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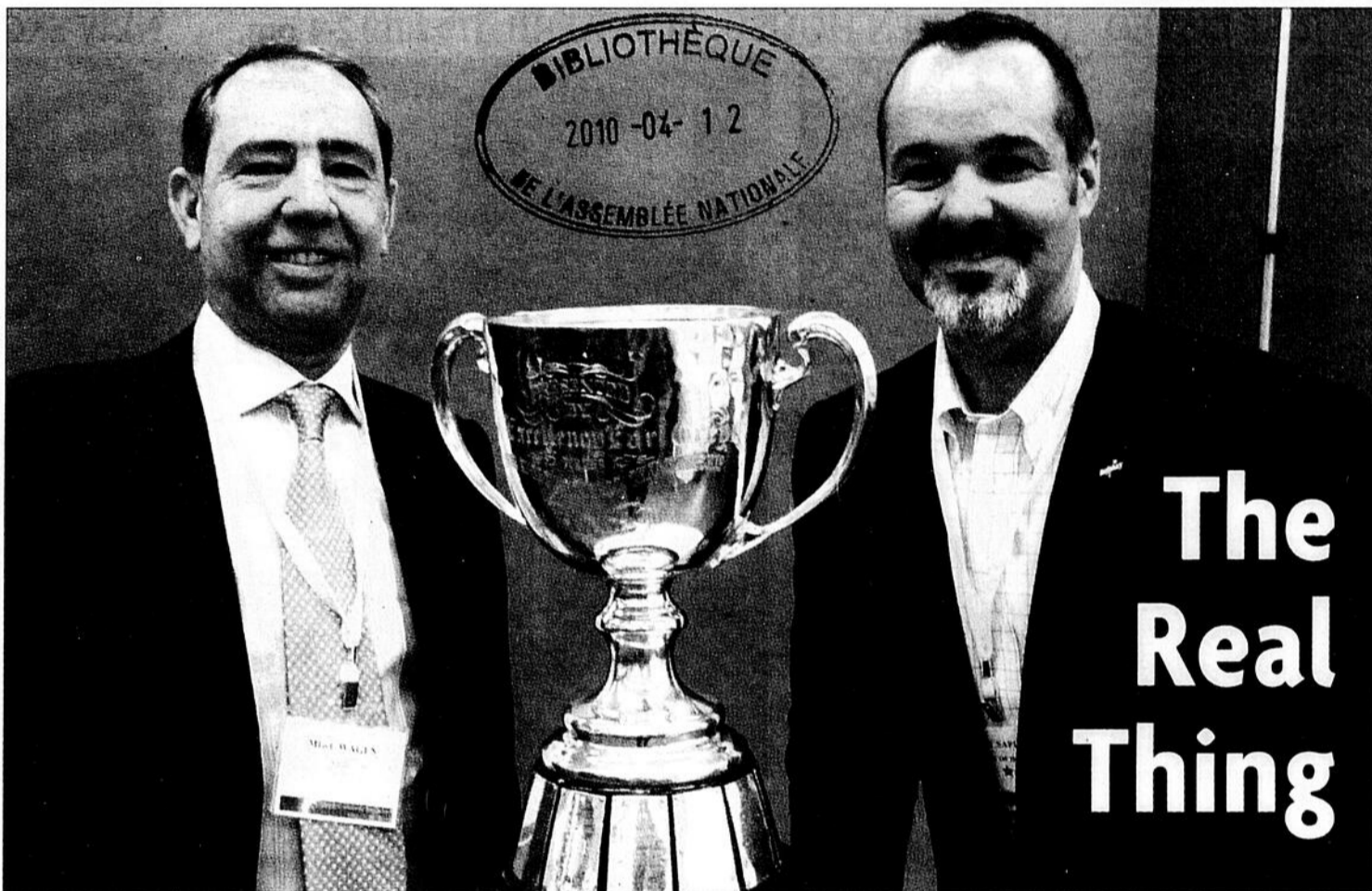
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Montreal Impact owner Joey Saputo (right) and event chairman Mike Wagen pose proudly with the authentic Grey Cup during the recent Golden Age of Sports Celebrity Breakfast. See page 5. Photo: Bram Eisenthal

The Real Thing

Mayor's blood donor clinic targets 100 units

One of Westmount's true spring traditions, the annual Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic, will take place this Friday, and the City is inviting residents to roll up their sleeves and help achieve this year's goal of 100 units.

On April 9, the concert hall at Victoria Hall will be transformed into a Héma-Québec blood donor clinic from 2 to 8 p.m. Mayor Peter Trent, official host of the event, invites residents to take time out of their busy schedules to offer a unique gift — the gift of life. Considering that one 450 ml donation of blood can be used in products for up to four recipients, giving an hour of your time seems

a small price to pay for such an enormous benefit.

Because of the generosity of blood donors, Canadians, who have a 60 per cent chance of needing a transfusion, have access to blood products free of charge. Yet only 3 per cent of potential donors actually give blood. In order to meet the needs of the population, at least 1,000 units must be donated every day throughout the province. Anyone in good health, at least 18 years of age, can potentially give blood. Anyone who is not sure if they can give or needs more information should contact Héma-Québec at 1-800-847-2525 or www.hema-quebec.qc.ca.

The Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic will be held Friday, April 9 at 4626 Sherbrooke St. W. It takes about an hour to complete the process. The Brownies, Girl Guides and Pathfinders from the Monklands District Girl Guides have been busy putting up posters and visiting businesses around Westmount to advertise the event. The older participants will be on hand at the clinic to assist the Héma-Québec volunteers.

Unlike other organizations, the donation asked by Héma-Québec does not involve your wallet. You are asked to share the gift of life, which is priceless. As their advertising campaign states, "Be a blood donor. It's in you to give."

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MP Garneau celebrates spring with a Sunday brunch



Marilynn Vanderstaay
Around Westmount

If you have ever been to an event where MP Marc Garneau is the speaker or a guest, you already know he is the first to leave so he can be home with his family — so it is characteristic of him that an event he hosts himself would include family.

