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Local News

THOMPSON RETURNS FOR COUNCIL BID

Martin C. Barry

Tom Thompson, who served two terms as a Westmount city councillor from 1995 until forced mergers in 2001, says he will be a candidate in the municipal election next November on a platform emphasizing fiscal responsibility and sound management.

"If I want to stand for reselection it is because I want to maintain the legacy of good citizen stewardship that we have in the City of Westmount," said the Victoria Avenue resident, who will be running in Ward 2.

In an interview with *The Examiner*, Thompson maintained that, although the One Island, One City concept has been discredited by the demerger of most of Montreal's suburbs, including Westmount, the ideology remains and will eventually have to be dealt with.

"We will continue to give our fair share," he said. "But what we want to see is the realization, on behalf of the City of Montreal and other political parties, that the idea of One Island, One City is not only undemocratic—the way it's playing out it's even worse—but it's not going to be economic.

"There's no economic advantage that these people touted as the reason to merge. It's the old story. But I think we have to be there to make sure that there's no slippage."

Thompson, who chaired Westmount city council's Operational and Environmental Committee during his terms in office, said that, in principle, property taxes are constituted as payment by citizens for services received, although that is not always how they are treated.

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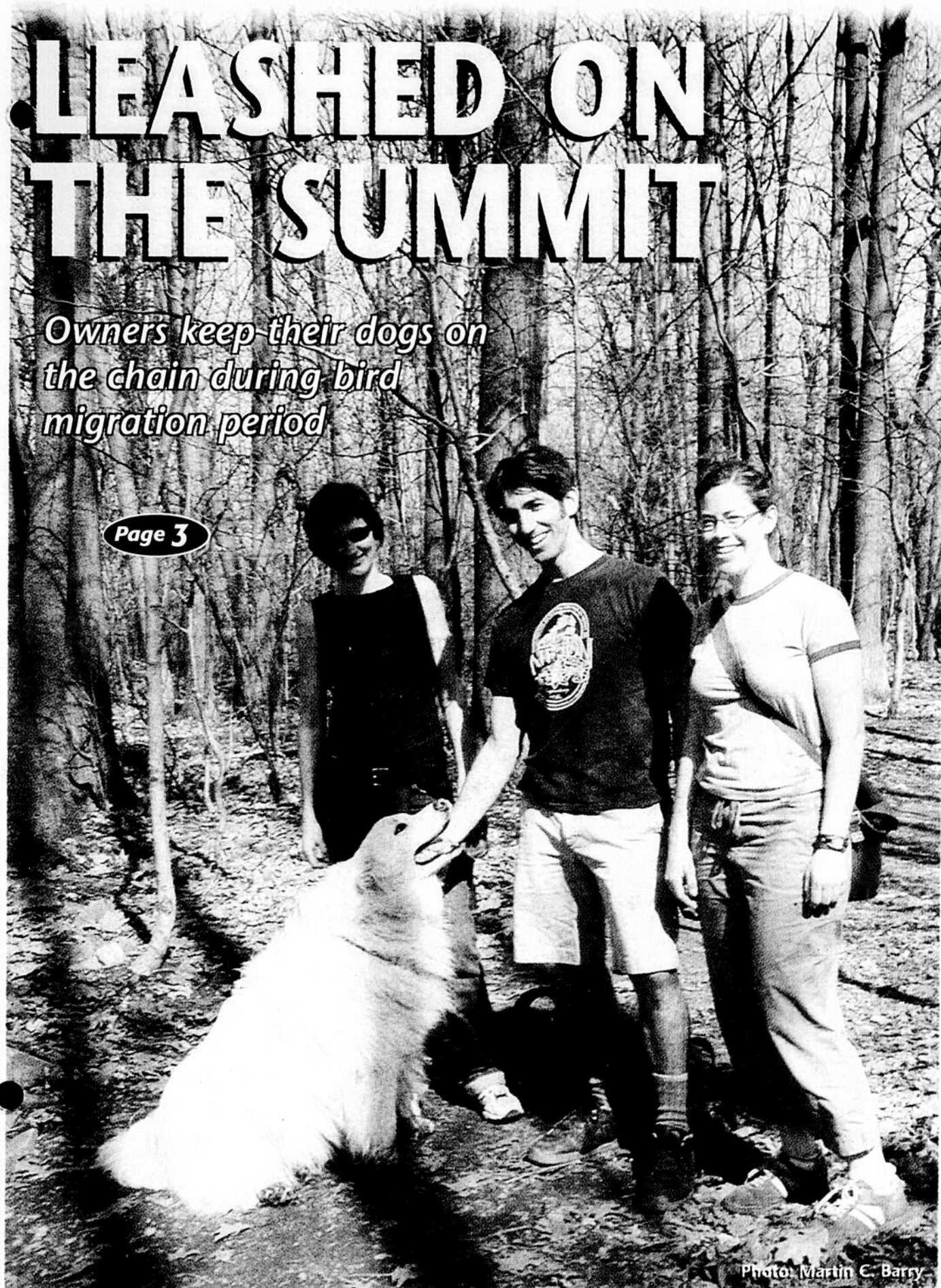


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When Westmount demerges from the City of Montreal next year, 60 per cent of taxes raised in Westmount will be going to the megacity. "We could show very clearly that some of those services that we're obliged to pay for don't exist as services, but may well be City of Montreal debt," he said.

"We'd like to see some realistic sharing of regional costs that truly provide a service to Westmounters. We don't want to pay for some service that we're

not receiving. We should get back to where we were some years ago. The realistic charges to Westmounters came to maybe 40 per cent of our budget.

"There are a lot of issues like that certainly I would challenge to remind other political parties that the property tax is not an income tax, it's not supposed to be redistribution of wealth," Thompson added. "We don't want Westmount to continue indefinitely in this transition period."

ROTARIANS COLLECT FOR JUNE 4 SALE

Marilynn Vanderstay

From pick-ups to sorting, the membership of the Westmount Rotary Club is moving into high gear to get ready to host Quebec's largest garage sale that will be held on Saturday, June 4 at the Westmount Arena.

And once again this year they are looking to Westmounters to offer their "used stuff" to be sold at the annual Westmount Rotary Garage Sale and Auction.

For over 25 years Westmounters have been donating used furniture, electronic and household items to the sale. This year the club is looking for donations of good used furniture, lamps, stereos, computers, and small appliances all in working order. They are also interested in kitchen items including flatware, dishes, canisters—anything saleable.

They do not take used clothing simply because it is too labour-intensive to clean, but handbags, briefcases, and luggage sell well.

Besides the great bargains at the garage sale that have shoppers lining up at the doors an hour before they are opened, the auction the Friday evening before is always very popular. There savvy collectors and the interested look to pick up great buys on everything from antiques and collectibles to paintings and bric-a-brac and sometimes even a car.

As well as individual donations of selected items, the Rotary Club has

also benefited from donations of entire estates that they pick up throughout the year and store for the spring. Initially the Club stores the picked up items in a storage area in the Manoir Westmount where the Rotary office is located, and then moved to one of several trailers located in lower Westmount.

Garage sale committee chair Sandy Hight says that there have been a lot of requests for pickups recently and the pickup committee that meets Monday evenings had to go to trucks and an extra evening to meet the demand. And that is great, he says.

"More pickups means more items to sell and more revenue that the Club uses to fund a variety of community causes," he says.

Last year the Club netted around \$30,000 between the auction and the garage sale. That gave the Club a good budget to assist other groups that included last year Share the Warmth.

Among the many services supported by the Rotary Club of Westmount are Share the Warmth, Dawson Community Centre in Verdun, Westmount High School, Westmount Park School and the Westmount YMCA. Each year they also provide Christmas and Easter food baskets to the less fortunate.

To arrange for a pickup phone the Rotary office at 935-3344, e-mail info@rotarywestmount.org or go to www.rotarywestmount.org.




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Examiner up for six awards

The Quebec Community Newspapers Association (QCNA) has announced that the *Westmount Examiner* has received six nominations for the organization's 2004 newspaper excellence awards.

The nominations include one for best ad and one for Ferg Gadzala in the best editorial cartoon category.

Freelance reporter and photojournalist Martin C. Barry, a regular contributor to both *The Examiner* and the *West End Chronicle*, has been nominated for two awards in the field of news reporting for his coverage of the municipal demerger referendum in Westmount, and two awards for his news and feature photography.

Barry has also been nominated for his sports photography at the *Chronicle*. Noah Sidel, another regular *Examiner* contributor, has been nominated for his sports reporting at the *Chronicle*.

Results will be announced in May at the QCNA's annual awards banquet in Pointe Claire.

WMA to close its Volunteer Citizen Award nominations

The Westmount Municipal Association has set next Tuesday afternoon, April 26, as the closing time for nominations for its 2005 Volunteer of the Year Award. The selection committee will be meeting that evening to choose this year's winner.

"We have received several deserving nominations and we are again assured of an interesting honoree," said WMA director Cynthia Campbell, who is at the helm of the event again this year.

Nominees should be Westmounters whose volunteering efforts have been mostly located here. WMA directors and City employees are excluded.

The WMA has been showcasing a Volunteer of the Year since 1998, when Sylvia Wedge was named. Subsequent honorees were Vera Jamieson, Jacqueline Neville, Sally Aitken, Richard Lord and Bill Morrow.

Last year's choice was Peter Trent, to mark his outstanding leadership as a private citizen during the demerger campaign.

More details are available from Cynthia Campbell at 487-2131. Submissions should be sent to her at jerry@sympatico.ca or to the WMA at P.O. Box 653 Victoria Station, H3Z 2Y7. The 2005 award will be presented at the association's annual meeting at Victoria Hall on May 10.

