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## Gubbay book hits bestseller list

'A View of Their Own: The Story of Westmount', by Westmount Historical Association president and *Examiner* columnist Aline Gubbay, is currently number 10 on the Gazette's non-fiction bestseller list.

Nobody was more surprised than Gubbay herself when she heard the news early this week. "I really think it's a fluke," she said after receiving calls from several friends who noticed her book listed in last Saturday's Gazette book section. "I'm sure it will be off the list next week."

## Examiner to move April 31

After five years at the foot of Victoria Avenue, *The Westmount Examiner* will be moving its offices by the end of this month. The building has been sold to a major pizza delivery chain, which will be taking over the premises May 1.

Examiner publisher Leonard J. Gervais announced the impending move yesterday after a lunch meeting with the building's owner. "It's too bad because this is a great location," he said.

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## Spring is here!



Susan Robb kneels in the Westmount greenhouse and admires some beautiful hydrangeas during Tuesday's Vin d'honneur and Flower show. For a photo from the presentations of the honourees, see page 8.

## Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic collects 134 units

BY WAYNE LARSEN

Despite falling about 40 units short of its goal, the 1999 Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic has been deemed a success by its organizers.

Westmounters donated a total of 134 units of blood for Hemo-Quebec at the annual event, held at Victoria Hall on Monday afternoon and evening.

"It was very successful," said

Community Events Coordinator Linda Stern. "Hemo-Quebec was wonderful and the volunteers they brought with them were terrific. Although our goal was higher, I thought it went extremely well—the volunteers were busy and there was a constant flow of people. We really appreciate everybody that came."

Westmount Public Security's Public Relations Officer James Novak, who was in charge of publicizing the event, said the lower

number of units collected may have been a result of new people running the clinic, and next year the numbers should be higher.

"I think it had a lot to do with the fact that it was a transition period," Novak said. "Last year it was done by the Red Cross, and this year it was Hemo-Quebec. There were a lot of new personnel on the floor, the coordinator was new—so maybe it takes a while for people to adapt."



Councillor Cynthia Lulham rests after giving blood on Monday afternoon.

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## Monday, April 5

**Chabad of Westmount Education Centre**, 4444 Ste. Catherine, presents a concert of Jewish Soul Music and

Hasidic Pop at 8 p.m. Info: 937-4772.

## Tuesday, April 6

**Yoga For Spring**, an eight-week course begins at St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, The Boulevard at Lansdowne, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Carolyn Cronk at 482-5759.

## Thursday, April 8

**Stuart Robertson** offers a fascinating look at spring gardening with a lecture and slide show at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. at 7 p.m. Free admission, coffee and dessert to follow. Info: 931-6202.

## Wednesday, April 14

**Basic Scottish Country Dancing** course begins at the Westmount YMCA. \$55 for 10 weeks. All welcome, Scot or not. No partner required. Info: 931-8046.

## Thursday, April 15

**Architect Ken Hampson** will answer the question 'Who Lives in the Homes Built on the Old Hurtubise Farm?', as part of the Westmount Historical Association's spring lecture series, 7 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke. Free to members, \$5 for non-members. Info: 925-1404.

## Friday, April 16

**Temple Emanu-El-Beth Bridge Club**, 395 Elm Ave., invites everyone to a special silver point game at 11:30 a.m. Info: 937-3575.

## Friday, April 30

**Temple Emanu-El-Beth Bridge Club**, 395 Elm Ave., invites everyone to a special ACBL charity game at 11:30 a.m. Info: 937-3575.

## Sunday, May 2

**Classic Egg Tempera** course at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave., with John Drew Munro, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$85, materials included. Also, Silk Painting course with Anna Evangelista, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$80, materials included. Info: 488-9558.

## Ongoing

**Claude Tousignant** exhibition continues at Galerie de Bellefeuille, 1367 Greene Ave., through April 18. Info: 933-4406.

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## ART

# Roberts finally revealed in major retrospective

## MMFA show honours quiet Westmounter's career

By WAYNE LARSEN

His paintings hang alongside those of the Group of Seven and other titans of Canadian art in galleries across the country, but somehow the late Goodridge Roberts has been largely overlooked when curators have mounted large travelling exhibitions. Until now, that is.

Today's opening of 'Goodridge Roberts Revealed' at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts marks not only the first major retrospective of the legendary painter's career in 30 years, but also the first homecoming for over 100 of the shy Westmounter's works since his death in 1974.

Many of the paintings in this exhibition have been borrowed from private collections, which means that although some have appeared in various publications, most have never been seen by the public.

Generally acknowledged as one of Canada's most important artists, Roberts is known primarily for paying equal attention to traditional painting's three main disciplines—landscape, portraiture and still life. He was unflagging in his devotion to them all, and this is reflected in the images chosen to represent his life's work.

"In his mind there was no hierarchy among the three, nothing to suggest that one was more important to him than another," said curator Prof. Sandra Paikowsky, who has written extensively about Roberts over the years and whose book 'Goodridge Roberts 1904-1974' serves as an in-depth catalogue to the current show.

Paikowski spent two years putting the exhibition together, outside of her duties teaching art history at Concordia University. "It was a lot of work but a lot of fun," she said of tracking down and gathering works from both public and private collections across Canada.

Several of these works have been lent by the artist's widow, Joan Carter Roberts, who still lives in Westmount and is pleased by the nation-wide attention the show has brought her husband. And despite his reputation as a shy man, it seems Roberts himself would have been gratified by this homage to his life's work.

"Goodridge was always happy to receive any appreciation that came his way," said Joan Roberts shortly after an advance viewing of the exhibition last week. "I think this show would have really pleased him."

Paikowsky pointed out that part of Roberts's creative legacy was his individuality. "One thing I find extremely fascinating about him is that, unlike the majority of painters of any stripe, he never worked from his imagination," she said. "He always used a model or worked directly from the landscape."

This individuality was also reflected in his unconventional method for working. While most painters tend to fuss over a canvas, repeatedly going back and reworking it until completely satisfied, Roberts had a confidence in his own ability that allowed him to complete the vast majority of his paintings in a single sitting.

"He would abandon something if he felt it was hopeless," Joan Roberts remembered. "But he almost never went back to a painting—certainly not at all with a landscape or still life—but sometimes with a figure he might have worked on it a second time with the model. But that was not his usual habit."