The community is invited to join Garneau and his family and members of the Liberal Association of Westmount Ville-Marie for a family spring brunch on Sunday, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hotel Maritime Plaza, 1155 Guy Street.

In addition to enjoying a brunch, participants will have an opportunity to speak with Garneau and other constituents in the riding. Entertainment for children will be provided during the event.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth 12 to 16, and no cost for children under 12. Seating is limited and must be reserved by phoning Andre Du Sault at 514-982-1744 or at the riding office at 4060 Ste. Catherine Street West, Suite 340, Westmount. That office can be reached by calling 514-283-2013.

Open House at Marianopolis Science Camp

This Saturday, April 10, from 1 to 4 p.m., the community is invited to come explore the campus, visit the labs and meet the staff at the Marianopolis Science Camp. Registration has already started for campers from grades three to 10 for the camp that will run for four weeks this summer from July 5 to 30.

"Summer 2010 is bigger and better," says camp director Nigel Penny. "Campers will again enjoy experiments in robotics, life sciences and physics as well as diverse activities on the college's Westmount campus and trips to Montreal's world-renowned science centres."

New this year is partnership with the Montreal Neurological Institute which will add to McGill University's WOW Lab and Let's Talk Science programs.

For more information or to register phone 514-937-0265 or email science-camp@marianopolis.edu or go to www.marianopolis.edu/Sites/ScienceCamp/

Cinq-a-sept community groups event at the Atwater Library

The community is invited to a Neighbourhood Happy Hour at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre on Thursday, April 15 from 5 to 7 p.m., where participants will be able to meet the library's neighbours and community partners.

The soiree will include socializing, live entertainment and refreshments. To RSVP, phone Tanya Mayhew at 514-935-7344 or email tmayhew@atwaterlibrary.ca. The library is located at 1200 Atwater Ave.

African art and artefact sale this weekend

Vivian Wiseman is counting off the days until April 21, when she will board a plane for the Himalayas to participate in a two-week trek to the base camp of Mount Everest. She is making the trip to raise funds for the Make-a-Wish Foundation's current campaign to raise \$200,000.

"I have pledged to raise \$8,000 in donations to the foundation," said Wiseman. "My own costs for the trip are my personal contribution over and above that amount." To date she has raised 87 per cent of her pledge.

This Saturday, April 10 from 10:30 am to 1 p.m. the community is invited to a sale of African art and artefacts at her home at 3805 Grey Avenue near the corner of NDG Avenue. "From my time living in Kenya as a cooperant (volunteer), from occasions of having worked in other African countries, including Togo and Zambia, and from my travels on the African continent, I have a collection of art and artefacts which I am offering for sale. All proceeds will go towards my trek." For information, phone 514-482-9573 or email vwiseman@centrespierre.org

Temple Committee Against Human Trafficking conference

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom's Temple Committee against Human Trafficking will host its annual spring education and discussion conference next week from April 14 to 15 at 4100 Sherbrooke Street West. This year's theme will be Slavery in the 21st Century: Human Trafficking.

On Wednesday, April 14 at 7:15 p.m.,

Rachel Durchslag, executive director of the Chicago Alliance against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE), will speak, followed by Todd Minerson, executive director of the white ribbon campaign, the largest effort in the world of men working to end violence against women in over 55 countries.

On Thursday, April 15 at 7:15 p.m., Dr. Laura Lederer, president of Global Centurion and former senior advisor, office

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OPINION

Bill 94 is part of a slippery slope

The provincial government is out to ban religious face coverings with its new Bill 94, which would ban the coverings in public places, such as SAAQ offices, schools and for anyone receiving government services. No exceptions.

The new law is nothing but a knee-jerk government reaction to the news that a Muslim woman didn't want to remove her veil while taking a French course, and she was eventually kicked out of the class by Immigration Minister and Nelligan MNA Yolande James.

James, who was the first black woman ever named to cabinet in the province, who knows a little something about being different and overcoming diversity, ought to know better. For the 50 or so Muslim women in the whole of Quebec, an entire population was frothing at the mouth to ban the garments, and James and boss Jean Charest did just that last week, tabling Bill 94, saying the law is important because Quebec believes in a secular society and equality of sexes.

Please. If the Quebec government was so interested in a secular province, the crucifix that hangs in the National Assembly would have been removed long ago, rather than protected because it's a symbol of Quebec's heritage. Yup, a symbol of the control the Catholic Church and the government held over the Quebec population will stay up, but a head covering that many women wear willingly is illegal because they are being subjugated and don't even realize it.

No matter which way the government spins this law, it's pretty clear that once more, the regions outside Montreal are the tail (which hold a minority of the population but a majority of assembly seats) that's wagging the dog, rather than the other way around.

Yes, the fear of something different is enough to scare those residents silly, even though most of them have never even seen a niqab or burqa, or even a Muslim, for that matter.

Yet the government of Quebec persists with its American-style 'love it or leave it' philosophy, even going so far as to tell people what they can and cannot wear.

So while the majority makes the rules, we suppose it won't be long before the use of English in a public place will be illegal, before any religious symbol (non-Christian, of course) is banned and made illegal and we might even see more heavy-handedness from the government on where immigrants to the province can live, as James suggested last summer.

'Welcome to Quebec! Before you can live in Montreal, you have to spend two years in Chicoutimi to get an idea of how we live here in Quebec.'

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Cancer walk is a Boomer tradition



A perfect, cloudless daybreak on an August Saturday at Montreal's Olympic Stadium foreshadows a momentous event. Today, the city's annual 60 kilometer Week-End to End Breast Cancer is about to begin.

The fact that Baby Boomers — people born during the mid-twentieth century — are well represented here is no surprise; since they are the fastest-growing segment of Canada's population. As they age, health has become the Boomers' prime concern. For many, the 60 km walk is a way for this mature set to stay in shape. In fact, most Boomer-age participants have trained for months to be able to complete this event.