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SIGNS OF SPRING IN WESTMOUNT

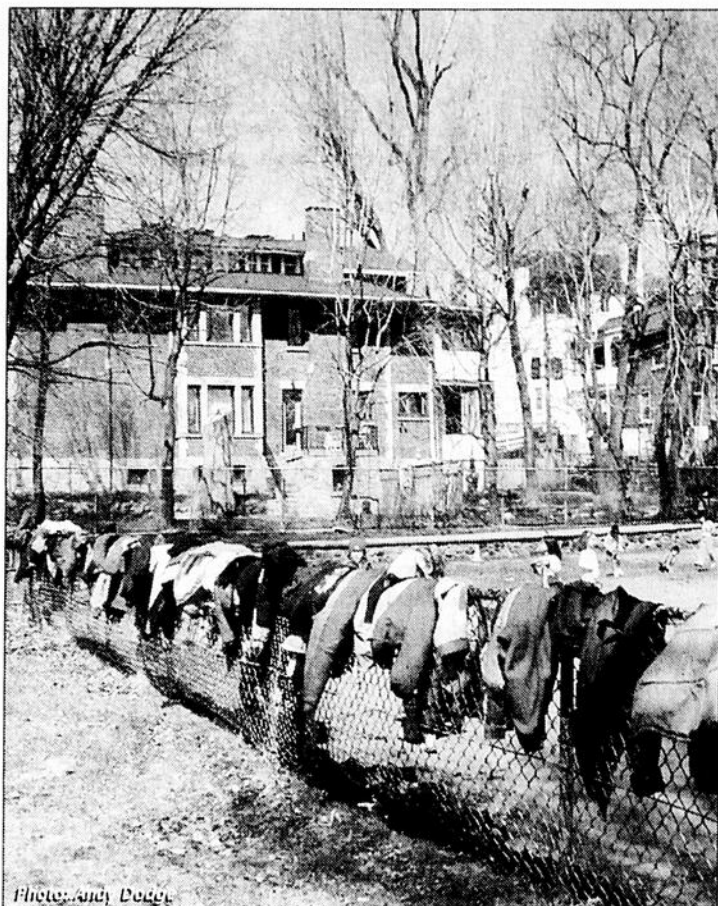


Photo: Andy Dodge

Examiner real estate writer Andy Dodge snapped the photo on the left as he passed Roslyn School recently. Although the students must wear their jackets when they go outside, the warm weather prompted everyone to remove them—filling up the entire fence in the process. The photo on the right was submitted by Charles Eddis, who was in Westmount Park two weeks ago when he saw two boys stranded on an ice floe in the lagoon. They eventually made it safely back to shore, but not before getting a bit wet.



Photo: Charles Eddis

LEASH LAWS ARE BEING OBEYED

Martin C. Barry

The majority of dog walkers in Summit Park are keeping their pets leashed during bird migration season as required by borough regulations, says a Westmount Public Security official.

"On the Summit, between April 15 and June 15, you can't take your dog off the leash at all," said the department's director, Richard McEnroe.

"We've had combined efforts between the police and my own personnel. I believe over the weekend we've had at least three visits up there at varying times and everybody was conforming to the bylaw."

But McEnroe said that some warnings were issued to dog owners on an unrelated matter.

"We have given some people some warnings that they must obtain licenses," he said, adding that any dog license is acceptable, "as long as they have a current license, whether it be from the City of Montreal or from Westmount."

McEnroe also said that with the advance warning from April 4 to 14 that the borough gave of the upcoming mandatory leash period, people seemed more aware.

"We had many officers going up there, again police and Public Security, and the people became aware of our

presence and the fact that we were pre-advising them that the enforcement campaign would start on the 15th. So I think that had a significant impact."

In the meantime, Westmount's borough council appears to be in no hurry to pass a proposed bylaw which would limit the number of dogs that could be walked on a leash at one time. "It's not a very high priority in all honesty," Borough Mayor Karin Marks commented this week.

Marks told *The Examiner* that the bylaw, which originated last November, was the result of complaints from a few citizens who had gone up to the Summit. "And particularly somebody with a little child, who felt that it was a problem," she said.

"We said that maybe we need to look at this and we haven't gone any farther with it. As I say, it's not the highest priority on our list right now. There's a lot of things that have to be done in order to get ready for the return of the new city. That's a much higher priority."

In Summit Park last Sunday afternoon, a few people who were out strolling with their leashed and unleashed pets said they were mostly unaware of Westmount's dog-walking rules.

"It seems to me they're all pretty well behaved, the ones that I've seen with

dogs up here," said a Montreal resident, whose dog was on a leash, and who was surprised to hear about the proposed three dog limit. "They don't fight with one another, they're used to each other."

Eddy Boxerman, a former Westmounter who was enjoying the Summit's woods and paths with his dog, Nimbus, said he was not surprised a three-dog limit had been proposed. Boxerman, who owned two dogs at one point in addition to a third he was caring for, admitted that walking three leashed canines at once was a difficult task.

"I think the trick to having three or more is to have a leash going into a cluster and then each of the dogs going off from that," he said. "But if they all decide to pull in the same direction, it can get tricky."

But Boxerman said he did not necessarily think that imposing a three-dog limit would be the right thing. "I think I would leave it to the people's judgment, whether or not they think they can handle the dogs," he said.

"Maybe just some kind of clause where you need to keep your dogs under control... If (the owners) are not picking up or if dogs are going after people or other dogs, that's another story. But I think that if a person can handle their dogs, that's fine."

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ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES Bal du printemps

Le bal du printemps de Westmount aura lieu le jeudi 26 mai au Victoria Hall pour une troisième année consécutive. Le cocktail débutera à 19 h et sera suivi d'un dîner dansant. Coût du billet : 85 \$ (maximum de 4 billets par personne), payable par chèque ou comptant. Les billets pour cet événement seront disponibles le mardi 26 avril entre 18 h et 20 h au Victoria Hall. Info : 989-5265.

La galerie du Victoria Hall

La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres de l'artiste Rouè-Doudou Boicel jusqu'au 29 avril. Info : 989-5226.

Collecte de sang du conseil

Le conseil d'arrondissement tiendra sa collecte annuelle de sang le vendredi 22 avril de 13 h 30 à 20 h au Victoria Hall. Donnez du sang, donnez la vie! Info : 989-5226.

Contra danse

La prochaine soirée Contra danse aura lieu le samedi 23 avril à 19 h au Victoria Hall avec le cæleur Ralph Sweet et la musique du Big Night Band. Entrée : 10 \$ (8 \$ pour étudiants). Le port de souliers confortables est suggéré. Call en anglais. Les débutants sont les bienvenus avec ou sans partenaire. Info : 483-4650.

Salon des métiers d'art de Westmount - Appel d'offres

La 7^e édition annuelle du Salon des métiers d'art de Westmount aura lieu les 12 et 13 novembre 2005 au Victoria Hall. Tous les artisans habitant à Westmount sont invités à présenter des échantillons de leurs œuvres au jury le mercredi 18 mai seulement, entre 14 h et 19 h, au Victoria Hall. Info : 934-0294.

Événement théâtre

Le *Glams Theatre*, une troupe de théâtre de Westmount, présente 4 mini pièces de Samuel Beckett à la galerie du Victoria Hall les samedi 30 avril et dimanche 1^{er} mai à 20 h. Info : 935-0535.



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DATES À RETENIR

Jusqu'au 29 avril

Rouè-Doudou Boicel
La galerie

Le 21 avril - 19 h

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Collecte de sang du Conseil
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Glams Theatre : 4 mini pièces
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Le 2 mai - 20 h

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Le parc Summit - période migratoire des oiseaux

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SPORTS ET LOISIRS

Cartes d'abonnement pour le tennis

Les résidents de Westmount pourront acheter les cartes d'abonnement pour le tennis à compter du 2 mai de 18 h à 21 h, et du 3 mai au 26 août durant les heures d'affaires (du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30) à l'Aréna de Westmount. Toute participation aux activités de tennis et l'utilisation des terrains requiert une carte d'abonnement. Comme les frais d'abonnement varient, veuillez consulter votre *Guide des activités* ou notre site Web pour de plus amples renseignements. Info : 989-5353.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Westmount Spring Ball

The Westmount Spring Ball will be held Thursday May 26, at Victoria Hall. Cocktails begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$85 each, payable by cash or cheque, maximum of four tickets per purchaser. Tickets will be on sale Tuesday, April 26, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Info: 989-5265.

The Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present the works of artist Rouè-Doudou Boicel until April 29. Info: 989-5226.

Council Blood Donor Clinic

The Borough Council will hold its annual Blood Donor Clinic on Friday, April 22, between 1:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Give blood. Give life. Info: 989-5226.

Contra Dance

The next Contra Dance will take place on Saturday, April 23, at Victoria Hall at 7:00 p.m. and feature live music by The Big Night Band with caller Ralph Sweet. Admission is \$10 (\$8 for students). Comfortable shoes recommended. All dances taught and called in English. No partner or experience necessary. Info: 483-4650.

Westmount Artisans' Festival - Call for Submissions

The 7th annual Westmount Artisans' Festival will take place on November 12 and 13, 2005 at Victoria Hall. All artisans residing in Westmount are invited to submit samples of their work to the jury on Wednesday, May 18 only, between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Info: 934-0294.

Theatre Event

Glams Theatre, a community-based theatre company, will present four short plays by Samuel Beckett in the Gallery at Victoria Hall on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 at 8:00 p.m. Info: 935-0535.



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Cultural Lecture Series

Life is a Fortune Cookie

How much do you really control in your life? Why do bad things such as serious illness, personal loss and major upheaval happen to good people? Join James Gavin, Ph.D. on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. as he explores these existential questions in a thoughtful but humorous approach. Please pre-register for this event at the Westmount Public Library main circulation desk. Info: 989-5386.

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Until April 29

Rouè-Doudou Boicel
The Gallery

April 21 - 7:00 p.m.

Westmount Historical Association
Spring Lecture Series 2005
Library

April 22 - 1:30 p.m.

Council Blood Donor Clinic
Victoria Hall

April 23 - 7:00 p.m.

Contra Dance
Victoria Hall

April 30 & May 1 - 8 p.m.

Glams Theatre: Four short plays
The Gallery at Victoria Hall

May 2 - 8:00 p.m.

Council Meeting
Borough Hall



PUBLIC SECURITY

Summit Park - Bird Migratory Period

Dog owners should take note that during the bird migratory period - April 15 to June 15 - dogs in Summit Park must be kept on leashes at all times. To ensure that this regulation is respected, Public Security Officers will be carrying out random patrols and issuing \$75 tickets to any violators.



SPORTS & RECREATION

Tennis Membership Passes

Borough resident tennis membership passes will be on sale May 2 between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and from May 3 to August 26 during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - weekdays only) at the Westmount Arena. A valid membership is required to register for Westmount tennis activities and to use Westmount's tennis courts. Membership fees vary, so consult your *Recreation Activities Guide* or log on to our Web site for complete details. Info: 989-5353.