The resulting sense of spontaneity is readily apparent throughout his body of work, which is characterized by strong, broad brushstrokes rather than an obsession with minute details. For Roberts, the palette and the composition were everything.

"Even though he was considered conservative by abstract painters here, his way of making an image was very similar to that of the Automatistes," Paikowsky said. "He addressed the canvas directly, never used any preliminary drawings or studies.

Most paintings were done in a single, continuous time frame and when they were finished, they were finished. That has a lot to do with the process of Automatiste painting in Montreal, but his way of coming up with an image to paint was totally different from the Automatistes or any other form of abstract painting."

Born in Barbados to a prominent literary family (poet Sir Charles G.D. Roberts was his uncle), William Goodridge Roberts grew up in Europe and Fredericton, New Brunswick. He came to Montreal as a young man to study at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts, and would eventually support himself by teaching at the Montreal Museum's School of Art and Design. He travelled extensively, and in 1943 he left for England, where he spent 14 months working as a war artist for the Canadian government.

Roberts and second wife Joan moved into Westmount in 1956, renting a house on Grosvenor Avenue, just above Sherbrooke. After a brief stint at the University of New Brunswick, where Roberts was artist in residence, the couple returned in 1960 to a home on Lansdowne Avenue.

"It was the first house we'd owned," Joan Roberts said. "We bought it before the invitation came to go to New Brunswick, so we rented it for the year we were gone and only moved in when we came back."

Roberts would remain at the Lansdowne address for the last 14 years of his life.

"He was always confident as a painter," Paikowsky said. "But because he was so quiet and elegant—a gentle man—it hid the fact that he was very confident about his own work from the very beginning. He never expressed that publicly, but it was quite well known among the people who knew him best."

"Goodridge was a shy guy, very retiring," agreed Westmount artist and architect Harry Mayerovitch, whose close friendship with Roberts dates back to the 1930s. "He was a person I admired very much. He had a very original mind and a

poetic, lyrical attitude toward painting—a great combination of a poetic personality and a disciplined mind. He had a controlled sense of colour; every brushstroke of his was very consciously put down."

But Mayerovitch also remembers a darker side that marred the end of Roberts's career. "In the latter years he had a sad life—he wasn't able to paint," he said. "I used to see him walking along the street aimlessly at times. It was sad because this guy was a great, great talent and it was a pity to see it fizz out at the end. Some of his stuff is very haunting because it had a melancholy quality, and I suppose that was an expression of part of his personality—although he could be very funny at times and he did some interesting little cartoons in his spare time."

"In his quiet but inexorable affirmation of the enduring qualities of persons and of things, Goodridge Roberts's paintings are to be cherished as silent sermons for a world thrashing about in sensationalism and superficiality," Mayerovitch wrote in his friend's *Examiner* obituary in January, 1974. "His tragedy was that, in spite of the devotion of his family and his friends, he was unable to find for himself the serenity, the certainty that he was able so eloquently to transmit to us."

Currently on a cross-country tour, 'Goodridge Roberts Revealed' has been organized by the McMichael Canadian Art Collection under the sponsorship of the Investors Group. It was originally intended for the MMFA's Benaiah Gibb Pavilion, but renovations have forced it into a smaller space across the street in the Jean-Noel Desmarais Pavilion, where it will remain, free to the public, through June 13. Sandra Paikowsky's book 'Goodridge Roberts 1904-1974' (McMichael Canadian Art Collection) is available at the MMFA Bookstore.



Goodridge Roberts's 1957 still life 'Studio Window in Winter' (Joan Roberts Collection), which offers a glimpse of Grosvenor Avenue, is one of more than 100 works now at the MMFA.



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**1:34 p.m.** 49 Staynor: Flood in basement caused by blocked sink drain.  
**7:59 p.m.** 619 Lansdowne: Water leak in furnace room caused by blocked drain. Advised owner to have a plumber attend.

**Tuesday, March 23**

**12:21 p.m.** 4695 de Maisonneuve: Alarm ringing at Westmount Park Church due to power failure.  
**5:14 p.m.** Front of 3400 de Maisonneuve: Smoke in car caused by burst radiator hose. All in order.  
**11:06 p.m.** 223 Melville: Fire alarm set off by burnt toast.

**Wednesday, March 24**

**7:06 a.m.** 4 Grove Park: Defective smoke detector.  
**8:25 a.m.** 5785 Parkhaven, Côte St. Luc: Cancelled en route.  
**12:00 p.m.** 4626 Sherbrooke: Fire alarm at Victoria Hall set off by power failure.  
**6:31 p.m.** 4 Burton: Defective carbon monoxide detector.

**Thursday, March 25**

**11:57 p.m.** 37 Rosemount: Smell of gas reported. No readings on gas detector. Possibly caused by a downdraft in the chimney.

**Friday, March 26**

**11:52 a.m.** Cedar and Mount Pleasant: Attended motor vehicle accident. Disconnected batteries on both vehicles and cleaned up spilled antifreeze with Absorboll.

**Saturday, March 27**

**3:32 a.m.** 88 Somerville: Water leak caused by burst water tank on the third floor. Advised owner to have a plumber replace it in the morning.  
**12:56 p.m.** 1310 Greene: Defective alarm.

**Hold the anchovies!**

By WAYNE LARSEN

Even muggers get hungry, a 20-year-old Westmount man learned the hard way last week. After buying a pizza downtown, the man carried it home on the bus, attracting the attention of three teenagers. They followed him off the bus at Metcalfe Avenue, and all the way to the entrance of his apartment building. One of the suspects threatened him with a wooden chair leg, forcing him to give up the pizza, and the three ran off—only to be picked up by Station 12 police near the Vendôme metro station. They were taken downtown to MUC police Operation Centre and charged with armed robbery.

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Sherbrooke Street from 6:45 to about 8:30 p.m. They will be selling the 'classic' cookies (one row each of vanilla and chocolate) at a price of \$2.75 per box. If the Guides and Brownies don't reach your home on April 6 and you would like to buy some cookies, contact Heather Barwick at 484-2560 or Guide House at 933-5839.

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# BOOK REVIEW

## Daughter's book reveals remarkable Delage

BY ALINE GUBBAY

The never ending winter blues affecting you? Looking for ways that will lift your spirit?

Let me introduce you to a good companion who will cheer you up with an anecdote and restore your appetite for the good life. Meet Gérard Delage, 'Prince de l'humour et de la gastronomie.'