The 60 km event itself is a microcosm of the Baby Boomer culture with its diverse

ways of approaching a daunting task. The participants are male and female, Francophone and Anglophone, walking in teams or walking alone. Some walkers are dressed to kill, wearing stiletto heels and designer clothes, while others rely on their athletic acumen to pound 60 km of Montreal pavement into submission. Regardless of their personal styles, seeing thousands of people marching with pictures of their cancer-stricken loved ones — grandmothers, mothers, wives, sisters, daughters — is deeply inspiring.

As one female cancer survivor in her 60s says: "I believe that other people whom I don't even know were there for me during my illness. Today, I need to pay it forward and be here for others!"

The route takes participants from the stadium to Dorval's Mary Queen of Angels Academy on Saturday. The next day, the walk reverses and returns to its starting point.

Along the way, walkers traverse the historic Hochelega-Maisonneuve district. For over a century, the C.P. Railway shops here employed five generations of Montrealers. Now, the shops are being razed and the rubble of what Pierre Berton called "The National Dream" is everywhere. What will replace them is unclear: perhaps the pricey condos advertised on almost every corner.

Lining the route are well-wishers, upbeat and generous. Some are cheering, others weeping; all are emotional. An elderly woman breaks ranks, runs into the street and clasps the hands of a male marcher. She presses something into his hand, even as he tries to refuse it. But the woman insists, because, she says, he reminds her of the husband of her daughter, who died of breast cancer only a few months earlier. The object is her late daughter's cherished gold St. Jude medal.

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Ten Years Ago
April 6, 2000

IN CUSTODY: "MUC police are confident they've solved the bizarre March 17 stabbing case at 4750 The Boulevard, announcing the arrest of John Burke, the victim's son. Burke, 42, was arrested last weekend and charged with the attempted murder of his mother, 68-year-old Maria Llamas. 'There's something fishy about this case,' Officer Lise Bergeron of Station 12 said shortly after the incident — and sure enough the subsequent investigation turned up no evidence of forced entry, leading police to believe the attacker had keys to the home. Burglary was also ruled out after it was confirmed that nothing had been stolen."

Fifteen Years Ago
April 6, 1995

A TREE FOR CLAUDIA: "The City of Westmount will plant a tree in the park across from where three-year-old Claudia Colletti was struck and killed by a school bus two weeks ago, as a memorial. The three-year-old was killed on Wood Avenue after running to meet her five-year-old sister as she got off the bus. The ivory-silk lilac tree that was chosen grows to about eight metres in height, and flowers later than most trees, the city's horticulturalist, Claudette Savaria, said."

Twenty-Five Years Ago
April 4, 1985

MULRONEY HONOURED: "Westmount plans to bestow honorary citizenship on one of its most distinguished former residents—Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. The 17th prime minister of Canada, a longtime resident of Westmount until his move to Ottawa two years ago, is to be honoured at a special event here June 5, Mayor Brian Gallery said. The keys of the city are to be presented to Mr. Mulroney and his wife, Mila, in recognition of the prime minister's 'particular achievement', the mayor said."

Seventy-Five Years Ago
April 5, 1935

APRIL'S FOOLS: "With the first of April the local wits got busy and common indeed were fake telegrams, mysterious phone messages asking residents to phone Mr. Stiff at a number which turned out to be the morgue, spurious calls to the police and fire departments and other little practical jokes."

Saputo epitomizes philanthropy



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Briefly Bram

You know Montreal Impact owner Joey Saputo's a good sport because he doesn't take the trappings of his business too seriously. I recently met Saputo at Snowdon's Cummings Centre for Seniors Foundation's hot annual ticket, their Golden Age of Sports Celebrity Breakfast, and asked if he and event chairman Mike Wagen would pose for me in front of the actual Grey Cup, the CFL's historic championship trophy most recently won by the Montreal Alouettes. It was, after all, the only pro trophy in sight.

"Why would he pose with that?" Wagen asked. "It's not his sport."

"Well, they call it soccer here, but elsewhere it's known as football," Saputo instantly replied, happily posing with Wagen before the iconic piece of silverware.

Westmount resident Saputo, this year's event honouree, appears to be a happy guy in general, it seems, and he was in his element here, rubbing shoulders with personalities spanning the spectrum of sports in our city and every possible media hack, as well. Alouettes president and player alumnus Larry Smith and several of his players, former Habs Guy Carbonneau, Kirk Muller, Peter Svoboda and his business partner Claude Lemieux, star player and West Ender Eliezer Sherbatov of the Junior de Montreal, former Baltimore Orioles pitching prospect and Cote Saint-Luc resident Rabbi Sidney Shoham and 92-year old Habs legend Elmer Lach, who attended despite feeling a bit under the weather... all turned out to benefit Montreal seniors in crisis, a growing problem here and elsewhere. Disappointing to many was the MIA status of popular current Hab Michael Cammalleri, who had been expected to attend along with "rookie" Mathieu Darche, also a no-show.

Saputo's presence, however, made up for the omissions. He is one of the more popular sports franchise presidents in the city, turning soccer into a hugely popular activity in Quebec, both professionally and at the amateur level. Saputo's roots as a philanthropist are a genetic thing. "Well, I can date that back to my grandparents, but it's my

parents, and particularly by father (Lino) who has influenced me the most. My dad always points out that he wants to give rather than to receive... in fact, he hates receiving. He really believes in giving back to his community and so do I."

Many Impact fans are oblivious to the fact their favourite team is a non-profit organization. "In 2002, we were restructured as such," Saputo told me. "I preside over the team, but any surpluses are channelled right back into the development of soccer in Quebec."

Popular author Moore here April 18 for Books & Breakfast

Readers should be aware that one of the hottest and funniest latter-day authors will

be making an appearance at the Paragraphe Bookstore-organized Books & Breakfast series on Sunday, April 18, at 10 a.m. Christopher Moore, an American author and all-around nice guy whose books sell out and who has a huge cult following, will be in Montreal for the first time ever reading from his novel *Bite Me: A Love Story* (a sequel to 1995's *Bloodsucking Fiends*). Quite ironic that Moore will be here just two weeks after Easter, as his hysterical *The Lamb of God* depicted the life of the young Jesus as related by his best friend, Biff. The venue is the Sheraton Centre, at 1201 René Lévesque, corner Drummond. Tickets are \$30. Call Paragraphe (2220 McGill College) at 514-845-5811 for more information.