Rouè-Doudou Boicel

MEAN TEENS AND GARBAGE FIENDS

On the Scene



Noah Sidel

The sun is shining, the heat is turning up, and teenagers are once again prowling the streets of Westmount, running amok with tomfooleries aplenty.

With the birds chirping their way back into town before the summer solstice, the teenage shenanigans started this week when one adult was arrested and three youths were remanded to their parents' custody last week by Station 12 police for possession of marijuana. Further details have not yet been released, but the foursome was busted in front of King George

Park with 28 grams of pot.

Following a window-smashing session at Westmount Park's comfort station earlier in the week, Public Works boarded up the broken windows.

"That same night, the vandals came back and not only pulled off the boards, but broke the remaining windows and sprayed graffiti," said Public Security director Richard McEnroe.

"On Wednesday night, one of our sergeants approached some youths aged 13 to 15, who were not Westmount residents, near the arena and in course of the conversation, two of them admitted to breaking

some of the windows. The damages resulted in some \$1,800 and everything is repaired—but it's a police matter now and is under investigation."

It might be a chore, but putting out the garbage can also result in a fine if done at the wrong time of day or with the wrong type of receptacle.

"We'll be starting a cleanup campaign and a Public Security officer will be on the lookout for garbage put out the day or night before reception and to make sure that it's in proper receptacles," McEnroe said.

"The garbage is not to be put out in plastic bags; rather it should be in containers or bins and the reason for that is to help keep the city clean. Some of the laneways in our commercial areas have become very problematic because of the placing of garbage in

laneways the night before pickup," he said.

"That brings in vermin such as raccoons, rats, skunks, and things like that. The animals rip the bags and it causes major messes. One way to keep these animals away is by keeping the streets clean.

"The fine is \$500 for residents and \$1,000 for commercial establishments and it's applicable on first offences and it rises for additional offences."

McEnroe said dog owners should be aware that as of last week, their pets are not allowed off their leashes in Summit Park through May 15.

"This is an opportune time to remind people that as of Apr. 15, we'll be enforcing the by-laws in Summit Park and handing out tickets to those who do not follow the rules with their dogs."

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The Gomery commission is big news in Canada, and even bigger news in Quebec. The international press, with the exception of a lone blogger in Minnesota, doesn't seem to be very interested. The BBC doesn't even have it on their web site. They have things like "rapper DMX held after car crash," or "sacked lesbian coach wins payout." What's wrong?

It's a Canadian sex scandal, which is the same as any other sex scandal, except that there's no sex.



The scenario goes like this: two men meet in a restaurant, a sum of money changes hands, and the taxpayer gets screwed.

It all happens in the French milieu of Montreal, Canada's sin city, but don't bother to cherchez la femme fatale, because there isn't one. There's no Martha Stewart here, no Monica Lewinsky. There are only sheepish middle-aged men with lurid tales of padded invoices, fishing rods, cash, and cigars. A cigar in the Oval Office may be titillating, but in Canada, a cigar is just a cigar.

The choo-choo man could have been interesting. What was he... a bad guy with post-nasal drip? A super-villain who can make his enemies sneeze uncontrollably? Alas, it was just a code name for some high-up at VIA rail, with the power to sidetrack large sums of money. That's an enviable power, but it's not supernatural, or even unusual.

Our Canadian scandals are not the stuff tabloid newspapers or comics are made of. Greed and avarice are not as fascinating as ambition, jealousy and lust. There's not enough emotion of any kind at the Gomery commission, unless you count self-pity, and there's been hardly any comedy since Justice Gomery's natural high spirits were curbed by dreary lawyers. There's no Johnnie Cochran here, to shout "if the fishing pole don't fit, you must acquit!" There's no oil for food, no sex for secrets, just money for nothing and cheques for free (with apologies to Dire Straits.)

You can't really satirize the Gomery commission, because the Gomery commission is satire. If the purpose of satire is to rip off the cozy mask of self-deception from society and hold up a mirror so that we see ourselves for what we are, then apparently what we are is venal, boring and lacking in sex appeal.

Prime Minister Paul Martin deserves respect for tackling the scandal. He is an honest man, with the courage to wade in and deal with whatever the commission digs up. Every shovelful reveals another fat squirming maggot, squinting in the light, clutching handfuls of our cash. The digging has to be done, but it doesn't look like anyone is going to thank Paul Martin for doing it. Citizens are angry because they have to pay for everything including the cleanup, the Liberals are angry because it could cost them their role as Canada's Only Legitimate Governing Party, at least for a while, and the opposition parties are angry because it's their job to be angry. Only the separatists are enjoying it, and that makes everyone angry, too.

Perhaps we should all have voted for the NDP years ago, but we didn't and we probably never will. Canada, a nation of fundamentally nice people, will never elect a fundamentally nice government, because we're afraid it'll be bad for business.

Or maybe it's because their leaders have too much sex appeal.

• George Bowser is one half of the musical comedy duo Bowser & Blue.

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Westmount Memorial Park, perhaps?

To the editor:

It is perhaps fitting to rename our most frequently used and visited park: Westmount Memorial. Although strangers to me, I have every sympathy for the bereaved who wish to remember deceased family members by planting trees in the park. But why not in a private garden rather than a public park? The number of shiny, eye-catching, eye-level memorial plates on trees has grown to annoying proportions and become an inescapable eyesore to park users.

More disturbing is the recent spouting of foot-high square metal stumps topped by sharp, rectangular brass plates at an angle again to catch the eye of the passer-by. Children

running around these trees are also endangered by the sharp metal. In winter, their toboggans and slides can easily collide with stumps buried by snow: there are three such on a slope. Besides, I believe the family members commemorated would not appreciate the state of upkeep and the use made of the stumps by Westmount's perambulating quadrupedal residents.

Last year, when I brought up the subject up with a city official, I was assured the practice has been discontinued. But there are two newly planted trees with enlarged memorial plates—one plastic-protected for longer wear—near the foot bridge by the comfort station.

Is it now not the time to rid our parks of this particular and peculiar form of visual pollution which the City of Westmount has so successfully encouraged? What fees charged the bereaved should be

returned and—with respect due the deceased—this growing annoyance to park users and visitors removed—however, the big brass plates embedded into huge rocks may be more of a problem.

Unless this proposal—endorsed by many residents—is taken seriously and acted upon positively by the City of Westmount (to celebrate its return to former status?), I would suggest our City rename our most popular green space: The Westmount Memorial Park.

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Old News



(from the examiner archives)

Five Years Ago
April 20, 2000

DUMP SITE: "The City of Westmount is keeping a close eye on the proposed garbage depot in nearby St. Henri, Director General Bruce St. Louis announced this week. Citing potential problems as increased garbage truck traffic, noise, odour and possibly rats, St. Louis said the City has been examining the project to ensure that its impact on Westmount is minimal to non-existent. 'Late last week we looked at some preliminary engineering plans that were done on certain aspects of it, and obviously we have an interest to make sure there will be no negative environmental impact on Westmount,' he said. Current plans call for a waste compacting plant to be built near the corner of Carillon and Pullman streets."

Ten Years Ago
April 13, 1995

PIZZA BAIT: "Good relations between police and students at Westmount High School have been jeopardized by last week's incident in which nine students were enticed with pizza and used in a police lineup, principal Richard Meades said Tuesday. 'It's mindboggling,' he said. The incident and its aftermath could have far-reaching implications, 'other than the fact that it was fundamentally wrong,' Meades said."

Twenty Years Ago
April 11, 1985

RICHARDSON LEAVES PSU: "Lieutenant Walter Richardson, second-in-command of Westmount's Public Security Unit, resigned from the force yesterday after 38 years' service to the city in fire, police and public security roles. He cited 'conflicts within the department' as the reason for his resignation. The resignation comes one month after that of Public Safety Officer James McRae."

Twenty-Five Years Ago
April 10, 1980

NO-BUS LAW: "Gray Line of Montreal seems to be openly flouting the city's ban on mountaintop tour busses, and though drivers are receiving summonses from police, they are continuing to use the route. Westmount city officials are welcoming the opportunity of bringing the case before the courts, where they expect the city's by-law to be upheld. Court officials suggest the first appearance will be in the beginning of May."

Sixty Years Ago
April 13, 1945

WINDOW DEDICATED: "A three-light window dedicated 'To the glory of God and in affectionate remembrance of Lewis Brown McFarlane, 1851-1943,' was dedicated Sunday last at the regular morning service in St. Stephen's Anglican Church. McFarlane started delivering telegrams for a penny apiece as a boy in the 1860s and went on to be chairman of the board of the Bell Company, having done more than any other Canadian to assist Professor Bell in proving the practicability of his 'talking wires' and in marketing profitably the results of his telephone invention."

Kyoto is another reason to turf the Liberals

Uncensored

Tommy Schnurmacher



The Liberals should not be turfed because of the sponsorship scandal. Voters should toss them out of office because of their shameless dishonesty concerning our real obligations under the Kyoto Protocol on climate change.

Is it important for all Canadian individuals and corporations to do their level best to cut down on pollution and help the environment?

Of course it is.

Is the Kyoto Protocol the only way to do it?

Absolutely not.

First of all, the government is not really serious about cleaning up the environment. If it were, it would not have allowed the 700 Canadian corporations that produce the most pollution completely off the hook.

Even though these companies produce 50 per cent of the pollution, they will only pick up 15 per cent of the tab. No penalties for these companies if they do not cut down on greenhouse-gas emissions.

They're in in good company, mind you. With their burgeoning economies, China and India are major polluters, yet they can pollute the planet to their hearts' content. Neither country is under any obligation to cut down under the Kyoto accord.

The United States and Australia haven't signed on either. Their officials bothered to pay attention to all the details which is more than you can say for our own government representatives.

Under Kyoto, Canada must come up with an annual reduction of 270 million tonnes of emissions of gases associated with global warming.

We signed Kyoto when we didn't even have a plan. We finally do have a plan. The Liberals plan to spend \$10 billion of your hard-earned money to implement Kyoto.

If the gun registry fiasco is any indication, the Liberals cannot be trusted to direct all this cash honestly or appropriately. Nor can we believe them for one minute when they insist that Kyoto will come in at \$10 billion.

