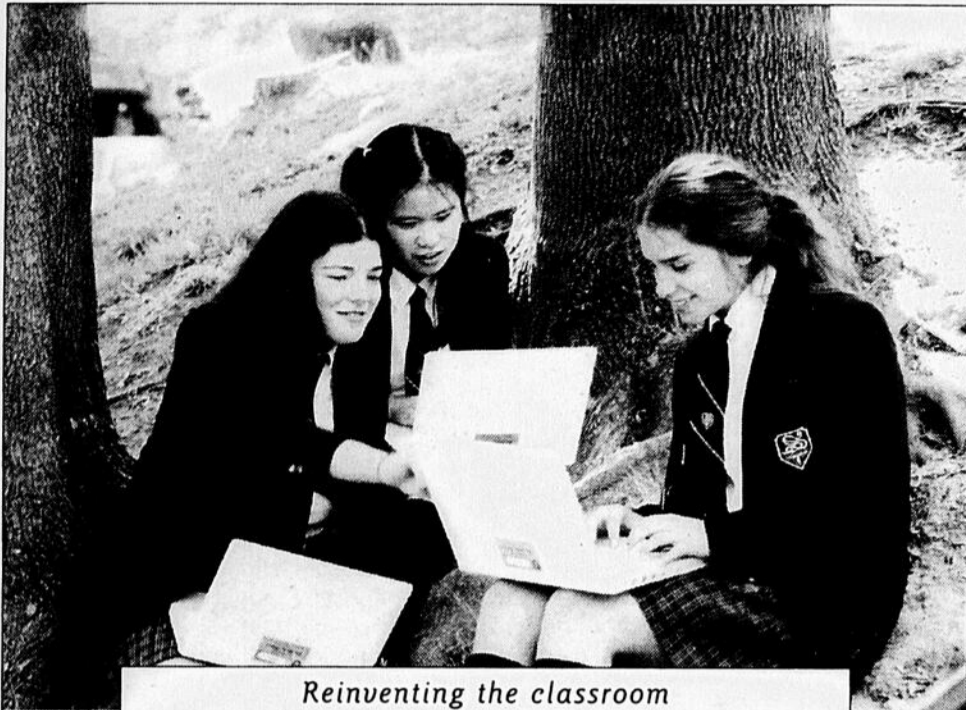
is Westmount's embryonic community theatre group, 'Dramatis Personae', which he started last year. Unlike film acting, theatre acting concentrates on analytical reading, scene study and acting exercises. A dramatized reading will be held before Christmas and a major production is planned for the spring.

The director's goal with the theatre program is to establish a bona-fide Westmount community theatre in which residents would have an opportunity to develop their theatre acting skills and have a lot of fun with their neighbours while establishing a community tradition such as they have in many cities and towns across North America.

"Victoria Hall isn't used for theatre anymore," he says "and that is a shame. It is a theatre hall and Westmount residents should insist on having a community theatre." The theatre group meets twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m.

Sokolov, who is married to Ira Sokolova, director of the Westmount Children's Choir, recently returned from Bulgaria, where he was working on a documentary about Sofia, its capital city. He is presently doing post-production work and hopes to ultimately sell the film to a Canadian television network.

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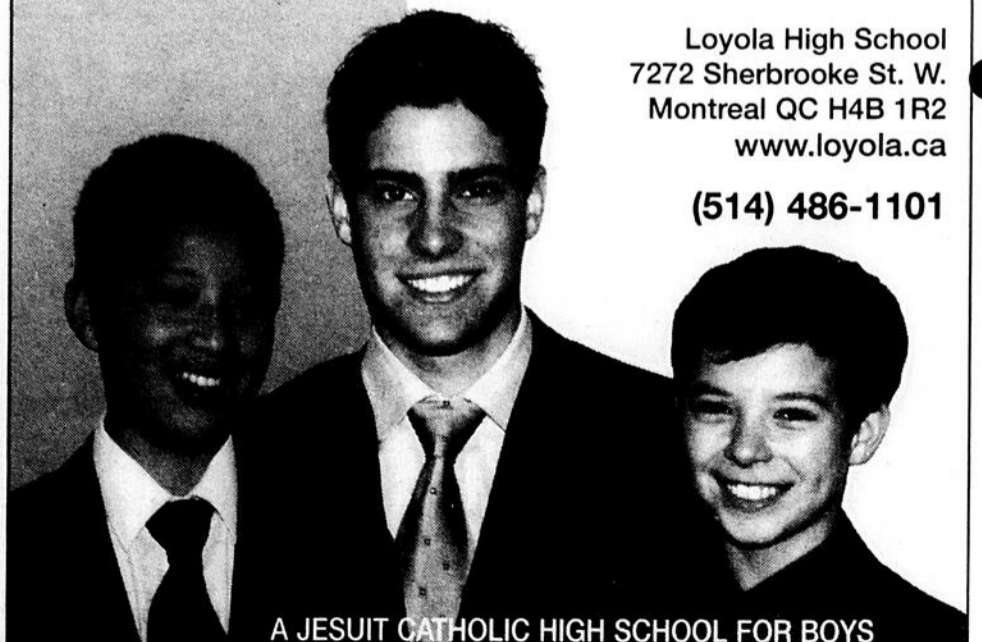
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## Victoria Hall exhibition offers an overview of printmaking