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A Closet Affair

In this photo are Ralph and Colette Benarrosh, owners of Minelli, 4896 Sherbrooke. Dale King will be styled by Minelli for the April 14th event A Closet Affair - A Night to Remember, in support of the Alzheimer Group. The event starts at 7p.m. and is located at Excentris, 3536 St Laurent Boulevard. For tickets and information on how to see Dale King along with several other fashionistas strut the runway visit www.alzheimergroupe.org or call 514.485.7233.

All you need is LOVE

Tatiana Dudyetz (right), President/Partner of Premiere Executive Suites is working closely with Twinkle Rudberg, founder of LOVE (Leave Out Violence) for their upcoming fundraiser at Saint-Jean-Baptiste Church, 309 Rachel East, Saturday, April 24, 7 pm. Featuring Westmount Youth Orchestra, the Rochester New York Philharmonic Youth Orchestra with guest Paul Merkelo, Principal Trumpet with OSM as well as popular Hip Hop band Dubmatique and some of LOVE's very own youth leaders. Clarity and Extraordinaire Beats, it will be a night not to be missed! Tickets are available in all Montreal area Little Burgundy stores and online at www.littleburgundyshoes.com. To learn more about LOVE visit: www.leaveoutviolence.org



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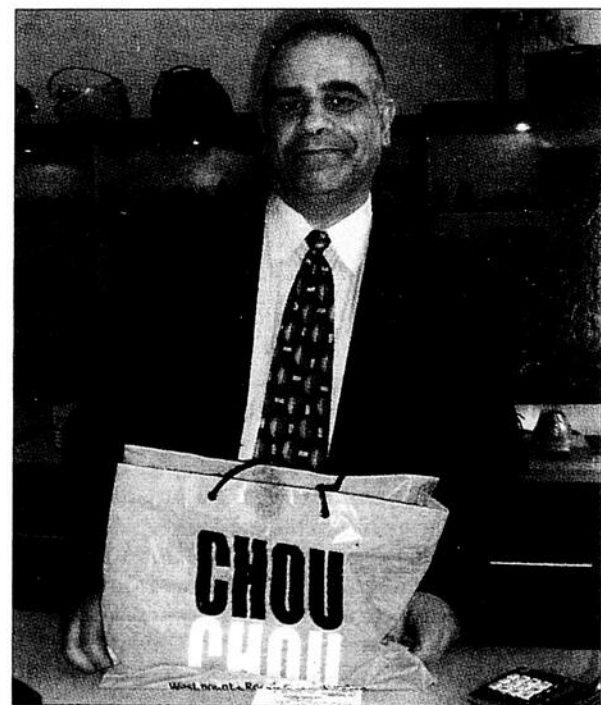


Westmount Examiner would like to welcome the boutique, 'Lola & Emily' to the neighborhood. Owners Marnie Blanshay and Amanda Eaman, along with their faithful friend Lola, opened their doors on March 4. Lola & Emily is a women's clothing and accessories boutique that mixes a well edited selection of the season's trends with timeless pieces that every woman needs in her wardrobe. Stop in and see them at 4920 Sherbrooke West, or at their other store at 3475 St. Laurent Blvd.

Chou Chou

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Community-supported agriculture returns this spring

Marilynn Vanderstaay

Health-conscious residents will be pleased to know that organic produce will be available to them again this summer, as the popular community-supported agriculture program is coming back to Westmount in late June — with representatives from certified organic farms delivering fresh produce to subscribers at two local pickup sites.

Farmers from Ferme Mange-Tout Farm will be on hand for deliveries and to answer questions on Wednesdays from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Westmount Athletic Grounds, behind Westmount High School at Hillside Lane. Farmers from Les Jardins d'Arlington Gardens will deliver and answer questions on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Westmount Arena at Academy Road.

In community-supported agriculture, members pay in advance to receive produce

from organic farmers throughout the growing season.

"This allows the farmers to accurately plan their cash flow and expenses," said Joshua Wolfe, coordinator of the City of Westmount's Sustainable Development program. "Having the support of members means they can focus more of their time on growing high-quality vegetables. Risk is reduced, and the farmers know that what is planted will be used."

The basket season lasts between 16 and 18 weeks, from late June to late October. The exact date of the first harvest will depend on the weather and growing conditions. Each farm will contact its members in advance to announce the exact date of the first harvest.

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AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par la soussignée, greffière adjointe de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

1. Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le mardi 6 avril 2010, le conseil a adopté par résolution le projet de règlement 1391, intitulé « RÈGLEMENT DE CONSTRUCTION ».
2. Conformément à la Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme (L.R.Q., chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le **mercredi 21 avril 2010 à 19 h**, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.
3. Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d'expliquer le projet de règlement n° 1391 dont l'objet vise notamment à :
 - remplacer l'actuel règlement 1296 et adopter, en tant que Règlement de construction de la ville de Westmount, le Code de construction du Québec, Chapitre 1 - Bâtiment, adopté par le gouvernement du Québec aux termes du Décret 293-2008, et le Code national du bâtiment du Canada 2005 (modifié) publié par le Conseil National de recherches Canada;
 - prévoir que toutes les modifications du Code adoptées après l'entrée en vigueur du règlement que le conseil décide d'adopter, feront partie du Code et du présent règlement à compter de la date fixée à cet effet par une résolution du conseil;
 - apporter des modifications de concordance.
4. Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s'exprimer.
5. Le projet de règlement ne comporte aucune disposition propre à un règlement susceptible d'approbation référendaire.
6. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce projet de règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 8 avril 2010.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING DRAFT BY-LAW 1391 APRIL 21, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1391 ENTITLED "BUILDING BY-LAW"

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

1. At its regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, Council adopted by resolution Draft By-law no. 1391, entitled "BUILDING BY-LAW".
2. In accordance with An Act respecting land use planning and development (R.S.Q., chapter A-19.1), a public consultation meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.
3. The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the draft By-law no. 1391, the object of which is, among other things:
 - to replace the current By-law 1296 and adopt, as the Building by-law of the City of Westmount, the Quebec Construction Code, Chapter 1 - Building, adopted by the Quebec Government in virtue of Order in Council 293-2008, and the National Building Code of Canada 2005 (amended) published by the National Research Council Canada;
 - to provide that any and all amendments to the Code subsequent to the coming into force of this By-law which Council decides to adopt shall form part of the Code and this By-law as and from the date fixed by resolution of Council to that effect;
 - to carry out corresponding modifications.
4. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.
5. The draft by-law contains no provisions making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum.
6. Any interested person may consult this draft by-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this April 8, 2010.