A few years ago, it was \$4 billion.

By this point, the government has done all the math. The bureaucrats have figured out that we cannot meet our Kyoto targets without serious job losses and massive economic dislocation.

That's why they have finally been

forced to admit what they have long tried to downplay or deny. We will indeed have to buy credits from foreign companies that have exceeded their own required cuts.

What does that mean?

Very simple. If we can't cut enough pollution on our own, we buy points from other countries to make it look like we did.

Doesn't do anything for the environment, but it looks good on paper.

All part of the unstated Kyoto plan to transfer wealth from the developed world to the corrupt governments of countries that are unproductive and inefficient.

Close to \$1 billion of Canada's Kyoto budget — \$1 billion of your tax money — will be sent overseas. We will be making out cheques to foreign countries like Russia where they will make out like bandits.

Literally.

Since there is no commitment on the part of the recipient to spend the money on emissions reduction, it's just as likely to end up in the hands of the Russian mafia.

The Americans and the Australians obviously had this figured out. Too bad our government did not.

• Tommy Schnurmacher is heard weekdays 9 a.m. to noon on CJAD 800 Radio. His e-mail address is tommys@vdm.ca.

SHARING IDEAS AT HOME AND ABROAD

MNA

Jacques Chagnon



Learning about democracy and understanding federalism cannot happen spontaneously — which brings me to something that happened before Easter that I'd like to talk about this week.

The fact that my workload has lightened recently has allowed me to live a new experience. The Assembly of Parliamentarians of the Francophonie (APF) is a Paris-based organization. It invites parliamentarians (i.e. those who are not members of the Executive Branch), to give seminars to parliamentarians from other countries. At the request of the APF, the president of the National Assembly asked me to participate in a forum for parliamentarians from the Comoro Islands. The subjects included: 'How to work as a parliamentarian in a federal system', 'How to work with our constituents', and 'The tools or skills that a Parliamentarian should possess to be effective in Parliament.'

The Comoro Islands, which is a poor African nation with a small population, became a federation two years ago and elected their first Parliament just 10 months ago. There is, in fact, a Parliament on each island along with a federal Parliament. Four parliamentarians were invited to the forum — one from Switzerland, one from Gabon, another from Cameroon, and myself, from Canada-Québec, which shares with Switzerland the status of a federated state. The parliamentarians from the different island Parliaments as well as from the federal Parliament were meeting together for the first time. Since we were their invited

speakers, they were very open and enthusiastic about our being there. At the beginning, we told them that we had met with their President and with several ministers from both the federal government and from the islands. Next, we explained how our respective political systems work, pointing out both their strengths and their weaknesses. The audience was very attentive; a young democracy, a newly federated state, in a developing country — it presents a whole series of challenges.

These parliamentarians told us of the inherent difficulties in having both majority and minority status in Parliament. Some asked questions such as "What do you do in situations like ours, where members of the majority and members of the minority do not speak to each other?" Our response was that we need to accept that the other group can have different ideas. The lines of communication must remain open; if they aren't — which sums up their experience — if we don't speak to each other, we could end up in violent conflict with each other.

I also discussed with them how important it is to clearly define the roles of the different orders of government in a federal system with an adequate fiscal order. It was a bit strange, as these parliamentarians, both federal and insular, were trying to look after the same things.

The control of Parliament by parliamentarians was also a very important subject for

them. We had to tell them about the services and functions that Parliaments need to have in place — such as the position of auditor general, an ombudsman, and even an electoral officer! — so that they can be well equipped to deal with the government and the different ministries.

In short, it was a busy week in the southern hemisphere for a couple of parliamentarians who are used to a rather colder climate (that is, my Swiss colleague and I). We left the parliamentarians of the Comoros a very happy group — and we were left with the very clear impression that we had done a good deed for such a destitute country.

I want to make up for lost time, so my production of articles will be increasing a bit. This gives me the opportunity to show you a photo that should have been published with last week's column.

• Jacques Chagnon is the Liberal MNA for Westmount-St. Louis.



My memorable meeting with Pope John Paul II.



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The object of this by-law is to permit the increase of the electricity tariffs to reflect the new rates authorized by the Régie de l'Énergie.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the Borough Secretary, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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**EDITOR PHILLIPS TO SPEAK
AT W.H.O.B.A. BANQUET**

*Around
Westmount*

Marilynn Vanderstay



Westmount High grads are invited to join alumni at Selwyn House on Thursday, May 12 for the annual spring banquet.

This year the keynote speaker will be Andrew Phillips, WHS grad and now editor-in-chief of the Montreal Gazette. Phillips graduated from WHS in 1970 before attending McGill University, where he first became involved in journalism at the McGill Daily student paper and working as a student intern at The Gazette.

After graduating he joined The Gazette full time, first as a reporter, then as the assistant city editor, Weekly Review editor and national editor. Concurrently he also taught journalism at Concordia University. He left Montreal in 1985 to join CBC Television in Toronto as news editor and producer for The National. He then spent 14 years with MacLeans magazine as national editor, London bureau chief, senior editor and Washington editor. As a correspondent for the national news magazine, Phillips covered stories in 35 countries including Eastern Europe and most of the U.S. During those years he covered most of

the major world events including the fall of communism, the Yugoslav civil wars, the first Gulf War, two Olympics, and two U.S. presidential elections.

In 2001 he returned home to Victoria to become editor-in-chief of the Victoria Times Colonist before returning to Montreal last fall. The alumni is looking forward to hearing about Phillip's life as a journalist and what is going on in our own Montreal Gazette. For more information or to reserve your place please call 938-5349.

Church turns 75

Westmounters are invited to join the congregation at Westmount Park Church for its 75th anniversary service followed by a supper this Saturday, April 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Reverend Sharon Moon of Cedar Park United Church in Beaconsfield. The Roxboro United Church Choir will present special music. A church dinner will follow. The church started meeting on Saturday afternoons several years ago to accommodate the Word of Life Church, which meets on Sunday mornings. Recently the church welcomed another church into its facilities. The Montreal Church of Seventh Day Adventists Reform Movement now meet Saturday mornings at the church located at 4695 de Maisonneuve at the corner of Lansdowne Avenue. For more information about the anniversary, call 937-1146.

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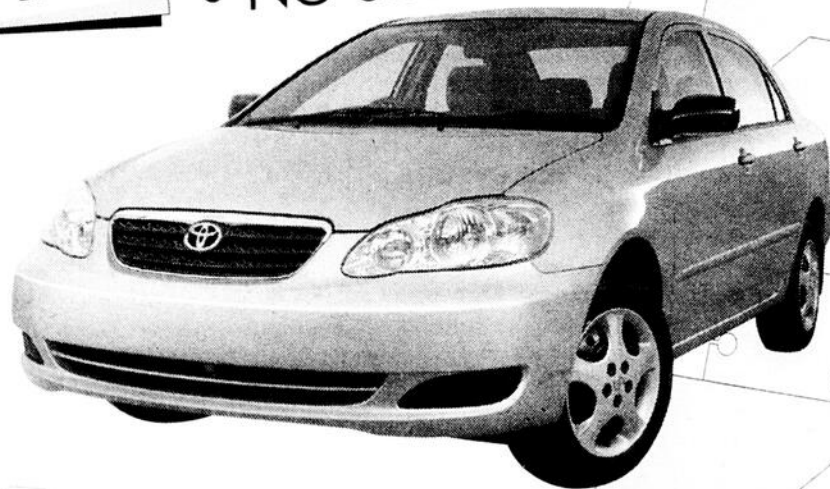
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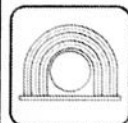
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Local student interviewed Lewis

Stephen Lewis, UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, who has taken on the huge task of raising both money and awareness in the battle against the pandemic of AIDS in Africa, was recently the guest speaker at the Lower Canada College speakers' series.

Due to his pressing schedule, interviews with the media were not possible. Except one. Westmount resident, Jasmyn Jin, was the only person granted an interview with the former Canadian Ambassador to the United Nation who also served as Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

After his eloquent yet heart-wrenching wake-up call 'Hope and Despair,

Fighting the HIV/AIDS Pandemic', it was announced that Jin would be the only media representative who would be interviewing Lewis. Jin was assigned the interview as part of her studies in broadcast journalism at the school.

Show and tell at artisan website

Renowned Westmount quilter of Victoria Hall Gallery and Westmount Artisan Show fame Ilyse Segal has given friends and associates another way to enjoy her colourful quilts and floorcloths through her new website, www.ilyse.ca

"All my quilts are machine pieced, hand appliquéd, and/or hand quilted," says Segal. She has also created a line of floorcloths that are becoming very popular and have an interesting history.

"Floorcloths originated in seaports on the east coast of North America. They were made from leftover sail canvas and sealed with boat varnish. They were much less expensive than imported carpets, and provided much-needed

colour." Segal is an avid member of the Westmount Quilters Guild, who often inspire each other with ideas during show and tell meetings. Segal's site will inspire both novices and experienced artisans with ideas and techniques.