**Marilynn Vanderstay**

**T**he Printed Image: a contemporary view', the exhibition presently hanging at the Gallery at Victoria Hall, is a collection of the works of three Westmount printmakers and part of the city-wide event 'Mois du L'Estampe'.

It is also a primer for the uninitiated in the techniques of the age-old art of printmaking.

Once again, a skillfully-hung show by gallery curator Victoria LeBlanc is the key to the success of this exhibition. LeBlanc has situated the prints of artists M.N. Evette, Susan Lazar Hart and Helen Olesker Kogan in groupings that include the how-to's of the techniques of each artist's style.

Evette has become known in Westmount artists' community for her experimental and innovative work. Her display of nine photo etchings is based on photographs taken in Nevada's Valley of Fire. The images of mountain ranges variously positioned against reds and yellows are classic examples of the technique that takes an actual negative of the film and transpires it on a metal plate so that the lines of the negative become the drawings.

Hart's monoprints are series of segmented works created using transparent and opaque pigments. The artist, who is also a painter, says she finds monoprint an effective way to bridge the spontaneity of painting with the technical possibilities of repetition and texture of printmaking. Monoprints, one of the oldest forms of

printmaking, takes an image transformed from a plate onto paper by means of pressure.

In 'Drifting Sky', Hart used a myriad of colours to create the print that looks like it could be a drawing. 'Night's Passage' is a particularly interesting series of panels of colourful prints.

Oleker-Kogan used mythological themes as the subject for her series of predominantly black etchings. "What appeals to me about etching is that the plate and printing are built up over a process of time and a series of steps that give it a contemplative element," she says. "That the prints are pulled individually satisfies my yearning to create in a tactile way."

Etching has been popular throughout the centuries. Unlike monotype, many impressions or prints can be pulled or run through the press from a single plate. Oleker-Kogan has used that feature extensively in her works, often using two different depths of ink to create different looks with the same plate. For 'Aphrodite at heart' she created a two colour etching of two plates painted vertically.

Printmaking is a familiar art form, yet its techniques are not discussed as much as other media. The artists will be giving an Artist's Talk at the Gallery at Victoria Hall on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 12 p.m. that will hopefully demystify the art form.

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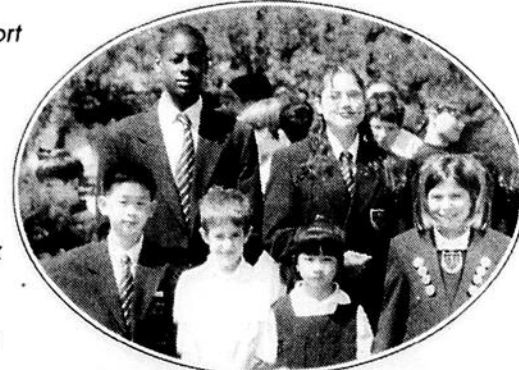
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## Thursday, Oct. 17

The Double Hook, 1235A Greene Ave., presents Ian Waddell, who will read from his mystery novel 'A Thirst to Die For' at 7:30 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

Makhelet Hashachar Japanese Choir performs at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke W., at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18, available by calling 937-3575.

Artists' Talk for "The Printed Image: a contemporary view" an exhibition of Westmount artists M. N. Evette, Helen Kogan and Susan Lazar Hart from noon to 2 p.m. at the Gallery, Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W. Info: 989-5226

Westmount Historical Association's fall lecture series continues with a French guided tour of Le Grand Seminaire de Montreal, 2065 Sherbrooke W. at 6 p.m. Info: 932-1404; 932-6688

## Saturday, Oct. 19

St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 4006 Dorchester, presents the People's Gospel Choir, who will perform a fundraising concert at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Info: 932-8046 or (450) 465-1506.

Empty Bowls Benefit Supper for community groups. Supper, ceramic bowl, acappella and jazz music, \$20. 5 to 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve W.