Nancy Gagnon
Greffière adjointe / Assistant City Clerk

REAL ESTATE

HOME TRANSFERS IN DECEMBER 2009

ADDRESS	FROM	TO	PRICE	2007 VALUATION
490 Argyle	Mireille Lamarre	Samar Corbani & Tanios Corbani	\$935,000	\$971,000
65 Belvedere	Vivian Trang Nguyen	Maria Paolucci	\$1,810,000	\$1,809,900
108 Blenheim	George Robert Tait, estate George Andrew Tait & estate Dorothy Beatrice Dryden	Markus Alexander Lehmann	\$530,000	\$517,400
485 Grosvenor	Sophie Demarquette	Thomas Brillu & Delphine Valentin	\$723,000	\$563,800
6 Hudson	Frances MacKay	Frédéric Charette	\$1,630,000	\$1,622,800
421 Lansdowne	Dominic Côté & Guy Fortin	Simon Dupéré	\$1,350,000	\$912,800
4455 Montrose	Marc Terfloth	Alexander Grach & Natalia Lisochkina	\$2,350,000	\$1,877,300
2 Prospect	Gregory Barlow & Lisa Angeloni	Kirsten Johnson	\$720,000	\$521,400
DUPLEXES				
4-6 Windsor	Barbara Jeanne Buchanan	Karsten Howes & Rebecca Lee	\$744,000	\$404,500
CONDOMINIUMS				
3117 St. Antoine	Megan Smalley & Janita Madden	Elisa Wong	\$453,000	\$234,416 ¹
3171 St. Antoine	Daniel Sandler	Eric Lamoureux & Annie Vincelette	\$300,000	\$235,600
4700 St. Catherine, #605	Arlene Miller	Geracimos Hionis & Cynthia Campbell	\$683,000	\$765,200 ²
VACANT LAND				
Lot, Decarie & St. Jacques	Corporation d' Hébergement du Québec	McGill University Health Centre	\$6,836,789.60	
Lot, Glen & St. Jacques	Corporation d' Hébergement du Québec	McGill University Health Centre	\$1,709,197.40	

1 Building subdivided into condos as of 30 Nov, 2009, condo agreement says 3117 (third and fourth floors) is 48% of total, garage space is 1% of total. New valuations not yet established, valuation here is 49% of \$478,400 which is valuation for 3117-21 St. Antoine.

2 Valuation is a combination of \$707,400 for apartment, \$28,900 for each of two garage spaces.

3 Parts of lot 4720, no further subdivisions, no clear breakdown of amount of land in Westmount vs. Montreal. The total amount of land in Westmount according to valuation roll is 53,177.40 square metres with a valuation of \$6,580,700, in Montreal it is 119,628.50 square metres with a valuation of \$14,804,000.

December sales: MUHC transfers lead the way



Andy Dodge
Real Estate

The huge tract of land known as the Glen Yards was transferred to the McGill University Health Centre in December, marking the way for this month's soil-breaking as work got under way for the \$1 billion-plus superhospital which has been in the planning books for McGill since 1992.

It was purchased from the Corporation d' Hébergement du Québec, which exercised options on the property from Canadian Pacific Railways and Atlantic Northwest Railway in June 2001.

The land sold in two sections, one

supposedly involving land at the corner of Décarie Boulevard and St. Jacques Street, the other land at the corner of Glen Road and St. Jacques Street, though the package had all been part of the same transaction in 2001. The two transactions total \$8,545,987 plus sales tax (which would bring the total price to \$9,646,000-plus), though the corporation originally paid the railways \$18 million for the property. The city valuation roll indicates just over 30 per cent of the total land is in Westmount, 53,177.40 square metres with a valuation of \$6,580,700, but if the price is representative it would mean the amount attributable to Westmount would be \$2,629,848. The first sale — Décarie and St. Jacques — involves 137,162.9 square metres, the second one — Glen and St. Jacques — involves 35,643 square metres; according to the deeds both

transactions involve land in both municipalities, though the proportions are not specified.

Beyond those two sales, eight single-family sales and one duplex sale rounded out the 2009 year for real estate in Westmount, including four sales over \$1 million and one over \$2 million. Prices ranged from \$530,000, for a row house at 108 Blenheim Place, to \$2,350,000 for a detached house at 4455 Montrose Avenue. The duplex at 4-6 Windsor Avenue, corner Victoria Avenue, sold for 84 per cent above municipal valuation, by far the highest markup of the month, while 490 Argyle Avenue brought the only markdown in December among one- and two-family sales.

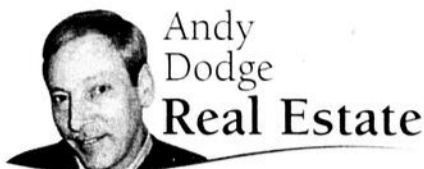
Condominiums included two on St. Antoine Street, including 3117 St. Antoine,

which was converted to condo in November before selling in December for \$453,000. Though the property had not been reassessed for tax purposes at the time it was sold, the proportionate representation would mean the price was almost double the valuation, while the highest price for a condo, \$683,000, represented less than 90 per cent of tax value.