Daughter Jocelyne's recently-published account of her father's life sets out in loving detail a many-faceted career which encompassed the law, show business in theatre, radio and TV, and as an advisor on tourism, hotel and restaurant management and gastronomy. Throughout, it is his warmth and good humour that light up the scene.

I am struck by the broad sweep of his interests, the range of his friends and the ease with which he moved between the elements of Quebec society and beyond.

Gérard Delage's childhood was spent in Nomingue, a small village but so strategically placed that, by water, it could reach the Great Lakes, James Bay and the St. Lawrence. This openness to the larger view; the sense of connection with a world beyond his village, remained a part of Delage's personality.

His work was conducted primarily within the francophone community, yet he lived happily for over 50 years on Kensington Avenue in anglophone Westmount.

He loved the province of Quebec with a passion; its rivers and forests, its villages and its traditions. Yet this passion did not conflict with or diminish his love of Canada. If he reserved for Quebec the preeminent role in 'the good life', he nevertheless helped pioneer clubs of gastronomy across the country and was eagerly sought after as toastmaster at banquets from the Beaver

Club in Montreal to national hotel conventions and, as the official Canadian representative, on the international scene.

His various careers complemented each other. As an actor, reporter and writer he performed for 20 years on stage, radio and in the early years of television. But his legal background was also put to use during his term as president of the Union des Artistes, a position he held for 13 years—the longest mandate ever accorded to one of its members.

He was also legal advisor and administrator to l'Association des hoteliers de campagne, which was losing members and struggling to find its role in the industry. Delage took charge. He edited the trade publication, suggested codes of behaviour for every level of personnel from waiter to hotel manager and encouraged Quebec hoteliers to open up to the world beyond its borders.

Over the years, honours poured in. Forty-two restaurants guaranteed him a table for life. He was made a life member of the Bar and the Union des Artistes. A Club Gastronomique was created in his name. The north shore of the Richelieu, in recognition of all he had done to raise the profile of the area as a region of high-quality cuisine, was named 'le chemin du Prince-sur-

Richelieu' in honour of this 'Prince des gastronomes'. On his retirement, the Fondation Gérard Delage was created 'to fortify friendship and the art of living'—aims Delage pursued all his life and which remain a fitting legacy of this remarkable personality.

*'Gérard Delage, Prince de l'humour et de la gastronomie' by Jocelyne Delage (589 pp.) is published in French by editions graphein.*



The cover of the book by Jocelyne Delage.

## Seven nominees for WMA award

BY WAYNE LARSEN

The Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) has received seven nominations for its second annual Citizen of the Year Award, which will be presented at the organization's general meeting later this spring.

The WMA is pleased with the number of nominations received this year, as it represents an increase from last year's first-time competition, which was won by Grosvenor Avenue resident Sylvia Wedge.

The deadline for nominations was March 15. "We're encouraged by the number of nominations," said WMA President Doug McDougall. "But we know that there are a lot of very good people that still have not been nominated."

The seven candidates, whose names were put forward by fellow residents for their outstanding work within

the Westmount community, are currently being judged by a panel comprised of members of the WMA executive. The winner will receive a certificate from the WMA and have their name engraved on a plaque that will be permanently displayed at Victoria Hall.

Although only seven nominations in a city of 20,000 people may seem low, WMA director Bridget Blackader said that such an endeavour will probably take some time before it catches on in a big way.

"This whole exercise grows a bit each year, and we hope it will continue to grow in prestige," she said of the award. "We hope that over time the Citizen of the Year will have significant meaning in Westmount."

The date of the WMA's annual general meeting has not been finalized, nor has the association confirmed who will be guest speaker at the event. These are expected to be announced within the next few weeks.

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## EDITORIAL

### Merger would eliminate the contribution of past Westmounters

Some lucky Westmounters were treated to a wonderful evening on Tuesday as four deceased Westmounters were honoured for their contribution to society. Indeed, the four—Donald Gordon, Colin John (Jack) Grasset, Samuel Steinberg and John Young—enriched our city, Quebec, Canada and the world with their achievements in everything from banking to art and philanthropy.

Listening to the presentations, I reflected on the profound influence people like these have on a community. During the past 125 years, visionary people have helped build Westmount into a very prestigious place, whose name is synonymous with wealth and the cultured and educated of Montréal society. This reputation takes a long time to build and it is something for which everyone in Westmount can be proud.

Now, the threat of a merger with several other cities threatens to erase Westmount as we know it. This plan is the brainchild of Quebec's commission on reforming municipal finances, which is rumoured to be recommending next Tuesday that Montreal merge with Côte St. Luc, Hampstead, Outremont, Town of Mount Royal, Verdun and Westmount. It's quite clear who is getting the royal shaft in this deal.

We could have a long discussion about the disproportionate taxes-to-services-provided reality that will occur, or we could debate the logic of dismantling smaller cities in order to create a much larger bureaucracy that will leave all concerned very ill served. Imagine: you could wait a week to have your street cleaned like the people in NDG—what progress. Surely the citizens of Westmount deserve better than what Montreal fails to offer its residents.

Because of the rising cost of services, Hampstead and Montreal West joining Côte St. Luc makes some sense; these two towns have less than 10,000 people and Hampstead has virtually no commercial tax base, and the citizens there would be much better served if they had access to Côte St. Luc's library. Soon, these two towns will have no choice but to raise their tax rates to very high levels to have enough revenue to pay their expenses. In fact, they already share the cost of several services.

Verdun is subsidized by tax dollars from wealthy Nun's Islanders, many of whom have been complaining about this uneven union which sees them give plenty to the less affluent City of Verdun.