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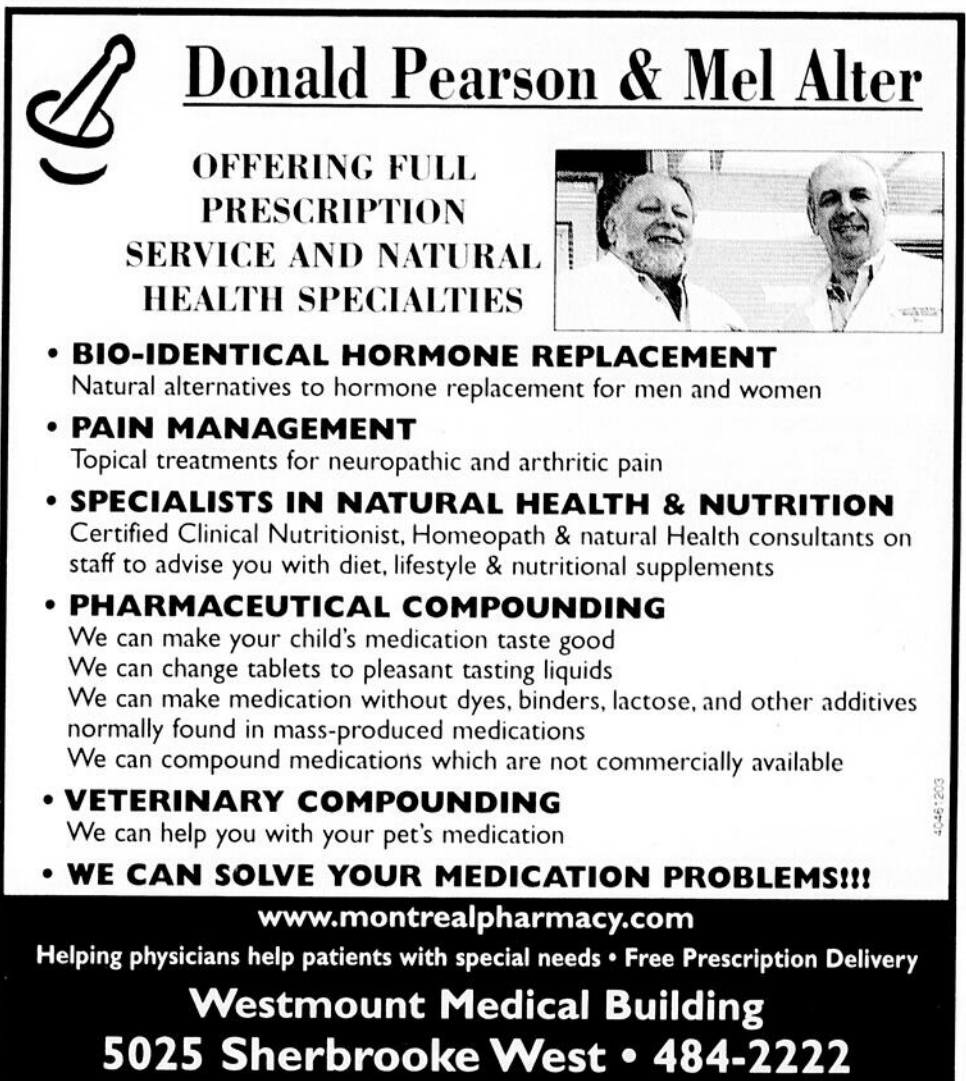
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Teens getting wrong messages, says pediatrician

Jessica Murphy

"Adolescence is normal—it is not a disease. Most adolescents do it well," says Dr. Franziska Baltzer.

Opening her recent lecture at the Montreal Children's Hospital with these reassuring words, she went on to describe some of what she sees in her clinic, and the sexual trends she has observed in teenagers.

Baltzer, a pediatrician and director of the adolescent medicine and gynecology program at the Children's Hospital, said she is concerned that

the sexy clothes available to younger and younger children are passing on a negative message to youth.

Adolescent girls sometimes get a reputation that has nothing to do with their sexual history, but because of how they dress. Some of these girls don't fully understand the meaning of what they're portraying. Images like the Playboy bunny logo have a benign meaning among their friends, while adults see them differently. "They are innocent, naïve," Baltzer said.

Sex practices in teens have changed over that past few years. Baltzer has been working with teenagers since

1983. Earlier in her career she found that girls used to only have vaginal intercourse, and now there is a culture of oral sex and 'friends with benefits'.

Baltzer admits she has a hard time with the oral sex teenagers are having because it's a one way street—the girls will often give without getting anything back. There is often also drugs and alcohol involved with so-called 'recreational sex'.

Another trend is the Brazilian bikini wax. In her clinic, 90 per cent of the female adolescents have fully shaved or waxed pubic hair. "I don't know where this is coming from," she said, but it is something she has seen in the last four years.

Why are the sexual practices changing so quickly? While the hypersexualized mass media may be part of the issue, Baltzer feels that a lot of it starts at home. Parents don't realize they may be supporting unhealthy fashions, and don't always know how to discuss healthy sexual attitudes with their teens.

She feels proper sex education is vital, and said in the U.S. less emphasis is placed on contraception and good information and—even with the

increase in virginity pledges—the rate of teenage pregnancy is five times that of Canada. In Finland, where sex-ed is taught at a young age and the government hands out condoms, the teen pregnancy rate is even lower than Canada's.

This is also a time of cultural extremes, she said, noting the rise in both obesity and anorexia in youth. The consequences are that sex is everywhere, everything is for sale and the boundaries between generations are lost. The roles of children and adults are no longer clear.

Baltzer assured parents that "the world is not going to drown yet." She has seen many teens grow out of unhealthy sexual practices as they mature. "Adolescents—you never know who is coming through the door and what potential they have to solve their issues. And some have enormous potential."

• Dr. Suzanne MacDonald will talk about children, teens and body image in the 21st century on Tuesday, May 3, at 7 p.m. The lecture will be at the Montreal Children's Hospital, room D-182. Info: Marcie Scheim at (514) 412-4400 ext. 22388.



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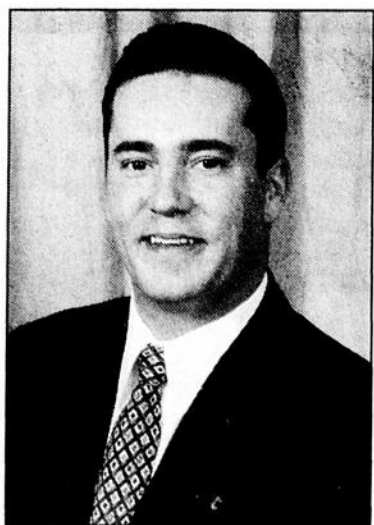
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'Denim and Diamonds' event set for May 7



Photo: Howard Kay

The countdown is on for 'Denim and Diamonds 2005', a fundraiser hosted by the Young Adult division of Hope & Cope, and it is well on its way to being another sold-out success. The event will be held on Saturday, May 7 at Bonsecours Market in Old Montreal. Part of the proceeds will help with the establishment of a much-needed Wellness Centre for cancer patients and their families. The Centre is scheduled to open in 2006. Pictured above are organizing committee members (back row, left to right) Elayne Baron Starr, Lisa Singer Miller, Judi Milstein, Marla Fox, Sheila Kussner, Mona Iny Shiri, Randi Cohen, Suzanne O'Brien and (front row) Debbie Bridgman, Rita Fagnoli, Dr. Marcia Gillman, Michael Flinker, Lannie Dignadice and Sheryl Miller Adessky. Absent are Debra Schwartz, Dawn Eisman and Joanna Adler.

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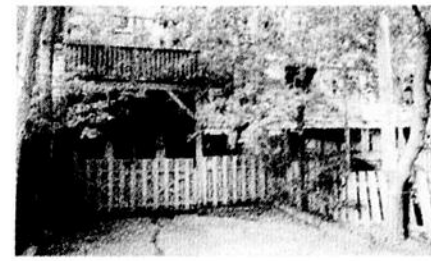
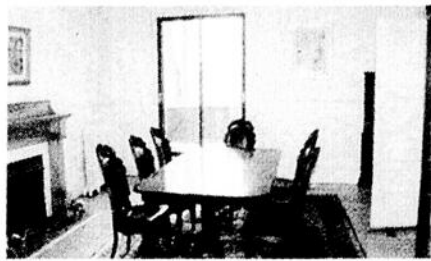


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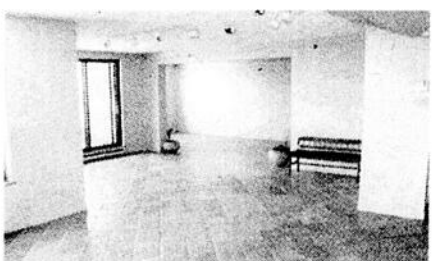
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Spring fashion is bold, colourful and feminine

Marilynn Vanderstay

Spring fashion arrived in Westmount with flare and style this month and the key words are bold, colourful and feminine—and skirts.

At Minelli's on Sherbrooke Street, the look is 'flowing'—long and flowing 'hippy-like' skirts, pleated and wide in prints and patterns. Oranges, fuch-

sias, yellows and whites are featured in bustiers, and tops that are worn layered over each other. Shrogs are knitted boleros worn over T-shirts that may or may not be coordinated.

The suit has been replaced with mix-and-match jackets and skirts in metallics, printed, embroidered and lace. Solids are worn with prints. In addition to long skirts for dressy, short dresses in silk and taffeta are creating

a new look.

At Concerto pour Elle on Greene Avenue the word is feminine. "This season women get to play with feminine items like transparent camisoles worn over T-shirts," says owner Marie Mirelle. "Or the camisole is printed with an opaque painting such as a Monet. That is very trendy."

Look for stripes that have seen a renewal this season on skirts that are short with raw hemlines or long and

fluid. Pants are also any length from long to ankle, Capri and shorter Capri. And again the colours are pinks, turquoises, and whites in lightweight fabrics, especially silks. Mirelle features a new linen like the fabric ramie, which is made from an exotic Malaysian plant, and meryl, a cotton blended with polyester that can breathe.

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Accessories: The icing on the cake

Marilynn Vanderstay

Again this season accessories are must-haves to compliment the anything-goes, but feminine, trends. And again it is all about colour. Pinks, turquoises, yellows, greens and white.

Brooches, which were big for fall and winter, are still important, but are more subdued and feminine. They are even showing up on shoes at Tony's Shoes on Green Avenue. Marie Mireille, owner of Concerto Pour Elle, suggests mixing old brooches with new and colourful ones.

At Minelli's on Sherbrooke Street, ethnic styles are popular—African and Indian pieces featuring a lot of metal and even coloured metal. Belts are simple but with an interesting buckle, or big with a diamond. That ethnic look is also big at Concerto Pour Elle but with even more textures combining leather with shells and ribbons.

Eliane Harroch, owner of Promenade Greene, says that beads in

greens, turquoise and pinks are big, any time of the day, around the neck or as bracelets. They are even showing up in beaded tops. "What is very popular this season are Swarovsky crystals that were just in white but this year are in a myriad of colours and

worn in necklaces, bracelets and earrings." Colour is also big for shoes this season—greens, pinks and turquoises.

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As an interior designer, Greatti works with favourite pieces and literally thousands of colours that reflect the persona of his clients. "I created a Home D-Tox system which allows me to make simple changes that are colour imaginative to create a totally new and different atmosphere in a room or an entire home."