The tally of nine one- and two-family sales in December brings the total for the year to 145, the lowest number of sales in Westmount since 1976. A complete review of the 2009 sales will appear in an upcoming issue of The Examiner.

NOTE: The preceding article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in December 2009, provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found above.

Volume and prices were static in March

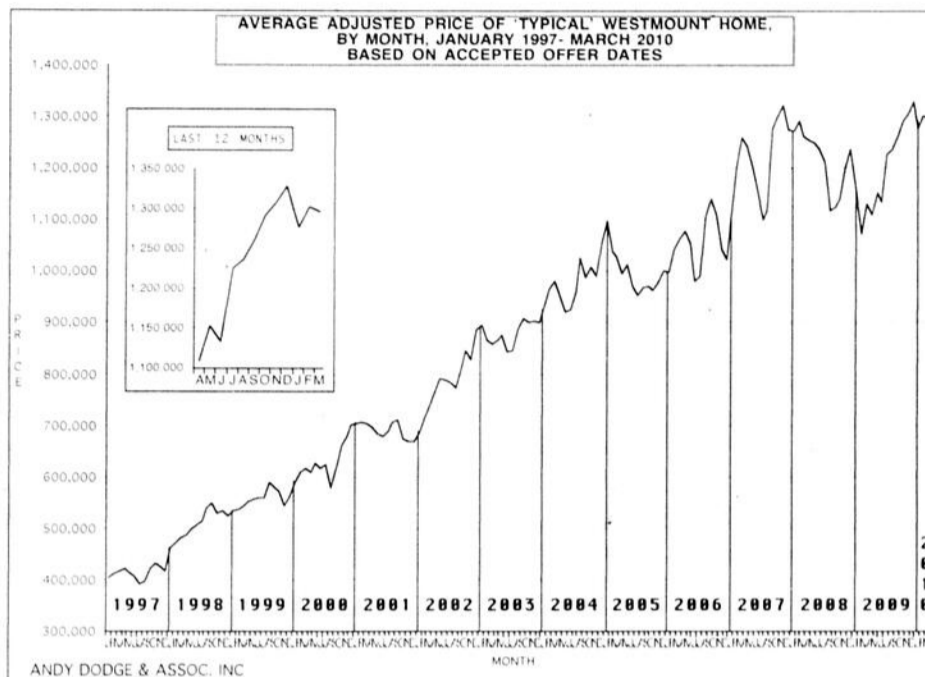


Andy Dodge
Real Estate

Westmount real estate prices held their own in March, hovering around the \$1.3 million average where it has rested since about last October.

With 16 sales reported in last month, the number has remained approximately the same as every month since October, except for January, when only four one- and two-family homes were sold in Westmount. In fact, March is supposed to be the busiest month of the year as buyers seek out homes for summertime moves, but this year the volume is fairly low.

The 16 sales include one for only \$380,000, touted by agents as a "renovator's delight," but in fact the municipal valuation was only \$209,800, so the markup was some 81 per cent, by far the highest of the month. The \$380,000 price was the lowest since 100 Abbott Avenue was sold last May (and registered in the same month) for \$250,000; very few Westmount homes these days are selling for less than \$500,000.



Top price in March was \$1.9 million, an indication the four sales over \$2 million in February were something of an anomaly, though Westmount had seen 14 two-million-plus sales in the year before that. And one house sold for less than municipal evaluation, in fact the first this year, with a

stunning 14-per cent reduction from tax value. The average markup was 31.3 per cent, compared with 31.0 per cent for February and 34.5 per cent for January, thus it is quite consistent.

One condominium, a luxury unit at Château Westmount Square, sold in March,

bringing the first-quarter total for 2010 to seven sales with an average markup of 23.4 per cent, slightly lower than for one- and two-family dwellings. Prices in the first three months offered as wide a range as ever, with one studio apartment selling in February for \$168,000 and a luxury unit selling in January for \$2.2 million, so any talk of average prices would be misleading.

Seven house sales were reported in adjacent-Westmount areas, including three in Côte des Neiges south of Queen Mary Road, two of those surpassing the \$1 million mark, as did one sale in the Trafalgar-Daulac area just east of Westmount. Prices appear to be strong in most areas but especially those two. Two other million-dollar-plus sales have been reported this year in the Golden Square Mile area of Montreal, among 20 home sales in adjacent-Westmount.

(NOTE: The preceding article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings which were reported by the local real estate agents as having been accepted in March 2010. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph on this page offers a picture of these trends over time.)

Rental specialist Wright shares landlord-tenant tips

Marilynn Vanderstaay

In his recent Rotary Club presentation "Rent increases; more than meets the eye," Westmount rental specialist Ted Wright shared some of his knowledge and thoughts about the landlord/tenant situation in Quebec.

Wright does not believe Quebec has a real rent control system, but rather has an approximation of rent control, since landlords and tenants are free to negotiate increases or rarely, reductions, in rental fees. Generally, the advice he gives at the Westmount Legal Clinic to both landlords and tenants is to follow the law, since most of the problems can be resolved by following the legislation and using the calculation forms that are available at the clinic and from the rental board.

Individual leases or buildings will have different results, depending on relevant

factors for that year such as energy costs. This year, dwellings heated with electricity saw a 1 per cent increase, whereas gas heating costs were reduced 0.5 per cent and fuel oil heating a whopping 7.9 per cent less. This year, a landlord asking for no increase in an oil heated dwelling may, in fact, be getting a 7.9 per cent increase over his previous energy expense.

Wright stressed that the increases issued by the rental board are guidelines for discussion purposes where the landlord

and tenant retain their rights to negotiate different rates. He outlined a possible procedure for a tenant to request a reduction in rent where the expenses for a particular dwelling have decreased over the past year.

Wright learned hands-on the business of advising landlords and tenants in 1987 while working along with rental specialist Arnold Bennett. He later learned how to inspect buildings as an executive assistant at Montreal City Hall., benefiting from his

abilities as a handyman he learned apprenticing with his father.