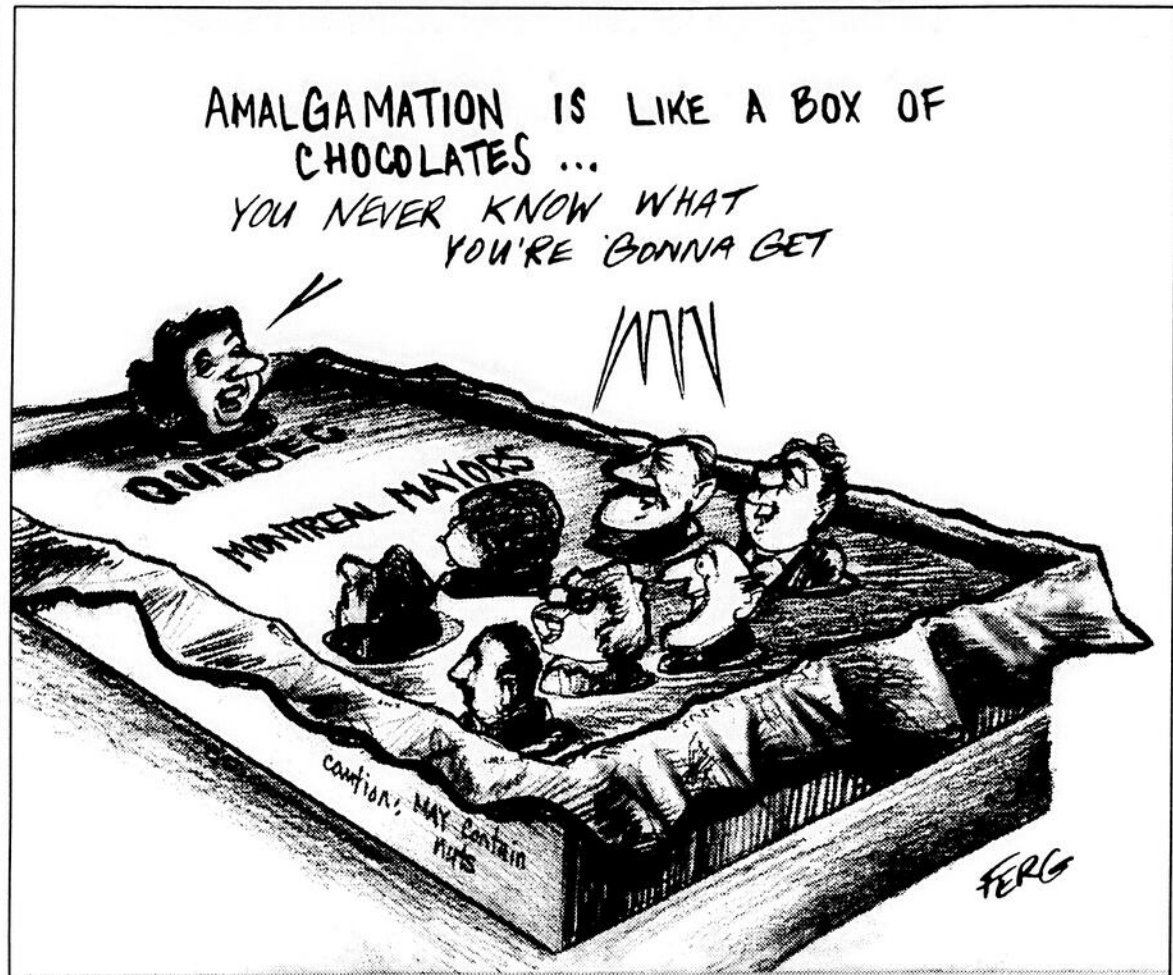
Westmount is an anomaly: a relatively small city that is well administered, regularly produces a healthy budget surplus and has a sterling reputation nationwide. Its library, pool and parks are the envy of everyone on the island (ask the people from Tradau Inc. about that) and it's filled with some of the best and brightest citizens in Canada in every possible field of endeavour.

It is unconscionable that some bureaucrats from Quebec City would suggest that this city should fold into Montreal to help create a mega-city like Toronto? For all those who know Toronto, the sprawling facelessness of that loathsome place is a testament to everything that goes wrong when a city gets too big—lots of bureaucracy, little neighbourhood charm and an endless desert of strip malls. A friend of mine calls it *Missaronto*.

I urge all Westmounters to call the Louise Harel, Quebec's Minister of Municipal Affairs, and voice their opinion on this matter. She can be reached at (514) 873-2622.

The price of freedom is constant vigilance, the saying goes, and Westmount should be free to operate in the respected, efficient manner it has for 125 years. The only way it will stay that way is by making sure those short-sighted bureaucrats in Quebec City hear loud opposition to their misguided ideas.

—Leonard J Gervais

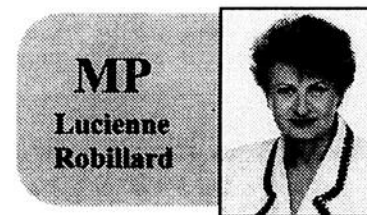


## Nunavut: A new chapter in the building of Canada's history begins today

Today, April 1st, 1999, is a very important day in Canadian history: the map of Canada is changing for the first time in 50 years.

We are celebrating the establishment of Nunavut, Canada's newest territory. Nunavut, or 'Our Land' in the Inuit language of Inuktitut, is larger than Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec combined. This vast territory encompasses approximately 2 million square kilometres, and is equal to roughly one-fifth of Canada's total landmass. The new territory of Nunavut is made up of central and eastern portions of what is now the Northwest Territories with Iqaluit (population 3,600) as its capital. The remaining western region of the territories will continue to be known as the Northwest Territories.

Through their new territorial government, the people of Nunavut are taking direct control over education, health and social services, with the help of transfer payments from the Government of Canada. The new government has the powers like those of the existing territorial governments, with



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an elected legislative assembly, a cabinet and a territorial court. The government of Nunavut is highly decentralized in order to respond to the needs of the 28 communities that make up the new territory and bring a distinctive voice to national policy-making. It will also help make Canadians more aware of daily life in the North - including the challenges posed by geography and climate, and the economic potential of mining, tourism, construction, Inuit foods, arts, and culture.

Since Inuit make up approximately 85 per cent of the population of Nunavut, Inuktitut will be a working language of the government, although government services will also be offered in English and French. Inuit will staff a majority of jobs in the territory's public service.

The creation of this new territory and government, the result of the

largest land claim settlement in Canada's history, follows years of negotiations between the Government of Canada and the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, which represented the Inuit of the eastern arctic. Nunavut is a significant step in the ongoing process of building Canada, and demonstrates the flexibility of the Canadian federation to respect and foster diversity. All Canadians can take pride in the birth of this new territory, and the peaceful and democratic means by which it was realized. The Canadian government is pleased that it was able to work with Inuit to achieve this important milestone in our shared history, and looks forward to a long and prosperous partnership.

Note: As you read these lines, I am currently in China, taking part in a ministerial mission. During my stay in China, I will be conducting various meetings, on matters relating to my portfolio as Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

As well, I will be opening a new Visa Office in Shanghai. I look forward to sharing with you, upon my return, the accomplishments of this trip.