## Sunday, Oct. 20

The Leisure Institute of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave., presents guest speaker Kathy Diamond of the Côte St. Luc Library, who will lead a discussion of the novel 'Focus' by Arthur Miller at a 12:30 p.m. luncheon meeting. \$4 for Leisure members, \$5 for non-members. Info: 937-9471.

The Joy of Stamp Collecting: Slide presentation for ages 9 plus, by Thomas Burpee at 3 p.m. at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke W. Info: 989-5386

## Monday, Oct. 21

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Elina Bykova at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. Rabbi Bykova will speak on 'The Intimate Details of Loshon Hora.' Brown bag lunch at noon, lecture at 12:30 p.m. Free of charge, open to all. Info: 937-3575.

## Tuesday, Oct. 22

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke, presents David Berger, former Canadian Ambassador to Israel, who will deliver this year's Rabbi Harry J. Stern Memorial Lecture, 'One World or No World' at 7:30 p.m. Open to the public, free of charge. Info: 937-3575.

## Thursday, Oct. 24

The Westmount Public Library presents mystery writer John Farrow (Trevor Ferguson), author of 'Ice Lake' and 'City of Ice,' who will give a reading in the Westmount Room at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Info: Donna Lach at 989-5386.

## Saturday, Oct. 26

Fall Rummage Sale at St. Matthias' Church, 131 Côte St. Antoine Rd., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clothing, household items, books, linens, toys, etc.

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The Rotary Club of Westmount meets each Wednesday at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke, at 12:30 p.m.

Mary's Recovery, a non-profit bilingual self-help group for people seeking help in dealing with fear, anger, stress, depression, anxiety, panic attacks and phobias meet every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 485-2194.

The Montreal Camera Club meets each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve, entrance at rear. Slide shows, competitions and workshops. Visitors welcome. Info: (514) 637-2767.

Centre Greene is looking for a volunteer second cook for its seniors' luncheons. If you are interested in volunteering on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, call Maureen at 937-0775 or Anna at 931-6202. Luncheons begin in October at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave.

St. Margaret's Day Centre is looking for volunteers to assist seniors in use of computers, Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. 50 Hillside Ave. Please contact Chi at 932-3630 ext. 3024.

Contactivity Centre is looking for volunteers to help seniors by paying friendly visits, grocery shopping, accompanying them on medical appointments or helping in the kitchen for Thursday lunches. Become a valued asset in our community today. Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve, 932-2326 or 932-3433.

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The Westmount Youth Orchestra rehearses at Victoria Hall on Saturday mornings 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. under artistic director Mark Simons. Info: 768-6292 or 933-7039.

The St. Matthias' Church Choir of Men and Boys is recruiting boys aged 7 to 12 who would like to learn to sing, earn pocket money and participate in organized activities, including trips. For information, please call Peter Hawkins, director of music, at 933-4295/6.

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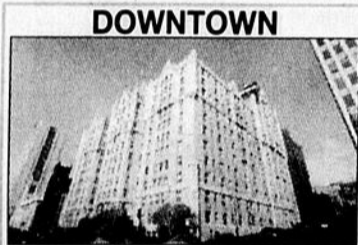
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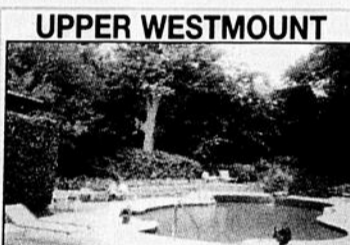
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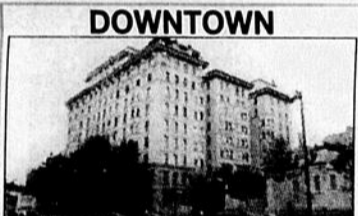
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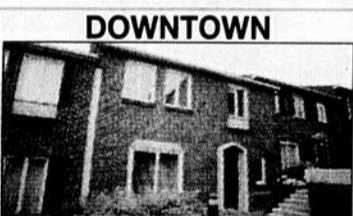
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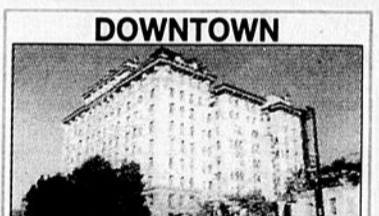
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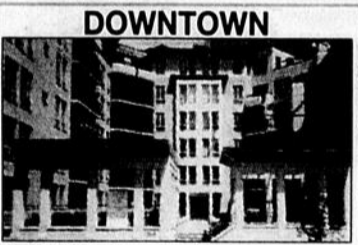
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