A part-time filmmaker and computer techie, Wright dedicates most of his time to clients at his non profit Westmount Legal Clinic, which he operates at the YMCA Westmount on Wednesday evenings starting at 6 p.m.

"The ongoing success of the clinic is that I strive to be fair to both landlords and tenants and that I follow the letter of the law," says Wright.

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Hobbs presents wistful landscapes at Vic Hall

Marilynn Vanderstaay

'Ciel et terre,' Westmount artist Anthony Hobbs's much-anticipated exhibition at the Gallery at Victoria Hall, is a must see for anyone whose spirit has been hibernating and is in desperate need of rejuvenation.

The exhibition of 27 small and large canvases of landscapes are not only wistfully beautiful, they reach down into the innermost of emotions of the viewer.

A tour of the gallery leads the viewer from one "ahhh" moment to another, as their spirit connects with images of mountains caught up in billowing clouds, large skies that seem to go on forever or bright bold abstracts that jolt the spirit to respond.

To create this series, Hobbs left acrylic to work with the more supple media of oil to create, layer on layer of both subtle and bold colour and brush strokes, abstract and figurative landscapes that resonate with his impressions and memories of the mountains in Wales and the Eastern Townships.

Unlike former series that were defined and realistic, Ciel et terre is a collection of lighter, more delicate images. Hobbs used wash, brushes, knives and even his hands to create images the viewer can feel and see.

Hobbs spent a year of going through



Anthony Hobbs with one of his recent works at Victoria Hall. Photo: Alexi Hobbs

sketchbooks, playing with the oils on canvas and allowing the paintings to develop. "There is a certain truth in painting that has to come out. I design the background and then let the oil and the images work together to create themselves."

Titled from "Ciel et terre" and numbered one to 27, each small or large canvas evokes a response from the viewer

that can be a memory, a feeling of peace or just plain enjoyment. "I want the viewer to put themselves into the painting, to bring it into their own experiences," says Hobbs.

'Ciel et terre' continues at the Gallery at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W. through April 21. For more information phone 514-989-5226 or go to www.artistsinCanada.com/hobbs/

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The man, a Boomer in his mid-50s, is speechless and overwhelmed by her gesture. He is walking with his wife to honour the memory of his grandmother, who died of cancer, and as a mark of respect to his mother, a survivor of several cancers. The man recalls his own mother's fervent prayers to St. Jude, the patron saint of hopeless causes. The man's wife is deeply touched when she sees the unexpected gift from the aged woman.

The next day, the sun never fully dawns in Dorval. It is a gray day, one of the coldest and wettest on record. Still, the walkers press on, determined to achieve their goal. The paper bag lunch in Westmount Park becomes a liquid meal, as the food is drenched in the chilly downpour.

Despite the torrents of rain, a Boomer-age cancer-stricken grandma walks with her adolescent granddaughter. Grandma has lost her hair to ongoing chemotherapy and has an IV needle stuck in her arm. She is wheeling the IV bottle stand along as she walks. Her granddaughter follows closely behind with a wheel chair, starting and stopping according to the rhythm of her grandmother's pace. So it goes for the 30 km trip back to the Olympic Stadium. Although they are among the last to arrive, they are cheered by all.

When asked why she would participate in such a grueling event, grandma answers: "I neglected myself and my body for decades and now I'm paying the price. I denied my age until I got sick, but I now know that we all owe God a death. I want my granddaughter to see that if I can't add years to my life, at least I can add life to my years."

The man with the St. Jude medal reminds his wife of how the psychologist Abe Maslow coined the term 'peak experience' to celebrate the summit of our shared humanity. "These must surely qualify as such," he says and she agrees.

• W. C. Perry has been writing professionally about life in Montreal since 1972. He has an M.A. in Media Studies from Concordia University and is a Certified Y.M.C.A. Fitness Instructor. Mr. Perry is grateful that the elderly woman gave him her daughter's St. Jude medal and that he and his wife shared this peak experience.

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Generations Foundations gets help... from a big invisible rabbit

Marilynn Vanderstaay

"Do you know what you've done? You've allowed a psychopathic case to walk out of here and roam around with an overgrown white rabbit!"

These are some of the memorable words spoken in the play *Harvey*, one of the greatest American comedies ever performed. When it was first brought to the Broadway stage in 1944, expectations were low because author Mary Chase had only written one play. It turned out to be a smash hit and a Pulitzer Prize winner.

This season, Montrealers have the opportunity to see the play performed at the Segal Theatre. And this year they will be able to help feed hungry kids while enjoying the Generations Foundation Theatre Evening on

Wednesday, April 21 at 8 p.m.

Since 2002 Generations Foundation has teamed up with the then Saidye Bronfman Centre, now the Segal Theatre, for a benefit theatre evening. This year the directors chose the play *Harvey*, produced by special arrangement with Don Gregory for their event.

As per the Segal Theatre promotion, *Harvey* is the story of mild-mannered Elwood P. Dowd and his best friend, an invisible six-foot rabbit named Harvey. Elwood and his pal are well-known and loved, but when Elwood introduces his oversized rabbit to guests at a society party, his status-obsessed sister Veta is mortified. To spare her family further embarrassment Veta decides to commit her brother to a sanatorium, but upon arrival at the hospital, the doctors institutionalize her instead. Once the gaffe is rectified, the search is on for Elwood.



When he is finally in custody the absurd behaviour of the hospital staff raises the age-old question of who is truly insane and dangerous: carefree dreamers like

Elwood or the medical practitioners who 'treat' them.

Excellent seats are still available for the Generations benefit at \$75 each, which includes a post-performance reception. A partial tax receipt will be issued. For reservations for this special event, phone Adrian or Natalie Bercovici at the Generations Foundation at 514-933-8585.

Generations Foundation feeds nutritious breakfast, lunch and snacks to approximately 6,500 children daily in 72 schools and learning centres. Their snacks support various after school programs for homework, tutoring, reading, physical activity programs and cooking programs.