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# Passover: The Jewish Spiritual Exodus to Freedom

By MARYLIN SMITH CARSLY

With a gust of wind and the flourish of a wooden staff over waters below, Moses parted the Red Sea and the Hebrews were led to freedom from the bondage of slavery.

This exodus from Egypt has defined the Jewish people. Every spring for thousands of years, they have recharged their spiritual batteries during the remarkable holiday of Passover. They've cleaned their homes and their psyches, deflated their bread and their egos, and reconnected with their people and the rhythm of the seasons.

The first Passover celebration was held the last night the Hebrews spent as Pharaoh's slaves. At sunset, each family slaughtered a lamb and used the blood to mark the doorposts of their house. The meat was to be roasted and served with matzoh (unleavened bread) and marror (bitter herbs). That night's ritual became the annual cycle of the Jewish year. Families have been reliving it and transmitting the values to their children with the eternal hope of ultimate redemption of all mankind.

This message of universal freedom was a call to all oppressed nations, especially the Jewish people. The celebration begins on the first full moon of spring, the 15 of Nisan in the Jewish calendar. The corresponding date in the secular calendar varies from year to year. Orthodox and Conservative Jews celebrate for eight days, and Reform and Israeli Jews observe for seven days. Dietary restrictions such as leavened foods are removed and dishes and utensils are changed. A general 'kashering' procedure can be performed to remove whatever has been absorbed in the utensils that are used throughout the year.

Jews of different origins (European, North African and Asian) all have their own rituals and traditional Passover dishes. In the Old Country, the whole year revolved around Passover from the growing of the wheat to the baking of the matzoh. Today, all this is done commercially and is taken for granted. Almost everything can be purchased, but at a high price. The Passover food business has become a successful

entrepreneurial venture. Are we encountering exploitation of the Jewish consumer? Refusal to comply with the exorbitant prices of products have insinuated some resentment and rejection of the holiday. Many Jews feel that the true meaning of Passover has been replaced by a money-making proposition.

The most familiar feature of Passover is the Seder (meaning order). Dr. Ron Wolfson, in his book 'The Art of Jewish Living', described the Seder as a 'talk feast'. Here the opportunity arises to identify, empathize and connect with the ancestry of the Egyptian exile and experience liberation with them. Wolfson reiterated that this Seder around the table is a family-oriented, religious and educational occasion.

Every good learning experience requires a manual or lesson plan. Accompanying the Seder, a book called a 'Hagaddah' is followed. As a collage of 4000 years of Jewish life, it contains all the texts and directions of the Passover Seder. In his book 'Keeping Passover', Ira Steingrot has commented, "When we participate in the reading of the Hagaddah, we become heir to the resonant, multi-layered tradition of Jewish life and learning." Seder nights are magical. Rabbi Emanuel Forman at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue has emphasized that this holiday has kept Jewish history alive.

## Women and Passover

During the last 15 years or so, there has been a growing wave of energy among Jewish women moving toward the renewing and remaking of Jewish thought and practice. New paths of Jewish life affirm the constant process of rebirth. Judaism needed to grow and transform to meet the needs of both sexes today.

With all that Passover indoctrinates about freedom, there are some very real contradictions concerning the female role. The creation of Passover in the home is performed by women. Grandmothers and mothers cannot untangle themselves from kitchen duties. Here we are with the original liberation holiday, and female bondage

still exists. Ironic, isn't it? But as in every endeavour, women are redefining their roles. There are women's Hagaddahs and female Seders, which offer women various ways in which the holiday can be more meaningful to them. On the weekend of March 13, a large female Seder was held in New York, with women anxious to explore their role in the Seder.

Temple Emanu-El Beth Shalom in Westmount held its first female Seder, called 'Miriam's Seder', during which the contributions of women from Biblical times to the present were honoured.

The springtime sensation, family renewal and celebration of her national existence are Concordia professor of religious studies Norma Joseph's sentiments about this yearly ritual. "I love Passover, but it's exhausting," Joseph commented. "Luckily, my Hebrew education has kept me actively included at the Seder table."

Being bound solely to the kitchen does not exist for her.

Aside from more female and family involvement at Seders, additional modifications to this holiday are ongoing. Keeping kosher is more of a possibility with the wide variety of food products. Newly written Hagaddahs are more family inclusive and the vibrant designs of Jewish artifacts contribute to a beautifully laid out Seder evening.

With all this updating, has the Passover holiday weakened in its imparting traditional rituals to future generations? Do human beings always opt for that easy way out? After all, this holiday's rituals require effort and time.

## Is Passover being passed-over?

Alan M. Dershowitz, Harvard Law School professor and writer, discusses in 'The Vanishing American Jew', that "Jewish life is in the throes of disintegrating just at the time when Jews have achieved it all."

Are the Jewish people ignoring the true Passover flavour? Are the messages of redemption and freedom still being relayed? Rabbi Leigh Lerner of the Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom has seen only an ongoing strength of a holiday which is still very much alive in Jewish life.

In most Jewish homes, the Passover ritual exists. It may be performed conscientiously, sloppily, rigidly or casually, but in some form it is still done. This ancient Jewish festival of unleavened bread is the oldest continuously performed ceremony in the world, and has always been my favourite. The complete disruption, chaos and the aromas of cooking and baking have strengthened our family unit.

Cantorial and stoically led by my distinguished grandfather, I can recall being mesmerized by the historical chants that became life through the intensity of his voice. A lasting connection to the past occurred through his readings of the Hagaddah. As the evening drew to a close, we pushed our chairs away from the table and rose, hopeful for the future. Our imaginations were lifted and opened to rediscover the lost elements of wonder and pleasure. Passover had positively 'passed over' our family, leaving its lasting legacy of continuous survival for Jews everywhere.

## FROM THE MAIL BAG



### Spending ignores most important elements of health care

To the editor:  
Quebec's health spending estimate for 1999-2000 is worrisome. Whereas Health will spend 3.3 per cent more than last year, the Executive Council, Finance, Treasury board and International Relations will each spend respectively 36.2 per cent, 28.3 per cent, 24.8 per cent and 3.9 per cent more. In Health, the lion's share of the increase will go to wiping out existing hospital debts brought about by our government's own health reform. Health administration and departmental management will receive an additional \$3.1 million. Whereas the health insurance board will receive an extra one per cent for administration, this year it will spend less on drugs, dental and eye-care.