As a Colour Fashion Stylist, Greatti brings that same colour awareness to his client's personal image through colour makeovers. "My philosophy is to freshen up or create a whole new image that reflects the happy, independent and cosmopolitan lifestyle of my clients."

In addition Greatti offers a wardrobe service. After defining the new look, Greatti first goes through his client's wardrobe to identify items that no longer reflect the client's personality and that reflect the new image. Again working with favourite basic items, he will shop with his client to help choose coordinated pieces to build a new wardrobe that is personal yet practical.

To reinforce his commitment to the perfect colour palette for his clients, this summer Greatti will launch "M" his own line of cosmetics and glamour.

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Avenue Art



Owner Marina Cutler and Assistant Director Mary Vanaselja with a painting by artist Kevin Jenné

After six years of working with artists, curating exhibitions and holding one of the largest annual art events in Montreal at Complexe Canal Lachine, Westmount resident Marina Cutler brought her expertise and professionalism to a new setting, Galerie Avenue Art. This month the gallery located in the center of Westmount's Sherbrooke Street shopping district is celebrating its first anniversary.

In that one year Cutler has assembled an impressive stable of over 20 known and emerging Canadian artists including award winning Susan Pepler, Anthony Hobbs, Tex Dawson, Ronda Diamond, and Valerie Butters.

"I opened the gallery to give art lovers a local gallery where they don't have to spend a fortune but are still able to buy quality art created by quality artists. I also wanted to draw in the established collectors that have slowed down their investment in art for various reasons and encourage them to get excited once again in the joys of buying and collecting art **for the love of it.**"

Cutler recognizes there is a new breed of art consumers who are just starting to appreciate art and are seeking advice and guidance on what to look for. With this in mind, Avenue Art offers free in store/in home consultations in which prospective buyers set an appointment to discuss what they are looking for and ask questions about buying art.

Cutler, along with assistant director Mary Vanaselja host bi-monthly solo and group exhibitions to introduce the artists and to give art lovers opportunities to meet some of the Montreal talent while viewing their works. In May, Avenue Art will feature "Flora" a solo exhibition of new works by noted Westmount artist Susan Pepler.

Recognizing that many of her clients summer in the country, Cutler exhibits work by Avenue Art's artists at the Manitou Golf Club in Mount Tremblant where they can continue to enjoy art exhibitions.

To find out more about Galerie Avenue Art's upcoming events, its stable of artists, or to arrange a personal consultation at the gallery or at your home or workplace, go to www.AvenueArt.ca or call 867-3745 or email info@avenueart.ca.

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Bark & Fitz Pet Boutique



The Bark & Fitz Pet Boutique located at 5674 Monkland Avenue has become THE place to purchase natural dog and cat foods and treats and unique pet gift items since its opening in early March.

"Bark & Fitz is not your average pet retail outlet," says franchise owner Evelyn Couture. "It is more of a lifestyle statement that embodies the concept of comfort and wellness of family pets."

The spacious store that is welcoming to both dogs and their owners offers a variety of unique items. There is a full line of dog apparel. Bark & Fitz "hoodies" (sweatshirts) and all weather jackets are available in a variety of colours and sizes from super small to extra large.

The Bark & Fitz line of chest height metal and wood feeders gives dogs a more comfortable way to enjoy the store's complete line of dry, wet and raw all natural foods. "All of our food products contain no animal by products or corn or wheat fillers," says Couture. "They are higher end nutritious foods." There is also a line of ceramic bowls for dogs and cats.

Particularly impressive is the bakery, a smorgasbord of doggie treats that include poochie sushi, canine cannelloni, postman fingers, and cinnamon rolls and peanut butter bagels all made with healthy ingredients such as yogurt and carob. In addition, there is a complete line of dog treats sold in refillable milk jug and paint can containers.

The highlight of the bakery department is the birthday cakes available in two sizes in three flavours, apple, banana or carrot that can be specially ordered with one day's notice.

Evelyn and her husband Michael Rezek and business partner Patrick Egger are looking forward to welcoming dogs and their owners outside on the patio this spring where they will all be able to enjoy coffee and treats.



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More than ever before they are sending renowned personalized Coffee Gourmet gift baskets for baby showers and arrivals, house-warmings, business openings, get well gifts, and of course **Mother's Day**. "We work with any theme our clients want," says Donna. "We will combine our coffee and teas, jams and goodies and will shop for additional items to compliment the theme."

They continue to offer catering services and coffee tastings for special events. A new and very successful addition is the "Beans for Bucks" fundraising program. "We realize how time consuming fundraising is, so we researched the market extensively and put together some interesting campaign ideas," says Lynn.

Clients can shop by going to the website at www.cafegourmet.ca and email their order to info@cafegourmet.ca. They can also call 369-0368 or visit the showroom at 3966 Cool Street, in Verdun. Orders for one kilo or more of coffee will be shipped for FREE, island wide. If preferred they can be picked up along with smaller orders at Folklore at 4879 Sherbrooke Street West or Marche de l'Ouest in DDO.



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Animalerie Little Bear

Everything for your dog and cat

Pets have discovered that Animalerie Little Bear, 4205 St. Catherine West, located at the corner of Greene Avenue, is an oasis of healthy foods and treats. Their guardians are discovering that this neighbourhood pet supply store is also a one-stop shop to purchase the very best for their pets.

With a huge inventory of products to choose from and a relaxed atmosphere, pet lovers are finding out that Little Bear is not only a great place to satisfy their dogs' or cats' needs. It's also a lot of fun to visit. Pets are always welcomed! It's been three years now since new owner Chuck Altman has taken over. "April 8th was my third anniversary as owner," but he has not lost his enthusiasm "I love what I do and I'd like to think it's reflected in the shop" Altman continues, "In today's society our pets have increasingly become a part of the family. When our customers walk through our doors, I want them to feel as if we are a part of that family as well." Little Bear has been in the neighbourhood for years, and despite the rumours, Chuck insists he isn't moving anywhere, anytime soon. "I'm a local, I grew up here, why would I go anywhere else?"

If you have never been to Little Bear, it is definitely worth checking out. There is so much stock to choose from, on top of your everyday needs, Little Bear does stock some of the more decadent items as well; designer collars, Italian cashmere sweaters, name brand apparel and accessories, golf-shirts, a four post pet bed, Swarovski crystal collars, doggles, and the new Playboy line of accessories, are some of the new and interesting products available at Little Bear. "Don't forget about our carriers" Altman adds "We have at least forty pet carriers, in-stock, at all times. Small dogs have become more popular over the years, and many people wouldn't think of leaving the house without them." Carriers aren't just for going to the Vet's office anymore. They range in price from \$30-\$200 and come in a variety of sizes, styles, and qualities. Some are whimsical, fun bags that make shopping with your small dog a snap. Others were designed for sports, most notably, jogging or cross-country skiing. While most of the Sherpa and Samsonite lines are aimed at travel, and most sizes can be brought into an airplane's cabin as carry-on, so you can keep your most precious cargo right at your feet.

For all you busy pet guardians who are unable to make it down to the store, Little Bear still offers free home delivery, and is open on Sundays all year round. This June customers will have access to all of Little Bear's special order catalogues on-line. "The website is something I've been working on for a while now" says Chuck "It's like a full time job, but we are asking for all our customers help as well" Chuck would like the Little Bear site to be an online resource center as well as a great place to order those hard-to-find must have items. "There's just not enough space in the store to show everything we have" says Raul Aurellano, Little Bear's manager par excellence "I've been here over two years now, it's amazing how much stuff Chuck finds.

Little Bear offers custom-made accessories including: collars, jackets, boots, and other apparel. Pet beds can be ordered to match any décor. And Little Bear can even engrave a personalized pet tag, on-site, while you shop! As well, new and interesting products arrive weekly, "you can't sit still in this industry, or the competition will eat you alive" proclaims Altman. One of the main innovations is the e-commerce website, www.littlebear.ca and www.littlebearonline.com which, on top of having access to all of Little Bear's special order catalogues, will be full of pet care info, home remedies and an abundance of helpful pet tips, in both official languages. Little Bear is currently requesting that customers submit their favourite pet photos, tips, remedies, and resources for inclusion on the site. All submissions should be made to the store or by e-mail to: info@littlebearonline.com. Please include your pets' name(s) your family name, a phone number



Chuck Altman, owner Animalerie Little Bear & Doobie

or e-mail address. "We haven't decided what the prizes will be yet, but if your submissions are used for the site, we will reward you accordingly" adds Chuck.

Aside from the website, Chuck claims to have a few more improvements up his sleeve, but he would like to keep them to himself for the time being. The ability to browse freely is the main attraction to the pets. Pets are always welcome in the store, even off leash, most are well behaved in the store, and they all know they have to at least sit before they get a treat from the staff. With so many treats and many of them at nose-level, the pets however get quite distracted. Little Bear is the place for cat and dog food. Gourmet lines of cookies and treats are baked especially for the store, locally, and in small batches, some raise money for local adoption agencies. For unique meals the store carries a USDA certified 95% organic diet, freeze dried diets, whole food products, bake at home mixes, as well as over twenty brands of traditional wet and dry diets. And almost two dozen varieties of cat litter too!

After his amazing experience adopting a less fortunate dog, Chuck has solidified his stance, and proclaims proudly "Little Bear will never sell animals, there are too many homeless pets and the shelters are always full." Although he has recently adopted his own dog, Chuck still feels responsible for all his customers' pets; "All my customers' pets are my pets as well, they are my main priority, always have been, I want them to have the best of what's available" if you have been to Little Bear, 4205 St Catherine west at the corner of Greene Ave, recently you will realize that he's not kidding, and you may just find that hard to locate product is on their shelves. Don't see what your looking for, ask, it's probably in stock, or just a phone call away!



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Borough Mayor



Karin Marks

hard to assure that we are ready to resume full responsibility for all of the services we will be offering.

Will all be the same as pre-merger? Has our community changed? The borough council felt that this was the ideal time to gather information and verify some assumptions about our population.

Statistics Canada can tell us that our average age is 44, that 18.75 per cent of our residents are of French origin and that the average income is \$78,776. But what is more important for us to understand are the community values which prevail.

Over the years, Westmount councils have used surveys to determine how to invest in our infrastructure and how to develop programming. The decision to spend \$7.5 million on our library in 1995 was the result of community feedback on priorities. At that time, 51.5 percent of our citizens identified the library as the facility they used most often. One of the great advantages of a small community like ours is that local programs, services and even our communication tools can be geared to respond to the desires of Westmounters. In order to do this however, it is necessary to poll our residents about some of their habits and their priorities as they impact on our local development.