During the summer months Generations Foundation also sponsors children to a Quebec accredited camp for a two-week stay in the country affording children and parents respite from life which is at times chaotic and dysfunctional. The children make friends, learn how to be part of a team, surmount new challenges and simply have fun swimming, boating and hiking, some of the activities found at summer camp.

Storyteller brings Jewish tales to the library

Matthew Surridge

Storyteller Oro Anahory-Librowicz will present an evening of Jewish storytelling at the Westmount Library on April 8 at 7 p.m.

The event, titled "Doing the Right Thing: Wisdom Tales From the Jewish Tradition," will present stories from across the Jewish world and experience, featuring tales of tricksters and kings. The event will take place in the Westmount Room of the Library.

Anahory-Librowicz is an experienced Montreal-area storyteller. She tells stories in four languages, and her tales have been recorded for film, radio, and CD. She has performed in Canada, Spain, England,

Israel, and Venezuela.

A professor of Spanish at the Université de Montréal, Anahory-Librowicz has written two books and her doctoral dissertation on traditional Sephardic songs, and received a medal from the King of Spain in 2006 in recognition of her career in Sephardic and Spanish studies.

The Library is presenting Anahory-Librowicz in association with the Montreal Storytellers' Guild. The Guild, founded 24 years ago, meets regularly at the Westmount Library, on the second Thursday of every month from October to June.

To reserve a space for Anahory-Librowicz's tales, call 514-989-5386, or go to the Library's circulation desk.




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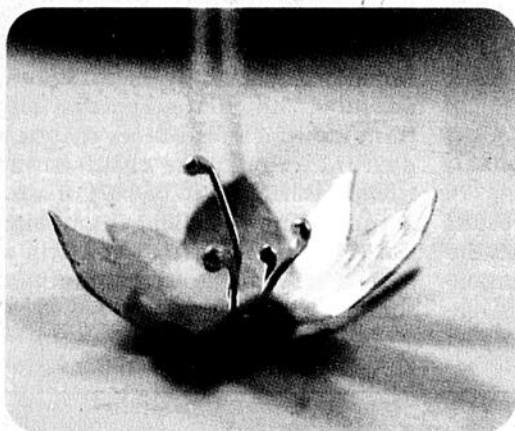
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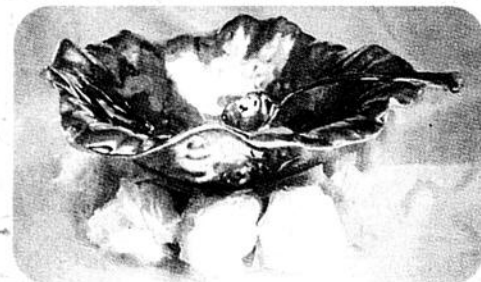
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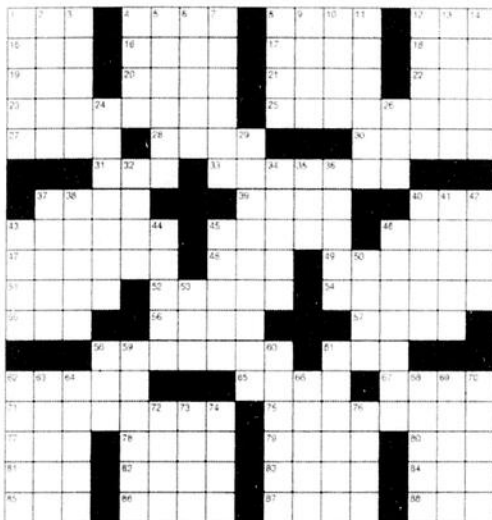
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- 76. Lounging garment

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- 1. Fluid-filled pouch
- 4. Wallace of 'Reader's Digest'
- 8. Marsh bird
- 12. Matched
- 15. Duo
- 16. Film about Damien, with 'The'
- 17. Pivot line
- 18. Cooling quaff
- 19. Bump hard
- 20. Extent
- 21. Port, to a landlubber
- 22. Imbibe
- 23. Protective covering
- 25. Ingress
- 27. Fleshy fruit
- 28. Snarl
- 30. Semiprecious stone
- 31. Like father, like ___
- 33. Easy to read
- 37. Hard fat for cooking
- 39. Knitting stitch
- 40. Head
- 43. Becker's game
- 45. Similar
- 46. Hotel employee
- 47. Affix
- 48. Electric unit
- 49. Long step
- 51. Talon
- 52. Change a constitution
- 54. Shudder
- 55. Mousse alternative
- 56. Skirt style
- 57. Parallel
- 58. Facial feature
- 61. AFT's kin
- 62. Hurrah
- 65. Fireman's item
- 67. Lights out
- 71. Pale bluish purple
- 75. Certify
- 77. Sonnet's kin
- 78. Bauble
- 79. Printing process, for short
- 80. 'Tarzan, the ___ Man'
- 81. Ventilate
- 82. Sinister
- 83. Faded
- 84. Golly's partner
- 85. Small child
- 86. Neural network
- 87. Shriveled
- 88. Transgress

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ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 502



DOWN

- 1. Shoulder bag part
- 2. In the know
- 3. Period's partner
- 4. Missing
- 5. Challenge as false
- 6. Get instruction
- 7. Temper with heat
- 8. Discount offer

Sudoku

PUZZLE NO. 238

	3	8				4		9
5	6			7	4			
1			8		2			
				6				
	5		3	1	7			6
			4		8	5		
3							9	7
			1		5	6		
6				9	3			4

ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 238

4	5	8	3	6	7	1	7	9
2	3	9	5	8	1	6	4	6
7	6	1	6	2	4	5	8	3
3	7	3	8	2	4	6	9	1
6	9	8	6	7	3	1	4	5
1	8	6	7	2	4	1	2	4
5	6	5	2	7	3	8	6	4
8	1	8	6	2	9	7	4	3
9	4	2	9	3	8	6	5	1

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Mennie to speak at Shaar

Gazette editor, writer and columnist James Mennie will address participants of the Sundays at the Shaar program on Sunday, April 18 at 12 p.m., with the topic "Optimist, Pessimist? A Commentary of the World around Us."

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