This year's spending estimates are illogical. First, paying off our hospitals' debts without repairing the deficiencies that

caused them is like sump-pumping a flood without repairing its cause. It would only be a matter of time until the crippling debts reappear. Next, in order to wipe out Quebec's deficit one year earlier than expected, Bouchard's government has cut our health and social services to dangerously low levels, never before seen in Quebec. Instead of giving the biggest spending increases to front-line elements that provide the services (such as doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, paramedics, drug benefits, medical equipment, home-care services and hospitals), Bouchard has chosen to preferentially inflate Quebec's administration.

Quebec is probably the most administered region in all of North America, and is certainly no better for it. Most Quebecers would agree that drastically cutting our administration would not cause us the least inconvenience, and might even result in our services running more smoothly! Our government, however, is not willing to tell us the full cost of Quebec's multiple layers of bureaucracy,

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# Landmark eatery to close in two weeks

By LEONARD J GERVAIS

Miss Westmount, a favourite restaurant of many Westmounters for more than 40 years, will be closing its doors on April 17.

The restaurant's owner, Patty Bakakis, said complications over the lease arrangements have resulted in her having to close the place down.

"The rent is okay, but the terms are ridiculous. I was only offered a one-year lease, I have to vacate the premises if I receive a three-month notice and he wanted personal guarantees to cover the rent. Who can run a business like that?"

"You know, I'm not a businessperson—I'm Mom. I just brought my kitchen to the restaurant," said Bakakis, holding back tears. "All my customers are like family and friends."

Bakakis said she and her lawyer have tried in vain to come to an agreement with the owner, but it never happened. She added the \$80,000 in leasehold improvements—including a new ventilation system and drywalling—she did when she took the restaurant over six years ago could be a bone of contention and might have to be settled in court.

Bakakis said she has no clue what she is going to do after the restaurant closes.

The landlord could not be reached by *The Examiner's* press deadline.

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Centre Greene President Mary Anne McNally and Mayor Peter Trent at the Centre Greene gala at the Saidye Bronfman Centre on March 11. The evening, which featured Anthony Shaffer's play 'Sleuth', was a great success, raising \$4,600 for the local community centre. The money raised at the gala will ensure the continued success of Centre Greene, a non-profit organization that offers many recreational, social and cultural programs for all ages.

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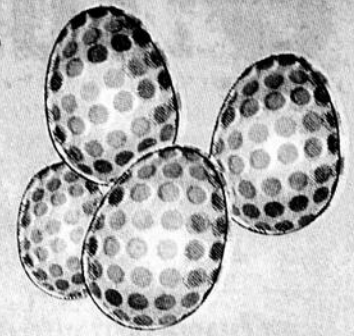
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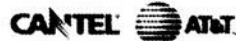
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The Visual Arts Centre has announced the opening of its annual students' exhibitions, which will both be held in the McClure Gallery this month. These yearly events give the public a chance to view the wide range of disciplines taught at the Visual Arts Centre, as well as the skill and creativity of the Centre's student body.

This year, the adult exhibition will feature the work of students in painting, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry and decorative arts.

The youth exhibition includes the work of students aged 4 to 17, who have participated in the Centre's Youth Department. The exhibition presents work from both regular classes and specialized ceramics courses for young people with special needs. From a child's highly-imaginative 'objet d'art' to a teenager's accomplished drawing, this exhibition promises to be a celebration of creativity.

The adult exhibition opens at the McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave. tonight at 6 p.m. and continues through April 13; the youth exhibition opens April 15 at 6 p.m. and continues through April 24. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call the Visual Arts Centre at 488-9558.

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nor the amount of that budget that could be freed up to finance additional real services for the population.

Our provincial government has chosen to delay months and years before considering increasing drug benefits to those in need and allowing paramedics to work in Quebec. In answer to Laval's desperate request for an additional acute-care hospital, Bouchard's government has redefined Laval's outpatient community services as a 'hospital without walls'. In response to Laval's challenge that this collection of services is not a real hospital, the executive of this 'Emperor's New Clothes hospital' confirms that it is, because it possesses a board of directors and a budget.

Health Minister Pauline Marois should be reminded that delays in health system decisions cost people's health and lives. Premier Bouchard should explain to his Health Minister that it's not bureaucrats and their budgets that heal sick patients, but instead, real health workers and their instruments (such as drugs, medical equipment and hospitals). Finally, both should consider that while Quebec's health system is still struggling to keep up with emergency demands, it is yet unable to devote adequate funds, personnel, resources and time to what has become increasingly important as we approach the new millennium—disease prevention.

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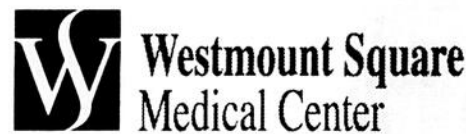
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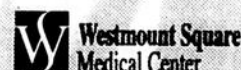


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# G-d is incomplete without you

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To approach an understanding of this paradoxical 'night of order', which seems to leave any normal order behind, attention must be paid to an inner pattern or refrain found in the Haggadah (our sages' guide book to the Seder night). An important, if subtle, theme of the Seder night is that many things come in fours.

The entire night is structured around four cups of wine that are drunk by each person present (as opposed to one, on Sabbath and festivals). The children notice and ask about four of the many strange things that go on at the Seder table. Another group of four are the 'four children'. Our sages categorize children into four: the Wise Child, the Evil Child, the Simpleton and the Child Who Knows Not How To Ask. Why categorize these into four? What is it about the number four that is so basic, so fundamental to the Seder Night?

G-d's four letter name  
Elsewhere in the Haggadah, we are taught that it was not through an emissary, nor

through any angel that the Jewish people were taken out of Egypt; it was only through G-d. In Hebrew, the name that is used here for G-d is spelled Yud-Hey-Vav-Hey—four letters. These four letters can be pronounced in different ways to mean was, is or will be. G-d is the essence of being.

This rhythmic and structural theme of four—which emanates from the emphasis on G-d alone giving us existence and taking us out of Egypt, is there to teach us a deep message. To lack one child, or even a child's question, is to lack a letter of G-d's name. What can be painfully lacking in our lives is a sense of order, of harmony—that each aspect of ourselves, of our communities, be in place. To leave our personal Egypts, to achieve a sense of order or harmony, we must all be present and make space for others to be present.