We have all seen in the press the various characterizations of our community and the stereotypes of who Westmounters are. Many of these harken back to a time when Westmount was almost exclusively an anglophone community with a much more homogeneous population. Those of us who live here now, know that today, this is no longer true. As we walk through the park and hear a multitude of languages or share with our neighbors our diverse religions and ethnic customs, we are all aware that Westmount is truly a multicultural (soon to be) city. But have our current residents chosen to live in Westmount for the same reasons as did those in the past? How do they choose to spend their time? Do as many people still leave the community in the summertime and do they also spend weekends away? How often do our residents visit City Hall, the Arena or Victoria Hall and are they involved in our community activities?

Our primary goal is to provide the new city council of Westmount with a community portrait so that fruitful discussions can be held before decisions are made. How to balance the traditional Westmount with a possible new reality, to find the most effective way to reach our citizens and to provide them with the most appropriate services will be their challenge.

And so, if the phone rings and you are asked to spend a few minutes answering questions about your thoughts, activities and relationship to your community, consider it an investment. With your answers, Westmount city council will be able to make better decisions and recreate an even stronger community.

• Karin Marks is Mayor of the Borough of Westmount

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LOCAL NEWS

TICKETS FOR SPRING BALL GO ON SALE TUESDAY

Ernest Hoffman
Westmount's third annual Spring Ball is coming up, and tickets for the much-anticipated event are going on sale next week.

"It's an occasion for the community to celebrate spring and a chance to use that beautiful space," said Rosalind Davis. "It's lots of fun."

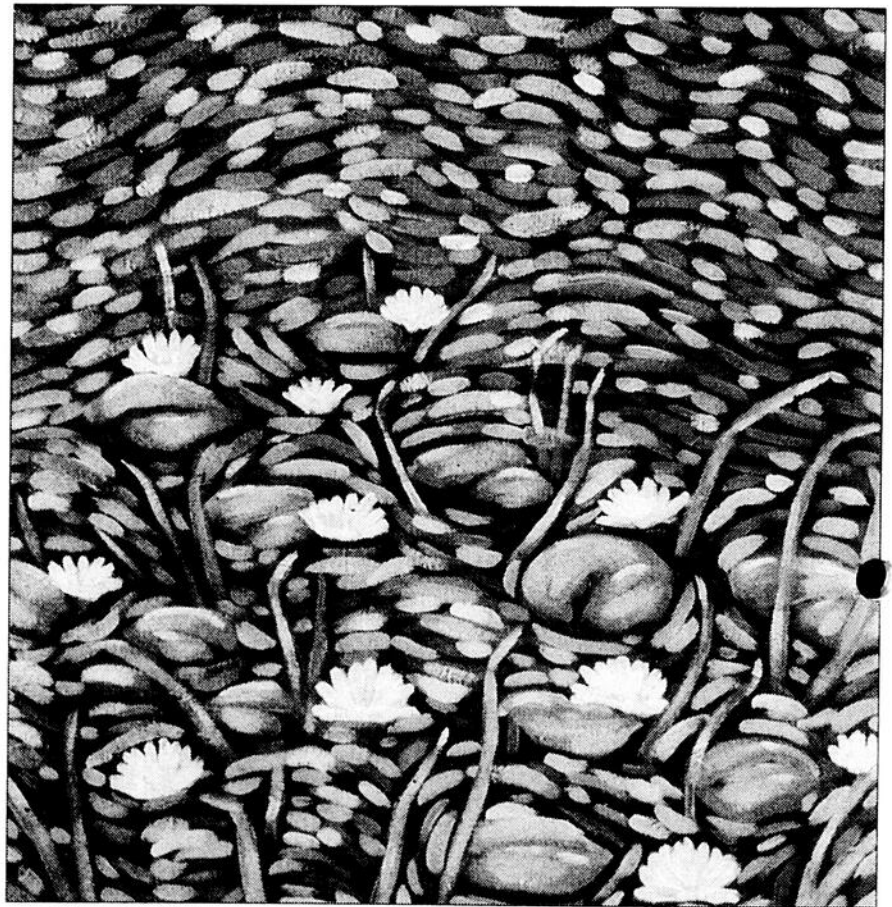
Davis is co-chairing the organizing committee for this year's Spring Ball together with Nicole Forbes, and she expects the tickets won't last long.

"Last year tickets went very quickly," Davis said. "so this year there's been a limited amount available even to the committee members to make sure there are lots of tickets available to the public."

Davis said the organizers are timing the sale of tickets to ensure that everyone has a chance to attend.

"We're putting the tickets on sale Tuesday night after work hours so that they're available to everybody," said Davis.

Tickets for Westmount's Spring Ball go on



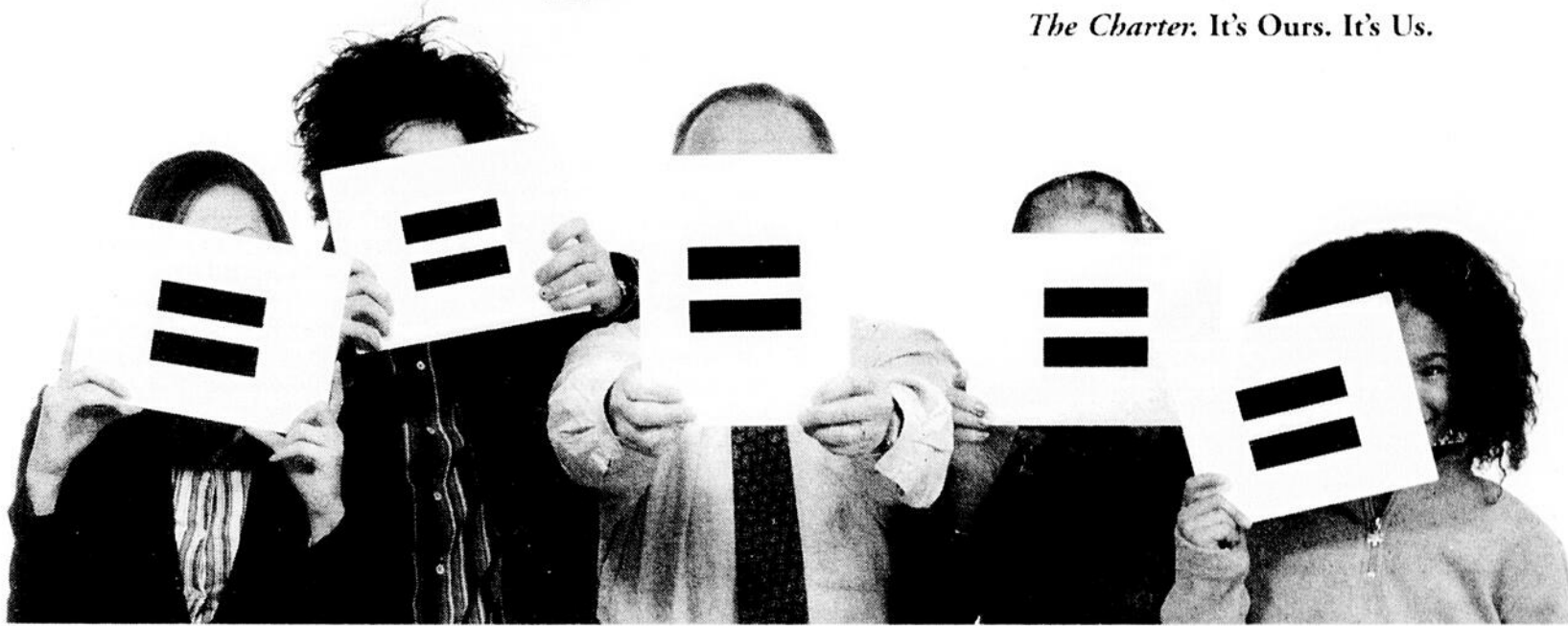
The official poster for this year's Spring Ball features the painting 'Loon Lake' by Suzie Fairbrother.

sale next Tuesday, April 26, from 6 to 8 pm at Victoria Hall. The cost is \$85, and includes dinner, dancing and cocktails outside the conservatory, weather permitting. Rock and roll band Jet Black will also be performing. The Ball will be held on Thursday, May 26 at Victoria Hall.

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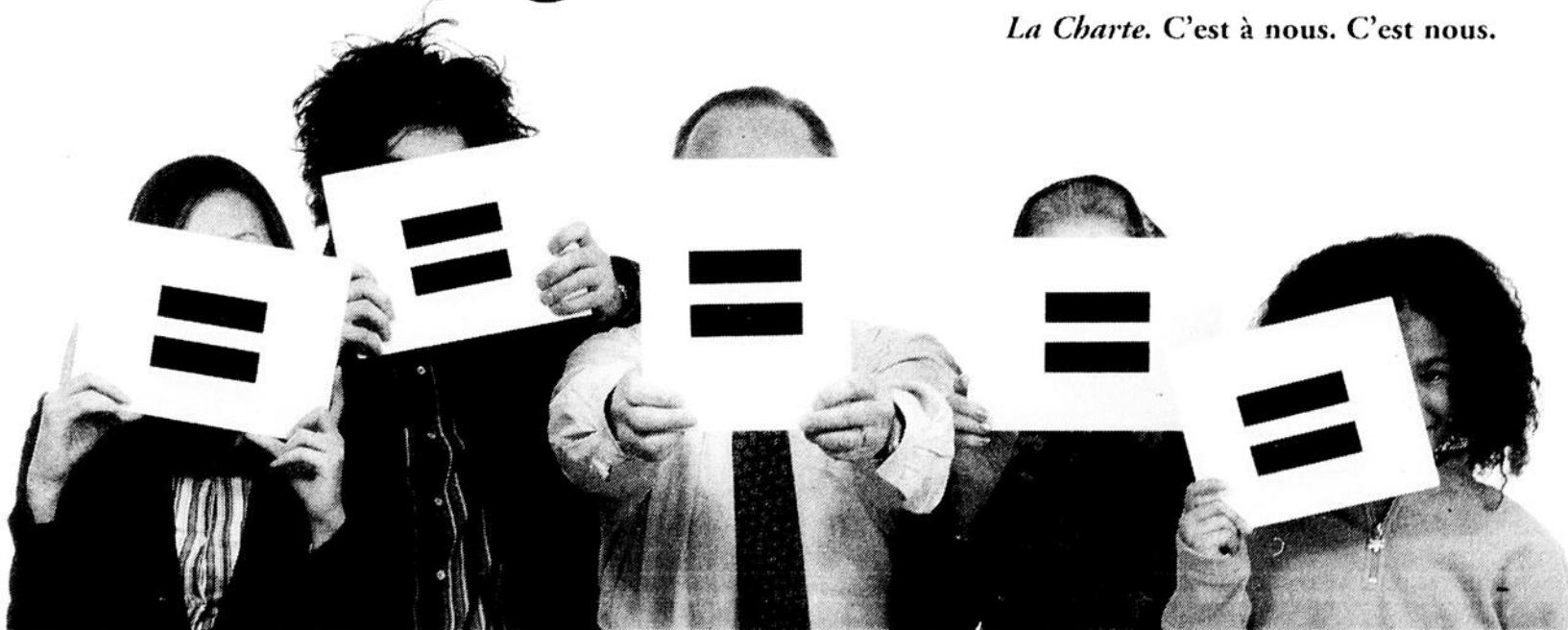
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PASSOVER: THE FREEDOM TO CELEBRATE