The Seder Night is a different order, true, because it is time for each one of us to be part of that order. At the Seder table, no one child is more important than another, no one question less important than another. To each child at the Seder, and to ourselves, we say G-d is incomplete without you.


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## Robertson to speak at Centre Greene

Now that spring is in the air, many Westmounters are turning their attention to their garden, and local gardening authority Stuart Robertson will be ready to answer their questions next week at Centre Greene. With the lecture 'Gardening With Containers: Decorative Flowers and Herbs

in Small Places', the Gazette gardening columnist will offer a fascinating look at spring gardening. Robertson's presentation will include a slide show, and will be followed by a question and answer period.

The lecture will take place on Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. Admission is free and the presentation will be followed by coffee and dessert. For more information call Centre Greene at 931-6202.

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# It's time for Lucien Bouchard to play ball

BY GLENN WANAMAKER

You've probably forgotten the details behind the Access to Information Commission inquiry which folded up its tent recently, its work unfinished.

Let me refresh your memory. It was set it up to find out how and why confidential information about the tax-paying tardiness of Bloc Québécois MP Ghislain Lebel was transmitted from Revenue Quebec to Premier Bouchard's office to BQ offices in Ottawa. A preliminary investigation had revealed conflicting versions about how this happened—what inquiry lawyer Marc Bergeron called a 'beuragout' of contradictory testimony.

At least two basic issues are involved—unauthorized possession of confidential information and use of such information for political purposes, that is, to get Lebel to pay his arrears to prevent a politically embarrassing leak. When the inquiry opened a year ago, we heard tantalizing bits of testimony. For instance, the tax files of ordinary citizens are handled differently from those of politicians and other high-profile people whose files are tagged

'restricted circulation' and can be seen only by certain people. However, testimony showed a copy of Lebel's file was found in the filing cabinet in the offices of the minister. No one was able to explain how. We learned that a table of delinquent MPs, MNAs, and senators was prepared every year, and one senior revenue official testified that "rumour has it that certain files reach the minister's office in anticipation of news getting out."

The chief of staff to former revenue minister Rita Dionne-Marsolais testified the minister's office expects to be informed before any legal steps are taken, and become public, involving any well-known public figure. A former assistant deputy minister, who worked for 17 different revenue ministers, said some ministers were given privileged information about the tax problems of politicians.

Not all wanted names, he said, a sit was "a very subjective process," and that it might be based on "whom one likes and doesn't like." Asked about restricted access to those files, he said: "There are walls. But there are always doors in those walls." Roger Bertrand, revenue minister at the time,

denied having any knowledge of Lebel's case or ever having access to personal files. Somehow however, word was passed along—from someone in the minister's office to Charles Chevette, then an advisor in Bouchard's office, to André Neron, then chief of staff to Bloc leader Michel Gauthier. Those key people never got to testify last spring, when the inquiry was first delayed by Liberal legal manoeuvres. Nor will they be heard this spring, now that inquiry head Paul-André Comeau has shut things down. Strangely, it is the inquiry's own lawyer, Marc Bergeron, who is responsible.

He suggested a conflict-of-interest on the part of Comeau because the commission had purchased documents for its archives from a conference organized by Raymond Doray, a lawyer representing Roger Bertrand at the inquiry. Fed up with all the legal shenanigans, Comeau decided he could no longer continue. This bizarre turn of events opened the door for Transport Minister Guy Chevette to do some political spinning on behalf of his son, Charles. He released his deposition to the inquiry, and then claimed the inquiry's lawyer had concluded the

whole affair was based on nothing but gossip. It was a neat piece of news manipulation. But as earlier testimony already demonstrated, this was not the case. Nice try, M. Chevette. As Jacques Parizeau liked to say: Those who talk, don't know. And those who know, don't talk. The truth is still out there somewhere. Now it's up to Premier Bouchard to decide if or how it will be brought out.

## The Expos

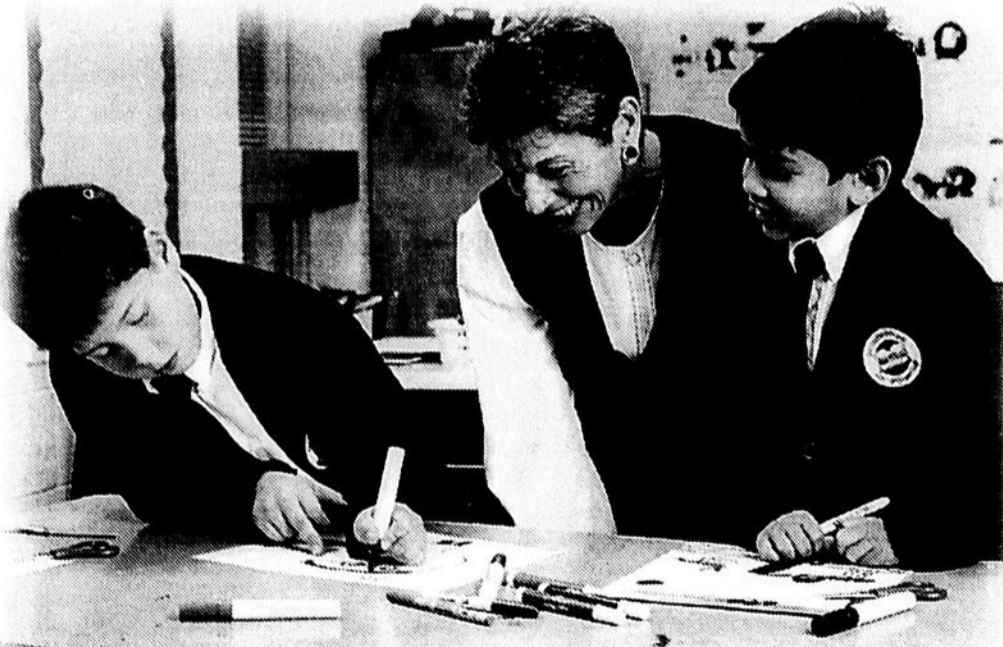
Now let's talk baseball. Not just because I'm a baseball fan but because the survival of the Montreal Expos is as much a political issue as anything else. To date, the Bouchard government has been singularly snotty about the Expos. On budget day, when asked why no money was included for the Expos, Finance Minister Bernard Landry shot back: "If you look at how much money a first baseman makes and how much the first violinist at the Montreal Symphony makes, you have your answer." No one, however, is asking taxpayers to pay salaries; the government is being asked to help build a ballpark to be used by the Expos as well as by the community, a ballpark in which

fans will spend money, in a revitalized downtown area where fans will spend more money. Major league ball also has significant indirect benefits. A study by economist Pierre Fortin and urban planner Sylvain Lefebvre last year showed, among other things, that to get daily North American exposure for Montreal, as the Expos bring, governments would have to spend millions of dollars. Opposition politicians have remained fairly quiet.