For the truly observant, Passover is a massive task of preparation as tradition, and symbolism defines its observance. This year, 2005, it occurs on April 23 and ends at sundown on May 1 at a slight distance from its neighbouring Easter. Most years they have arrived around the same time unifying their springtime themes.

Passover is an eight-day Jewish holiday of Biblical origin marking the birth of the Jews as a people and their emergence as a unique historical nation. It recognizes the liberation of the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt over 3,000 years ago, under the leadership of Moses. There were 12



tribes descended from Abraham, but it wasn't until the departure from Egypt that their identity was actualized. This celebration is no doubt part of what has kept Passover alive and a way for Jews to acknowledge who they are, no matter how far anyone may have strayed.

The highlight of a contemporary

Jewish Passover celebration begins with a Seder. Some families have two Seder evenings and those following the Reform Synagogues rejoice with one. A Seder is defined as 'order' and the Passover story is read at the Seder from a booklet called a Haggadah. This book, meaning 'to tell', depicts the narrative of the Jewish ancestors and their hard earned independence. Different rituals and foods act as a reminder of the adversity facing the Jews years ago.

The eating of matzoh to replace bread is crucial to the meaning of this holiday. In their haste to leave the bondage, the Israelites had no time to let dough rise for bread. The only provision was a matzoh type cracker, made of wheat but not allowed to ferment or rise. Matzoh, is a perfect example of how the food is intricately woven into history, traditions and culture. It is the bread of slavery and freedom. Other Seder presentations displayed on a Seder plate include a roasted lamb bone which connotes the sacrificial lamb and herbs symbolize springtime growth. The vegetable is a sign of spring or rebirth and the salt water represents the tears of the

slaves. A mixture of apples, nuts, wine and cinnamon called Charoset, is linked to the mortar that the slaves used to make bricks. Children play a significant part at this meal and their questions are encouraged. Another important aspect of this evening is that it is a special blessing to extend an invitation to any Jews who have no Seder to attend.

Hebrew schools embark weeks earlier to arrange for this holiday as there is so much to teach the children. Hebrew Director of Jewish Studies at Akiva School on Kensington Avenue, Carmela Aigen, said that her school is actively involved in numerous activities.

A model Seder is organized for grades two and three based on a personal Haggadah created by the Educational Resource Centre. "Our entire school focuses on four central themes for this time—the exploration of liberation, bringing history into contemporary life, the importance of asking questions, and the telling of the Passover story."

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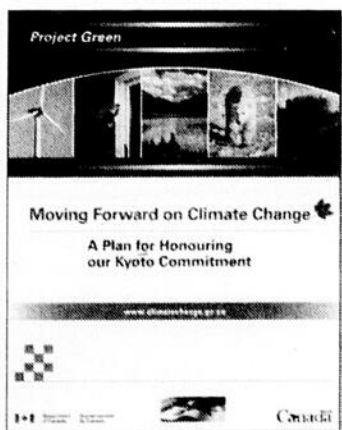
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Every class concentrates on these concepts through various levels which include drama, art, and music and they also learn the Hagaddah. "Our goal is that each child has all the experiences to make sure that they feel comfortable with the text so that they can participate at the Seder."

The Akiva students will also visit a matzoh factory but a very unique event will transpire through the aid of video conference. "Our twin school in Israel will experience a model Seder along with our grade three classes in Montreal. We will sing together and share the text of the Hagaddah. The children will actually see and hear each other." Aigen explained. "It's a wonderful experience."

To culminate all the Passover preparations, The Akiva parents will join their children at school a week before for an interactive day of art, drama and music to honor the holiday. This day is designed to bridge home and school into one extended family.

The Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue on Kensington Avenue truly enjoys this special time.

Rabbi Adam Scheier relates that this occasion is all about the home. "In the Talmud, it says that you start 30 days before to prepare for Passover." Classes on Passover are underway at the end of March and Rabbi Scheier is busy at Akiva School teaching the upper grades about the observances. But the synagogue is actively scheduling their Seders. "We have a community Seder for people who want to celebrate at the synagogue. There is also the family Seder where a family can come together at

the synagogue for a wonderful evening. For many, the Shaar Hashomayim is their other home besides a place of worship."

Seders are planned approximately two weeks before the actual Passover at the Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom on Sherbrooke Street. There's the Miriam Seder which honors women in the Jewish culture, notably Miriam's role in the Exodus, and a special congregational one on April 23. "There is a model Seder in our Torah School which is for the children and parents," said Rabbi Leigh Lerner.

"Our Reform Movement follows the celebration in accordance with Israel with the one Seder. Two Seders evolved when another religious day was added to the observance because the Jewish calendar does not follow the universal one."

The rituals of Passover are so comprehensive therefore the commencement is early. But once again, as in most holiday traditions, this occasion unites families in memory of their ancestors, who have paved the way for religious freedom.

St. George's puppeteers promote disability awareness

The students of St. George's elementary school recently received a special treat from their high school counterparts—a Kids on the Block puppet performance designed to open their eyes to other students with disabilities.

St. George's High School's grade nine students have been training since the fall to become puppeteers for Kids on the Block—an internationally known disability awareness organization that teaches students to accept their peers with disabilities. Through life-size puppets and prepared scripts, the grade nine students are taught

how to make their puppets "come alive."

The interactive puppet shows always feature one puppet with a disability and one without. The message to the audience is to look at the "kid on your block" as a kid first, not their disability.

The audience is made up of elementary school-age children who are taught to accept others. One of the puppets, Mark Riley, who has CP, says it best. "Look at me and see all the things I can do. I can do so many things; I just do them in a different way."

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Thursday, April 21

The Westmount Historical Association's spring lecture series continues with architects from the firm of Beuprè and Michaud, who will discuss last year's restoration of the Westmount Flower Conservatory, at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke W. Admission is free for WHA members, non-members \$5 at the door. For more information, call 925-1404 or 932-6688.

Friday, April 22

This year's Annual Borough Council Blood Donor Clinic will be held at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W. between 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. This year, Westmount's goal is 100 pints of blood.

Saturday, April 23

Rummage sale at St. Matthias' Church, 131 Côte St. Antoine, at 10 a.m. Clothes, household items, linens, books, toys and much more. Info: 933-4295.

Sunday, April 24

Arias for Soprano: Westmount Park United Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve, presents a concert of works by Mozart, Delibes and Vivaldi with sopranos Louise Yard and Louise Corbeil at 4 p.m. Admission: donation at the door.

Tuesday, April 26

The Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave., presents poet David Solway, who will be reading from 'Franklin's Passage' at 7:30 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

The Royal Commonwealth Society Montreal Branch holds a members evening in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke W. at 7 p.m. Brian McDonough, director of the Social Action Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal will give the talk 'Access to Water: A Fundamental Right'. All welcome. Info: 937-8321.

Thursday, April 28

Reading and reception for first-time novelist Joseph Boyden, in honour of the publication of 'Three Day Road' at 7 p.m. at Nicholas Hoare, 1366 Greene Ave. Info: 933-4201.

Saturday, April 30

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Stress reduction and wellness through writing and discussion: Registration has begun for the next evening and weekend workshops to be held at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. Reserve your spot by calling 934-2176.

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

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At Mocassini on Greene Avenue, feminine is the word for this season in ballerina styles and open toes.

Up the street at Tony's Shoes, colour is also very important. "White is very big, but colours, pinks, greens, limes, yellows, mauves, they all add a bit of flavour to the outfit in contrast to the white," says owner Tony Fagnoli.

The design is dependent on the weather, but already sandals are being worn, again in bright colours and with wedge heels in a variety of heights. Back again this year is the espadrille, some with an ankle strap and again in different heights.

Open slides continue their popularity with open backs and closed toes. They are worn from dressy to casual and are quickly replacing the pump.

And as focus on wellness and health continues to grow, it is reflected in the "tree hugger" shoes that now come in a variety of colours.

"What is so popular this year, however, is the embellishments on the shoes which mean a lot," says Fagnoli. "Bows on little buckles, diamonds, little pieces of jewellery, and buttons... they are the icing on the cake."

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Down the street at Georges Rechs the classic pantsuit is popular but with a new look; short Chanel jackets or blazers worn over pinstripe pants. And for skirts the look is unfinished or frilly hemlines.

Those words embroidered and skirts are very big this season, especially at Promenade on Greene where owner Elianne Harroch has put together a collection that is all about colour. "Greens from lime to Kelly are missed with bright yellows, whites and even bright pinks," she said. "They are bold and bright and fun."

"Skirts, skirts, skirts that are very feminine are worn with small fitted jackets," she said. "You can wear it all on your skirts this year from embroidery and printed or a combination of both. As flashy as you want, and anything goes. And they are worn from just below the knee to all the way down. Embroidery is spectacular!"

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Ce compte peut être consulté par les intéressés à l'étude de **Me Kevork Kevorkian**, notaire, sise au 9001, boul. de l'Acadie, bureau 110, Montréal, Québec, H4N 3H5.

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