However, in recent interviews Action Démocratique leader Marc Dumont and Liberal MNA Jacques Chagnon criticized the government for its failure to show any interest in the team's fate. "There's been a kind of general abandonment of the Expos by government which I don't like," Dumont said. "The issue is that the Expos create economic spin-off, visibility and jobs. It would be a huge loss." Dumont does not necessarily support direct public subsidy of the team, but he said the ownership's latest business proposals merit consideration. Chagnon, whose Westmount-St. Louis riding includes the proposed downtown site, agreed it is not the role of government to invest directly in professional sports.

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Peter Lanken (right) and David Tansey of the Landmark Trust at Lanken's lecture last Thursday.

## Lanken draws 80 for Hurtubise lecture

By WAYNE LARSEN

It was standing room only last Thursday night at the Westmount Library when architect Peter Lanken presented a slide show on Westmount's oldest home—the Hurtubise farmhouse on the corner of Victoria Avenue and Côte St. Antoine Road.

Lanken's presentation was the first of the Westmount Historical Association's spring lecture series.

"We had 80 people at the lecture, really overcrowding the room," said Doreen Lindsay of the WHA. "But we did not want to turn anybody away."

Lanken took his audience on a guided tour of the 300-year-old building with his slides, starting in the cellar and moving up to the first and second floors. He also introduced David Tansey, president of the Landmark Trust in England, which buys neglected buildings of historical value and restores them so they can be rented.

"Everyone was interested, was curious, had information to give or had questions to ask," Lindsay said. "Everybody wants to know more about our oldest house."

## Publisher peeved over pizza parlour predicament

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"We're close to all the best restaurants in the area, which makes it convenient when we order lunch, a very important part of our day. It's ironic that we're being pushed out by a pizza place. I'm actually pretty cheesed off."

There is no truth to the rumour that either Gervais or *The Examiner's* chief reporter Wayne Larsen have any interest in the new pizza restaurant, despite their obvious fondness for the mozzarella-laden pies.

But for Westmount resident Juan Dreg, who visits the *Examiner* office every week to pick up an issue and chat with the staff, a pizza restaurant might not be a bad trade-off for the neighbourhood—in fact it might be an improvement.

"At least with pizza you've got cheese covering crust," he said. "*The Examiner* doesn't cover anything."

Gervais responded to Dreg's criticism by saying "Well, when everyone and everything else is gone, the Dregs of the world will still be here."

Although Gervais has yet to find new office space for *The Examiner*, he confirmed that the search will begin tomorrow after a hearty pizza lunch and that the proximity of a good restaurant will be crucial to the new location.

"The move could be complete by April 31, if there was an April 31," he said. "But right now it's April 1 and you're the April fool."



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### NUTRITION

Good nutrition is the basis of good health, including dental health. The key to good nutrition is to eat a balanced diet with foods from each of the major groups. Starches and sugars are notorious for causing tooth decay but that doesn't mean you should not eat them. Moderation and timing are important. Sugary treats are less likely to cause problems if you eat them with your meals. Then you have more saliva in your mouth to wash away the excess sugars. Everyone likes to snack, especially kids. Healthier snacks include fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts and seeds, crackers, milk, cheese and plain yogurt. Try to avoid cookies, cakes, candies and other sticky foods with sugar or starch, especially between meals. Sugar is used by the plaque on your teeth to form acids. Acids eat away at the tooth enamel causing decay.

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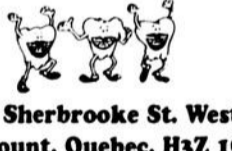
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**Beyond the Borders**

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**Montreal School of Performing Arts** will hold an open house on Saturday, April 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. 3480 Decarie Boul. suite 201. Info: 483-5526 or 487-4934.

**Donald Tarlton** of Donald K. Donald International will speak on 'The Business of Entertainment' on Wednesday, April 7 at noon in the Vanier College auditorium, 821 Ste. Croix in St. Laurent. Info: 744-7881.

**Jerry Jones** will present a narrated slide show from the book 'From Here to Nirvana—The Yoga Journal Guide to Spiritual India', Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the McGill University Bookstore, 3420 McTavish. Info: 398-7444.

**Celebrate Earth Day** at the Fraser-Hickson Library, 855 Kensington in NDG, with Chris McKhool on Saturday, April 24 at 2 p.m. On Sunday, April 25, join Vivienne Deane for children's music and song. Info: 489-5301.

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**Holocaust memorial marking Warsaw ghetto anniversary**

The annual Holocaust memorial marking the 56th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising and the commemoration of the six million victims of the Holocaust will take place on Sunday, April 18, at 2 p.m. at the Reva Gesser Auditorium of the Golden Age Association, located at 5700 Westbury Ave.

Among the speakers at the event will be Mendl Feldman, who lives in Paris, where he is a leading activist in Yiddish Cultural Circles. He survived the Lodz ghetto as a young boy, was in Auschwitz and other concentration camps. He will speak in Yiddish.

The other speaker will be Marvin Shiff from Toronto, who will speak in English. Shiff, who is vice-chairman of the Women's Circle in Toronto, is a former journalist who taught journalism at Carleton University in Ottawa.

He wrote for major newspapers and is the recipient of the Neva Scotia Government Human Rights Award for his dedication and outstanding efforts in the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

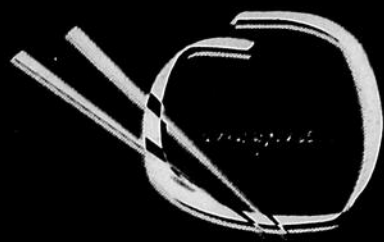
Six candles in memory of the six million who died will be lit by former partisans and survivors of various concentration camps and ghettos.

The program will include the Worker's Circle choir, conducted by Elan Kunin, and poetry readings by a group of the survivors' second generation.

The community at large is urged to attend to pay their respect to the heroes of the Warsaw ghetto and the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

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